

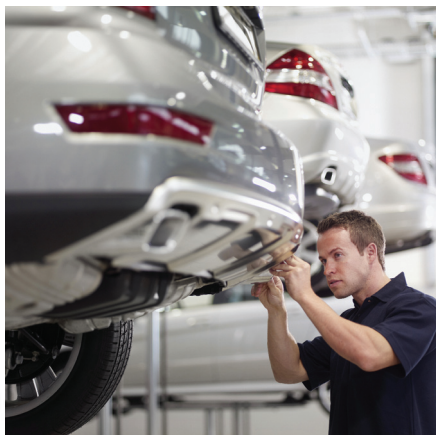
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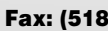
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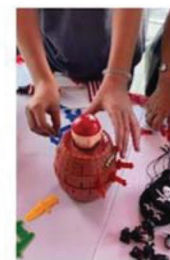
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“As we conclude the year 2023 and welcome the new year, we are grateful and honored to have served many families in the Cobleskill, Schoharie, and surrounding areas that have experienced the loss of a loved one as an independently owned and operated funeral home,” said Michael Langan, owner of Langan Funeral Home, Schoharie, above, and the Robert Guffin Funeral Home in Cobleskill, at right.

“We have also assisted many people with pre-arranging whether it be for themselves or a loved one. Pre-arranging makes sense for those that would like to lessen the burden on their family and also for the purpose of Medicaid spend-down. Our staff is well-trained on meeting current New York State laws pertaining to pre-paid funeral arrangements and will assist those that wish to explore that option.

“Our two locations have served more families in 2023 than the year before as we continue to offer the highest quality



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SCHOOL fosters creativity, thinking

The mission of SCHOOL—Schoharie County Home of Ongoing Learning—is to offer a choice of activities that encourage members to “create, think, exercise, and socialize” through classes on a variety of subjects structured in two semesters.

The all-volunteer group is led by a Board of Directors; Kathy Livingston is the current chair. Formed in 2012, SCHOOL has been rebuilding its membership after COVID and is always looking for new topics and new places to hike or explore.

The \$50 annual membership allows members to take as many courses—all taught by volunteer instructors—as they want, though a few will have additional fees.

While SCHOOL targets the 55-plus crowd, all are welcome.

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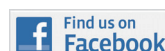
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This year’s spectacular shows will include Rosaire’s Racing Pigs, the Zerbini Circus, Goat Island petting zoo and the motorized grandstand events, with country music star Josh Turner on stage in front of the grandstand on the 7th.

Josh Turner fans can purchase reserved track seating now at Sunshinefair.org.

Other musical attractions will include legendary icon



Chubby Checker here on Saturday night in the Party Tent. 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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The service is free.

“We’re the only adult education option in Schoharie County,” said Lisa Cardilli, executive director.

“Our tutors are dedicated, wonderful people, and our students are determined to reach their goals.”

Those goals are often achieving a high school diploma, landing a job or getting a better job. A side benefit: Students gain dignity.

Ms. Cardilli and her small staff work with dozens of tutors who meet one-on-one with students once per week.

Sessions are in a library, church or another quiet, neutral setting. Each session is about two hours, and there’s homework.

Students have different skill levels. Some have a partial high school education; others have much less.

The organization has 90 to

100 students, and less than one-quarter of them are ready for high school-level classes. For those students, remedial instruction is necessary, especially in writing and math.

When they complete remedial education, students move on to the curriculum, which takes about a year.

Ms. Cardilli’s office supplies all the materials, including calculators, and even bus tokens if transportation’s an issue for students.

“We help them as much as we can,” Ms. Cardilli said. “At the same time, students have to want to do this. They need to bring a good attitude and a strong work ethic.”

Tutors receive training as well, and Ms. Cardilli tries to match them with students for the most beneficial pairings.

And it pays off.

In the past month, Literacy Volunteers had four students earn their high school diplomas, and two are planning to attend college. All are working full time.

“These students entered the program needing extensive tutoring, and with the help of our wonderful tutors, they achieved their goals,” Ms. Cardilli said.

Known statewide for her work with Literacy, Ms. Cardilli designed a program to help with reading fluency among low-level learners. She’s also an advocate

for literacy funding and works to increase awareness of low literacy.

“It’s a challenging but a wonderful 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 in Gloversville.

To learn more about referring a student or becoming a student, contact Ms. Cardilli at 518-234-2576, www.lvassc.org or email lnyfvms1@gmail.com.

Literacy NY takes time out for fun, and fun is coming right up.

The organization is hosting its popular SCRABBLE tournament next Saturday, March 16, at Radez School in Richmondville.

A fundraiser for Literacy NY, the event has two-, three- and four-person teams compete in three SCRABBLE games, all with different rules.

Total points in the three

games determine winners, and there are cash prizes.

Brian Dineen returns as emcee, and he’ll pitch trivia questions for prizes. There’s also a huge raffle for players to take part in.

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'24 is Poole's 40th year in real estate

2024 is a big year for the Sandra Poole team of Howard Hanna Real Estate Services. "I can't believe this will mark my 40th year in real estate," said Ms. Poole. "And Rebecca and I have been teammates for 10 years, so this is an anniversary year for her, too."

"Real estate is ever-changing. It's so challenging and rewarding at the same time. Our team will continue to work together to provide quality service to buyers and sellers."

From left on the Sandra Poole team are Ms. Poole, Sue Riquier, Andy Steiner and Rebecca Cross Zarski.



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“The last few years have been remarkable with record numbers of guests from as far away as Florida,” said Debbie Brigadier, director of operations. “As a non-profit, we rely on grants, donations, and gifts for our survival. We’re thankful for our volunteers and especially for MIDTEL, Lenny’s Painting, Building Environment Service Technicians, and A&S Home Inspections for keeping us looking our best, and we’re very grateful to Nick Juried for his funding for central air and critical roof repairs.”

Above, seated, Ursula Best; standing, Dr. Duncan Best; standing, Emma Best; seated Dr. Christopher Best. The Best House was built in 1884 for a young Dr. CS Best and his first wife, Laura (Scutt) Best, and captures the elegance of a bygone era that served as a doctor’s office in rural America. The expansive collection is unparalleled with items all owned, used, and loved by the Best family with hundreds of bottles, automotive memorabilia, carriages, clothing, quilts, fully-stocked kitchens, and avant-garde medical equipment all waiting to be explored.

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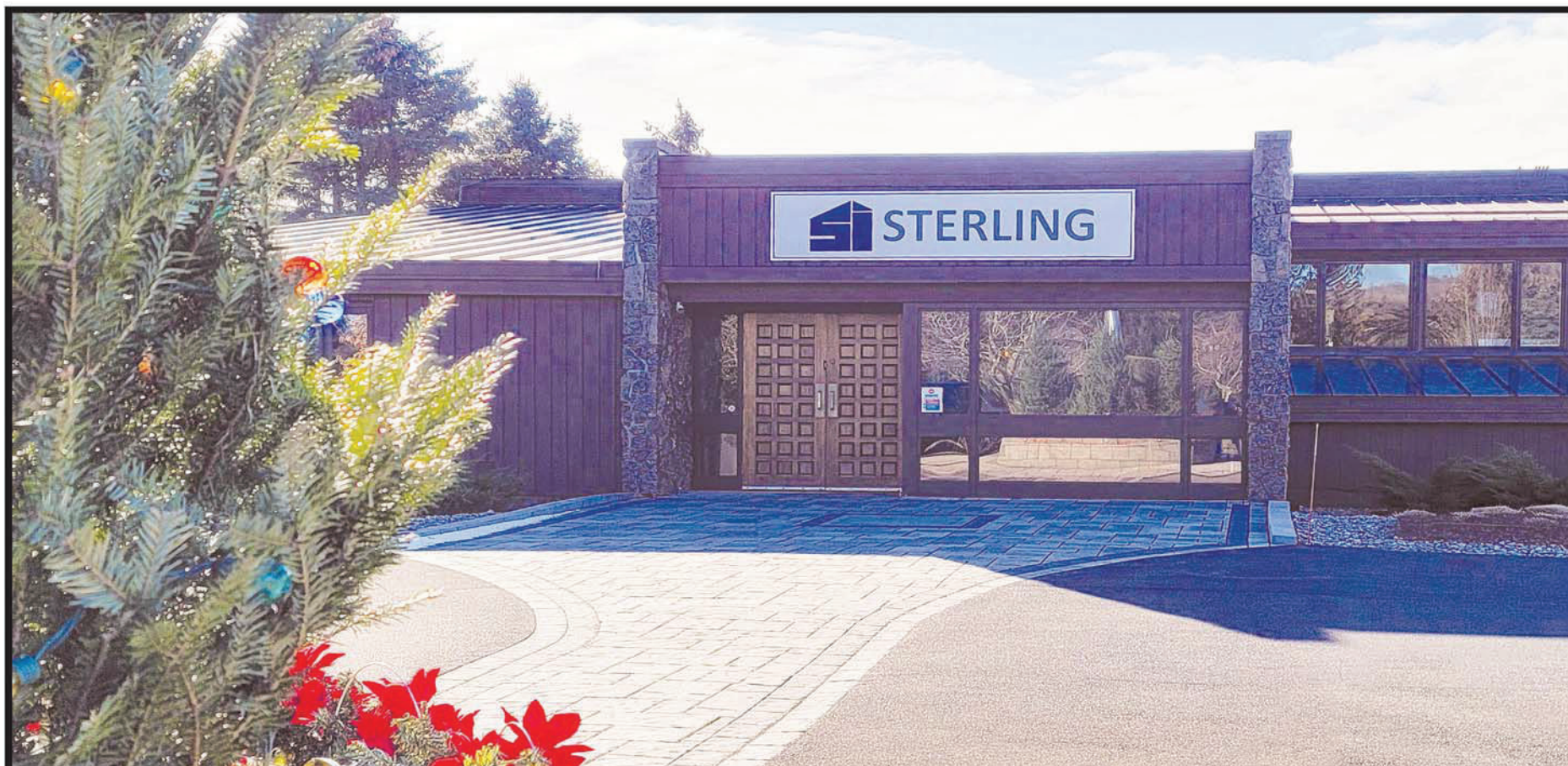
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From left are Jonathan DiCesare, Sandy Poole, Debra Stanton, Manager Jill Birdsall, Rebecca Cross Zarski, Michelle Curran, Susan Riquier and Andy Steiner. Absent, Rebecca Stanton-Terk.



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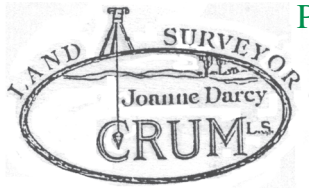


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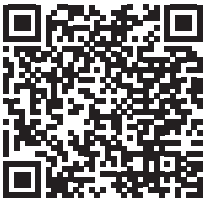
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The staff at Brick House Bakery on West Main Street, Cobleskill, provides quality products from a full-service bakery, deli counter, ice cream window and hot and cold beverage center.

Above in front from left are Bernadette Baumann and Victory Aulita. In back from left are Vinnie Zaba, Kelly Takas, Amanda DiBella and Rich Baumann. Mr. Zaba and Mr. Baumann are co-owners.

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Tilison in 5th year with Gucciardo Real Estate

Debbie Tilison has been a real estate agent for Gucciardo Real Estate Group since receiving her license in 2019.

Gucciardo Real Estate Group sold over \$100 million of real estate in 2023.

"Most of you know me as the owner of Race Printing for over 36 years," Ms. Tilison said.

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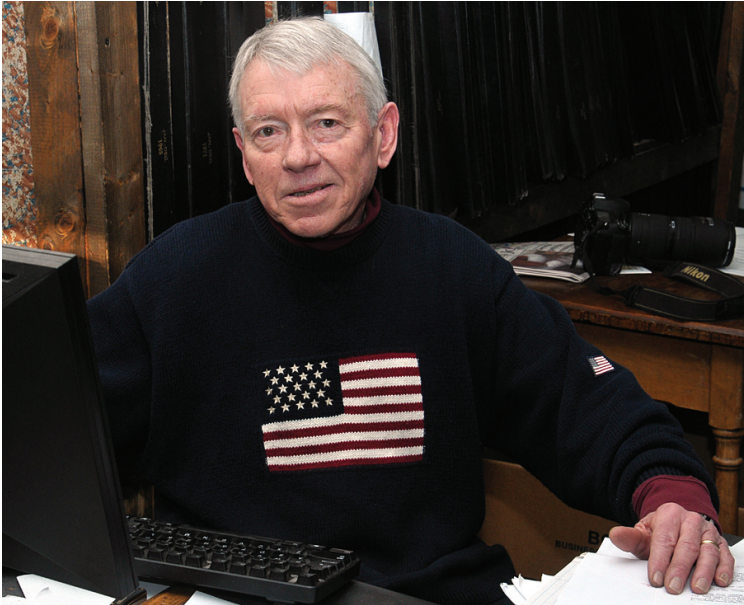
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Patsy Nicosia has been with the T-J since 1981 and has been editor, reporter, compositor and photographer since 1992.



Karen Slater is the T-J's graphic artist and composes ads.



Jim Poole has been with the Times-Journal since 1977 and became publisher in 1992. He's also a reporter, photographer, compositor and delivery person.



Bruce Tryon, standing, is the T-J's sales manager, and **Dan Dial** services advertising customers in the Schoharie Valley.



Also a typesetter, **Denise Bollettieri** is in charge of The Printers, the Times-Journal commercial printing division.



Pete Lindemann is the Times-Journal's proofreader, historian and trivia expert.



Judy Sanganetti is a typesetter and also handles subscriptions and the front desk.



At left, **Jerry Lape** delivers the Times-Journal every Thursday, taking the route 'over the hill' to Summit and Stamford.



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For 2024, the Farmhouse Floral team is continuing to grow their own seasonal blooms to offer for weddings and events, memorial flowers and everyday designs.

They will be offering their CSA membership again this season along with the year round “Bouquet of the Month Club” and new for this year, a Dahlia Club.

With weddings and events as their specialty the team finished the 2023 season with a New Years Eve wedding and their 600 wedding. The 2024 wedding season is looking very promising with a full calendar and a lot of fun color palettes.

Jess Beretz, owner of Farmhouse Floral Design, above with Lisa Dean, who also owns Floral Root, and Leanne Baker, would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their continued support.



Cargie’s is Carl Warner’s Main Street, Richmondville deli and restaurant—with something more: in 2023 they opened an indoor golf simulator that allows golf enthusiasts to play and hone their skills all year long. Go to Cargies.net or call (518) 858-7614 to book a time.

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Cellar 77, located in the Price Chopper Plaza, Cobleskill, continues to add to its selections and honors special requests. They also plan to continue with tastings in 2024. Lynn Lawyer bought the former Corsall's Liquor in July 2022. “I thank and greatly appreciate all of our loyal customers and continue to ensure that we provide the best customer service and selections possible, she said. From the left: Ms. Lawyer, Linda Butler, Carol Orth, and Lucky Dorch.

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For over 40 years, Schoharie Promotional has sponsored many community events including festivals, concerts, and concerts, to name just a few.

The association has also been responsible for many things in Schoharie including the village clock, lights and decorations, the town hall map kiosk, and replacement of the fire/BBQ pit in Fox Creek Park.

The Promotional Association, with the help of many volunteers, overhauled three acres of long neglected village land in 2015 creating a lily-lined walking path and park.

Over the years, many beautiful lilies have been donated as well as benches, picnic tables, and grills. In addition, community members have created small gardens throughout the park.

This past year saw the creation of a pavilion, funded by a generous donation from Nicholas Juried. The second Saturday in July is when the Lily Festival is scheduled each year to take advantage of the tiger lilies in full bloom.

The festival grows each year featuring food, entertainment, children's activities, vendors and crafters, and lots more.

The Schoharie Promotional Association is tax-exempt and is funded by donations and fundraising.

Meetings are at 6:30pm on the second Monday of the month in town hall, 300 Main Street, Schoharie.

All are invited.



The Country Café, Main Street, Schoharie, established in 2012, has now fully transitioned to catering, offering pick-up, delivery, or full set-up and clean-up. The Café offers an array of options, whether it be for a funeral, party, or meeting. Off-site catering, as well as parties and dinners hosted at the café are also available.

Additionally, pop-up lunches and dinners are now being offered—mostly to-go—periodically throughout the month; breakfast buffets too. Check out their Facebook page for updates.

"I'd like to extend my sincere gratitude to our customers as well as the 'elves' who took part in our annual Adopt a Family for Xmas program," said owner Lexi Ryder. "With the help of our customers and other local businesses, those families had a more magical holiday. Book your next event or party with the Country Café."

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Hometown Hauling and Recycling offers residential, commercial, waste and recycling removal, along with roll-off dumpster rentals from its home base, Route 7, Worcester. Formed in 2013, they are looking at continued growth in Schoharie County in 2014 and are working on bringing recycling pick-up to all of their residential customers. “We would like to thank everyone in Schoharie County for their support,”

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Products and services of Jack Miller’s include New Holland tractors and hay tools, Ferris lawn mowers, Pequea hay tools, Woods equipment, and more. In 2022 Jack Miller’s added a new warehouse to make picking up twine and large parts easier on their customers. Their staff is excited to help customers with all their 2024 needs in parts, sales, or service on all new or used equipment. Left to right: Jack Miller, Michael Diamond, Justin Hartten, Missy Slater, Josh Miller, Alex Marbot, Kyle Miller with Paisley, Dave Dixon, Kayla Stanton, Jorge Zuniga.

Pizza Shack: great food at great prices

Pizza Shack on Main Street, Cobleskill, is truly a family business. The popular Italian restaurant serves lunch and dinner, in addition to special events. From left are the Liardos: Sal, Mama, Frank, Kim and young Sal.

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As another year comes to a close, Mereness-Putnam Funeral Home rounds out its 35th year of proudly “serving every family as our own.”

“It is truly an honor and a privilege to serve the community in their deepest time of need by ensuring our superior attention

to detail carries across all aspects of our business and provides the necessary reassurance to solely focus on honoring their passed loved one,” said Janet Spink Putnam.

Alongside one another, Ms. Putnam, her husband, Richard Putnam, and Nicole Barber con-

tinue to provide respect and care to those who have passed, creating personalized celebrations and/or traditional services for family, friends and community to offer their condolences and space for shared memories.

With just over one year at Mereness-Putnam Funeral Home, Ms. Barber follows the Putnams’ lead in dedication to upholding the values and principles that have made their family-run business such a respected asset to Schoharie County and beyond for over three decades.

“An ever-growing number in our community continue to realize what our tight-knit team holds dear in our hearts; superior service, and an abundance of compassion to lead you and your loved ones in your time of need,” Ms. Putnam said.

“On behalf of Mereness-Putnam Funeral Home, we extend our sincerest gratitude to each and every family our staff has had the honor of serving throughout this past year, and all years prior. We look forward to the future and remaining at the forefront of providing dignified care and comfort to each family we are called upon to serve.”



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"We're very blessed to have such wonderful employees—many have been here with us since we opened. Above, from the left: Jill Barnett, Ashley Moorhead, Anne Stewart, Emma Birsen, Morgan Schafroth, Ms. Schmidt, and Steve Kowalski.

"We try to offer a little something for everyone, including gluten-free, sugar-free, and dairy-free options," Ms. Schmidt said. "We thank everyone for their support and we're looking forward to our fourth season."

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25 Main Collective growing in Cherry Valley

Noelle Adamoschek, artist and owner of 25 Main Collective, a shop and gallery which features the work of over 25 artists and makers, is now expanding. Partnering with her husband, Erich, and her brother Brandon Brown, she is targeting spring 2024 for the opening of Coffee & Crum at 25 Main Street, Cherry Valley with coffee, bagels, baked goods, hot breakfast items, lunch and fresh baked bread by the loaf.

Ms. Adamoschek has moved 25 Main Collective next door to 21 Main Street and is open Wednesday-Sunday, 11am-4pm. Above: Noelle and Erich Adamoschek.



Sharon Hill Garage: Since 1978

Since 1978, the Rodden family has been providing full-service auto repair at their Sharon Hill Garage, Route 20, Sharon Springs. They also sell used cars.

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Above from the left: Cindy Dixon, Barbara Rodden, John Rodden Sr., John Rodden Jr., and Lars Schmid.



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Accurate Touch Landscaping: In his genes

Accurate Touch Landscaping is Elijah Jacobson’s Cobleskill-based landscaping business. Mr. Jacobson grew up in Jefferson. His parents owned a landscape business for 25 years, retiring to open Hillhaven Farms in Stamford.

He grew up working for his parents, growing plants and maintaining and harvesting fruits and vegetables, studies Forestry and Arboriculture at Paul Smith’s College, and spent the next decade working for some of the largest landscaping companies downstate and in the Capital District.

“Working for these companies, I had a wide range of experience in landscape construction, design, installation and maintenance,” he said. “With all of this upbringing, education, and experience...I decided to follow my parents’ footsteps of entrepreneurship and start my own landscaping company. This upcoming season will be my second and I’m looking forward to another great year.”



Counterfitters is where we go for inspiration

Counterfitters LLC is operated by Scott and Denise Warren in Carlisle. They sell cabinets from Mantra, Kemper, and Fieldstone as well as sinks and faucets from Blanco, LVT flooring and tile from MSI, and they work with many countertop materials such as granite, quartz, quartzite, marble, soapstone, and dolomite.

They are also the go-to place for smaller projects like shower curbs, seats, and thresholds since they have many remnants to choose from. Assisting them with their hard work are employees Jim Giroux and Pat Dyer. “We want our customers to know that what we put in their house is what we would put in our own,” said Mr. Warren.



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Opened in May 1997, Cobbler and Company, 189 Main Street, Sharon Springs, features 12 rooms filled with gifts for all seasons. Like many of us, owner Maureen Lodes is looking forward to spring and scenes like the one pictured here.

Ms. Lodes and her store manager Melissa are always assessing the store's inventory in order to update and add many new and very unique products.

Melissa, who joined the store's staff in 1999, easily transitioned into store manager with her talents of ordering, general operations, and more importantly her friendly and helpful customer service.

If you haven't already stopped by Cobbler and Company, stop by for a tour of the unique shop.

"Many thanks to our wonderful customers for their continued support making 2023 a very good year," said Ms. Lodes. "We look forward to seeing everyone this year when Cobbler and company reopens on April 4."



Cobleskill Diner just like home

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Cobleskill Outdoor Sports

For more than 30 years, Mike and Nancy Spenello, here with pal Bud, have been serving the needs of local hunting, fishing, trapping, and shooting customers at their 116 France Lane, Cobleskill store. "Nancy and I are grateful for all of our loyal customers and look forward to making new friends in 2024," Mr. Spenello said.

Friends indeed: Our ASSV

The Animal Shelter of Schoharie Valley would like to thank our community for all their support. "We had a great 2023 thanks to our community's generosity and are looking forward to another great year in 2024. From our collaborations and fundraisers with local businesses and organizations to individuals and families, both donating and adopting animals from us. Without



your support we would not be able to help the hundreds of animals that pass through our doors each year," said Executive Director Maggie Jackman Pryor.

The ASSV is a not-for-profit, no-kill shelter and is the only animal shelter in Schoharie County. Their goal 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 animal overpopulation.

Follow them on Facebook at the Animal Shelter of Schoharie Valley or on their website at www.schoharieanimalshelter.org to see all the amazing animals they have up for adoption. You can also follow their Facebook page to stay up to date on the many fun and creative fundraisers they hold each year or call (518)296-8390 for more information.

Staff in the front of the Animal Shelter of Schoharie Valley Building located at 304 Howes Cave Road in Howes Cave, from left to right, Maggie Jackman Pryor (Executive Director), Deziray Foland, Becky Rowling, Camay Layaou and Jamie Brown (Assistant Manager). Missing from photo: Aleah Schmid and Gianna Schoenewolf.



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Aaron's Electric: Experience counts

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

Owner Aaron Wilsey is a licensed master electrician with over 38 years of experience, in addition to holding a state fire alarm license for the sale, installation, and servicing of fire alarms.

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 Elethrop, Nicholas Wilsey, Aaron Wilsey, and Joe Proctor.



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The Canine Center at Hessian Hill Farm's Trainers and Coordinators, from left to right Jessica Dinowitz, Judi Bogardus, Jared Slingerland, Kyle McCraith, Ty Stevens, Alyssa Mix, Lois Goblet, Erin Saddlemire. Missing from photo are Kathy Stevens and Katerina Weingarten.

Canine Center at Hessian Hill best for your dog

The Canine Center at Hessian Hill Farm offers a team of trainers to address canine needs, from puppy foundation classes to enrichment games for elder dogs.

They help you have fun just learning basic dog skills to use at home or learn the skills you need for your favorite canine sport competition.

The center's philosophy is science-supported, relationship and reward-based training.

The Canine Center provides classes and workshops that helps owners build confidence and discover what motivates their dog.

The Center offers private and group classes as well as workshops and clinics. Classes include puppy, obedience, therapy dog, agility, rally and scent work. Workshops include agility, rally, scent work, odor, detection, tracking, herding and enrichment games.

The Canine Center at Hessian Hill Farm has coordinators who focus on youth education and AKC youth opportunities.

The Schoharie County 4H canine program conducts many of their workshops at the Canine

Center. They are also the home for the Schoharie County Kennel Club.

They also offer certifications through AKC with certified evaluators in AKC Star Puppy, Canine Good Citizen, Trick Dog, Farm Dog and Fit Dog and are now offering civilian certifications with North American Police Working Dog Association.

The Canine Center also welcomes visiting instructors, including a two-day controlled unleashed workshop on June 8-9. Registration is now open on their website.

The Canine Center at Hessian Hill Farm offers an 80 foot by 40 foot heated indoor facility and an outdoor agility field.

And new this year, they will offer a seven-acre fenced in area so you can let their dog run off leash, play Frisbee and fetch or practice recalls in a safe and secure environment.

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historical sites in and around the Village of Schoharie.

In an effort to make this history available to the public for educational and cultural enrichment, SCHA has an ambitious schedule of events planned for 2024, including: the Spring Antique Show, April 13-14, Schoharie Central School; opening of museums, May 27 (closing October 13); Children’s Theater camp, July 29-August 9, Creamery Building; Model Train Show, September 21, Schoharie Valley Railroad Museum Complex; Fall Antique



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CPI has fine year, looks to 2024

Cobleskill Partnership Inc.
By Lucas Fiedler,
President CPI

The irony is not lost on me as I place words on paper of Cobleskill Partnership Incorporated’s progress in 2023 for the Progress Edition of the Times Journal.

Progress is exactly what CPI made in the year of 2023.

From collaboration to motivation, CPI touched all the points we knew about at the start of the year and even those we had brought to us by the end.

CPI opened the lanes of communication for collaboration with other Schoharie County community groups for a prosperous year of community involvement and growth for our respective business communities.

Through the diligent and 100 percent volunteer efforts of the CPI Board of Directors, the Cobleskill community saw a return of all of CPI’s annual events in 2023.

Cabin Fever Day, Spring Clean-up, Arts in the Park free concert series, and the Poker Walk just to name a few.

With membership growing and community members slowly but surely offering support and aid, all CPI events this year were a huge success.

Additionally, CPI aided the village and town of Cobleskill as a community not-for-profit partner with a number of projects which wouldn’t have been possible without that partnership.

And CPI celebrated and motivated a prominent community partner, former CPI president, and founding member during a time of need to round out 2023.

We have 2024 marked as another prosperous and progressive year.

CPI cannot do it alone and want any and all Cobleskill community members and businesses to reach out, offer opinion and aid, and be part of the success we all work day in and day out towards.

Thank you CPI Board of Directors and members for all you have done. All of our progress is from and for you.



Klinkhart preps for 2024

As we step into 2024, Klinkhart Hall Arts Center is poised for an exciting and transformative year.

With continued support from the New York State Parks Department, Empire State Development, National Grid, foundations, businesses, and individuals, KHAC is delighted to share the progress made during the ongoing restoration project.

The appointment of Marc-Anthony Polizzi as Klinkhart's first executive director in 2023 marked a pivotal moment in its trajectory.

This leadership milestone has set the stage for the dynamic developments anticipated in the coming year.

KHAC will continue construction in 2024.

Phase 1 focuses on the introduction of second-floor access while expanding the potential uses of Klinkhart Hall.

This step positions the venue as a versatile space for performances, exhibitions, and community use.

Steadfast support from NYSCA, NEA, and private funding has enabled Klinkhart Hall to remain a community hub.

The summer of 2024 promises an array of cultural events, including live performances, free outdoor concerts, lectures, a dance festival, and the annual Sharon Springs Poetry Festival.

Looking forward, Klinkhart's aspirations extend beyond construction completion; directors envision Klinkhart Hall as a year-

round arts and community center, with plans to establish a professional summer theater program.

Stay informed about our progress and upcoming events by visiting www.KlinkhartHall.org or finding them on Facebook.

Events for 2024
Arts in the Park Concert Series:

(Free and open to the public).

July 3 - Melody Makers.

July 10 - Annie and the Hedonists.

July 17 - Double Barreled.

July 24 - To be announced.

July 31 - Turnover Mule.

Poetry:

(Free and open to the public).

August 11 - Oscar Wilde Lecture.

October 18-20 Sharon Springs Poetry Festival.

Theater:
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Dance Festival:
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Wine and Food Fundraising Event:

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Middleburgh Hardware has longest history in town

Middleburgh's oldest storefront belongs to Middleburgh Hardware, located at 316 Main Street in Middleburgh, where the business first opened the hardware store doors in 1888, and celebrated their 135th year in 2023. The Village of Middleburgh designated October 7, 2023 as Middleburgh Hardware Day in celebration of the business's dedicated, community-oriented service to the village and community.

Middleburgh Hardware owners Heather and Rich Vilegi prefer to stay out of the limelight, but their efforts to build a strong community are well-known.

In 2017, they received the Business of the Year award from the Schoharie County Chamber of Commerce for their many contributions including those during Hurricane Irene, when their store suffered heavy damage.

While the Vilegis and their employees cleaned their store, they kept the business open every day.

Residents desperately needed water heaters, generators, buckets, and other supplies in the wake of the disaster.

The power was out for several days after the flood during which they sold a lot of merchandise on credit, trusting people would pay them later. They even used a trailer as a temporary "sales floor" during their storefront restoration.

In 2018, the Vilegis and Heather received the PRO Hardware Retailer of the Year award, which is presented annually to a business in recognition of its superior commitment to the principles and ideals of effective hardware merchandising.

The beautiful storefront is meticulously crafted inviting all passersby to visit.

The store boasts old-fashioned charm with handsome wood floors that have been there since the store opened in 1888.

Throughout the store there are antiques scattered among merchandise and some are used to display products such as locally-produced honey atop a vintage stove. A favorite piece to many customers, the wooden-booth payphone fascinates many children.

On the second floor, there's a

1950s-era Chevy truck causing many to wonder just how it got there.

The Middleburgh Hardware.com website, Facebook and Instagram @MiddleburghHardware are additions to their marketing allowing for customers to see how extensive the product lines and a chance to realize they are not sacrificing price for the convenience of shopping locally.

Giving back to the community is very important to Middleburgh Hardware.

The store participates in community events and has raised thousands of dollars to benefit local nonprofit organizations including the local fire department and youth organizations.

Most recently, they worked with Veterans and Community Housing Coalition, raising money, awareness, and coordinating a food drive for local veterans.

While they Vilegis love antiques, they are always finding ways to bring new and modern ideas to the store.

Their continuously evolving product lines and new departments have created the need for the store to increase retail areas over the last several years.

Most recently, they've added

a selection of lumber.

They are a UPS Shipping Center and Access Point, and offer discounts with the Rich Rewards program.

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Iroquois Museum plans new lineup to start April 4

Social dance, arts, more

The Iroquois Museum, Howes Cave, located just 40 minutes from Albany, has wrapped up one of its most outstanding seasons yet.

Each year, the Museum programs a new exhibit, dancers, storytellers and art demonstrations.

This year's theme, "Outside the Box," promises a fresh and exciting lineup.

Iroquois social dance, pottery, beadwork, and painting have long been accepted and respected forms of expression.

But what happens when Haudenosaunee/Iroquois individuals pursue creative paths that are unheralded and wholly unexpected? Come to the Iroquois Museum and see for yourself.

"Outside the Box" will open on April 4 and run through November 30, 2024.

This feature exhibit will celebrate the work of innovators: the Iroquois Indian Marching Band, photojournalist Ian R. Maracle, installation artist Hannah Claus, claymation animator and comic drama filmmaker Paulette Moore, luthier (guitar maker) Glenn Hill, Jr.; Hallucination; neo-burlesque dancer Lauren Ashley Jiles; metalsmith Margaret Jacobs, and others.

For the full experience, mark your calendars now for "The Mush Hole: Truth, Acknowledgement, Resilience," a special offsite performance on June 29.

Mush Hole is a moving contemporary dance composition by Santee Smith's Kawa:hi Dance Theatre inspired by the residential school experience at Six Nations Reserve.

Created from survivors' testimonials and featuring an all-indigenous cast, its story about hope and finding light in dark places.

This award-winning performance will be hosted by the Museum at the University of Albany Performing Arts Center.

This will mark the first time this compelling piece will be performed in the Capital Region. No admission charge.

From spring through summer, Haudenosaunee guests Ian Maracle, Hannah Claus and Lauren Ashley Jiles will present artist talks about their work and the challenges they've faced in making their daring, even startling creative choices.

Glenn Hill, Jr. will demonstrate his well-honed guitar making skills on August 16-17.

Metalsmith Margaret Jacobs will be on hand for welding and steel sculpture demonstrations on July 20-21 and participatory workshops (by preregistration) on July 26-27 for those looking for an immersive hands-on experience.

The traditional arts will also be well represented this year with Iroquois social dance demonstrations on May 25, July 6, and August 10; workshops in old style moccasin making May 18-19 and porcupine quillwork October 19-20 with Seneca artisan Jamie Jacobs; and a stone carving workshop with Seneca-Cayuga artist Tom Huff.

Preregistration required for workshops.

Autumn will kick off with the Museum's largest event, the annual Iroquois Arts Festival on August 31-September 1.

In keeping with the "Outside the Box" theme, the Festival will feature special guests, the 20-member Iroquois Indian Marching Band from Tuscarora.

Also scheduled for fall is an exhibit of thought-provoking and inspiring portraits of individuals on the autism spectrum from photographer Angel Horn's Mohawk community of Kahnawake.

For information on this full lineup of 2024 events, visit the Museum's website Iroquoismuseum.org, follow them on Facebook, or call (518) 296-8949.

The Iroquois Museum is a private non-profit.

This year's programming is supported by grants from the Institute of Museum and Library Services; New York State Council on the Arts; an Action grant from Humanities NY; and a Challenge America grant from the National Endowment on the Arts.



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“We’d like to thank all of our loyal customers for all their support over the last few years,” Mr. Fancher said. “Without you, none of our success would be possible.”



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“We raised over \$160,000 during the year and we are looking to top that in 2024. Unfortunately, the need to help those stricken with cancer grows each year and we again are looking to the fine folks to help us again this year,” said Kathy Diamond, president of the Board of Directors.

This year’s main event will be held on Saturday, June 8 at SUNY Cobleskill.

“We are already planning



for this year’s event, which will be bigger and better than 2023’s,” said Steve Chaisson, VP of the Board.

The Board at the Marathon meets throughout the year to plan for the event as well as other fundraising events.

“Both Steve and I are extremely proud of each and every member of the board here at The Marathon for a

Better Life. Each of us has a particular skill or niche and somehow we all pull it together with the goal of doing whatever we can to help those

Schoharie County residents afflicted with cancer,” said Ms. Diamond.

The Marathon for a Better Life is a not-for-profit

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If you or any Schoharie County resident needs help fighting cancer, reach out to



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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Generations, a vintage consignment shop.

Above, top to bottom: Peter Ferguson, Ann Kabei, Linda Dooley, Jen Patterson, Ruth Anne and John Wilkinson.

Now entering its 15th year in business, Generations, a vintage consignment shop, is chocked full of vintage items from 1950 and earlier.

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The shop is open seven days a week from 11am-5pm. You'll find estate jewelry, carpets, furniture, glass, china, stoneware, linens and laces, quilts and blankets, toys, paintings and prints.

Items come in daily—a constantly changing inventory makes it a fun place to visit. They're located at 397 Main Street, Schoharie. Call for details at (518)231-7241 or (518)295-6447.



Peggi's Measure for Measure is a full-service hair salon that has served the community for 40 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.



Total Wave Car Wash offers state-of-the-art modern laser touchless car washing at its Route 7, Warnerville location. Opened in the fall of 2009, Everett Chichester's business is open 24/7, has an automatic bay and self-service bays and is completely green. It takes most credit cards as well as cash.

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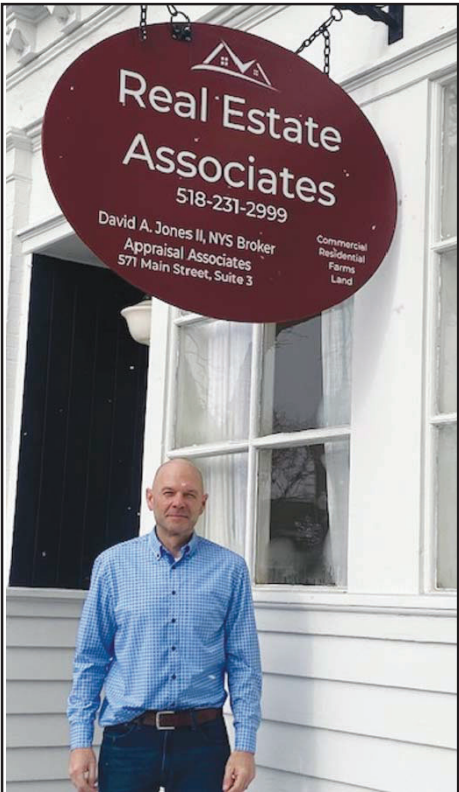
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Kristy’s Kreations is Kristy Reynolds’ full-service hair and nail salon, located at 125 Granite Drive, Cobleskill, near the Cobleskill Diner. Above, back row, from the left: Stephanie Jock, Kaitlyn Webb, Kristy Reynolds, Lorraine DiPace, and Adrienne Cullen. Front row: Taylor Ulrich, Larissa Bruyette.

All about us: Destination Marketing directs Schoharie County tourism

Visit Schoharie County serves as the official tourism office, managed by the Destination Marketing Corporation for Otsego and Schoharie Counties (DMC).

As the primary advocate for the area's tourism, it works under the guidance of CEO Cassandra Harrington and her team: Ryan Geraghty, Sam Forehand, and Corinne Curpier.

Their mission is to enhance the region's appeal and visitor experience through forward-thinking marketing approaches and active community involvement, positioning Schoharie County as a must-visit destination.

Established in 2014, the DMC is recognized as the Tourism Promotion Agency under the New York State Tourism Matching Funds Program.

Funded through occupancy tax revenues, cooperative marketing investments, and annual grants, its mission is to steward economic vitality, historical preservation, and quality of life through effective tourism gen-

eration and destination management.

The most recent New York State Tourism Impact Report highlights the significant contribution of tourism to the local economy.

With a direct tourism spend of \$3.5 billion in the Central New York region in 2022, Schoharie County itself saw travelers spending \$95 million.

This economic activity helped alleviate the tax burden on local households significantly: without tourism-generated state and local taxes, each household would face an additional \$933 to maintain the same level of government service.

This data reinforces the integral role of tourism in sustaining community infrastructure and services.

"Schoharie County is not just a destination; it's a thriving community rich in opportunity," said Ms. Harrington.

"With its picturesque landscapes and welcoming atmo-

sphere, the county is a haven for tourists and a potential home for future residents seeking a serene lifestyle. Our team at Visit Schoharie County works tirelessly to market and advocate for this idyllic destination, ensuring a sustainable and prosperous future for all."

Visit Schoharie County employs a multifaceted approach to market the destination, utilizing digital marketing, social media, events, advertising, public relations, and community outreach to showcase the county's unique attractions and cultural heritage.

By creating compelling narratives and engaging content, it aims to attract visitors worldwide, promoting the scenic beauty, historical landmarks, and recreational activities that make Schoharie County an exceptional place to visit.

Through these efforts, it successfully increases tourism and supports local businesses, contributing to the economic and cultural vibrancy of the region.

The Visit Schoharie County website is a hub of information, featuring an event calendar, itineraries, business listings, and ideas to inspire both visitors and residents. From planning a visit or stay-cation to discovering the local heritage, the platform provides comprehensive insights into the county's offerings.

As Visit Schoharie County

continues its journey of growth and service, it remains committed to its mission of nurturing tourism as a key economic driver while preserving the unique charm and heritage of the region.

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Fred Breglia, above, directs the Arboretum. In 2023 they launched a new visitor’s guide and hosted a “tree-mendously” successful Big Tree Search. They also removed invasive species from their collections and have expanded their Meeting House Pond. Site work has also begun for a new pavilion in 2024.”Our grounds have never looked better,” Mr. Breglia said.”

Also in ’24, the Arb will be renovating its Farmhouse/Office and adding updated interpretive signboard maps to key entrance points. Painting the barn and some roof replacements are also on the to-do list.

“We’d like to thank the public and our fiscal supporters for their continued support,” Mr. Breglia said. “We also want to thank our volunteers, staff, and members who are all the lifeblood of Landis and help keep us growing for future generations.”

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They renamed the shop Mimi's to honor Diane and her close and loving relationship with her grandchildren.

Mimi's is a full service florist, offering fresh floral arrangements for weddings, funerals, birthdays, holidays and everything in between.

The shop, conveniently located on Main Street in Schoharie, also carries candles, cards, giftware and décor, so be sure to stop in.

"We are excited to offer more monthly specials and sales in 2024, so be sure to follow us on Facebook," said Ms. Dickson.

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On The Level Construction is Dick Buffo’s residential and commercial construction firm in business since 1978. “At On The Level we do all work from new homes, replacement windows, to pole barns, to additions to foundations. Give us a call,” said Mr. Buffo.



Kyle’s Waste: Still growing

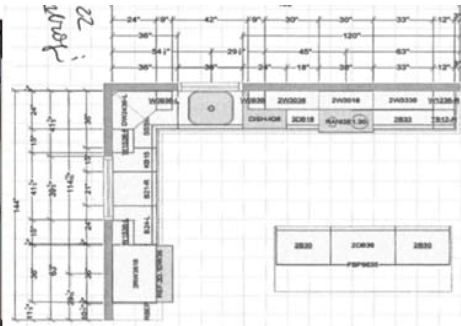
Three years and growing, Kyle’s Waste Management is a local family-owned and operated trash removal company serving Cobleskill and surrounding towns. Along with residential trash pickup, Kyle’s offers residential and commercial dumpsters and roll-off containers. The company strives to provide timely courteous service at competitive prices, and would like to thank the community for their continued support in 2023. The Kyle’s Waste Management team looks forward to the upcoming year, from left: owner Kyle Cacciola and family Danielle, Hunter and Mia, along with Jim Tracy, Bill Adams, Patti Diamond and Gideon Whittaker.

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Meghan Ostrander opened her Ostrander Insurance Agency in 2019 and continues to offer more companies with auto, home, business, Workers Comp, flood and recreational coverage so she can insure everyone. Above is Ms. Ostrander with her family, Barry Ruland and Barret and Avery Ruland.



Zeke Mansheffer took over his Main Street Schoharie business in January 2022 and re-named it Zeke's Auto Repair. He looks forward to serving Schoharie County and the surrounding areas in the years to come.

Mr. Mansheffer said not to forget to say hi to Scott Mansheffer, the other owner, above, when you stop by.



Four Star Realty is Lisa Tenneson's real estate business on Main Street, Middleburgh. Four Star is renovating its historic office space—and working on adding a soda shop, Forget Me Not. Four Star has three licensed real estate salespeople and is looking to add two more. "I will forever be grateful for the love and support that all of Schoharie County has given Four Star Realty," Ms. Tenneson said. "Without that, we wouldn't be able to do what we do. Above: William Adams, Kellen Wissert, Martyn Gallini-Jones, Lisa Tenneson, and Sharon Rarick, with Chelsea McGarth in front.



Since 1912, Dick Vedder's Provost Bros. Inc—"The Water People"—has been offering pump sales and service from their Route 20, Sloansville location. 2023 saw the business completely overhaul its service truck; in 2024, they'll continue to provide dedicated service to all customers—old and new.

"We're been family-owned and -operated for 112 years, four generations," Mr. Vedder, who's been working fulltime in the business for the last 47 of them. "I've met many, many fine people. Special thanks to our office manager Ann Hay, for keeping things straight. There's a lot to it and she's great."



The best dental care

Schoharie Dental, 229 Main Street, Schoharie, offers the best in dental care. In front, from left to right are Carl Fusco, DDS, Solomia Zhownirovych, DDS, Hazem Elbialy, DMD and Eric Davis, DMD with the staff of their Schoharie Dental office. Schoharie Dental is at the corner of Main and Bridge Streets in Schoharie. The practice moved into the historic Marshall D. Bice house in 2019 and received a state Historic Preservation award for its adaptation of the building.

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Helios Care, Bassett form strong alliance

Fostering Health and Community: Helios Care is on a collaborative journey with Bassett Healthcare Network.

In order to improve community well-being and strengthen local healthcare resources, Helios Care is excited to announce a strategic collaboration with Bassett Healthcare Network.

This marks a significant step towards fostering a healthier and more connected community, bringing together two entities dedicated to the well-being of individuals and families in the region.

Helios Care is pleased to announce working with the Bassett Healthcare Network providers to identify and support seriously ill patients to gain earlier access to care that allows them to stay at home, wherever that may be.

Helios Care is now in a collaboration with Bassett Healthcare Network to work to provide a more integrated and transparent connection so patients and their families can access the care they need, both palliative care and hospice, at the time they need these services.

To clarify what this means, Helios Care remains an independent provider and will work programmatically to provide a more seamless transition of care from one entity to another.

The collaboration between Helios Care and Bassett Healthcare Network signifies a milestone in innovative care that is community-driven.

The collaboration between the two organizations has the goal to streamline processes and reduce barriers to quality care where and when patients need it.

This is an agreement that was reached to provide a more integrated delivery model with Bassett partnering with Helios Care for palliative and hospice care. This collaboration will prepare both parties for anticipated changes in the reimbursement system.

As a result of this new vision for hospice delivery, the Depart-

ment of Health recently granted Helios Care a Certificate of Need Waiver to provide palliative and hospice services in two more counties to more fully support the patients in the Bassett Healthcare Network and the region.

Additionally, Helios Care is not limited to serving only Bassett patients, as an independent organization but can serve all the residents of five counties; Otsego, Delaware, Schoharie, and now Chenango and Herkimer: whenever they are referred by any medical practitioner as well as by family, friends, and self-referrals.

Currently New York State is the last in the nation for hospice

utilization and this model is intended to improve hospice services in underserved communities. Helios Care is forging a new way of integrating our service through a collaboration as opposed to an affiliate or subsidiary model.

Helios Care is at the innovative forefront of this new healthcare shift and believes this may become a model for how other organizations provide quality healthcare across the birth to end of life continuum. This collaborative journey reflects our shared vision of a future where everyone has access to the care they need, fostering a thriving and connected community for generations to come.



Mane Attractions is Heidi Liddle's 291 Main Street, Schoharie, salon, offering high-quality cuts, coloring, highlights and texture for the entire family. Ms. Liddle first opened her business in 1995; 2023 saw her complete her first full year in Schoharie thanks to both new and longstanding clients. "I want to thank everyone," Ms. Liddle said. "My success is because of you."

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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 we put up a new sign on our storefront if you haven't seen it yet it is worth the trip down Union Street to check it out - and you can come inside to look around while you're here," said owner Michael Willman, above with the next generation of games.

"We are looking forward to another year of gaming."



Middleburgh Coffee Co.

It's been just a year since Dasha and Patrick Mattia opened their Middleburgh Coffee Company on Main Street and they're already an integral part of the community; above, they're with their son, Luca. The coffee shop also bakes up delicious baked goods and is always looking to collaborate with local businesses and for partners in the baking world. "We are absolutely in love with this community and our customers," Ms. Mattia said. "We appreciate all the support we've gotten since opening and all the friendships we've made. We do our best to deliver excellent service and kindness to our customers."



Ryan's Auto and Self-Storage

Ryan's Auto and Ryan's Self-Storage is owned and operated by Nick and Joe Ryan, whose full-service auto repair center is conveniently located on Route 145 in Middleburgh. They offer computer diagnostics, transmission flushes, quality exhaust systems, A/C service including the service of Y1234 air conditioning systems, tires and alignment. They also provide 24-hour towing services, and sell diesel and kerosene. The business, family-owned and operated since 1972, added the self-storage units with 24-hour access and online bill pay in 2017.



New home for Tri-Town

In 2023, Tri-Town Computers moved to a new location in downtown Cobleskill at 579 Main Street. Michael Consalvo, standing, with Baloo and right, Thomas Rundblad, offer computer sales and services for laptops, PCs, Macs, tablets, and other accessories, in-store, in-home, and on-site for businesses. "I thank our loyal customers over the years," Mr. Consalvo said, "and we look forward to helping new ones."



The Todd Cipperly Agency offers auto, home, business, and "toy" insurance from its home base at 123 Industrial Park Lane in Central Bridge. Above: Doreen Zinssar, Mr. Cipperly, and Heidi Lawton. "We thank all of our loyal customers," Mr. Cipperly said. "We are always here to provide a free quote and we are confident that we will exceed your expectations."



50 years for Vedder Excavating

Vedder Excavating hits an important milestone in 2024: It's 50-year anniversary.

It was April 1, 1974 that Bob Vedder started Vedder Excavating—yep, April Fool's Day, he jokes. With experience in the construction field, Mr. Vedder believed he could succeed, even though the economy wasn't especially strong and even though he and his wife, Linda, had two small children at the time: Marcie and Allan. With a backhoe, dump truck and later, a bulldozer, they were off and running.

There were several lean years, Mr. Vedder said, but with hard work and an emphasis on quality and timely work, the business became very successful and one of the most respected excavating and trucking contractors in Schoharie County—something Mr. Vedder is very proud of. He's also proud of the fact that their customer base spans the generations.

Today, Allan, who's worked for the business since his high school graduation is a big part of the company and a part-time employee during the busy season. Sadly, Linda Vedder died in 2022, leaving a big void.

Currently the company has two tandem dump trucks, a single-axle dump, a bulldozer, payload, three rubber tire backhoes, and three track excavators, enough equipment to handle most jobs—though they specialize in septic system installation and repairs. Mr. Vedder said he always appreciates customers telling him the job came out even better than expected because of his pride of workmanship. He's planning an April event to make the business's half-century.

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Ben Righi offers heating, plumbing, and air conditioning services at his Right's Refrigeration.

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Righi's Redemption

Righi's Redemption Center offers four convenient locations to meet customers' needs for bottle and can redemption in Cobleskill, Middleburgh, Warnerville, and Worcester.

"We're the only redemption center in Schoharie County with the new can and bottle counter," said owner Ben Righi.

"We'll have you in and out in no time."

Swarty's: Family fun for all

Fun, fun, fun. That's the theme at Chris and Renee Swartout's Swarty's Mohawk Campground in Cherry Valley. The Swartouts bought the campgrounds in 2020 and it remains family-owned and operated with, above: Trever, Isabella, Trenton, Renee, and Chris.

Recent improvements include a basketball court, WiFi, a blacktopped pavilion area, and arcade. In 2024 the Swartouts plan to improve their pool area, host regular cornhole tournaments, add horseshow pits and begin preparation for a Swarty's venue with a view overlooking the Mohawk Valley and Adirondacks.



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SEEC focused on our future

In 2023, the Schoharie Economic Enterprise Corporation (SEEC) continued its dynamic journey towards fostering economic growth in Schoharie County, building on the solid foundation laid in previous years.

Last year, SEEC not only adapted to the evolving Schoharie County economic landscape but also took proac-

tive steps to shape it.

From digital advancements and Main Street rejuvenation to groundbreaking industrial projects, SEEC efforts have laid a robust foundation for a prosperous future.

Digital Revolution: Powering Schoharie County's Digital Revolution, SEEC made remarkable strides in digital marketing, reflecting an ongoing commit-

ment to small business empowerment. In total, 26 businesses received funding; proudly, 59 percent (16) were women-led enterprises spanning retail, farms, lodging, services, venues, arts and recreation.

Due to the successfully delivered program, SEEC expects Schoharie County will be awarded an additional \$500,000 to expand the digital marketing program, significantly bolstering support for another 14 small businesses. Middleburgh may also join the Village of Schoharie in offering free Wi-Fi as funded by the anticipated program award.

Free Wi-Fi became a reality in the Village of Schoharie, offering digital connectivity to businesses, residents and visitors alike.

The SEEC Digital Enlighten Series continued to thrive, offering valuable insights and digital marketing support to local enterprises. Comprehensive broadband studies laid the groundwork for future digital expansion.

Leading the local charge, SEEC actively participated in the Southern Tier 8 Broadband Collaborative and attended the Upstate Rural Broadband Conference, 2022 and 2023. SEEC is an active member of the Mohawk Valley Broadband Coalition advocating for 100 percent broadband access in Schoharie County.

Studies initiated by SEEC found that Schoharie County should realize significant social, health, educational and economic benefits if the County makes an historic commitment to broadband build-out. More than 800 County locations cannot reasonably access broadband, a necessity to function today. For example, the Town of Seward is especially limited, having the most homes (nearly 200) unserved by industry standards.

Schoharie County residents have been encouraged to contact local elected officials to advocate

for multi-million-dollar investment ensuring every student, elderly and business has access to broadband.

SEEC Advisors have been major proponents of the local Digital Revolution. Most notable, a testament to his leadership, SEEC founding Board member Jim Becker, President and CEO of MIDTEL and INOC Datacenters, was appointed by Governor Hochul to serve on the state-wide Broadband Deployment Advisory Committee, a designated 16-member council to guide broadband expansion investments across New York State.

Main Street Vitality: Revitalizing the heart of our communities is a SEEC priority. 2024 will prove to be a year of vibrant growth and exciting developments. The eagerly anticipated Parrott House project will commence in March, while the Adler welcomes new ownership and world-class Japanese hospitality investors seek approvals in Sharon Springs. A SEEC Curb Appeal Program offering grants to Main Street property owners and businesses will be new to 2024. "Better aesthetics increase property values, improve the marketability of spaces and draw business, travelers and residents to the hearts of our communities," said Trish Bergan, SEEC Program Administrator.

SEEC congratulates the Village of Sharon Springs for winning a \$2.5 million downtown revitalization grant. Leveraging the village grant award, SEEC is poised to administer a Small Project Fund and introduce Spa District free Wi-Fi in cooperation with MIDTEL advancing the Digital Revolution and Main Street vitality.

A testament to thriving community spirit, Schoharie and Cobleskill were named as Mohawk Valley finalists in the Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) and New York Forward (NYF) programs 2023. Plans were set in motion to enhance Schoharie and Central Bridge Main Street's with climate-friendly improvements and augmented virtual reality entertainment.

Adding another cultural dimension, 287 Main Schoharie hosted three artist exhibits with plans of a new exhibit opening in February 2024.

Industrial Development: Pioneering progress in the in-

dustrial sector, 2023 was a landmark year for SEEC and Schoharie County. The approved Highbridge project and the Schoharie County Industrial Development Agency (SCIDA) transition marked a new era for leadership, private investment and job growth potential.

SEEC steered County ARPA funding toward the Schoharie Business Park and Shad Point infrastructure upgrades. SEEC is especially proud of the new Community Benefit policy adopted by SCIDA as a result of researching best practices and listening to the concerns as the Highbridge development was reviewed and, ultimately, approved by the Town of Schoharie Planning Board.

As such, large-scale project fees paid to SCIDA may be directed to enhance community amenities, protect natural resources, improve pedestrian circulation and more.

Highbridge is expected to be a more than \$65 million private investment, spur 287 new jobs and contribute millions to the tax base as approved at Schoharie's Interstate-88 Exit 23.

The FAST NY Highbridge efforts and the highly anticipated projects in offshore wind and the Tech Hub designation for New Energy New York (NENY) battery sector underscore the SEEC and the region's commitment to sustainable industrial growth.

Looking ahead: SEEC has not only maintained its commitment to regional prosperity but has also scaled new heights in these key areas.

SEEC will continue to power a digital revolution, integrate farm-to-table concepts, host more art exhibits at 287 Main, coordinate community investment opportunities for Main Street vitality and administer a unique Curb Appeal Program.

Embracing resiliency and mindful change, SEEC is excited to introduce economic gardening, promote Schoharie County storytelling, welcome new investors and encourage all to Aspire and Enlighten as the SEEC awardees - Wayward Lane Brewing, Catskill Agrarian Alliance, Schoharie River Center and Tina Wellman - have done in our communities quietly to success.

For more details about SEEC's initiatives and future plans, visit them online at www.seecny.org.



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Esperance LP Gas, 10357 Western Turnpike, Delanson, offers 24-hour service and bulk delivery of propane.

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WHB Automotive Collision LLC is celebrating 10 years in business and would like to thank all their customers throughout the years. They look forward to serving them for many more years.

WHB opened its doors on February 1, 2014, at 1182 State Route 7 in Richmondville.

Throughout their 10 years of business, they have bought the building and have expanded. The shop has acquired state-of-the-art equipment for all minor to major collision repairs, from a down-draft spray booth imported from Italy to a camera that can custom match a customer's specific color.

Each employee/technician has their own D.A. sanding system that vacuums up paint/filler dust instantly, which means a cleaner shop and a cleaner customer's vehicle.

WHB strives to give customers the best repair with certified and experienced technicians who know how to bring vehicles back to pre-loss condition. Returning your vehicle back to customers as soon as possible in a timely manner is always our goal.

Employment has grown from two employees to seven and they are looking to expand in the future.

WHB Automotive Collision has repaired well over 5,000 cars over the last 10 years and has seen it all; no job is too small or too big. At WHB they fight for the customer by dealing with the insurance, aiming for original and new parts and making sure their vehicle repaired correctly.

Remember after an accident you have the right to choose the shop of your choice for repairs; keep WHB Automotive Collision in mind. If you need a tow they can set that up for you as well or have the vehicle towed directly to them.

Once they receive your claim information, they can contact your insurance company and start your repair; saving you time and getting your vehicle back to you.



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Working with small business clients in an ongoing, year-round capacity that includes bookkeeping and tax strategy is the cornerstone to the client-accountant relationship at Tretter CPA, P.C., said Chris Tretter, CPA, above. "You've heard the advice that you need to work on your business, not in it?"

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Value Village Wine and Liquors is located at 1070 Railroad Avenue, Middleburgh. Randy and Candace Wood offer a wide selection of wines and liquors at the business, which was formed in 1990 and employs four.



Aidone Eyecare on Route 145, Cobleskill offers eye exams, eyeglasses, contact lenses and more, in addition to same-day service. From left are Ben Richards, David Aidone, Crystil Rhoades and Dr. Tanya Devlin. Missing are Liz Akins and Steven Aidone.

"We offer a wide variety of frame styles," said David Aidone, owner and optician. "Many of our lenses are made in-house, allowing us to control the entire process. Also, we take pride in staying on top of any developments in the eyecare industry."

CRH serves entire county

As part of Bassett Healthcare Network, hospital offers latest in care

Cobleskill Regional Hospital (CRH), part of Bassett Healthcare Network, is the only hospital in Schoharie County, offering critical access to medical services with acute inpatient care and 24-7 emergency care supported by the latest in diagnostic equipment, such as magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) and computerized tomography (CT) scan units.

By sharing resources, expertise, and facilities with Bassett Healthcare Network's hospitals and clinics—including Cobleskill Health Center—CRH gives the Village of Cobleskill and greater Schoharie County access to specialty and subspecialty services like cardiology, cancer care, orthopedic care, ear, nose and throat care, neurology, vascular care, dermatology, and more. In addition, a variety of outpatient diagnostic and surgical procedures are available.

Bassett Healthcare Network is also finding innovative ways to connect more patients with services by rapidly expanding options for virtual care, significantly increasing appointment access in clinics as more people discover the convenience that telehealth offers.

A variety of virtual health ser-

vices are available, including fully online appointments from the comfort of a patient's home, office, or anywhere. Some telehealth appointments are in-person in clinics, where nurses and other care team members help connect patients in familiar medical home spaces with remote providers to offer even more appointment slots and specialties.

Some virtual care does not require an appointment at all—like with E-Visits, an online questionnaire that delivers a customized treatment plan for minor illnesses. With virtual care, patients get the care they need—anytime, anywhere.

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

Advanced care options in Cooperstown include heart surgery and vascular treatment (including a new hybrid operating room that provides rapid care treatment for emergency heart and vascular interventions); stroke care (with prestigious Stroke Center Certification from the Joint Commission); specialized cancer treatment at Bassett

Cancer Institute (including a new family of highly advanced radiopharmaceutical treatments and clinical trials); neurosurgery, advanced orthopedic and spine care, and much more.

Bassett Medical Center is also the only hospital in upstate New York to offer radiofrequency thyroid ablation, a non-invasive outpatient treatment for non-cancerous thyroid growths.

Bassett Medical Group is comprised of more than 400 full-time physicians and other advanced practice clinicians providing primary and specialty care across the network's eight-county service area. Bassett operates more than two dozen community-based health care centers, including in Cobleskill, Delanson, Middleburgh, Schoharie, and Sharon Springs.

More than 20 School-Based Health Centers provide medical, mental health, and preventive dental care to children who might not otherwise have access to this care. Families never receive a bill from Bassett's School-Based Health Program for services rendered in the school. Locations in Schoharie County include Middleburgh Elementary School and Middleburgh Middle/High School.

Beyond hospital-based care and outpatient care provided at community health centers and school-based 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. Bassett Healthcare Network is also collaborating with Helios Care to establish more cohesive hospice and palliative care services in Schoharie, Otsego, and Delaware Counties.

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

Long-term care services are available at A.O. Fox Nursing Home and at VHS; VHS also offers seniors the opportunity to remain independent as long as possible at Valley Residential

Services, Herkimer County's only enriched housing and 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.

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, as well as assessments of health services, occupational challenges, and other public health issues. They also provide critical care and safety solutions to workers in the agricultural, forestry, and fishing industries.

To learn more about services available throughout Bassett Healthcare Network, visit bassett.org.

Explore careers at Bassett Healthcare Network, with generous sign-on bonuses, by visiting bassett.org/careers.



Buffomatic Transmission on Route 20 in Carlisle is an auto repair shop specializing in foreign and domestic light duty and heavy duty vehicles. Buffomatic is also a certified state inspection station. "We, here at Buffomatic, are a full-service auto repair shop," said owner Shawn Buffo.

95 years for Cobleskill G&CC

As the Cobleskill Golf & Country Club enters its 95th year since its opening in 1929, member volunteers continue to be what makes Cobleskill Golf & Country Club the special place it has been and continues to be.

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

CG&CC takes pride in its well-maintained golf course.

Long time golf course Superintendent Bear Briggs and his

crew will again be out there every day keeping the tees, fairways, greens and yes, even the roughs, in top-notch shape in 2024.

Mitch Wrighter will return as Golf Shop manager. Mr. Wrighter and his staff always try to make every golf experience enjoyable.

Cobleskill Golf Club provides a welcoming environment for golf, social activities and dining and continues to be one of the best recreational values in the

region.

Again in 2024 anyone wishing to make a tee time to play golf may do so by using the electronic tee sheet on their website, www.golfcobleskill.com or by calling the Golf Shop, (518)234-4045.

This year Cobleskill Golf & Country Club is honored to be part of the New York Golf Trail, joining Leatherstocking Golf Course, Oneonta Country Club and Seven Oaks Golf Club in the Cooperstown Region.

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

Cobleskill Golf Club has a continuing tradition of offering a list of events which is more extensive than any golf club in the area.

Golfers and members of the community can enjoy a full service bar and dine in the Greenside Clubhouse Restaurant with its newly renovated deck and views of the beautiful golf course.

The restaurant also welcomes groups, parties and golf outings. Starting this year the restaurant will be operated by the Jon Briggs family. They will cater to the needs of our golfing community and welcome the public for food and beverages in a friendly atmosphere.

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

Its Tree Replacement Program is continuing, allowing them to remove diseased or damaged trees and replant new trees. Anyone who would like to contribute to the tree fund, should contact Bear Briggs.

Check out their website at www.golfcobleskill.com for an aerial tour of the golf course along with videos of staff and members and other photos, information on activities and special events and more.

Anyone who provides their email address can receive periodic updates on tournaments, outings and special offers.

Also check them out on Facebook, Google, Instagram and other social media.



Kenna Cote of Mineral Springs Soap opened her Main Street, Cobleskill storefront in 2023 after 10 years of handcrafting soap and skin care products for everyone, along with private label manufacturing and private parties and classes. “We’re looking to acquire new private label clients to expand manufacturing from our current 15,000 bars a month to 30,000,” Ms. Cote said. “We’re grateful for the new friends we’ve made since moving to Main Street and the support we’ve received and we look forward to what’s to come.”



Key Bank NA is a full-service Cobleskill banking institution with a full range of services. “We greatly appreciate all of our loyal customers,” said bank Manager Denise Fissell, “and we look forward to welcoming new ones.” From the left: Kathy Diamond, Denise Fissell, Francine Mattiace, Bonnie Squadere, and Peg Chicorelli.



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MIDTEL was happy to welcome Megan Oathout and Craig Anteman to their growing team of employees in 2023.

For more information on high-speed internet, digital voice, cable TV, or Wifi services, visit www.MIDTEL.com or call (518)827-5211.



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