



Schuyler Town Newsletter

TOWN OF SCHUYLER, HERKIMER COUNTY, NEW YORK

SEPTEMBER 2025

Birthday Cake of the Month!!



Join us in celebrating Schuyler Birthdays!

Each month, submitted names will be drawn for a Birthday Cake.

Please submit Birthdays (name, date of birthday, and phone number) by the 15th of each month to:

birthdays@townofschuylerny.gov
or drop form off (see page 2) at Town Office



Let's Raise our Glass and Share Some Laughs in Honor of
Hon. George J. Luther, II

Friday, October 10, 2025

6:00 P.M. Social Hour (Cash Bar)

7:00 P.M. Dinner

VFW Post 8728, 240 Wood Lane, Utica

\$20 Advance Sale Only
(No Tickets at Door)

Tickets Available at Schuyler Town Office &
Juliano's Greenhouses



Sunday, September 14, 2025
Noon 'till gone

Location:
Station 1 (120 Newport Road)
Drive Thru Only
\$15.00

Schuyler Fire Company Trunk or Treat

October 26, 2025

Details to Follow Next Month





August Birthday of the Month

Congratulations to Kadence Fernalld, whose Birthday is August 18th!!



Schuyler Birthday Form

Birthday Person: _____

Birthdate: _____

Submitted By: _____

Phone/E-Mail Address: _____

Please drop off at Schuyler Town Office or e-mail to Birthdays@townofschuylerny.gov by the 15th of the month.

Submitted August Birthdays - Happy Birthday Everyone!

Gina Dainotto	August 8	Tamara Sibley	August 8
Sandy Bennett	August 8	Joshua Griffo	August 15
Ethan Pavlus	August 15	Ray Bennett	August 15
Lorie Sportello	August 25	Katrina Griffo	August 29

Thank you to Jayme Moore of *Moore Please Bakery* for this month's cake

Notice of Annual Meeting of East Schuyler Cemetery

On Sunday, September 28, 2025 at 3:00 P.M. the Annual Meeting of the East Schuyler Cemetery will take place at the East Schuyler Methodist Church, 118 Church Road

East Schuyler Methodist Church

Sunday Service is at 9:30 A.M.
118 Church Road in Schuyler

West Schuyler Methodist Church

Sunday Service is at 10 A.M.
297 Wood Lane in Schuyler



TOWN OF SCHUYLER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Schuyler Chronicles

Issue # 15 - September 2025



*"School days, school days Dear old Golden Rule days
'Reading and 'riting and 'rithmetic Taught to the tune of the hick'ry stick"*

The first day of school is fast approaching. Clothes are purchased, school supplies acquired, bedtime schedules adjusted. Now what? Pop Tarts or an energy bar for breakfast? It wasn't that easy 'back in the day'.



As the rooster crows on the morning of the first day of school, Mom has already been up for hours and has been working to get the kids off to school on a full stomach. First, she must look through her treasured recipe box to decide what to make.



I'm sure she wants her growing children to have the right size eggs. Not too big-not too little. She weighs the eggs on her Jiffy-Way Egg Scale. The egg sets on the curved egg holder, it weighs the egg in ounces, and grades it from small to extra-large. When eggs are sold to a local market, this scale is what is used to get paid a fair amount.



Mom can also use those eggs to make waffles on her electric waffle iron. No more stovetop waffle iron for her! Just plug it in and 20 minutes later she's ready to make the waffles—with local maple syrup, of course. Don't forget the milk! Mom gets her milk from Johnson & Son Dairy in Frankfort, NY. No skim or almond milk here. Just whole milk.



Next, Mom needs to make toast out of the bread she made yesterday as it takes a while to make. Patented in 1906, this manually operated Universal Bread Maker (donated by Joe Rappa), makes up to four loaves. First put in all the liquid, then add flour. Turn the handle for three minutes. The dough needs to raise to about double in size, about 1 ½ hours. After it raises, turn the handle until the dough forms a ball. Take off the cross piece, lift out the dough with the kneader. Now all Mom has to do is bake it. Who needs Heidelberg or Freihofer?



The kids may want the bread buttered or toasted with jam (homemade, of course). Invented in 1905, this electric toaster used innovative modern technology, Ni-Chrome. Wire coils constructed from nickel and chromium were wrapped around a thin layer of mica. It was called a radiant toaster and Mom just had to have it because it was advertised as a must-have modern source of pride for every modern housewife. It sold for \$4 (\$100 in today's money) but Dad knew that Mom would want to show it off to her friends and neighbors, so he bought one for her for her birthday.



Well, now the kids are finally off to school. Mom sure would like a glass of hard cider (for medicinal purposes only), BUT she has to sweep the crumbs off the table with a crumb sweeper to keep the tablecloth clean. Then wash and dry dishes, wash clothes, press clothes with her sad iron, milk the cow, churn butter, go to town to sell her eggs, plan dinner, make dinner, clean up after dinner, etc., ...

Submitted for your reading pleasure, Christine Proulx
Town of Schuyler Historical Society Recording Secretary (315 917-3334)

United States Semiquincentennial

AMERICA





301 North Washington Street, Herkimer, NY
Phone 315-867-1176

2025 Rabies Vaccination Schedule

Thursday, September 11th 5:30 - 7:00 P.M.	Cedarville Fire Department 960 State Route 51, Cedarville
Thursday, October 2nd 5:30 - 7:00 P.M.	Little Falls Town Garage 478 Flint Ave. Ext., Little Falls
Saturday, November 15th 10:00 - Noon	East Herkimer Fire Department 193 Main Road, East Herkimer

- All cats, dogs, and ferrets three months or older must be vaccinated, even if they stay indoors.
- Every dog and cat needs two rabies vaccinations, one year apart, then once every three years.
- Bring proof of the pet's vaccination history to receive a three year certificate.
- Ferrets must be vaccinated every year.
- Dogs should be on a leash. Cats and ferrets should be in a carrier or pillowcase.
- No vet exams will be given.
- Owners are responsible for cleaning up after their animals. Supplies are provided.
- A \$5.00 donation per pet is suggested to defray costs.

Walk-In and Pre-Registration available for all clinics

Pre-register for faster service at 315-867-1176; will end at noon the day before clinic



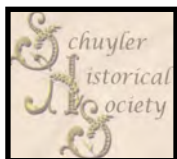
Reflective 911 Mailbox Markers

Available for \$10, with installation available through the Schuyler Volunteer Fire Company if desired.

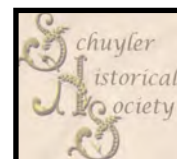
Prominently display your address in the event of an emergency.

Order forms are available at the Town Clerk's Office.





Town of Schuyler Community Picnic



What a great month to be in Schuyler. On Saturday, August 9, Schuyler held its annual Corn Eating Contest/ Extravaganza. We do this every year to show off our town to the public. It was a crazy success! Kudos to Cosmo Pelligrino and his team for doing an outstanding job on this event.

This past weekend, Sunday, August 17, the Town of Schuyler Historical Society hosted the Schuyler Community Picnic at the town park on Bowie Road. We were so happy to see many new faces at our event. We wish to thank all who attended. It was a wonderful gathering of Schuyler residents, young and old, enjoying the expansive array of delicious foods, and catching up face-to-face with our neighbors and friends.

We had a couple of displays to share. If you were interested in learning how to clean headstones, Libby Tedesco had her whiteboard posted along with instructions and suggested attire and equipment necessary to get the job done. A detailed display of rocks and minerals common to our town was also available with a magnifying glass to inspect each one closely. Thank you for checking out those displays.

Besides the endless amounts of food (and desserts!) we drew tickets for dozens of door prizes and raffle prizes. We had some beauties this year. Among them were a car care kit, \$100 cash, a crocheted afghan and pillow set, two large metal flowers, a mini chainsaw, and a three-piece outdoor rocking chair table combo. Congratulations to all the lucky winners. Thank you to everyone who donated food items and prizes. Everyone enjoyed your contributions.

We would like to thank our sponsors: Dave's Diner, Upstate Exchange, Hale Manufacturing, Rick Proulx, Bono Brothers, Van Meter & Van Meter, ADK Food and Fuel, Papa Charlies, Stewart's Shops, Emergency Preparedness Solutions, Anthony Lucenti, Ritter & Paratore Contracting, Barbara and Joe Boulia, Eric and Nancy Kane, JB's Small Engine Repair, and Richard Finster. There were also a few anonymous donors. You know who you are. Thanks! Without these sponsors it would have been difficult to meet our expenses for the picnic. Thank you also for everyone who purchased baked goods at our bake sales during the year. Those dollars added up nicely!

Our volunteers are heaven-sent every year. Thank you to Tim Riecker, Anthony Lucenti, Karen Hamberger, Kristin Salamone, and Brenda Anderson. Your willingness to step up to the plate made us shine. Thanks!!! We would also like to give a shout out to our Bowie Road Town Park Superintendent, Mike Keefe. For the days leading up to the event, you were at our beck and call. The grounds looked beautiful, and everyone was very comfortable there.

On behalf of the Town of Schuyler Historical Society, I would like to thank everyone for their support. We hope everyone enjoyed our community picnic. I know we did!

***Marie and Charlie Grose, Jean Finster, Libby Tedesco,
Suzette Vivyan, Rick and Christine Proulx***





SCAMS, ELDER ABUSE, FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION

On Wednesday, August 13, the Town of Schuyler hosted a presentation given by the Herkimer County Office for the Aging and the Herkimer County Sheriff's Office. The topic was scams, elder abuse, and financial exploitation. Those who are likely to become victims are most often women over 75 years old; elders with chronic health problems who require assistance; those with dementia; and those who are isolated and are experiencing depression.

Elder abuse is significantly underreported, but as we learned, we are all ambassadors in protecting our seniors. If you suspect that some form of abuse is happening to a neighbor, friend, or family member, we have a duty to report it. If you aren't sure if you should report it to the local police, the OFA (Office for the Aging) will be glad to speak with you about your suspicions.

Financial exploitation includes stealing, trickery, fraud, embezzlement, forgery, and threats such as telling the victim that they will be put in a nursing home. The OFA has a list of trusted attorneys who deal with Elder Law. If you have any questions about these issues, you can speak to someone at the OFA and they will be glad to advise you.

Scams include sweepstakes, the grandparent scam, home improvement rip-offs, and telemarketing scams. To help protect yourself against these crimes you can remove your home addresses from directories and lists. Do not post personal information on social media. Don't give personal information over the phone to someone who initiated the phone call. Be wary about people who call you asking for money on the pretense that they are calling on behalf of a relative. Before you do anything, ask people to send you proof of who they are. If you are uncomfortable with these types of calls or situations, contact the OFA or adult protective services. You can also report these things to your local police department. The easiest solution is to just HANG UP THE PHONE!!

When you receive an email, hover your mouse over the 'Sender' email address. This will show you who the email is actually from. DO NOT CLICK on any links. If you receive a text message with a link, once again do not click on it. It may tell you that your EZ Pass is in arrears and will be suspended, or that a package being delivered to you has an issue. Pause for a few minutes and think! Do you use the Thruway? Is the EZ Pass directly charged to your credit card? Did you order anything? Did FedEx ever have a problem finding your address? Delete these texts and report as spam if that option is offered.

One takeaway from these types of scams is beware of the URGENCY message. If something is truly legitimate, you will not have to act within an hour or the next 24 hours. And if something sounds too good to be true, then it is.

The Herkimer County Office for the Aging is a lifeline for so many services in our county. Please call or visit them. Their phone number is 315 867-1121 and they are located at 109 Mary Street, Suite 1101 in Herkimer.

I would like to thank Kathy Fox, Kelly Heansel, Alyssa Bunker, all from the OFA. A big thank you to Mike Masi, who is an investigator for the Herkimer County Sheriff's Department. All of you possess a wealth of information. Thank you also to all residents (40 of you!!!) who attended the program. I hope you felt it was worthwhile. We would like to host another program later this year and would love to see you there.

~Christine Proulx~

FREE!

*The West Schuyler United Methodist Church
invites everyone, to a FREE spaghetti
dinner on Thursday*

September 18, 2025

*Help us welcome our new pastor!
Pastor Bruce Flansburg*

*Starting At 5:00 P.M.
In the church hall*



**297 WOOD LANE
UTICA, NY 13502**



A message from Herkimer County Legislator Anthony Lucenti

As the west Schuyler water district construction project finally went out to bid on August 22, I would sincerely like to thank the unsung heroes who never lost faith.

As most of you know this project started approximately 6 years ago when residents voted to form a water district. Since that time some individuals have threatened the Town Board with lawsuits, have written numerous complaint letters to government agencies asking that the project be stopped, and have repetitiously FOILED documents.

Due to these delays the project has gone from a projected \$4.8 million to \$10 million. Public opinion began to form that the water district was "dead" as all funding sources had been exhausted. However, in the summer of 2025, the Town decided to conduct an income survey of the district and this district was officially given awarded hardship status. This status will now allow the water district to qualify for millions in additional revenue.

Therefore, this project is still very much "alive".

What most residents don't know is that several individuals spent countless hours working behind the scenes, phoning, texting, and writing pro-water letters on behalf of the water district. These people never forgot the original vision and wishes of the voters.

The project is now officially out to bid and the bids will be opened on or about October 15th. Hopefully, these bids come in within the guidelines of the New York State Comptrollers office.

Again, thank you to those who were proactive. I know it wasn't easy. I won't mention your names because I don't want you targeted. You know who you are and each one of you in my opinion made a difference in an attempt to bring clean water to Schuyler.

Anthony J. Lucenti



Town Board Meeting - August 13, 2025

**** Minutes Being Provided as Courtesy - Not Officially Approved ****

Council Members Present:

Supervisor Ronald Beach, Councilmen Rodney Dodge, Joe Juliano, Eric Kane, and Councilwoman Bette Szesny.

Also Present Were:

Town Clerk Barbara J. Boulia, Superintendent of Highways Philip Johnson, Mike Jantz from C2AE, and Town Residents: Sarah Collington, Tim Riecker, Chris and Rick Proulx, Gary Lesniak, Ruby Beach, Don Haman, Dale Dodge, JoAnn Mammone, and A.J. Klimek.

Supervisor Beach opened the meeting at 6:00 P.M. and led the assembled people in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Minutes of July 9, 2025

Town Councilman Rodney Dodge said he would like a correction in the minutes of July 9, 2025 stating that there was fraud in the election. He said there was no fraud; we had an attorney and the Town Clerk present for the voting.

Motion by Kane, second by Juliano that the Minutes of July 9, 2025 be approved as printed with the correction; all in favor.

Pay Bills:

Motion by Szesny, second by Dodge, that the bills for the past month be paid as presented, all in favor.

Assessor Report:

Supervisor Beach said he would like to appoint Amie Maxwell as sole Assessor, for the Town of Schuyler. Motion by Juliano, second by Kane to appoint Amie Maxwell the sole appointed Assessor; all in favor.

Assessor Dan Maxwell said the Final Roll has been completed and a copy is in the Assessor's office. He also said the NYS Correction Report was completed.

STAR Program: He said the tax payments that have basic STAR that are turning 65 will no longer go through the Assessor's Office for the Enhanced STAR. They will have to register online or call NY STAR hotline to register. Essentially meaning STAR will no longer go through the Assessor's Office. He said the State will send a report to the Assessor every year with the homeowners who need to be changed from STAR to Enhanced STAR.

He said property owners will be receiving STAR checks from the State in the middle of September. He also mentioned school taxes will be arriving in the beginning of September.



Town Board Meeting - August 13, 2025 cont'd.

Codes Report by Philip Green:

Codes Enforcement Officer Phil Green said he has been doing inspections and handling complaints.

He said he will be retiring on December 31, 2025. He said he will be happy to help with the hiring of a new Codes Officer.

Highway Report by Philip Johnson:

Superintendent of Highways Phil Johnson said they will be paving Johnson Road and Graham Road. He said the cost is around \$59,000.00

He said they are working on the plow setup for the 2026 Western Star.

C2AE Report:

Mike Jantz from C2AE said the project will be going out for a bid around the week of August 18, 2025. The Bid Opening will be October 15, 2025 at 2090 State Route 5 at 2:00 P.M. He also said the two million dollar CBDG Grant, we should know if we received it either in November or December. He said they are in the process of another two million through New York State. He also said the project should start in March or April of 2026.

Computer Estimate:

Supervisor Beach said three new computers for the Town Clerk, Deputy Clerk, and Supervisor will be approximately \$1,200.00 each and the labor to install two hours each. He said Jeff Dingman can get refurbished computers through Dell for \$425.00 each plus two hours of installation each, for \$2,100.00 total.

Motion by Kane, second by Szesny to get the three Dell computers installed for \$2,100.00; all in favor.

Supervisor's Report:Corn Festival

Supervisor Beach said he was very well pleased at the turnout. He also thanked Joe Juliano for the donation of corn and Phil Johnson for all his help.

Planning Board Meeting

Supervisor Beach said there was no meeting in August.

Need Wood Chips at Playground

Supervisor Beach said Superintendent of Highways will take care of that.

Bowie Road Park Fence and Apron for Wheelchairs

Supervisor Beach said the fence has been repaired on Bowie Road and the apron for the wheelchairs is scheduled for August 14, 2025.

Town Board Meeting - August 13, 2025 cont'd.

Supervisor's Report Cont'd.:Elder Scams Wrap-Up

Christine Proulx and Supervisor Beach said over forty five people attended a very informative meeting. Chris said in the Fall they will plan another informative meeting.

Fire Company Events

Supervisor Beach said the Schuyler Volunteer Fire Company will have a Chicken BBQ on September 14, 2025; Halloween Party on October 26, 2025; Breakfast with Santa on December 13, 2025; Santa Around Town on December 13 and 14, 2025.

Resident Comment:

Supervisor Beach said there is a Roast and Toast on October 10, 2025 at the VFW for Judge George Luther, who is retiring. Tickets are \$20.00 each.

Donald Haman said on March 10, 2021 the application that Supervisor Lucenti turned in for the assessed valuation of the proposed West Schuyler Water District that was sent to State Comptroller DiNapoli was not correct. It is the duty of USARD Director Gamela, who is supposed to make sure that all the rules and regulations sent to the Supervisor on September 18, 2020 have been in compliance by the Town Board. The failure of the Town Board of Schuyler to comply to Town Law Article 12A Section 209F2 Establish or Extension of Districts to hold a hearing to remove property or property owners that will not benefit from water.

Tim Riecker said he was addressing the comments made by Mr. Haman, regarding the interpretation of NYS 209 E2B to say that any resident located in the district who vote No should be removed from the Water District.

The Town Clerk's Office will have Tim Riecker's statement and you are welcome to read it.

Motion to Close:

There being no further business to come before the Town Board, a motion was made at 7:15 P.M. by Dodge, second by Kane; all in favor.

Barbara J. Boulia, Town Clerk



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Town and Court Clerk's Hours

Monday - Friday 10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.
Mondays - 5:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.

Town Clerk: 315-733-7458

Court Clerk: 315-733-1093

Town Highway Department

Philip Johnson, Highway
Superintendent

Highway Garage: 315-733-7617

Cell Phone: 315-240-1485
highway@townofschuylerny.gov

**Town of Schuyler
Historical Society**

Contact us at:
317-917-3334

If no one is available to
take your call, please
leave a message.

**Town Assessor**

Amie Maxwell: 315-733-7458 ext. 225

Office Hours Tuesdays 11 A.M. - 1 P.M.
or by appointment

Codes Enforcement Officer

Call Before Starting
ANY Building Project

Philip Green: 315-868-7553

East Schuyler Miller Cemetery
Burial Sites Available

For further information and current pricing, contact:
Harry Robbins, President at 315-269-0861

West Schuyler Miller Cemetery
Burial Sites Available

For further information and current pricing, contact:
Earl Haman at 315-733-2920



S/Sgt. John A. LaPolla

Post #8728 VFW

240 Wood Lane

Joseph Hubbard, Commander

Post Phone: 315-733-6609

E-Mail: vfwlapola@aol.com

New Commander Joseph Hubbard Phone Number: 315-985-5773



Post Social Hour held Fridays at 3 P.M. ALL WELCOME

Contact Facility Use Coordinator Gail Lesniak Moore at 315-794-5713 for Building or Pavilion Use