



Schuyler Town Newsletter

TOWN OF SCHUYLER, HERKIMER COUNTY, NEW YORK

AUGUST 2025

Learn about Ways to Protect Yourself and Others from Scams, Elder Abuse and Financial Exploitation + get a free lunch!

Presented by Herkimer County Office for the Aging, NY Connects, and Sheriff's Department

Wednesday, August 13, 2025
12:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M.
Schuyler Town Office
2090 State Route 5

Please call or e-mail to RSVP:
315-867-1371
kheansel@herkimercounty.org

See page 6 for complete details



This year's Car and Corn Show
Saturday, August 9, 2025

Featuring musical guest
Gridley Paige!!
See Page 7 for Complete Details



-Town Dumpster -

Saturday, August 16: 8 A.M. - 4 P.M.
Sunday, August 17: 8 A.M. - 12 P.M.

Items Accepted:

(Limited to (1) Pickup Truck Load (4 cubic yd.)

- Green Waste (Brush, Grass, Leaves)
- White Goods & Metals (Household Appliances)
- Stuffed Furniture, Mattresses, Rugs
- Batteries

Items Not Accepted:

- Construction & Demolition Materials
- Chemicals, Oil, Toxic Containers
- Large Tires (over 16"); Tractor Tires
- Household Garbage
- Paint Cans
- Recyclables



Additional Charge:

- Car Tires up to 16" - \$6 each
- Car Tires up to 16" with Rims - \$9 each

Permits available from the Town Clerk's Office for \$10/yr.

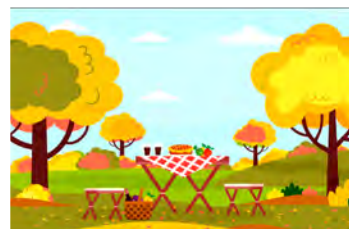
Proof of Town Residency (valid driver's license) Required

Schuyler Historical Society Community Picnic

Sunday, August 17, 2025 12 P.M. to 3 P.M.
Schuyler Town Park on Bowie Road

Grand prize will be a three-piece outdoor
rocking chair and table set.

Additional Raffle Prizes and details may be
found on page 5





July Birthday of the Month

Congratulations to Jean Finster, whose Birthday is July 9th!!



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 July Birthdays - Happy Birthday Everyone!

Jaxson Penree	July 3	Maria Kierpiec	July 3
Mike Servello, Jr.	July 4	Colton Sanderson	July 5
Charlie Ludwig	July 6	Rick Proulx	July 8
Peter Erhardt	July 8	Skyler Perkins	July 8
Christine Loiacano	July 12	Renee Elwell	July 14
Tim Pavlus	July 24	Kelly Bower	July 27
Dominick Loiacano	July 28		

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

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 # 14 - August 2025**

I will be donating several items to the TOS Historical Society. Most of them are more than 1 million years old. Some are shiny, some plain, some colorful. All of them are from Schuyler. What are these treasures? Rocks and minerals from my family's brook.

Growing up on a farm, walks down to our brook were a frequent occurrence. I loved finding the prettiest rocks and bringing them home. After my first retirement, I went back to college and a science class was required for my degree. Among the sciences listed was Geology. Eureka! Now I would finally know what I've been collecting all these years. It opened a whole new world for me and set me on a course of unlimited discovery. Starting with the basics, igneous rocks form every time a volcano erupts. Sedimentary rocks take a bit longer since all their elements must come together and settle in for the long haul. Metamorphic rocks must go through a whole journey in time, heat, and pressure to form--possibly millions of years.

Below are some of the best finds from our brook along with their descriptions.

Gneiss is a common metamorphic rock. It is easy to spot because of its foliation (stripes). The alternating light and dark mineral layers result from extreme pressures and temperatures. Common colors in this region are black and white, black and tan, and black and pink. The shiny black stripes are mica. The other stripes are various minerals such as feldspar, quartz or hornblende. Garnet may also be present.

Granite is an igneous rock (volcanic). Common in this area is the pink (orthoclase feldspar), black (mica), & white (quartz).

Schist is a metamorphic rock. If you love sparkles, you'll love this one. It's easy to spot in the sunshine. The platy minerals, such as mica, are packed down tight due to heat and pressure. This is what makes the rock surface shiny. If there is a lot of shine to it, you can impress your friends by telling them that there is a lot of schistosity (this is a word---really!).

Quartz is a silicate mineral, the most abundant mineral on Earth. When formed, quartz can pick up colors of nearby impurities resulting in different tints such as green or pink. The most common in this area are clear or milky. You can find them either with terminations (natural facets) on the ends, or ones that look like shiny, glassy rocks. These were created with terminations, but with heat, time, and pressure, they were compressed to form a bigger mass resembling a rock.

Arkose sandstone is a sedimentary rock (conglomerate). You can find unlimited varieties of conglomerates (or as my 'Cioci' used to call them---pudding stones) but Arkose is different because of the color. It's a rich dark burgundy/brown with very small grains. The color is due to the large amount of orthoclase feldspar.

Chert is a very smooth sedimentary rock. They're usually light tan or off-white. Indian arrowheads and cutting tools were made from chert because it breaks with a curved or shell-like fracture (conchoidal) leaving edges as sharp as broken glass.

Garnet gneiss is a metamorphic rock characterized by the presence of garnet crystals within the stripes. The garnet crystals, which are minerals (silicate), are typically red or pink and stand out against the lighter-colored bands of quartz and feldspar.

Metaquartzite captures the moment in time in which a sedimentary rock transforms into a metamorphic rock. Under heat and pressure, the quartz that is in sandstone melts and becomes one solid rock. It is relatively easy to spot because it is fine-grained and takes on the look of sugar mixed with oil. It's really cool.



Garnet Gneiss



Pink Granite



Gneiss



Milky Quartz

So now you know one of my favorite hobbies. We often take walks down to our brook and I still look for the prettiest rocks and minerals. I'm always very eager to talk about and show off my specimens. Since this is the beginning of August, there is still a month left before school starts and a perfect time to take walks along paths in the woods or wade in a nearby stream. Take the time to pick up some rocks and study them under a magnifying glass. Imagine their history and how old they are. Look at the stripes, crystals, and grains. Learn about the minerals that make up each rock.

If you have any questions about the rocks or minerals you may find, please contact me at the TOS Historical Society. If no one is available to take your call, please leave a message. The phone number is 315-917-3334.

Submitted for your reading pleasure by Christine Proulx, Recording Secretary, TOS Historical Society.



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

2025 Rabies Vaccination Schedule

Thursday, August 21st 5:30 - 7:00 P.M.	Salisbury Fire Department 2549 State Route 29, Salisbury Center
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.





Schuyler Community Picnic



The Town of Schuyler Historical Society is hosting the Schuyler Community Picnic. This year's event will be held on Sunday, August 17 from Noon until 3 P.M. at Schuyler Town Park on Bowie Road (Please note the change of venue.)

This is a FREE event, and ALL Schuyler residents are welcome to attend.

There will be plenty of great food, door prizes, and games for children. It's a wonderful opportunity to meet up with your neighbors and friends.

We will also be drawing raffle tickets for large prizes. Tickets will be available for \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The grand prize will be a three-piece outdoor rocking chair and table set. There will also be a cash prize, and more. You do not need to be present to win. You can purchase your tickets ahead of time at the Schuyler Town Office. They will also be available at the Schuyler Extravaganza (car show/corn-eating contest) on August 9 at the Robert Vandusen Park on Wood Lane. You can also call the Historical Society directly at 315-917-3334. If no one is available to take your call, please leave us a voice mail with your name and phone number.

We hope to see you and your family there!





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Utica, NY 13502

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AUGUST

SCHUYLER CAR & CORN

EXTRA V A G A N Z A

CAR SHOW

282 Wood Ln. Schuyler, NY**3PM TO DUSK****\$10.00 MIN DONATION****ALL PROCEEDS DONATED TO CHARITY****HOSTED BY DJ JACK CLARK****ALL CARS WELCOME****REGISTRATION TENT UPON ARRIVAL****TROPHIES FOR:****BEST IN SHOW + \$100 CASH PRIZE****PEOPLE'S CHOICE + \$50 CASH PRIZE****PEER JUDGED TOP 30****BEST PAINT****LOUDEST EXHAUST****DASH PLAQUES FOR FIRST 100 CARS****FREE GIVE-AWAYS TO ALL REGISTERED CARS****DOOR PRIZES****50/50****LIVE MUSIC FROM
GRIDLEY PAIGE****HOT AIR BALLOON RIDES****HELICOPTER LANDING****FOOD TRUCKS****VENDORS****CHILD SAFE IDS****BOUNCE HOUSES****ACTIVITIES FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY****FIREWORKS AT DUSK****AND MUCH MORE****FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK @CARANDCORNSHOW**



Special Town Board Meeting - July 2, 2025

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

Council Members Present:

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

Also Present Were:

Clerk to Supervisor Jeffery Dingman, Town Attorney Mark Wolber, and Town Resident John Werczynski.

West Schuyler Water Project Discussion:

Supervisor Beach opened the meeting at 6:00 P.M. and led the assembled people in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Various topics were discussed by the Board, Town Attorney Mark Wolber, and Resident John Werczynski pertaining to the West Schuyler Water Project, specifically the contract with Mohawk Valley Water Authority, the Town's responsibilities if the contract were signed, and the process for assigning a bonding company.

Executive Session:

Motion by Juliano, second by Dodge to enter into Executive Session at 6:40 P.M. Motion by Szesny, second by Dodge to return to regular session at 7:20 P.M.

Motion to Close:

There being no further business to come before the Town Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 P.M. Motion by Kane, second by Juliano. All in favor.

Clerk to Supervisor Jeffery P. Dingman

Public Hearing for Community Development Block Grant - July 9, 2025

Council Members Present:

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

Also Present Were:

Town Clerk Barbara J. Boulia, Clerk to Supervisor Jeffery Dingman, and Town Attorney Mark Wolber. Absent was Superintendent of Highways Philip Johnson. Also present were Town Residents Ruby Beach, Heather Tehan, Donald Haman, Harry Robbins, Sarah Collignon, John Werczynski, Dale Dodge, and A.J. Klimek.

Public Hearing Regarding CDBG Grant at 5:30 P.M.:

Supervisor Beach opened the Public Hearing at 5:30 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. He said New York State has a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program with \$22.4 million available for grant money. He said it could be used for the West Schuyler Water Project. He also said there is \$20 million available for public structures. Supervisor Beach asked if there were any comments for questions, which there were none. The Public Hearing was therefore closed at 5:45 P.M.

Town Board Meeting - July 9, 2025
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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 June 11, 2025

Motion by Szesny, second by Juliano that the Minutes of June 11, 2025 be approved as printed, all in favor.

Pay Bills:

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

Highway Report by Philip Johnson:

Supervisor Beach said he is on vacation.

Codes Officer Report by Philip Green:

Codes Officer Phil Green said he has been working on Building Permits. He also said he is working on four complaints.

Assessor Report:

Not available.

Court Request for School:

Supervisor Beach said he has a letter from the Court Judges regarding training for the Court Clerks. They are to attend the function in Albany; the dates will be September 29, 2025 through October 2, 2025.

Motion by Kane, second by Juliano authorizing the Court Clerk and Town Judges to attend training; all in favor.

Supervisor Report by Ron Beach:

C2AE Report

Mike Jantz from C2AE said they are still waiting for the go-ahead from the Department of Health. He said they will get back to us by Friday.

Appoint Fair Housing Officer

Supervisor Beach said we need to appoint a Fair Housing Officer and he would like to appoint Philip Green to that position.

Motion by Dodge, second by Juliano to appoint Philip Green as Fair Housing Officer; all in favor.

Approve Community Development Block Grant

Motion by Dodge, second by Juliano to apply for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG); all in favor.



Town Board Meeting - July 9, 2025 cont'd.

Update Regarding ADP

Supervisor Beach said ADP will be doing the payroll for the Town. ADP will be here on Monday for all the information.

Town Park

Supervisor Beach said there has been vandalism on both the gazebo and also on a tree, where somebody stripped all the bark off the tree. This happened on Wood Lane.

Water Board Report by Dale Dodge:

Dale Dodge said everything is quiet.

Planning Board Report by Jeff Dingman:

Jeffery Dingman said there has not been a meeting in July.

Public Comment:

Town Resident Donald Haman asked about the income survey that G&G is doing for the West Schuyler Water Project - who is paying them? He was advised that the Town has paid a down payment and the total will be approximately \$5,200.00 to G&G.

Mr. Haman interprets State Law Article 209E 2B to say that any resident located in the District who voted No, should be removed from the Water District. The only ones who will benefit from the West Schuyler water will be the ones who voted for it.

Motion to Close:

There being no further business to come before the Town Board, a motion was made at 6:50 P.M. to adjourn meeting by Dodge, second by Juliano; all in favor.

Barbara J. Boulia, Town Clerk

Special Town Board Meeting - July 21, 2025

Council Members Present:

Supervisor Ronald Beach, Councilman Rodney Dodge, Eric Kane, and Joe Juliano. Absent was Councilwoman Bette Szesny.

Also Present Were:

Clerk to Supervisor Jeffery Dingman, Town Attorney Mark Wolber, Herkimer County Legislator Anthony Lucenti, Bill Kimble and Michael Jantz from C2AE.

Special Town Board Meeting - July 21, 2025 cont'd.**West Schuyler Water Project Discussion:**

Supervisor Beach opened the meeting at 7:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Attorney Mark Wolber discussed some of the concerns with signing the contract with Mohawk Valley Water Authority. The two types of bonds were discussed - performance bond and warranty bond.

Motion by Dodge, second by Juliano to sign the contract with Mohawk Valley Water Authority; all in favor.

Resolution for Jay Grasso to write the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) by Dodge, second by Juliano; all in favor.

It was decided that the Open Bid Date would be October 15, 2025 at 2:00 P.M.

A possible municipal agreement with the Town of Deerfield will be looked into.

Motion to Close:

There being no further business to come before the Town Board, a motion was made at 9:06 P.M. by Dodge, second by Juliano; all in favor.

Jeffery P. Dingman, Clerk to Town Supervisor

**Congratulations Bette Szesny!!**

Recently Town of Schuyler Councilwoman Bette Szesny was recognized by the Mohawk Valley Water Authority for her 30 years of dedicated service to the Water Authority.

Bette is a founding member of the Board of Directors and has made significant, numerous contributions to the Authority while simultaneously serving the residents Schuyler.

We thank you so much for representing Schuyler for all these years!!





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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 the Historical
Society at: 317-917-
3334. If no one is
available to take your
call, please leave a
message.



Town Assessor

Dan 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