



# Schuyler Town Newsletter

TOWN OF SCHUYLER, HERKIMER COUNTY, NEW YORK

MARCH 2026

## Celebrate USA's 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday

What is the origin of the expression "Not worth the paper it's printed on."

Where is the location of the American Colonies' first toll road?

Today we say "lieutenant". In colonial times people said "left tenant". Why?

Join us on Sunday, April 12, 2026 at Schuyler Town Office from 2:00 to 4:00 pm to get these and many other questions answered.

Darryl Gillette, a lifelong town resident and historian, will be on hand to bring history to life. Mr. Gillette has a vast knowledge of American history, as well as the history of our town of Schuyler.

The Town of Schuyler Historical Society is proud to host this entertaining and educational free event.

Please see page 4 for additional details.



## Monthly Birthday Celebration!!



Join us in celebrating Schuyler Birthdays!

Each month, submitted names will be drawn for a birthday cake or gift card. Please submit Birthdays (name, date of birthday, and phone number) by the 15th of each month to: [birthdays@townofschuylerny.gov](mailto:birthdays@townofschuylerny.gov)



### February Birthday of the Month

Congratulations to Maeve Thomas, whose Birthday is February 27th!!

Maeve won a gift card to our local Dollar General store!



#### 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. Enjoy your choice of a gift card to a local business or homemade birthday cake.

### Submitted February Birthdays - Happy Birthday Everyone!

Steve Haman	February 3	Brian Moffatt	February 5
Jacob Goodchild	February 6	Erika Hawes	February 15

### Happy 234th Birthday to the Town of Schuyler on April 10th!!

#### 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 11 A.M.  
297 Wood Lane in Schuyler



**Schuyler Volunteer Fire Company Inc**

**MID-WINTER**

**CHICKEN BBQ**

**STATION 1**

**MARCH 8<sup>th</sup>**

*Noon til gone*



The West Schuyler United Methodist Church on 297 Wood Lane, invites **ALL** denominations to a free will offering community **BREAKFAST** on **Saturday March 14th** starting at 9:00 am. We'll have pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausages and your choice of beverage and more!

All are welcome to join our regular Sunday service at 11:00 A.M.



**Celebrate the USA's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday by learning more about America!**

Do you have questions like...

Why is our town named *Schuyler*?

Was Benedict Arnold really a traitor?

Was the banner sewn from bits of clothing worn by soldiers at Fort Stanwix the first American flag to fly in combat?

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## TOWN OF SCHUYLER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

### The Schuyler Chronicles ~~~ Issue # 21 ~ March 2026

For many Schuyler residents, 4-H was an important part of their youth. This month I invited two people to write about 4-H Clubs in the Town of Schuyler. Marie Grose researched the history of 4-H Clubs in our town, and Anne (Gonciarz) Bazan, my sister, happily wrote down many of her memories as a member of the Jolly Juniors 4-H club. Our mom, Victoria Gonciarz, was their leader for many years.

Marie discovered that there were six chartered 4-H clubs in Schuyler:

- \*Jolly Juniors was chartered in April 1939. Vera Budlong and Maryette Ranney were the founding leaders.
- \*Minot Good Aim was formed in March of 1940.
- \*East Schuyler Hillbillies was formed in 1962 and reorganized in 1980.
- \*The Hustlers was based in West Schuyler.
- \*The Clover Leaf 4-H Club was also based in West Schuyler.
- \*The Cow Patties Club was based in East Schuyler.

Currently, there are no 4-H clubs in Schuyler. Herkimer County has four active clubs per the Herkimer County Cooperative Extension. Please let the Town of Schuyler Historical Society know if there were any additional 4-H Clubs in our town. If you participated, you still may have memorabilia tucked away in scrap books in your attic such as County/State Fair ribbons, 4-H logoed projects or articles of clothing (jackets or tee shirts). What kind of memories do these bring back?

Anne's memories start from age 8 until she was 17. She says, "To this day, I have so many good memories. Although many people believed 4-H clubs were for rural and farm kids, I was the only member in our club that lived on a farm when I joined in 1961. I was also attending the one-room school on Cosby Manor Road at the time. Other students from the school joined the club at the same time as I did. Over the years, other Schuyler boys and girls would join.

"Each club had adult leaders. Victoria Gonciarz (our mother) became our club's leader a short time after I joined. Meetings were held once per month (except over the summer) on a weeknight and mom brought my sister along to 'babysit'. Because she was too young to join, Chris became our club 'mascot'. The meetings started with the sergeant-at-arms leading the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H Pledge. The President then pounded the gavel to open the meeting.

"Programs offered depended on the time of year. We could choose from cooking (indoor or outdoor), sewing, gardening, and more. These programs were available under the guidance of the Herkimer County Cooperative Extension. They provided training for the leaders and materials for the club members who signed up for the programs. A family favorite recipe to this day from the outdoor cooking guide is Sloppy Joes.

"Once a year we had Demonstration Day. This day always terrified me as I was shy and feared public speaking. No one was exempt from this. My very first one was 'How to Set a Table'. This one was a super formal table setting with many dishes, glasses, and silverware. I don't know how Mom talked me into this one, but looking back, I'm glad she did. We first had club-level presentations and from these, several members were chosen to go on to District Demonstration Day. This event featured members from various clubs in the district. We were judged and received certificates of participation.

"For the girls who sewed, we had a Dress Revue. Once again, we had club-level demonstrations, then some girls went on to District Dress Revue. We modeled the clothes we made, from aprons to prom gowns, and everything in between. I remember the first garment I made was an apron and sewed it on my grandmother's treadle sewing machine. I was so proud! However, I did not model my apron.

This is just an introduction of some of my many 4-H memories. I was invited to write several more articles recalling other activities over the years. If you have any memories of 4-H and the Jolly Juniors, feel free to contact Christine Proulx, my sister and editor of the newsletter."

Thank you Marie and Anne! Marie also included the 4-H Pledge. Do you know what the 4 H's stand for?

***I pledge my Head to clearer thinking, my Heart to greater loyalty, my Hands to larger service, and my Health to better living for my club, my community, my country, and my world.*** ('World' was added in 1973). What better topic to celebrate the month of March? We hope you enjoyed this issue.

Christine Proulx, Recording Secretary and Editor of the Schuyler Chronicles





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**Town Board Meeting - February 9, 2026**

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**Council Members Present:**

Dale Dodge, Joe Juliano, Eric Kane, and George Luther III, and Supervisor John Werczynski.

Supervisor John Werczynski called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

**Also Present Were:**

Town Attorney Mark Wolber and Clerk to Supervisor Jeff Dingman.

**Record Minutes:**

Motion by Juliano, second by Kane to have Dale Dodge record the minutes. All in favor.

**Executive Session:**

Motion by Kane, second by Juliano to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter. All in favor.

Motion by Kane, second by Luther to come out of executive session at 6:05pm. All in favor.

Town Clerk Andrea Crossett notified the Town Board of her resignation effective tonight, 2/9/2026.

Motion by Kane, second by Dodge to appoint Kristin Salamone as Town Clerk. All in favor.

**Approve Minutes:**

Motion by Kane, second by Juliano to approve the minutes from the 12/10/2025 Town Board meeting. Dodge, aye; Juliano, aye; Kane, aye; Luther, abstain; Werczynski, aye.

**Audio Recording of December 10, 2025:**

Motion by Dodge, second by Kane to place the audio recording of the 12/10/2025 Town Board meeting on the town website. Dodge, aye; Juliano, aye; Kane, aye; Luther, abstain; Werczynski, aye.

**Motion to Close Meeting:**

Motion by Juliano, second by Dodge to adjourn the meeting at 8pm. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8pm.

*Submitted by Dale Dodge*

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<b>Town Board Meeting - February 11, 2026</b>
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**Town Board Members Present:**

Supervisor John Werczynski, Councilmen Joe Juliano, Dale Dodge, Eric Kane, and George Luther III.

**Also Present were:**

Town Clerk Kristin Salamone, Highway Superintendent Phillip Johnson, Clerk to Town Supervisor Jeffery Dingman, Codes Officer Bianka Rico, and Town Residents Marshall Winn, Chris and Rick Proulx, Tim Riecker, Harry Robbins, JoAnn Mammone, John Dickan, Sarah Collignon, Joseph Salamone, Anthony Lucenti, and representative Christian Brunelle from Byrne Dairy.

The regular meeting before the Town of Schuyler Town Board was called to order by Supervisor Werczynski at 6:05P.M., at the Schuyler Town Office, 2090 State Route 5, Utica, NY. Supervisor Werczynski led the people in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**Codes Officer Report:**

Motion made by Kane, seconded by Dodge, to approve the hiring of Bianka Rico as Town of Schuyler's New Codes Officer; all in favor.

**Motion of Approve Minutes:**

Motion by Juliano, seconded by Luther to approve the Town Clerk minutes from board meetings December 31, 2025, January 14, 2026, and February 9, 2026; all in favor.

Town resident Tim Riecker asked if the minutes from the previous meetings will be published as he hadn't seen them in the newsletter. Councilman Kane responded that the minutes will be published once they have been approved.

**Approval of Projects:**

Planning Board Secretary Jeffery Dingman reported the Stark Development, LLC project was approved at the Planning Board's meeting on Wednesday, February 4, 2026. Motion to finalize the approved project was made by Juliano, seconded by Dodge; all in favor.

Byrne Dairy Senior Executive Vice President Christian Brunelle reported the Byrne Dairy project was approved at the Planning Board meeting on Wednesday, February 4, 2026. Christian provided a quick overview of the project. Comments from the board members included "Your plans were perfect. You really did your homework, and we are happy you are coming." - Juliano "I am in favor of this project." -Kane "I am also happy with this project. I visited your other new store and it's a very nice store." -Dodge. The question was asked about providing non-ethanol. Christian replied, "Yes. All Byrne Dairys have it." Christian also stated once the store is up and running, it will be open 24 hours a day/7 days a week.

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<b>Town Board Meeting - February 11, 2026 cont'd.</b>
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**Herkimer County Legislator's Report:**

Anthony Lucenti stated several people have been asking about the County Budget for 2026. Mr. Lucenti went on to say he will be speaking about this topic at Herkimer College on Friday, February 13, 2026. Mr. Lucenti summarized the status of the budget for the board members. On a positive note, he announced that the sales tax is up \$2 million from last year.

**New Employment Policy:**

After reading the current employment policy, Town Attorney Mark Wolber was asked by the board to update the employment policy. Mr. Wolber reviewed this updated policy. Motion for the updated employment policy was made by Luther, seconded by Dodge; all in favor.

**ZBA Reports:**

Chairman JoAnn Mammone made a recommendation for Kari Puleo for new Zoning Board Member taking the place of Angela DeMichele. Motion made by Dodge, seconded by Kane, all in favor.

Eric Kane asked ZBA Chairperson JoAnn Mammone about the status of the solar panels. She responded after talking with engineer, the next step is to set up a meeting with Arcadia to get the Gaetano project moving. The meeting will be on Wednesday, February 25, 2026.

**Highway Report:**

Superintendent of Highways Philip Johnson stated the highway team has been busy plowing and sanding. He also stated the town has a good stockpile of salt that will get us through the rest of the season.

**Supervisor's Report:**

Town Supervisor Werczynski requested a meeting with Kristin Salamone for Monday, February 16, 2026, at 6:30pm.

**Motion to close the meeting:**

Motion to close the meeting made by Juliano, seconded by Kane, all in favor.

**Motion to re-open meeting to pay bills:**

A motion was made by Juliano, seconded by Kane to re-open the meeting for the approval of bills; bills were approved; all in favor.

**Motion to re-close meeting:**

Motion to re-close the meeting made by Kane, seconded by Juliano, all in favor.

*Kristin Salamone, Town Clerk*

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<b>Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes - February 25, 2026</b>
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**Zoning Board Members Present:**

Chairperson JoAnn Mammone, Jeffery Dingman, Sarah Collignon, Cosmo Pelligrino, and Kari Puleo.

**Also Present Were:**

Wanda Livigni and John Bay with Acadia Energy Corp., Bill Gaetano, Tim Carpenter with MRB Engineering, Town Attorney Mark Wolber, Town Supervisor John Werczynski, County Legislature Anthony Lucenti.

Chairperson Mammone opened the meeting at 6:00 P.M. and led the people in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**Review of Pending Application by Acadia Energy Corp.:**

Tim Carpenter was invited to direct questions to Wanda Livigni and John Bay representing Acadia Energy Corp., and also to the Board regarding the solar project. Many of the questions pertained to access and alert systems that the Town's Emergency Services would need to have to the site (Fire Dept., Police, and other Emergency Response Workers) as well as what would need to be locked. This opened discussion and questioning by the Town's Attorney, Mark Wolber and the Board, if the Fire Dept. was equipped to deal with any potential electrical fires. Carpenter was directly asked about the risk of fires in solar farms and he said that the risk is very low. Wolber wanted more detail and breakdown of the decommission costs for the project, particularly disposal of the panels. Acadia Energy Corp. said they will give a more in-depth breakdown of those numbers. Acadia will be responsible for cleaning the panels quarterly and checking for any damage.

Anthony Lucenti said that he and Supervisor Werczynski met with the Acadia Representatives and discussed that in the Town Solar Ordinance, there is a "Green Law" (Local Law 2023-1) which allows money to come back to the Town to be used for recreation projects. A current prospect for this money would be for the Wood Lane park.

Livigni requested that the Board approve a Special Use Permit, contingent on the recommendations of the Engineer, Attorney, and Fire Chief. This would allow Acadia to move forward with funding for the project. Wolber said given the fact that there could be several technical contingencies, the Board would still need to have a final vote to grant the Special Use Permit. Livigni pointed out that she had submitted required paperwork on Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>, suggesting that this was ample time for review. Wolber responded saying this is a potential 30-year project, so all issues need to be reviewed and considered, and 5 weeks isn't a long time. Wolber said that he mentions this because he is looking out for the best interest of the Town.

A suggestion was made by Chairperson Mammone to go into an Executive Session.

**Motion for Executive Session:**

Motion by Puelo, second by Dingman to go into Executive Session to discuss a legal matter; all in favor.

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**Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes - February 25, 2026 cont'd.**

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**.Motion to return from Executive Session:**

Motion by Dingman, second by Collignon to return from Executive Session and resume meeting; all in favor.

**Motion to Approve Concept:**

Motion by Dingman, second by Puelo to approve the basic concept of the project; all in favor.  
Open Discussion: Chairperson Mammone and Pelegrino said that the ZBA is in favor of this project moving forward, however they feel it is in the best interest of the Town to make sure our process is followed. This would mean that the Engineer, Attorney, and Fire Chief have been able to review the documents and have their conditions met before approving a Special Use Permit.

Another meeting will take place on March 25, 2026 at 6:00 PM. A request was made for the Engineer, Attorney, and Fire Chief to meet with Wanda Livigni at 5:30 PM that evening to discuss their conditions before the meeting.

**Motion to Approve Minutes:**

Motion by Puelo, second by Pellegrino to approve the February 3, 2026 ZBA minutes; all in favor.

**Motion to Close Meeting:**

There being no additional business, a motion to close the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting was made at 8:10 P.M. by Collignon, second by Dingman; all in favor.

*Submitted by Sarah Collignon and Jeffery Dingman*



**We're All In!**

 **Love Little Falls?**

*There's an app for that!*



**Free Download**



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

**2026 Rabies Vaccination Schedule**

Thursday, March 26th 5:30 - 7:00 P.M.	East Herkimer Fire Department 193 Main Road, East Herkimer
Thursday, April 9th 5:30 - 7:00 P.M.	Ohio Community Rec. Center 140 Nellis Road, Ohio
Wednesday, April 29th 5:30 - 7:00 P.M.	Dolgeville Fire Department 20 South Helmer Ave., Dolgeville
Thursday, May 7th 5:00 - 6:30 P.M.	Old Forge Library 220 Crosby Blvd., Old Forge
Thursday, June 4th 5:30 - 7:00 P.M.	Norway Community Center 3114 Military Road, Norway
Thursday, June 25th 5:30 - 7:00 P.M.	East Herkimer Fire Department 193 Main Road, East Herkimer
Thursday, July 16th 5:30 - 7:00 P.M.	Danube Town Garage 438 Creek Road, Little Falls
Thursday, August 20th 5:30 - 7:00 P.M.	Salisbury Fire Department 2549 State Route 29, Salisbury Center
Thursday, September 17th 5:30 - 7:00 P.M.	Cedarville Fire Department 960 State Route 51, Cedarville
Thursday, October 1st 5:30 - 7:00 P.M.	Little Falls Town Garage 478 Flint Ave. Ext., Little Falls
Saturday, November 14th 10:00 A.M. - Noon	East Herkimer Fire Department 193 Main Road, East Herkimer

- Dogs and cats must be vaccinated between 3 and 4 months old, 1 year later, and then once every 3 years, even if they stay indoors.
- Ferrets must be vaccinated every year.
- Dogs, cats, and ferrets must be on a leash, or in a carrier.
- Owners are responsible for cleaning up after their pets.
- No vet exams will be given.
- A \$5.00 donation per pet is suggested to defray costs.
- Doors will not open until clinic start time. In adverse weather, wait in your vehicle.  
**Bring proof of your pet's last rabies vaccination to receive a 3-year certificate**  
**For faster service please call 315-867-1176 and pre-register!**



## 2026 Town Dumpster Dates

April 18 and April 19  
June 13 and June 14  
August 15 and August 16  
October 17 and October 18

Saturday: 8 A.M.- 4 P.M.  
Sunday: 8 A.M.- Noon

### 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 - \$3 each

Permits available from the Town Clerk's Office for \$10  
(valid for entire year)

Proof of town residency (valid driver's license) required





# FREE TAX PREP

You may qualify for FREE tax preparation through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program if your household income was less than \$67,000 through employment in 2024.

- **No Walk-Ins**
- **Appointments Available (Feb. through Apr.)**
- **Returns Filed Electronically**
- **Refunds *Usually* Available Within Two (2) Weeks of Filing**



# FOODsense



## NEW On-Line Ordering Available

You can now place your Food \$en\$e orders online in three easy steps!

1. Visit [foodsense.foodbankcny.org](http://foodsense.foodbankcny.org) and select your participating pick-up location.
2. Select the items you would like to purchase.
3. Pay with your credit/debit card or SNAP/EBT is now online only.

In person cash, orders for MARCH, can still be placed at:  
 Presbyterian Church 90 Morgan St., Ilion on March 9 - 13, 2026 from 10am-11:30 am  
 Last day to order On-Line is Monday March 16, 2026.

PICK UP for all orders placed in March will be at:  
 Presbyterian Church 90 Morgan St., Ilion, on March 27, 2026 from 10am-11am

Reminder - you can place an order for April, when you pick up your March order

### MARCH PACKAGE (\$20.50)

Pork Tenderloin, 1.8 lbs (avg.)	Stuffed Rigatoni, 12 oz.
Chicken, 1.17 lbs. (avg.)	Chopped Broccoli, 1 lb.
Ground Beef, 1lb.	Carrots, 14.5 oz.
Fish Sticks, 1 lb.	Mandarin Oranges, 11 oz.
Chicken Pot Pie, 7 oz.	Fresh Produce #1
Macaroni & Cheese (boxed) 7.25 oz	Fresh Produce #2

### MARCH SPECIALS:

- Spiral Honey Ham, 9 lbs. (avg.) for \$16.00: The spiral honey ham is fully cooked and avg. 9 lbs.
- Meatloaf, 2 lbs. for \$11.00: The meatloaf is an equal blend of beef, pork and veal, frozen.
- Shrimp Alfredo, 24 oz. for \$6.00: The shrimp alfredo is a complete meal with shrimp, pasta & vegetables in a creamy alfredo sauce.
- American Cheese, 5 lbs. for \$11.50: The sliced American cheese is not individually wrapped.
- BBQ Chicken Wings, 25.5. oz. for \$7.00: The BBQ chicken wings are frozen and oven or air-fryer ready.
- Stuffed Shells, 48 oz. for \$7.50: The stuffed shells are frozen and have 18 shells per special.

Food \$en\$e Shoppers: Please remember that sites cannot hold any packages after the scheduled pick-up time. If you have a conflict, give your receipt to a friend and they may claim the package for you or it will be donated to the Food Pantry across from Catholic Charities.

If you have any questions, please speak to the site volunteers when you sign up or call Catholic Charities at 315-894-9917. Thank you.

For Questions, please call 315-894-9917



Schuyler Town Newsletter

Happy St. Patrick's Day



STANDARD U.S. POSTAGE PAID PERMIT #566 UTICA, NY

**Town and Court Clerk's Hours**  
Monday - Friday 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 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**  
  
317-917-3334  
  
Please leave a message if no one is available

**Town Assessor**  
  
Amie Maxwell: 315-733-7458 ext. 225  
  
Office Hours Tuesdays 1 P.M. - 3 P.M. or by appointment

**Codes Enforcement Officer**  
  
Call Before Starting ANY Building Project  
  
Bianka Rico: 315-940-9935

**Dog Control Officer**  
  
Andrew Tiohan  
  
315-404-8447

**New York State Police or Fire Dial 911**

**East Schuyler Miller Cemetery**  
**Burial Sites Available**  
  
For information and current pricing, contact:  
Harry Robbins, President at 315-269-0861

**West Schuyler Miller Cemetery**  
**Burial Sites Available**  
  
For information and current pricing, contact:  
Earl Haman at 315-733-2920



**S/Sgt. John A. LaPolla Post #8728 VFW**  
**240 Wood Lane**



**Mike Collver, Commander**  
**Post Phone: 315-733-6609**  
**Commander Mike Collver Phone Number: 315-525-3680**  
Post Social Hour held Fridays at 3 P.M. ALL WELCOME