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FFA is a school-based agricultural education program, which promotes developing students' potential for leadership, personal growth and career success.

In Schoharie County there are currently four FFA programs with approximately 285 students actively participating.

Schoharie County FFA chapters include Cobleskill-Richmondville High School, Middleburgh High School, Schoharie High School, and Sharon Springs High School.

The letters "FFA" stand for Future Farmers of America. These letters are a part of our history and our heritage that will never change, however FFA is not just for students who want to be farmers or work in agriculture; FFA also welcomes members who aspire to careers as teachers, doctors, scientists, business owners and more.

FFA continues to help the next generation rise to meet industry challenges by helping

members develop their own unique talents and explore their interests in a broad range of agricultural career pathways.

During the Sunshine Fair, FFA chapters have interactive displays and demonstrations in

Progressland. Bring your family and try your hand at FFA skills competitions, including Wildlife ID, Aquaculture, Veterinary science, and more, or learn more about agriculture's role in our community through demonstrations, storybook readings, and activities for children.

A full schedule of events will be posted at our booth and don't forget to stop by the livestock barns to meet FFA members who are showing their project animals.

FFA members would be happy to answer your questions, and to share information about their project animals and their participation in the FFA program. We are looking forward to seeing you in Progressland and the livestock barns!

ANIMALS

BEEF CATTLE

Did you know New York State has nearly 12,800 cattle farms with 1.4 million cattle and calves overall, including almost 110,000 beef cows supplying nutritious, wholesome beef to consumers?

The beef industry is one of the top five agricultural sectors in New York with 92% of New York beef farms being family owned and operated. These hard-working and dedicated men and women tend to their cattle all year in preparation for the Schoharie County Sunshine Fair.

Beef cattle exhibitors spend countless hours working with their livestock, feeding, washing and teaching calves to walk in the show ring, to present their cattle to the best of their ability on show day. Be sure to swing by the show barn to see their hard work on display!

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Dairy livestock will be on exhibit during the week of the Schoharie County Sunshine Fair beginning Tuesday, August 5th through Sunday, August 10th.

Whether you live in the country or the middle of town, the fair gives everyone the opportunity to see the many



different aspects of agriculture. During the fair, the dairy barn will be full of dairy cattle and people willing to share what it

takes to care for these animals. Farmers work hard every day and the fair gives them the opportunity to share this experience with the community. They do this by answering questions to better educate the community about dairy farming and all that is required.

Dairy shows are scheduled for Wednesday and Friday. These shows provide exhibitors the opportunity to demonstrate their hard work and commitment they have done throughout the year. You will hear about the major characteristics that the judge is looking for in the animals to determine how to rank them during the competition. Junior exhibitors compete in Showmanship classes demonstrating how well they “fit and prepare” their animals for the show and their knowledge of showing dairy animals. Showmanship is a competition between the exhibitors, while the dairy classes are focused on the characteristics of the animals and which ones portray the best traits for the dairy breed the animal represents.

Come see the dairy cows again this year every day of the fair. Take the time to visit with your friends and neighbors, as they take time to share their lifestyle with the community.

GOATS

Did you know goats are known to be one of the oldest domesticated animals, being domesticated in the Fertile Crescent roughly 10,000 years ago?

Today, there are more than 200 recognized domestic goat breeds. There are three types of domestic goats – dairy, meat and fiber producing, all



of which can be shown at the fair.

Their friendly nature makes them one of the more popular animals for children to show at the Schoharie County Sunshine Fair.

Dairy goats are judged based on their udder quality, breed characteristics and confirmation just like a dairy cow. Goat milk is commonly made into yogurt, cheese, soap, creams and many more products.

Meat goats are judged on confirmation, muscling and market readiness. Although it is a less popular meat in the United States, goat is a delicacy for many cultures.

Goat exhibitors at the Schoharie County Sunshine Fair work hard to prepare their goats for the fair. Beginning in the spring, they handle their livestock daily, allowing them to become accustomed to people and being in a show collar. To see these curious little creatures, stop by the goat barn at the Schoharie County Sunshine Fair!

HORSE SHOWS AT THE SCHOHARIE COUNTY SUNSHINE FAIR

Six consecutive days of horse shows. There are shows going all six days at the Sunshine Fair, and there is something for everyone to watch.

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Fair at 12.00 PM on Tuesday. This is a BIG event with lots of speed.

The Sanctioned NBHA Barrel Race Come and watch the horses and riders turn and burn.

DONKEY AND MULE SHOW

Come watch in the Superior Housing Arena the Donkey and Mule Show. This show is growing by leaps and bounds with exhibitors and spectators both. There are three distinct divisions at the show to include Miniature Donkeys, Standard & Mammoth Donkeys, and Mules & hybrids.



We are starting the event with the very popular spectator sport of Coon Jumping! The animals compete against each other by jumping an obstacle from a standstill! This originated from when farmers would hunt Raccoons (to help keep raccoon damage to cornfields a

minimum). Followed by timed obstacles, pleasure riding and driving. Spicing things up will be the Cloverleaf Barrel race, with some shown under saddle and others driving. To showcase the natural beauty and gaits of donkeys and mules, Liberty class is offered this year – so tap your toes to the music and cheer on your favorite long eared friend! Halter and Showmanship will be included in the show. Our enthusiastic exhibitors work all year long to come up with just the most interesting Costumes, for a special class where both Exhibitor and donkey & mules dress in theme! And because donkeys and mules just love to roll in dirt, the “First to Roll” contest wraps up the event. Good for a laugh, with vocal donkeys and exhibitors. Come have fun and watch the action!

THE DRAFT SHOW

Don't miss the Draft Show on Wednesday in the Superior Housing Arena. This prestigious show draws many exhibitors from all over the State. You will see Belgians, Percherons, Clydesdales, Shires, Grade Draft Horse, Donkeys, and Draft Ponies parading in front of the judge trying to win the Earl S. Rickard Memorial Supreme Grand Champion Draft Horse of the Fair. Many new classes have been added this year for a wide range of ages of exhibitors. The premier class is the



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six-horse hitch, which adds flare to the show. The show offers hitch classes for draft horses plus the draft ponies also.

THE 4-H GYMKHANA SHOW

In the Bruce Cater Memorial Arena you will see 4-H Gymkhana Show. An action packed event – watch the Youth of Schoharie County race against the clock with their trusty steed! Pole bending, barrel racing and so much more! Visit the horse stables, to see the hard work these 4-H'ers put into decorating the stalls for the fair!

4-H HORSE SHOW - THURSDAY

The 4-H Horse Show, includes showmanship, English & Western riding and Driving classes and are offered throughout the day. Individual events include jumping and trail course events. Please cheer on the 4-H youth, as the fair showcases their yearlong work training and preparing their horses for this highlight of the summer!

Sunshine Show Series Open Horse Show - Friday

The Superior Housing Arena will be the location of the Open Show on Friday! This event will start with Jumping classes – offering events for ponies and horses. Next will be the little kids ages 3 to 8 years old riding their horses and ponies in Leadline Classes. The remainder of the day includes equitation, pleasure,

hunter under saddle, disciplined rail and other judged events. See if you can match the judges picks for the blue ribbon!

SUNSHINE SHOW SERIES OPEN HORSE SHOW - SATURDAY

The Superior Housing Arena is not only a day of big hats, big buckles, big saddles, chaps and spurs, but also for English riders and Driving enthusiasts. First up in the morning are halter classes, where the judge determines the winner by breed type, way of going and conformation. Showmanship classes showcase the

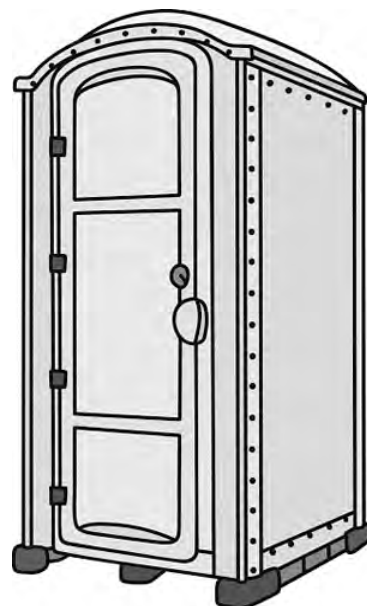


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exhibitors' abilities to show off their horse in hand. Next up is driving classes for very small equines to big horses! Rounding off the day are a number of classes for both English and Western riders including equitation, pleasure, disciplined rail and many more. The growing popularity of the Ranch Horse division is also offered. Spectators will get to see lead changes and rollbacks as just some of the many maneuvers in competition. Special High Point Performance Awards are the highlight of the show, with exhibitors competing in four different classes to win the award.

OPEN GYMKHANA - SATURDAY

Gymkhana is the equestrian term for Games on Horseback! Located in the Bruce Cater Memorial Arena, the fastest time wins in each of the events! Flag race, Pole Bending, Cloverleaf Barrels are just some of the many events that exhibitors compete against the clock for the Blue Ribbon! All these events are timed so whoever is the fastest wins the class. The most popular events to watch are Izzy Dizzy Race and the rescue race, which will have you laughing and cheering everyone on!

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MINIATURE HORSE & SHETLAND PONY SHOW - SUNDAY

Come watch the smallest horses in the world compete, along with Shetland ponies, in the Superior Housing Arena. We start the day early with performance classes



including carriage driving, roadsters, and pleasure driving with classes for both miniature horses and Shetland ponies. This nationally sanctioned event offers triple points to the exhibitors by the ASPC/AMHR, so this event is sure

to draw quality horses and ponies from as far away as Virginia! After the driving, the show will proceed with obstacle classes both driving and in hand, and jumping! A miniature horse jumping you say? Why YES!!! Several specialty classes are offered, and the day wraps up with breed halter classes. Get up close and personal with breeders and owners of these wonderful miniature horses and Shetland ponies. Exhibitors welcome questions and love to share these very small equines with the



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RABBITS

If you are looking for adorable entertainment, hop into the livestock barn to see fluffy rabbits and their owners. You will find rabbits of all colors and sizes on display at the Sunshine fair. Did you know rabbits can be trained to use a litter box or that many rabbits like to play with balls and toys? Rabbits also can be trained to walk on a leash just like a dog. The bunnies seen at the fair will be shown based on their confirmation and breed standard, fiber and cleanliness. Rabbits are raised for both their meat and hair, depending on their breed. You can stop in and watch the rabbit show, where exhibitors will hold their rabbits on a table for a judge. There will be a Rabbit Hopping Contest for all Rabbits. Rabbit owners from all over the county are always near to answer your questions about their favorite pets.

SHEEP

Do you enjoy a delicious lamb roast for a Sunday family dinner? Or maybe you love a warm wool sweater on a chilly winter day. Sheep farmers all over the county help to make those things possible.

They work hard all year feeding, handling and shear-

ing their sheep to produce meat,

and wool. Once a year at the Schoharie Sunshine Fair, these farmers have the opportunity to exhibit their animals and teach fairgoers all about their farm.

Depending on the breed of the sheep, it will be raised for wool or for meat. Breeds that are typically used for wool production include Romney's, Natural Colored, Cotswold, and

Scottish Blackface.

Dorsets, Suffolks, Cheviots and Southdowns are widely known for their quality meat production.

To prepare for the Schoharie County Sunshine Fair, farmers will start

by shearing off winter wool and working with the animals every day to help them become accustomed to people. In the show ring, judges look for sound skeletal structure, muscling, breed characteristic and depending on the breed, wool quality.



It is something you have to see for yourself, so stop in the sheep barn to

watch a sheep being sheared or fitted and ask one of our exhibitor's questions about their sheep!

SWINE

Being one of the most intelligent animals on the farm, exhibitors from all over the county raise hogs for breeding and market. Did you know pigs can be taught to come when you call their name?



Did you also know that pigs have an excellent sense of smell, and use their snout to navigate the world around them?

These smart creatures are shown in

a fenced in show ring and we can promise you will be thoroughly entertained as you watch their owners guide them around the open ring.

The pigs you see in the barns at the Schoharie County Sunshine Fair will be judged for either market or breed quality.

The hogs judged for market will be judged based on

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President's Message

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Cobleskill Agricultural Society we welcome you to the 149th edition of the Great Schoharie County Sunshine Fair.

As you enter our gates to the fair you will “Experience The Magic”, our theme for 2025. Once again our guidebook provides you with an unparalleled over all view in assisting in whatever day you plan to visit.

Educating and Entertaining is our goal and this year we have gone above and beyond. Harness Racing, over a 120 year tradition, opens the fair on Tuesday August 5th with post time at 12:00pm. Our other featured Grandstand events include the Famous Classic Rock Group Marshall Tucker Band along with Grand Central Station, “Parmalee” the Number One Country Group for 2024 with Big Sky Country plus all your favorites, Demo Derby's, along with Tractor and Truck pulls.

Returning by popular demand in our huge Sunshine Fair Entertainment Tent, Professional Wrestling along with everyone's favorite “Skeeter Creek”, The Irish Dancers and this years new Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee Chubby Checker along with Pauly and The Greaseballs in a three hour Pop, Rock and Doo Wop Concert on Saturday Evening – A show that's going to have you dancing out of your seats with music from the 50's, 60's and 70's. Classic Country music artist Rylee Lum who has opened for such greats as the Kentucky Headhunters and Randy Hauser rounds out our Sunday afternoon featured entertainment.

Highlighting our grounds entertainment lineup is none other than the Great Wesley Williams, just off tour with The Ringling Bros. & Barnum and Bailey Circus who will be taking the fair to an all new height riding his unicycle over 30' high holding the Guinness World Record.

Other exciting attractions for everyone to enjoy will be The All New Sunshine Fair Big Top Super Circus under the beautiful Red, White and Blue tent. Puppy Pals – as seen on America's Got Talent, Dock Dogs, HBH Clydesdales and Brian Ruth Master of the Chainsaw.

Agriculture plays a very important part here in Schoharie County and at The Sunshine Fair so we encourage you to visit our “Hall of Agricultural” along with our livestock and equine areas.

The Board of Directors of The Schoharie County Sunshine Fair take great pride in the many options and offerings that we have built in to this year's fair and hope that you enjoy your stay with us.

Doug Cater
President



Doug Cater, President

the correctness of their skeletal structure, overall muscle and readiness to go to market. These pigs will be shown throughout summer and then be sold to market.

Breeding pigs are judged for their breeding quality and characteristics and will be brought back to the farm to produce the show pigs for next year.

Stop into the Swine Barn at the Schoharie County Sunshine Fair to talk to an eager exhibitor and you might get to see a momma pig with a new litter of piglets!

ENTERTAINMENT

MARSHALL TUCKER BAND

Doug Gray – lead vocals, B.B. Borden – drums, Ryan Ware – bass / vocals, Marcus James Henderson – key-boards / saxophone / flute / vocals, Chris Hicks – guitar / vocals and Rick Willis – guitar / vocals When you wake up and want to put a smile on your face, you think of the songs that always manage to reach down and touch your soul the moment you hear the first note. The Marshall Tucker Band is one such group that continues to have a profound level of impact on successive generations of listeners who've been "Searchin' for a Rainbow" and found it perfectly represented by this



tried-and-true Southern institution over the decades. "I've been in tune with how music can make you feel, right from when I was first in the crib," explains lead vocalist and bandleader Doug Gray, who's been fronting the MTB since the very beginning. "I was born with that. And I realized it early on, back when I was a little kid and my mom and dad encouraged me to get up there and sing whatever song came on the jukebox. It got to the point where people were listening to me more than what was on the jukebox! There's a certain gift I found I could share, whether I was in front of five people or 20,000 people. I was blessed with that ability and I'm thankful I can share with others." The Marshall Tucker Band came together as a young, hungry, and quite driven six-piece outfit in Spartanburg, South Carolina in 1972, having duly baptized themselves with the name of a blind piano tuner after they found it inscribed on a key to their original rehearsal space — and they've been in tune with tearing it up on live stages both big and small all across the globe ever since. Plus, the band's mighty music catalog, consisting of more than 20 studio albums and a score of live releases, has racked up multi-platinum album sales many times over. A typically rich MTB setlist is bubbling over with a healthy dose of hits like the heartfelt singalong "Heard It in a Love Song," the insistent pleading of "Can't You See" (the signature tune of MTB's late co-founding lead guitarist and then-

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principal songwriter Toy Caldwell), the testifying “Fire on the Mountain,” the wanderlust gallop of “Long Hard Ride,” and the explosive testimony of “Ramblin,” to name but a few. Indeed, the secret ingredient to the ongoing success of The Marshall Tucker Band’s influence can be seen and felt far and wide throughout many mainstream digital outlets (Netflix, Amazon, etc.). In essence, it’s this inimitable down-home sonic style that helped make the MTB the first truly progressive Southern band to grace this nation’s airwaves — the proof of which can be found within the grooves and ever-shifting gears of “Take the Highway,” the first song on their self-titled April 1973 debut album on Capricorn Records, The Marshall Tucker Band. “We had the commonality of having all grown up together in Spartanburg,” explains Gray about his original MTB bandmates, guitar wizard Toy Caldwell and his brother, bassist Tommy Caldwell, alongside rhythm guitarist George McCorkle, drummer Paul T. Riddle, and flautist/saxophonist Jerry Eubanks. “The framework for Marshall Tucker’s music is more like a spaceship than a house,” Gray continues, “because you can look out of a lot of windows and see a variety of things that show where we’ve been and what we’ve done, and how we’ve travelled through time to bring those experiences out in all of our songs.”

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Chubby was awarded the first Platinum Single, the first Rock Grammy and has sold a astounding 250,000,000 records over the years. That's why Dick Clark has said: "The three most important things that ever happened in the Music Industry are Elvis Presley, The Beatles, and Chubby Checker."

Every time Chubby steps onto a stage, he demonstrates charisma and a unique quality that can never be equaled.

Chubby Checker is the most exciting performer out there and he only gets better with time.



PARMALEE

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of brothers Matt and Scott Thomas (lead vocals/guitar and drums, respectively), Cousin Barry Knox (bass), and life-long friend Josh McSwain (guitar/keyboard), the North Carolina natives first topped the charts with "Carolina," followed by their PLATINUM-certified No. 1 single with Blanco Brown, "Just the Way." They followed with "Take My Name," which was Billboard's Most Played Country Song of 2022. They recently scored their third consecutive #1 single with "Girl In Mine," which is Billboard's 8th Most Played Country Song of 2023. Those three #1's and 15 other tracks are available on their new album For You 2. For more information, visit: www.parmaleemusic.com.

BIG SKY COUNTRY

A high energy modern country band that takes great pride in its musicianship, professionalism, and putting on a great show. Formed in 2013, Big Sky Country has since established itself as one of the premier country bands in New York. BSC

released their first debut album, *Long Time Comin'*, in September 2024, featuring 15 songs

written and produced by BSC. BSC's expansive and ever growing song repertoire features their own originals and music from: Carrie Underwood, Morgan Wallen, Miranda Lambert, Luke Combs, Shania Twain, Zach Top, Lainey Wilson, Jackson Dean, Eric Church, Ella Laingley and everything in between. Featuring the powerhouse lead vocals of Chris Dukes and Ashley Gardner, the band has the versatility to cover music from all of the best artists in country music, as they keep fans up on their feet. Brad Gardner (Guitar) brings the rhythm each night, along with boot scootin moves that fans have grown to love. Mike Lemme (Lead Guitar & Producer) showcases his ripping guitar skills while covering all of the best guitar players Nashville has to offer. Chris Dukes, as well as vocals, adds a sweet harmony layer to the guitars. Rikk Anderson, long time music veteran, adds a skillful country element that only a steel guitar can bring to a band. The heart beat of the band comes from Eric Baumes (Bass), who's been laying down the foundation from day one. Driving this energetic group, is BSC drummer, Bobby Angilletta, who's unmatched rhythm skills round out this unique group. This top level musicianship is combined with five part harmonies that has distinguished BSC from the pack. Big Sky Country is a band that needs to be seen by any music fan, they will



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not be disappointed. Big Sky Country has shared the stage with Jake Owen, Eli Young Band, Craig Morgan, Raelynn, Lee Brice, Craig Campbell, and Clare Dunn among others.

You can download any of BSC's original music on all listening platforms!

CROSSFIRE

Aband based in Upstate NY, with a long time presence in Schoharie County. We play a high-octane, very danceable, mix of everything from rock, country, blues to even a few disco songs.”

Be sure to stop by Saturday August 9th in the Party Tent starting immediately after Chubby Checker’s performance.

GRAND CENTRAL STATION

Grand Central Station is an exclusive, full-service entertainment band specializing in live music in New York’s Capital Region. Engaged couples, event planners, and industry professionals all turn to Grand



Central Station for the highest caliber of entertainment.

Grand Central Station is

the preferred choice for the most discerning wedding clients. Having also performed for special events and celebrity clients and dignitaries, Grand Central Station embodies the right level of sophistication and flare for the most high-end events.

Knowing that every client and every crowd is uniquely different, Grand Central Station custom designs the music for each event. We work closely with each client to discover their favorite music styles, preferred artists,

and songs. The band then diligently rehearses and prepares all requested songs to perfection!

Grand Central Station prefers a high-energy dance experience. Reading the crowd is essential, and it’s our goal to get every guest on the dance floor! We combine an eclectic mix of classic hits and current top 40 radio favorites to appeal to every guest regardless of their musical taste, age or style.

RYLEE LUM



Music came very early to Rylee. He grew up listening to his Grandfather and three great uncles performing country music in their band “The Lum Brothers”. His Grandfather made his mark as the lead singer for the band. As a

result, country music was born in Rylee’s blood.

Rylee was 12 when he was presented with the New York State Country Music Hall of Fame Horizon Award. He first performed at Tooties on Broadway and was invited back to perform with one of their house bands,

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This place is like stepping into a time capsule. I have never seen anything like it. The docents and volunteers are fabulous. You don't feel like you're in a museum. You feel like you're in a time warp. Every single thing this family had, right down to notes and receipts, are in this house. Words cannot describe. Also, medical treatment 120+ years ago? No thank you. Yikes. 10/10

Michelle Fusco
★★★★★

If you have love for vintage ANYTHING I highly suggest a visit to the Dr. Best House. Beautiful, original architecture, fixtures, furniture, clothing, art, decor, medical equipment and supplies. The list of fascinating items to see and learn about is extensive and the history of the house and its inhabitants is quite interesting. I will be back and will bring friends!

Jennifer Barnett
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as well as other locations like Rippy's and Honky Tonk Central during CMA Fest 2019. He has been a guest performer at Music City Bar & Grill with the Music City Playboys. Also in 2019, Rylee traveled to Arkansas to be an opening act for the Kentucky Head Hunters. Rylee served as an opening act for Randy Houser at "Frog Fest 31" in Rome, NY in June of 2020. Rylee went back to Nashville and recorded his first 5 song EP of all original songs. Rylee continues to write his own music and his current band of professional musicians have all lived and played in Nashville at various times.

His influences are Merle Haggard, George Strait, Alan Jackson and other legends of real country music.

SKEETER CREEK



Skeeter Creek has been bringing the party to Country music fans in Upstate New York since 2002. Known as the "hardest working, most

entertaining band" in the region, SK continues to set attendance records. Skeeter Creek was nominated for 4

awards at the 2005 Northeast Country Music Association awards: Bluegrass band of the Year, Vocal group of the Year, Instrumental band of the Year, and the Sunrise award. They were the winners of the 2004 Colgate Country Showdown in the Albany, New York region, winners of the 2005 and 2006 Froggy 100.7 Country Shootout, and most recently named at the top of the 2006, 2007, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, and 2015 Metroland Magazine Readers Poll for Country Band of the Year, and 2013, 2014, 2015 Cover Band of the Year (all genres). They have also won the North Country Music Awards in 2014-2015 for Entertainers of the Year, Band of the Year, Male Vocalist (Dave Ahl), Female Vocalist (Renee Lussier-Ahl), and Musician of the Year (Dominic Paratore). Make sure you check out this great band on Friday, August 8, at 8 pm. in the Party Tent



WRESTLING

Immortal Championship Wrestling returns to the Schoharie County Sunshine on opening night, Tuesday August 5th at 8PM! Featuring WWE HOFer Teddy Long, Short Sleeve Sampson, Cobleskill's own Garrett Holiday, the ICW HOF Class of 2025, & much more!

IONA TROUPE IRISH STEP DANCERS

Iona Troupe brings the best of Irish tradition to the modern stage. They spin energetic choreographies to traditional, and sometimes, not so traditional music. Comprised of everyday people from all walks of life, the troupe brings to life the ancient magic of Irish dance in a multi-generational troupe. From the primal rhythms of their treble reels to the lilting joy of their jigs, to the tranquil peace of their slip jigs, it is the group's good pleasure to suspend the discord of a hectic, modern life with an infusion of ageless art and form, and best of all, tradition! They are sure to bring a smile to your face, a tap to your foot and inspire passion in your soul.

DOGS DOGS DOGS

Come visit the Canine Center at the Sunshine Fair. Meet the members of the Schoharie County Kennel Club and their furry companions. Learn more about the

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DOCK DOGS

Jessica Edgerly and her team of High Flying Dock and Frisbee dogs that have competed all over the United States in many organizations. Her dogs have been on ESPN, Westminster and also Good Morning America. These dogs have many National Championships and are exciting to watch. Come join in on the fun and watch these dogs do what they love.



New to the Schoharie County Sunshine Fair Canine Area is Dock Diving Dogs with Central K9 Performance Dogs. In addition to daily performances, there will be opportunity for the public to bring their dog to try dock diving.

We will work with you to see if your dog may have an

interest in dock diving.

- Rules: Your dog must know how to swim.

We encourage a life vest

- No dogs will be left unattended in vehicles or the canine area.

- No shock, No e-collars and No prong collars.

- When you register, you must upload a current rabies certificate.

- You must pay for the Try It when you register.

- You will have to pay to enter the fairgrounds separately.

- Cost is \$10 for 5 minutes.

- We will cap the entries at 10 teams per hour.

Dock Dog Try It

Wednesday, August 6 from 5:30 pm- 6:30 pm

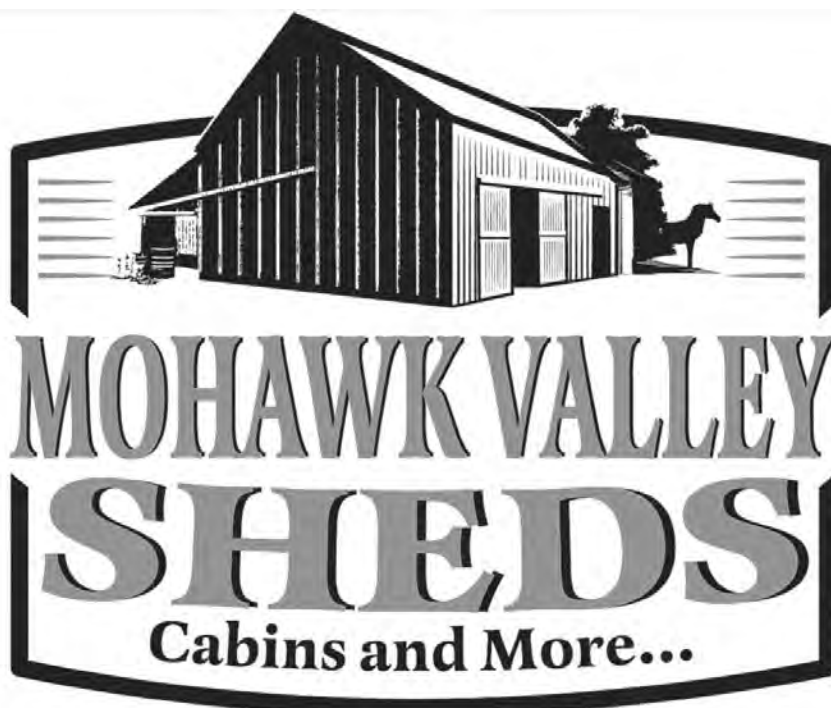
Friday, August 8 from 6:00 pm -7:00 pm

Sunday, August 10 from 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Go to www.sunshinefair.org/dock-dog-try-it.html to pay.

PONY PULL

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performances Friday thru Sunday. – And May All Your Days Be Circus Days!

HARNESS RACING PLAY TO WIN- THE TRADITION CONTINUES 2025

Harness Racing, known as the "Sport of Kings" returns to the Schoharie County Sunshine Fair, Tuesday, August 5th, post time at noon. The Agriculture and NY State Horse Breeding Development Fund, sponsor of the NY Sire Stakes, has now guaranteed a minimum purse of \$2,000 per division for the 2- and 3-year-olds racing.

We encourage everyone to come on out and take in one of the earliest traditions of our county fair and participate in the \$875 "Pot Of Gold" giveaway. You could be one of the several lucky winners!

DREAMLAND AMUSEMENTS MIDWAY 2025

The Schoharie County Sunshine Fair is pleased to announce Dreamland Amusements as the midway provider for the 149th annual Sunshine Fair. Dreamland Amusements will provide the midway entertainment for thrill seekers young and old along with family style rides, games of skill and midway fare. Fair goers can expect a family friendly environment with Dreamland Amusements

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Ask any Schoharie County 4-H member and they will tell you the highlight of the 4-H year is the opportunity to show their project at this county fair. Items displayed in the Junior Department area in Progressland are as diverse as the membership itself. Throughout the week, you will see a wide array of baked goods, sewing projects, flowers, artwork, photography, crafts and vegetables that represent a small part of Schoharie County 4-H activities. Generations of fairgoers continue to enjoy attending our animal shows that highlight the results of hours of practice, patience and skill of our youth with the various animals as they compete for awards in the show ring. Please check the schedule for the Junior Department horse, dairy, beef, goat, sheep, rabbit, poultry, swine and dog shows and cheer on the youth as they strive for excellence!

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2025 Schoharie County Sunshine Fair Dedication

MATT GREGORY

Matt Gregory, as everyone says is a gentle soul! It breaks our heart to lose him but we have to share him to continue his path. He started out working in the fruit and vegetable building which later became the Historic Treasures Building. The fruit and vegetables were moved to the Hall of Ag where Matt eventually was appointed

Superintendent of that building. He makes people feel at ease whether he's talking with the public or helping out one of the workers in the building. He takes new Superintendents under his wing and guides them in their new role. He was always there when you needed him.

Matt's love of historical things had him pursue a career as a History Teacher. His willingness to help guide continued on with his students shaping them to be adults with a love of history. He generously shares his knowledge with visitors at the Farmers Museum in Cooperstown during his summer break from teaching. Matt fills the sanctuary with beautiful organ music to delight the Sunday Worshippers.

You don't have to know him long to be brought in to his fold of caring.

Matt's leadership and guidance has been a big part of our success and he will never be forgotten here at The Sunshine Fair.



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- \$17 (\$17.68 cc) Tuesday
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 - Wednesday Thru Sunday Noon Till 11pm
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- Seniors (Age 62 And Over) \$10 (\$10.40 cc) Until 4:00 pm Tuesday - After 4:00 pm \$15 (\$15.60 cc)
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RE-ADMISSION POLICY

- Readmission - Wristband and/or Ticket Required When Leaving Grounds – Check With Gate Personnel

TICKET POLICY

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- Gates Open 9 am to Midnight
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TUESDAY, AUGUST 5

**SENIOR DAY &
HARNESS RACING**

“PLAY TO WIN DAY”

Harness Racing Pot-of-Gold Jackpot

Total Prize Money \$825 - Plus Limited Free Giveaways

RIDES OPEN AT 4PM TODAY

DAILY EVENTS:

- 11AM-7PM - Heritage Village - *Heritage Park*
- Sunshine Fair's "Greatest Show On Earth"
Miniature Circus - *Circus Museum*
- Master of Chainsaw Sculpture - *East End of Grandstand*
- Model Railroad Exhibit - *Railroad Walkway*
- Taste of New York - *Taste of NY Building*
- Junior Dept. Exhibits & Demonstrations - *Progressland*
- Heather Brooke Clydesdales - *East End of Grandstand*
- Dog Demonstrations - *Canine Center*

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| 8:00 AM | Junior Poultry Show - <i>Sheep/Goat Barn</i> |
| 10:00 AM | Junior Beef Show - <i>Show Barn</i> |
| 11:00 AM | Apple Pie Contest Entries Due
<i>Hall of Agriculture</i> |
| 12:00 PM | Harness Racing - <i>Grandstand</i> |
| 12:30 PM | Apple Pie Contest Judging
<i>Hall of Agriculture</i> |
| 1:00 PM | Puppy Pals - <i>Grandstand (East End)</i> |
| 1:00 PM | Rabbit Junior Show - <i>Sheep/Goat Barn</i> |
| 2:00 PM | Central K9 Performance Dogs - Dock Dogs
<i>Family Fun Park</i> |
| 2:30 PM | All New Sunshine Fair Big Top Super Circus
<i>Family Fun Park</i> |
| 3:00 PM | The One Wheel Wonder - <i>Grandstand (East End)</i> |
| 4:00 PM | Puppy Pals - <i>Grandstand (East End)</i> |
| 4:00 PM | Donkey & Mule Show - <i>Superior Housing Arena</i> |
| 4:00 PM | Dairy Judging - <i>Show Barn</i> |
| 4:30 PM | Central K9 Performance Dogs - Dock Dogs
<i>Family Fun Park</i> |
| 5:00 PM | NBHA Barrell Race - <i>Bruce L. Cater Show Ring</i> |
| 6:00 PM | Demolition Derby - <i>Stoney Roberts - Grandstand</i> |
| 6:30 PM | All New Sunshine Fair Big Top Super Circus
<i>Family Fun Park</i> |
| 6:30 PM | The One Wheel Wonder - <i>Grandstand (East End)</i> |
| 7:00 PM | Puppy Pals - <i>Grandstand (East End)</i> |
| 7:00 PM | Central K9 Performance Dogs - Dock Dogs
<i>Family Fun Park</i> |
| 8:00 PM | Immortal Wrestling - <i>Party Tent Theater</i> |

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6

**FESTIVAL
OF HORSES DAY**

RIDES OPEN AT NOON

DAILY EVENTS:

- 11AM-7PM - Heritage Village - *Heritage Park*
- Sunshine Fair's "Greatest Show On Earth"
Miniature Circus - *Circus Museum*
- Master of Chainsaw Sculpture - *East End of Grandstand*
- Model Railroad Exhibit - *Railroad Walkway*
- Taste of New York - *Taste of NY Building*
- Junior Dept. Exhibits & Demonstrations - *Progressland*
- Heather Brooke Clydesdales - *East End of Grandstand*
- Dog Demonstrations - *Canine Center*

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| 9:00 AM | 4H Dairy Showmanship & Junior &
Sr. Animals - <i>Show Barn</i> |
| 9:30 AM | Draft Horse Show - Halter Class
<i>Superior Housing Arena</i> |
| 10:00 AM | Sheep Open Classes - <i>Sheep/Goat Barn</i> |
| 11:00 AM | Maple Muffin Contest Entries Due
<i>Hall of Agriculture</i> |
| 12:30 PM | Maple Muffin Contest Judging Starts
<i>Hall of Agriculture</i> |
| 1:00 PM | Draft Horse Show - Performance Classes
<i>Superior Housing Arena</i> |
| 1:00 PM | Puppy Pals - <i>Grandstand (East End)</i> |
| 2:00 PM | Central K9 Performance Dogs - Dock Dogs
<i>Family Fun Park</i> |
| 2:30 PM | All New Sunshine Fair Big Top Super Circus
<i>Family Fun Park</i> |
| 3:00 PM | The One Wheel Wonder - <i>Grandstand (East End)</i> |
| 4:00 PM | Puppy Pals - <i>Grandstand (East End)</i> |
| 4:30 PM | Central K9 Performance Dogs - Dock Dogs
<i>Family Fun Park</i> |
| 5:00 PM | Gymkhana Junior Show
<i>Bruce L. Cater Show Ring</i> |
| 5:00 PM | Beef Show Open Classes - <i>Show Barn</i> |
| 5:00 PM | Pony Pull - <i>Grandstand (East End)</i> |
| 6:30 PM | All New Sunshine Fair Big Top Super Circus
<i>Family Fun Park</i> |
| 6:30 PM | The One Wheel Wonder - <i>Grandstand (East End)</i> |
| 7:00 PM | Puppy Pals - <i>Grandstand (East End)</i> |
| 7:00 PM | Central K9 Performance Dogs - Dock Dogs
<i>Family Fun Park</i> |
| 7:30 PM | Grand Central Station - <i>Grandstand</i> |
| 8:30 PM | Marshall Tucker Band - <i>Grandstand</i> |

GATES OPEN AT 9:00 AM • BUILDINGS OPEN 11:00 AM TO 10:00 PM

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 7 YOUNG AMERICAN DAY BICYCLE GIVE-AWAY DAY

RIDES OPEN AT NOON

DAILY EVENTS:

- 11AM-7PM - Heritage Village - *Heritage Park*
- Sunshine Fair's "Greatest Show On Earth"
 - Miniature Circus - *Circus Museum*
- Master of Chainsaw Sculpture - *East End of Grandstand*
- Model Railroad Exhibit - *Railroad Walkway*
- Taste of New York - *Taste of NY Building*
- Junior Dept. Exhibits & Demonstrations - *Progressland*
- Heather Brooke Clydesdales - *East End of Grandstand*
- Dog Demonstrations - *Canine Center*

- 8:30 AM Junior Dept. Horse Shows - *Both Horse Rings*
- 9:00 AM Goat Junior Show - *Sheep / Goat Barn*
- 11:00 AM Bicycle Giveaway-Tickets Given Out
- 3:30 PM *Party Tent Theater*
- 11:00 AM Ugliest Cake Contest Entries Due
Hall of Agriculture
- 1:00 PM Puppy Pals - *Grandstand (East End)*
- 1:00 PM Junior Sheep Show - *Sheep / Goat Barn*
- 1:00 PM Rabbit Hopping Contest - *Show Barn*
- 2:00 PM Central K9 Performance Dogs - *Dock Dogs*
Family Fun Park
- 2:30 PM All New Sunshine Fair Big Top Super Circus
Family Fun Park
- 3:00 PM The One Wheel Wonder - *Grandstand (East End)*
- 4:00 PM Puppy Pals - *Grandstand (East End)*
- 4:00 PM Central K9 Performance Dogs - *Dock Dogs*
Family Fun Park
- 4:00 PM Bicycle Giveaway - *Party Tent Theater*
- 5:00 PM Swine Junior Show - *Show Barn*
- 6:30 PM All New Sunshine Fair Big Top Super Circus
Family Fun Park
- 6:30 PM The One Wheel Wonder - *Grandstand (East End)*
- 7:00 PM Puppy Pals - *Grandstand (East End)*
- 7:00 PM Central K9 Performance Dogs - *Dock Dogs*
Family Fun Park
- 7:00 PM Kiddie Tractor Pull - *East of the Hall of Ag*
- 7:30 PM Big Sky Country - *Grandstand*
- 8:30 PM Parmalee - *Grandstand*



FRIDAY, AUGUST 8 TRACTOR PULLING DAY

RIDES OPEN AT NOON

DAILY EVENTS:

- 11AM-7PM - Heritage Village - *Heritage Park*
- Sunshine Fair's "Greatest Show On Earth"
 - Miniature Circus - *Circus Museum*
- Master of Chainsaw Sculpture - *East End of Grandstand*
- Model Railroad Exhibit - *Railroad Walkway*
- Taste of New York - *Taste of NY Building*
- Junior Dept. Exhibits & Demonstrations - *Progressland*
- Heather Brooke Clydesdales - *East End of Grandstand*
- Dog Demonstrations - *Canine Center*

- 8:30 AM Open Horse Show - *Superior Housing Arena*
- 9:00 AM Dairy Open Show - *Show Barn*
- 10:00 AM Beautiful Child Contest - *Party Tent Theater*
(1 & 2 years old; 2 years 1 month - 3 years old;
3 years 1 month - 4 years old)
- 1:00 PM Puppy Pals - *Grandstand (East End)*
- 1:00 PM All New Sunshine Fair Big Top Super Circus
Family Fun Park
- 2:00 PM Central K9 Performance Dogs - *Dock Dogs*
Family Fun Park
- 3:00 PM The One Wheel Wonder
Grandstand (East End)
- 3:00 PM Rabbit Open Show - *Sheep / Goat Barn*
- 4:00 PM Puppy Pals
Grandstand (East End)
- 4:00 PM All New Sunshine Fair Big Top Super Circus
Family Fun Park
- 5:00 PM Central K9 Performance Dogs - *Dock Dogs*
Family Fun Park
- 5:00 PM Swine Open Classes - *Show Barn*
- 6:00 PM Ugliest Cake Contest Winner Announced
Hall of Agriculture
- 6:00 PM NYTPA Tractor Pull - *Grandstand*
- 6:30 PM The One Wheel Wonder
Grandstand (East End)
- 6:30 PM All New Sunshine Fair Big Top Super Circus
Family Fun Park
- 7:00 PM Puppy Pals
Grandstand (East End)
- 7:30 PM Central K9 Performance Dogs - *Dock Dogs*
Family Fun Park
- 8:00 PM Skeeter Creek - *Party Tent Theater*

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 9

AMERICAN HERO DAY

RIDES OPEN AT NOON

DAILY EVENTS:

- 11AM-7PM - Heritage Village - *Heritage Park*
- Sunshine Fair's "Greatest Show On Earth"
Miniature Circus - *Circus Museum*
- Master of Chainsaw Sculpture - *East End of Grandstand*
- Model Railroad Exhibit - *Railroad Walkway*
- Taste of New York - *Taste of NY Building*
- Junior Dept. Exhibits & Demonstrations - *Progressland*
- Heather Brooke Clydesdales - *East End of Grandstand*
- Dog Demonstrations - *Canine Center*

- 8:30 AM** Open Horse Show - *Superior Housing Arena*
9:00 AM Dairy Goat Open Classes - *Sheep / Goat Barn*
Immediately following above
9:00 AM Meat & Fiber Goat Show Open Classes
Sheep / Goat Barn
9:30 AM Junior Dept. Dog Show - *Show Barn*
9:30 AM Gymkhana Horse Show - *Bruce L. Cater Show Ring*
11:00 AM Equipment Rodeo - *Grandstand*
11:00 AM Little Britches Showmanship - *Show Barn*
11:00 AM Annual Aggie Scott Memorial Chocolate
-12:00 PM Jumbles Contest Entries - *Hall of Agriculture*
11:00 AM Irish Dancers - *Party Tent Theater*
11:30 AM Puppy Pals - *Grandstand (East End)*
12:00 PM All New Sunshine Fair Big Top Super Circus
Family Fun Park
12:30 PM Annual Aggie Scott Memorial Chocolate Jumbles
Contest Judging - *Hall of Agriculture*
1:00 PM Central K9 Performance Dogs - Dock Dogs
Family Fun Park
1:00 PM Irish Dancers - *Party Tent Theater*
2:00 PM All Animals Costume Parade - *Show Barn*
2:00 PM The One Wheel Wonder - *Grandstand (East End)*
2:00 PM Puppy Pals - *Grandstand (East End)*
3:00 PM All New Sunshine Fair Big Top Super Circus
Family Fun Park
3:00 PM Junior Dept Auction - *Pole Barn*
4:00 PM Central K9 Performance Dogs - Dock Dogs
Family Fun Park
4:00 PM The One Wheel Wonder - *Grandstand (East End)*
4:30 PM Puppy Pals - *Grandstand (East End)*
5:00 PM Truck Pull - *Grandstand*
6:00 PM- Pauly and The Greaseballs - *Party Tent Theater*
7:30 PM
6:30 PM The One Wheel Wonder - *Grandstand (East End)*
6:30 PM All New Sunshine Fair Big Top Super Circus
Family Fun Park
7:00 PM Central K9 Performance Dogs - Dock Dogs
Family Fun Park
7:00 PM Puppy Pals - *Grandstand (East End)*
8:00 PM Chubby Checker & The Wildcats
Party Tent Theater
Immediately following above
Crossfire - Party Tent Theater

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

SUPER 8 MOTEL DAY

RIDES OPEN AT NOON

DAILY EVENTS:

- 11AM-7PM - Heritage Village - *Heritage Park*
- Sunshine Fair's "Greatest Show On Earth"
Miniature Circus - *Circus Museum*
- Master of Chainsaw Sculpture - *East End of Grandstand*
- Model Railroad Exhibit - *Railroad Walkway*
- Taste of New York - *Taste of NY Building*
- Junior Dept. Exhibits & Demonstrations - *Progressland*
- Heather Brooke Clydesdales - *East End of Grandstand*
- Dog Demonstrations - *Canine Center*

- 9:00 AM** Miniature Horse & Pony Horse Show
Superior Housing Arena
9:00 AM Out of Field Tractor Pull - *Grandstand*
10:00 AM Livestock Award Ceremony - *Dairy Barn*
10:00 AM Faith Bible Church Service
Party Tent Theater
12:00 PM Central K9 Performance Dogs - Dock Dogs
Family Fun Park
1:00 PM Hay Bale Toss - *Show Barn*
1:00 PM All New Sunshine Fair Big Top Super Circus
Family Fun Park
1:00 PM Puppy Pals - *Grandstand (East End)*
2:00 PM The One Wheel Wonder
Grandstand (East End)
2:00 PM Rylee Lum Band (Classic Country)
Party Tent Theater
3:00 PM Central K9 Performance Dogs - Dock Dogs
Family Fun Park
3:00 PM Puppy Pals - *Grandstand (East End)*
3:30 PM Chainsaw Sculpture Auction, Master of the
Chainsaw Carvings - *Pedestrian (Main) Gate*
Entrance
4:00 PM All New Sunshine Fair Big Top Super Circus
Family Fun Park
4:00 PM The One Wheel Wonder
Grandstand (East End)
5:00 PM Puppy Pals - *Grandstand (East End)*
5:30 PM Demolition Derby Championship -
Grandstand
6:00 PM All New Sunshine Fair Big Top Super Circus
Family Fun Park
6:30 PM The One Wheel Wonder
Grandstand (East End)

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gram that serves youth in Schoharie County through clubs, workshops, clinics, trips, special events, camps and the Afterschool Program. Be on the lookout for the iconic 4-H Clover and near it you will find a very enthusiastic 4-H exhibitor. Enjoy your visit to the Sunshine Fair!

COUNTRY LIVING BUILDING EXHIBITS

There are plenty of things to see and do at a country fair. Besides all the different farm animals and equipment to look at,



there are many buildings to visit. One of those buildings

is the Country Living Building. It may not be the largest building on our fairgrounds but it does contain the most individual exhibits. Located behind the Grandstand between Historic Treasures Museum and the horse barns you will certainly "Experience The Magic" as you

view articles hand made by men, women and children in Schoharie County and surrounding areas. There are all kinds of arts and crafts including sewing, painting, crocheting, knitting, quilting, photography, weaving and much more. You will also find a section of baked goods. Everything here is brought in for competition. There is a large section of antique items. Many of these items are family heirlooms and are brought in for competition with like items. This building also contains a large school work exhibit. These things are made by children from Schoharie County.

As well as all the above displays we have demonstrations going on throughout the day. Two of our demonstrators are local gals Sharon Kruppenbacher and Susan Carver. Sharon will be weaving on her large barn frame loom. She will also have other smaller looms for people to look at and try. Sharon and Susan will be spinning with different types of fibers. There will also be other demonstrations going on throughout the day. Please stop in, say hello and take a look at all our beautiful displays.

FIBER ARTS GALLERY

Visit the Fiber Arts Gallery, located in the Hall of Agriculture, and experience an abundance of local talent in all thing's fiber related. We will be exhibiting beautiful handspun yarns, knit garments, woven, crocheted, wet felted and needle felted items. Come visit with the talented artists who join us in the Gallery offering daily demonstrations and the opportunity for hands-on learning. You can try spinning, weaving, felting and



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volunteers are so generous with their time and knowledge you will be captivated by their enthusiasm and expertise when it comes to wool fiber.

When you visit our display area in the Hall of Agriculture, you will also have the opportunity to talk with growers and producers who raise fiber animals including sheep, goats, llamas, alpacas and rabbits. Those of us with farms love to share stories about animals that supply our fleeces. Learn how a raw fleece is transformed into yarn or felt and come feel the different fibers and experience the textures in the various animal breeds.

We hope you will participate in "The People's Choice Award" and vote for your favorite item in our Gallery. It will be hard to choose for sure!

Would you like to learn how to enter your fiber arts in the fair? We can help you with that too. We have samples of the entry forms and would love to have you join us. We invite you to come visit us in the Hall of Agriculture at the Schoharie County Sunshine Fair!

NEW IN FIBER ARTS GALLERY IN 2025

The Dave and Noreen Supreme Fiber Arts Award

The Dave and Noreen Flanagan Fiber Arts Award is an Excellence in Fiber Arts Award. The individual selected will receive a \$200 cash award, rosette and their name will be showcased on a perpetual plaque to be displayed in the fiber arts gallery area. Items deemed as the Best of Show in each category will be in contention for this over all award.

Dave and Noreen were the superintendents of the "Wool Nook" for many years! They would encourage people of all ages to enter their fiber creations. It is appropriate that this perpetual award not only recognizes their dedication to the Sunshine Fair but encourages fiber artist to enter.

FRUITS, VEGETABLES, FLOWERS AND MORE

During your visit to the Sunshine Fair, be sure to stop by the Hall of Agriculture to see the fruits and vegetables department.

Come in and see the fruits, vegetables, flowers and home canned foods all grown by our local gardeners. You may see something you have never seen before. Even if you are not a gardener yourself, you can appreciate the time and energy put into growing award winning produce and flowers.

The fruits and vegetables area in the Hall of Ag is also the home of our local farm displays. Barber's, Schoharie Valley Farms and the Farmers Market are just a few of the farms you will see represented in the Hall of Ag. Each of these farms take time to come and set up informative and alluring displays showcasing the rich agricultural heritage that is Schoharie County.



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HISTORIC TREASURES BUILDING

The Historic Treasures Exhibit offers a window into the past with a vast collection of displays illustrating the life, ingenuity and inventions of our Schoharie County forefathers.

The museum includes a "barn" full of agricultural tools that in their time were very welcomed inventions as they saved time and labor working with livestock, and crops such as hops. You will see a threshing machine, the forerunner of today's combine, and a 1936 Farmall tractor. Other displays include: shop tools, milking equipment, an outhouse, and an ice house.

Another building holds items from homes and busi-



nesses, including clothes from the 1930's & 40's, vintage sewing machines, a model one-room school, a general store, and a tribute to local veterans. To name a few! Spend a while walking through the history of Schoharie County. Please visit the Historic Treasures building located behind the Grandstand.

THE SCHOHARIE COUNTY MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION 50TH ANNIVERSARY

There is such a rich history of railroading in Cobleskill and much of Schoharie County! We are honored to display, share, and teach this heritage to our visitors at the Sunshine Fair every year. For 50 YEARS, we at the

Schoharie County Model Railroad Association have dedicated ourselves to preserving the legacy of railroading, both real and model, through our displays.

We look forward every year to seeing both new and familiar faces who come back every year to see the progress and look for the new additions to the scenery and memorabilia. BIGthings coming soon!



We've put a lot of time and effort this spring working on laying new track and started the literal "ground-work" for the mountains and scenery! Cobleskill-in-Miniature is coming along nicely and should be VERY recognizable to those familiar with our town. Many more new scenic elements are in the works as well including the Howes Cave quarry and even the flavor of the Oneonta yard.

In addition to this, we have big plans in the works to celebrate our upcoming 50th Anniversary, so stay tuned and check in with us any Thursday evening to learn more about the club and joining in the fun!

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THE COUNTRY STORE

Be sure to check out our new Country Store with a new logo and merchandise. You will find sweatshirts, t-shirts, hats, as well as new products featuring the sunshine fair. Stop by and see us at our new location.

THE YOUTH BUREAU

The Youth Bureau is excited to have a table at the fair to share with the public, all of the fun programs, advocacy projects, and facilitate teambuilding games with the fair goers. Our Youth Bureau team is comprised of 3 full time staff and 8 Summer staff to offer a diverse range of outdoor recreation programs, multi-agency collaborations, and promoting positive youth development throughout Schoharie County. If you are planning to go to the fair, please make sure to stop by to learn more about the Youth Bureau from our awesome team!!

MOTORIZED EVENTS

SCHOHARIE COUNTY SUNSHINE FAIR DEMOLITION DERBY

Looking for something fun to do? Have an old car sitting around? Then the Schoharie County Sunshine Fair Demolition Derby is the event for you. Strip your vehicle of the interior, trim, plastic, lights, and glass and bring it down. Don't want to do it alone? Grab a partner and register for the team derby (Must be pre-registered prior to the event).

This is a family fun event for the entire family, come



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enjoy one or two of our shows, Tuesday August 5th at 6:00, Thursday and Sunday August 10th at 5:30.

For rules, questions, registration forms or interest in participating, please send an email to sunshinefairdemo@gmail.com

NOTE: Cars are inspected, and rules are written and abided by for your safety and for the safety of other drivers, spectators, and volunteers.

NYTPA SANCTIONED TRACTOR PULL

Tractor pulling, also known as power pulling, is a motorsport competition that began prior to the invention of the tractor, when farm implements were pulled by horses. Farmers would boast about the strength of their teams and seek to compare and contest against one another to see who had the most powerful animals. It wasn't until 1929 when motorized vehicles were first used, and the sport did not really become popular until

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the '50s and '60s. So, come see what began many years ago when farmers came out of the fields to the local fair with hopes of taking home bragging rights by pulling the heaviest weight the furthest first with horses and now tractors. These much-anticipated events bring pulling enthusiasts from all over the Northeast and beyond. It's loud but so much fun! The NYTP Sanctioned Tractor Pull is Friday, August 8th, at 6pm.

TRUCK PULL

The 4x4 truck pulls are filled with speed, smoke, and loud engines. On Saturday afternoon August 9th, these are the only things that can be heard over the sounds of animals and children enjoying rides. 7 classes ranging from daily drivers on the street, to all out modified pulling trucks with over a 1000 horsepower, will dig and claw their way down the 300 ft track hoping to pull

the multi-ton sled the farthest! Black smoke and loud engines, what's not to enjoy about a county fair truck pull!!

THINGS TO SEE

FARM TOY EXHIBIT

Welcome to the Schoharie County Sunshine fairs Toy Tractor Display, shown in the Newly named Hall of Ag dedicated to Dale All building.

Mr. All was an officer of the fair for many years and was



instrumental in starting this toy collection. As you can see it has grown considerably over the years. Most of the toys in the display belong to Mr. All and Ron VanBuren.


A lot of the toys have been loaned from local families, including the Manchester family, John Dab and others.

We have expanded our pedal tractor display, thanks to the help of the sunshine fair workers. Most of Mr. All and Mr. VanBuren's toys were purchased right here at the sunshine fair in the 1960's. Some of the machinery dealers were Jared VanWagenen International and Farmall dealer. Also Hendrickson's John Deere Dealership. The hand made toys were built by Lee Robinson of Seward.

Please enjoy the display and if you have any questions, Mr. VanBuren will be here most days.

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Heather Brooke Hill Clydesdales, owned and operated by John and Stephanie Leavitt, will be making a 6-day appearance at the Schoharie County Sunshine Fair. The “Gentle Giants”, known by many, have been shown throughout New England as well as in parades, weddings and other special events. We encourage you to stop by and visit this beautiful display of horses along with their magnificent show wagons and show harness located east of the Grandstand in the horse area. Be sure to have your picture taken with one of the “Gentle Giants” or on a show wagon and ask any questions you may have regarding the draft horse world.

DISCOVER HERITAGE VILLAGE

You will be swept off your feet as you witness the many historical hands on displays and activities found in HERITAGE VILLAGE.

Laurel Dabbs will demonstrate the art of decoy carving, using traditional materials, hand tools and methods. All the different stages of making a gunning decoy, from pattern making to finish sanding, will be available as a hands-on display, along with a traditional cedar hunting boat and antique and working decoys. Educational displays from museum exhibitions will highlight the decoy’s rich history, and painting tutorials will be offered each day as weather permits. Make and take projects and activities for children of all ages will be provided. Come and learn more about this most

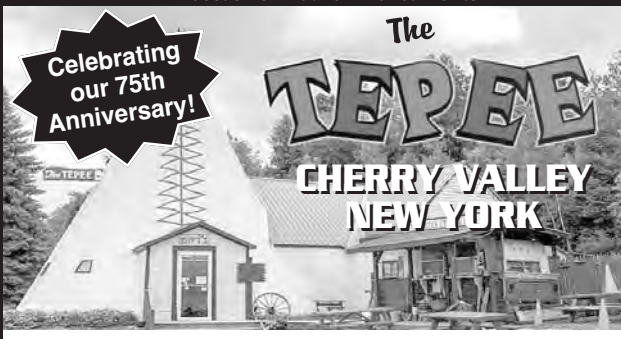
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provide hands on demonstrations resulting in a 6' length, 6 or 12 strand 3 lay rope.

Paper marbler, John C. Bielik, is an itinerant artisan, instructor, and historic trade’s preservationist. You will be amazed as he magically transforms plain paper with colorful and creative designs. Each one is a one of a kind. Come learn about the historic trades of paper-making, book binding, and paper marbling.

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HAVE A HOWLING GOOD TIME

As seen on the America's Got Talent show, Puppy Pals is a family fun action-packed show where adopted and rescued dogs perform spectacular stunts and breathtaking feats. Watch as we lead the puppies and audience through challenging and comical tricks as the pooches show everyone who is really boss! Full of surprises and laugh-out-loud canine comedy for children of all ages.

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Keeping the audience on the edge of their seat with his thrilling and charismatic presentation, Wesley Williams has been a hit in practically every type of venue around the world, from Monte-Carlo to Las Vegas, Germany to

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Wesley received the highest honor of the Golden Buzzer on Tu Si Que Vales in Rome, Italy in 2020 and Got Talent España in Madrid, Spain in 2021.

GUINNESS WORLD RECORD HOLDER- "World's Tallest Rideable Unicycle" 31 Feet 10 Inches - December 29th, 2022 Stuttgart, Germany

Wesley had the opportunity to join Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey who was his inspiration to dream. While 34.6 is his current record, he's continuously experimenting with ways to elevate his performance.



SUNSHINE FAIR'S BARN QUILTS

When touring our beautiful fairgrounds be sure to check out the 21 concessionaires under the grandstand, along with the 16 Barn Quilts on display representing each of Schoharie Counties 16 Towns, a part of the Schoharie County Quilt Barn Trail. Designed and Painted by artist Susan Harker of Byron Georgia.

TRAM SERVICE 2025

When the parking areas on the Fairground are full, it becomes necessary to use an alternate parking facility to which, you may be directed. Trams will be available to transport you to the fairground from this parking facility (and back) – FREE of CHARGE.

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Here's how it works:

1. Tickets will be given away (one per person) from 11 AM to 3:30 PM at the Party Tent
2. Choose the size bicycle which fits you best.
3. Drop your ticket stub in the jar for your appropriate bike size.
4. At 4:00 PM we will draw from each jar, and YOU may be the winner of a new bicycle.

This is for kids ONLY. And "the kid" must be present to win. (We will allow parental help for the smallest bicycles. Under 13 must have parent/guardian.)

If you would like to sponsor a bike or bikes in the future, please contact the Fair Office for further details.

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL AGGIE SCOTT MEMORIAL CHOCOLATE JUMBLES CONTEST 2025

It is believed that the Chocolate Jumble (Jumbo) Cookie is a native of Schoharie County.

This contest, being held at the Hall of Agriculture on Saturday, August 9th, has been gaining both in participation and popularity. The contest also invites youth participation with a separate category just for them!

You are also invited to come and watch the judging.

Who Was Aggie Scott? Agnes "Aggie" Scott who lived in Mineral Springs loved to cook & bake. For over 30 years she was the Cook/Manager at Ryder School until her retirement in 1986. She was a volunteer at Cobleskill Regional Hospital from the time of it's beginning in the early 1950s and worked in the coffee shop. Aggie had many different kinds of cookie cutters including a "ground hog" which she loved to use to

make cookies for "ground hog day". It had been hand-made for her while she worked at the Ryder School. She was an exhibitor and volunteer at the fair most recently with Historic Treasures. We offer the Chocolate Jumbles Cookie Contest each year as a tribute to Aggie and her many, many years of being "Cobleskill's Volunteer".

Who makes the best Schoharie County Chocolate Jumble????

Hall of Agriculture, Saturday, August 9th

Coordinator: Cindy McClure

Prizes: 1st \$25; 2nd \$15; 3rd \$10

No pre-entry required.

Cookies plus \$5 is your ticket to Fair (one person; this day only). Enter at Hall of Ag 11a.m. - Noon.

2 categories Adult and Junior

1. Adult with a hole or without a hole.
2. Junior with a hole or without a hole.

The cookies can be frosted or not.

Six cookies, covered, on paper plate with recipe attached (without name or address).

Names will be taken separately and numbers assigned.

Judging criteria:

1. Overall appearance/impression
2. Taste
3. Texture

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APPLE PIE CONTEST 2025

Hall of Agriculture, Tuesday, August 5, 2025

Coordinator: TBD

Prizes: 1st \$25; 2nd \$15; 3rd \$10

No pre-entry required.

Pie plus \$5 is your ticket to Fair (one person; this day only).

Enter at Hall of Agriculture 11 a.m. – Noon. Judging starts at 12:30.

NO LATE ENTRIES!

Please use non-returnable 8 or 9 inch pan of any material.

Two crust pie.

- Home-made crust.
- Home-made filling.
- Pie must be Apple only – no other fruit(s).
- Recipe (crust and filling) on a 3 x 5" card without

name or address MUST accompany pie.

Names will be taken separately and numbers assigned.

Judging criteria:

1. Overall appearance/impression

2. Crust
3. Filling
4. Taste

Judges decisions are final. Winners will be announced upon completion of judging. Prizes mailed after Fair.

UGLIEST CAKE CONTEST 2025

Hall of Agriculture, Thursday, August 7th &

Friday August 8th

Coordinator: Michelle Radliff

Here's a fun little contest for everybody because the public gets to judge the baker's handiwork!

Prizes: 1st \$25; 2nd \$15; 3rd \$10

No pre-entry required.

Entries must be in Hall of Agriculture by 11 a.m. Thursday, August 7th. (You may not enter on Friday, August 8th). Cake plus \$5 is your ticket to the Fair (one person – this day only).

Prizes awarded on appearance ONLY by popular vote of people attending the Fair.

Use any theme or topic.

Make sure it's a real cake (we will check).

Maximum size: 12 inch base (sq, round, etc.).

Voting stops at 5 p.m. Friday, August 8th with winners announced at 6 p.m. in the Hall of Agriculture.

Prizes mailed after Fair.

BEAUTIFUL CHILD CONTEST

All children are beautiful! Why not enter your child in the "Beautiful Child" contest in the Party Tent Theater on Friday, August 8th at 10:00 am for ages 12-23 months. Registration will take place one half hour before the contest. Judging will be on looks, personality, and dress. All contestants will receive a participation ribbon. A rosette and prize will be awarded to first place in each category and age group.

HAY BALE TOSS 2025

The annual hay bale toss gives everyone, regardless of age, size or strength, the chance to show off their best techniques for throwing a bale of hay the farthest. There are two different sized bales to choose from, a "mini" bale and a "regular" sized bale. Each participant is given two chances to toss a bale of hay and the farthest measurement is entered in the competition. Many different techniques and styles have been demonstrated in the past. Come try your techniques to see how far you can toss a bale of hay and enjoy a little friendly competition in the annual hay bale toss.

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Competition Summary

Rules:

1. Must be 18 years or older to submit entry for competition. Entry forms must be submitted online or at the Fair office by **August 9, 2025**
2. Competitors must provide references of operator experience or work experience to compete.
3. Must fill out all attached forms.

Competition Details:

- ☼ THE ROADEO will be a competition of equipment operators to navigate and obstacle course and tasks using construction equipment. Intended course includes using a mini excavator and skid steer, but may vary.
- ☼ CASH prizes will be awarded.
- ☼ Competition event will take place Saturday, August 9th at 11:00 AM. Competitors are encouraged to take a trail round of the course starting at 9:00 AM prior to competition.
- ☼ Entry Forms must be submitted by August 1st in order to compete. All forms should be filled out and mailed or emailed to info@sunshinefair.org.
- ☼ Entry fee must be received prior to competition.
- ☼ There will be no late fee, no late entries will be accepted.
- ☼ Mailed submission shall be sent to:
Cobleskill Agricultural Society
PO Box 249
Cobleskill, NY 12043
- ☼ Entry Fee will include One Day admission to the Fairgrounds for the day of the event.
- ☼ Any further questions contact the Fair Office at 518-234-2123 or info@sunshinefair.org

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EQUIPMENT ROADEO!

Entry Form

Competitor Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Age: _____ Years of Operating Equipment: _____

References:

(Provide at least 2 references of places of employment where you have operated equipment)

NAME and CONTACT	ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBER
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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\$100 Entry Fee has been provided: YES ☐ NO ☐

Competitor agrees that all the information above is correct and ensures they are a competent equipment operator, aware of the safety precautions necessary when operating heavy equipment to ensure the safety of themselves and others. If during the event officials notify the competitor to stop operation of equipment, to ensure safety of others the competitor will comply and remove hands from the machine controls. I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES or others, and assume full responsibility for my participation; and, I willingly agree to comply with the terms and conditions for participation as determined by Cobleskill Agricultural Society (CAS). If, however, I observe any unusual significant hazard during my presence or participation, I will remove myself from participation and bring such to the attention of the CAS. I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, HEREBY RELEASE, INDEMNIFY, AND HOLD HARMLESS CAS, their officers, officials, agents and/or employees, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and, if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used for the activity ("Releasees"), FROM ALL LIABILITY TO THE UNDERSIGNED, his personal representatives, assigns, heirs, and next of kin FOR ANY AND ALL LOSS OR DAMAGE, AND ANY CLAIM OR DEMANDS THEREFORE ON ACCOUNT OF INJURY TO THE PERSON OR PROPERTY OR RESULTING IN DEATH OF THE UNDERSIGNED ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO THE EVENT(S), WHETHER CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE.

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KIDDIE TRACTOR PULL 2025

The kiddie tractor pull has been an annual event at the Schoharie County Sunshine Fair since 1988. The pedal tractor pull works on the same principle as the “big tractor pulls” except the power comes from the “legs of babes”!

A “mini” weight sled is hooked to a pedal tractor and each child pedals to pull the sled down the track until they make a full pull or run out of power on a 30’ track. A full pull entitles the child to another chance, with weight added to the sled, until a winner is determined. There are 5 different “classes” based on the child’s weight. The child with the longest distance in each weight class wins. Weight classes are 30-40 lbs, 41-50 lbs, 51-60 lbs, 61-70 lbs, and 71-80 lbs.

The child is weighed as he or she signs up for this event to determine the appropriate weight group. The pedal tractors are provided and every child receives a ribbon. There is no fee to enter, so come and participate or watch the fun on Thursday, August 7th at 7:00pm east of the Hall of Agriculture.



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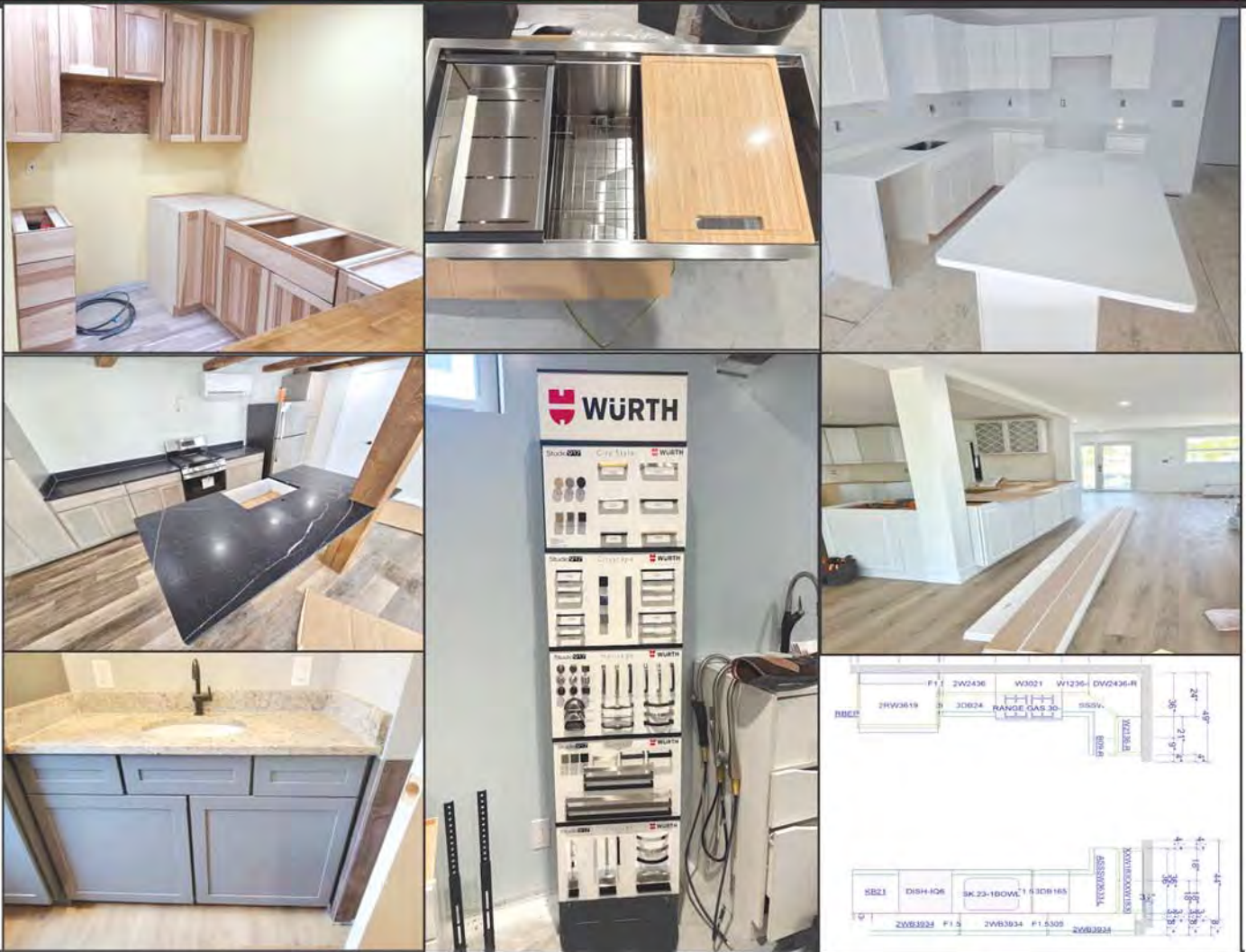
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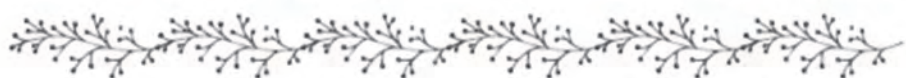
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