

**Water/Sewer**

The Village is updating its water reading and billing software. This has caused a delay in the water/sewer invoicing. Please note your next couple of water/sewer invoicing may also be delayed. DPW is in the process of changing water meters and will contact you if your meter needs upgrading.

**Community Sign**

If you have information to share on the community sign (across from NBT Bank) submit your notice to the Village Office — [villscho@midtel.net](mailto:villscho@midtel.net) — before the first of each month so that the board is changed once for the month.

**Upcoming Local Events**

- March 17th: Corned beef and cabbage dinner for St. Patrick's Day at the firehouse
- March 22nd: Kiwanis Club early spring chicken and ribs BBQ — adjacent to the Parrott House
- March 23rd: Easter Egg Hunt at the Firehouse
- April 13th: Lily Park spring cleanup
- April 13th and 14th: 48th Annual Spring Antiques in Schoharie at Schoharie Central School
- April 15th: Fish fry for election night at the firehouse
- April 20th, 10 am: Spring adopt-a-highway (Rt. 30 and 443)
- April 27th: Spiritual Renewal Retreat
- May 8th, 9:30: Citizens Advisory Board meeting
- May 21st, 9 am: Tentative date to plant flowers on Main Street. All hands are always welcome
- May 14th, 10:30 am: American Legion veterans' flags in Lutheran Cemetery
- May 23rd: Memorial Day parade and open house at the firehouse
- May 25th: Opening of the museums — 1743 Palatine House and Schoharie Valley Railroad Museum
- June 1st: DAR "Who we were before we were enemies" at Lasell Hall
- June 8th: Covered bridge luau theme dinner

**Open Arms Recovery Resource Center**

Every Tuesday and Thursday, from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, the Open Arms Recovery Resource Center is open at the Living Room, 289 Main St., Schoharie.

**Schoharie Community Food Pantry**

The food pantry, located at the Schoharie United Presbyterian Church, is open every Tuesday and Thursday from noon until 2:00pm.

"Wild and Rural" — Art of the Adirondack Schoharie Valley Regions, featuring paintings by local artist Jonathan Stasko, will be at the SEEC Art Gallery, 287 Main Street, through May.



**Schoharie Chapter NSDAR**

Save the Date! On June 1st, Schoharie Chapter DAR will be hosting an event "Who we were before we were Enemies." Held on the grounds of Lasell Hall, the day-long event will showcase day-to-day family and farm life in early 1700's, before the battles and skirmishes that marked the Revolution. A Tavern lunch will be available indoors for a small charge. Admission to the grounds will be free.

**American Legion**

American Legion Auxillary members, with help from family and friends, will be putting American flags on Veterans' graves in the Lutheran Cemetery on Tuesday, May 14th at 10:30 am. The SCS Elementary Color Guard will be assisting again following an absence due to Covid. This tradition has been ongoing for thirty-plus years. Anyone who wishes to help or watch can attend.

**Spiritual Renewal Retreat**

On Saturday April 27th, there will be a retreat held at Christ the Shepherd Lutheran Church, located at 289 Main Street, from 8:30 until 1:00. There will be two sessions: 7 Lessons for Living the Spiritual Life and 10 Stops on the Road to Spiritual Transformation. The retreat will be led by Bill Oehlschlaher, Executive Director of Lutheran Lay Renewal of America. This retreat is open to all, there is no cost to attend, and lunch and refreshments will be served. For more details, or to RSVP, contact Pastor Colleen Quirion at 518 231-8641.

**Citizens Advisory Board**

The next meeting of the Citizens Advisory Board is scheduled for May 8, 2024 at 9:30am, and will be held at Christ the Shepherd Lutheran Church at 289 Main St. This meeting is open to all. We will be reviewing the statistics concerning policing in the Village. This is a great forum for sharing of ideas and any concerns.

**TAKE THE SURVEY!**

The Town and Village of Schoharie are working to update our Joint Comprehensive Plan. Your input is needed to help guide Schoharie's future! Tell us what you think are important needs and opportunities in our town and village.

Please take the survey online at [www.schoharievillage.org](http://www.schoharievillage.org) or <https://www4.schohariecounty-ny.gov/government/town-of-schoharie> or call the Village Hall at 518-295-8500 or Town Hall at 518-295-8570 for a paper copy. Or use the QR code below.



Your Voice Counts.  
Please Take the Survey!

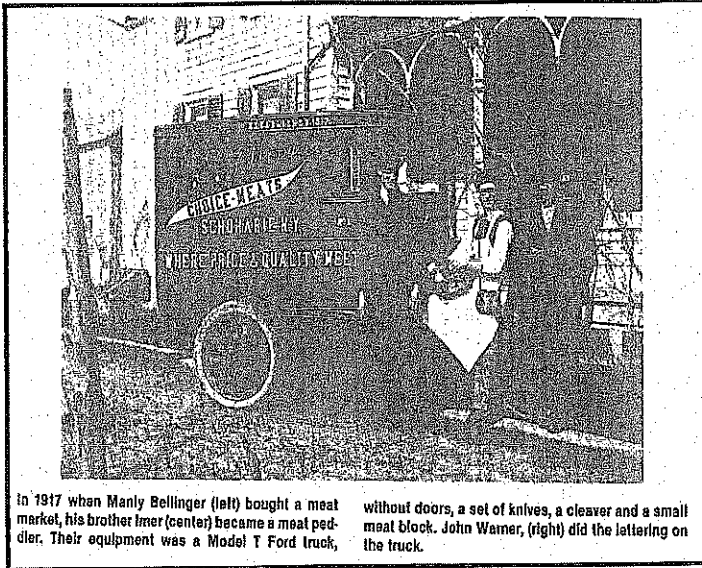
Save the date!!!  
Schoharie Valley Community Camp  
July 15-19, 2024

Open to all children from age 4 through those entering 8th grade.  
Carpers: Registration will open early Spring 2024. Spots fill quickly.  
Volunteers needed teen to adult!

All information can be found at:  
<https://www.schoharieformedchurch.org/camp/>



This newsletter is a joint effort of the Schoharie Promotional Association and the Village of Schoharie. Information for the next newsletter can be submitted to [schohariepromo@yahoo.com](mailto:schohariepromo@yahoo.com). Deadline dates are the 15th of January, April, July, October.



In 1917 when Manly Bellinger (left) bought a meat market, his brother Imer (center) became a meat peddler. Their equipment was a Model T Ford truck, without doors, a set of knives, a cleaver and a small meat block. John Warner, (right) did the lettering on the truck.

*On the Road in Schoharie, Edited by D.H. Duell, Professor Humanities, Cobleskill Ag & Tech college, 1986*

**Imer and the Bear by Ruth Bellinger**

Many of Imer Bellinger's customers became his good friends. He went to Quaker Street, Delanson and Duanesburg on one day; Central Bridge, Sloansville, and Howes Cave on another day; and Gallupville, West Berne and Berne on another. One customer of his was uninvited and unwelcome, however.

He was chugging along in the Model T when a bear jumped into the road directly in front of the car. There was no way to avoid it so the car knocked the bear down and went over it.

The car swayed from side to side and Imer had difficulty keeping it from tipping over. The car stalled, which meant that he would have to get out and crank it to get it started again. The car had no doors on it, and Mr. Bear could have reached in and messed Imer up very nicely. However, after grunting a few times, getting up and shaking himself, he decided to amble across the road and into a field. After he had gone quite a distance, Imer got out and cranked the Model T and continued on his way.

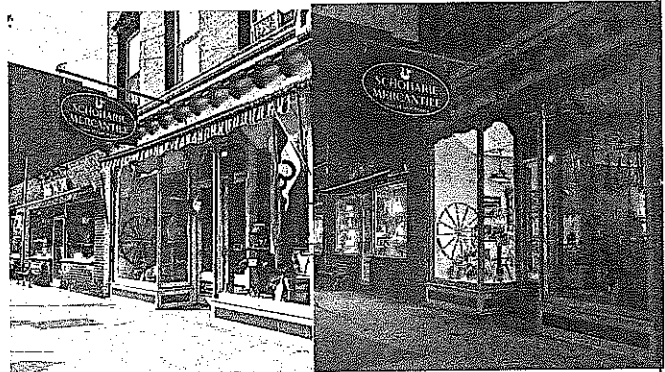
**Schoharie Mercantile**

More than a dozen local artisans have come together to open the Schoharie Mercantile at 303 Main Street in Schoharie. The 1800 Throop Drug Store building has been home to many businesses through the years and is considered the oldest building in the county.

Located between the Farmers Beef Brew and Clapper's Glass Bar, the mercantile opened February 8th, and open hours are Thursday-Sunday, 10 am to 5 pm. Plans are to open 7 days a week, 10 am to 5 pm, starting April 1st.

Artisans include Shirley Hall Garner's Stony Creek Quilts and Wovens; John Hall's Farmer John; Vicki Dube's Washed Away; Shari Attendorn's Old Smokey Leather bags, Cheryl Jones' Too Cool Beads; potter Hope Morgenstein; Nicole Nesenger's Sunny Valley Farms; Darlene and Glenn Patterson's Schoharie Trunks; Denise Kelly's Create A Way; Kelly and John Schultes' Yarn Designs; Sharpe's Sweets by Barbara Sharpe; Earl VanWomer's Van Dale Farms; Carolyn and Frederick Wellington's Herbs and Spices; Wes Lawrence's wood products, Cynthia Wilson's paintings, Ruth Ann Wilkinson's Generations; and folk paintings by John Wilkinson. Offering a little bit of everything – crafts, quilts, crocheted items, yarn, silk scarves, lip balms, lotions, candles, jewelry, cards, herbs, spices, Wellington's Island Tea, honey, maple syrup, candy, chocolate, photographs, paintings, wood items, leather bags, stained glass, trunks and antiques. The mercantile members are counting on customers to embrace shopping local and want to see Schoharie's Main Street thrive as it once did.

For information, call 518-295-6030, email schohariemercantile@yahoo.com and like Schoharie Mercantile on Facebook. A website will be coming in the near future. The grand opening and ribbon cutting is planned for May 3rd at 10 am. Expect ever changing unique merchandise at reasonable prices as well as fun features.



**dry A.F. Craft Beverage Shop**

We welcome another business to Schoharie. dry A. F. Craft Beverage Shop at 283 Main Street is in the same building as owner Jennifer Barnett's hair salon, Unicorn Alchemy. dry A. F. Craft Beverage Shop will have non-alcoholic beers, wines, liquors, seltzers, still waters, fermented shrubs and other herbal drinks, and sugar-free beverages. dry A. F. Craft Beverage Shop will be open Wednesday through Saturday from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m., with changes possible depending on the community's needs.



On March 10, 2024, the Wolfe's Laundry Den started its 11th year in business. A laundromat since 1965, the Wolfe's are believed to be the 7th owners and opened on March 10, 2014 following massive renovations after Tropical Storm Irene. We love the large holiday displays on the building!