

FIRST DRAFTS of HISTORY

Co-Sponsored by the Nicholas J. Juried Archives located at the:

Gilboa Museum in Gilboa

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□ Saturday, September 13, 1pm; **CHUCK HENRY** on **Reading Historic Newspapers**

- Country newspapers like the *Gilboa Monitor*, the *Jefferson Courier*, or the *Catskill Mountain News* were a status symbol for the towns who produced them and reflected the central role newspapers played in town communications. These papers, and others like them, represented growth, progress, and modernity -- and for us today, they provide an important record of the town's community life. That weekly record becomes the first draft of its town's history. These newspapers are now treasured by their readers for the information they hold, the lives they reclaim, and the memories they stir.

We welcome Chuck Henry from the online *NYS Historic Newspapers* site to learn just how easy it is to find your local historic paper and 'read all about it.'

CHUCK HENRY: is the Integrated Technologies Coordinator at the Northern New York Library Network. A former NYS certified teacher, Chuck routinely provides professional development and software training to teachers, librarians, and administrators in the North Country region. As Technical Project Lead, he manages the newspaper digitization process, provides server maintenance, and web development for the NYS Historic Newspaper Project. Chuck also serves as the primary web developer for the newly redesigned NY Heritage.

New York Historic Newspapers (nyshistoricnewspapers.org) provides free online access to over 700 historic newspaper titles, comprising more than 11 million pages, from every county in the state. The project also provides an affordable microfilm digitization process that makes it easy for libraries, historic associations and museums to get prized newspaper microfilm scanned and added to the website. Contributors include more than a hundred academic libraries, public libraries, historical societies and museums from across the state.

Program will be held at the Gilboa Museum and Nicholas J. Juried History Center, 122 Stryker Rd. Gilboa NY 12076 ; 607-588-6894

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