



## **Meet Phil Cherry, Executive Director of Cornell Cooperative Extension of Schuyler County...**

### **1. Describe Your Business:**

Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) of Schuyler County - we're in the business of education – not for degrees - but for life - and we've been doing this for over 100 years! We provide quality educational experiences in horticultural science, agriculture, youth and parenting programming and summer camp experiences at our very own Hidden Valley 4-H camp in Watkins Glen. We bring science and knowledge from our State's Land Grant University, Cornell, right to the citizens of Schuyler County, helping to make families smarter, stronger and happier.

### **2. Tell us your story:**

I've always loved upstate NY. I went to college here (Sullivan County and Buffalo), I vacation here (Adirondacks) and I feel like I've come home now that I've relocated here after a 35 career in the State of Delaware.

### **3. What has helped you succeed and gain experience?**

The great coworkers at CCE Schuyler. They have taught me so much and have been so patient with me learning this new job.

### **4. What inspires you?**

This community of people who give their time and talents to others – it is such a blessing. In a smaller community it is easier to see how so many volunteers there are and how many worthy causes there are, and how important the contribution of individuals and volunteers is. It really is inspiring.

### **5. What keeps you up at night? What are your challenges?**

Keeping sane in an insane political climate. Regardless of where you are on the political spectrum, the current state of affairs with government and the press is unsustainable, hurtful and frightening. I think we're all frightened for the future of the truth.

### **6. What is your favorite local activity?**

Hiking the WG gorge when it's not crowded....The vintage race day....walking around Watkins....being out on the water

### **7. Is there anything else we should know about you?**

I'm an avid Beekeeper and love to talk to others about beekeeping.