



Local author Jo Ann Butler (l) greeted customers and signed copies of her first published novel, “A Scandalous Life: Rebel Puritan,” at a recent book signing event held at Backstreet Books & Bistro, 201 Oneida St., Fulton. Based on the true-life escapades of Butler’s eighth-great-grandmother, Herodias (Long) Hicks Gardner Porter, the compelling and sensitive historical novel explores the limited rights of women in a restrictive society, seen through the eyes of a 13-year-old girl trapped in an abusive marriage. For more information on events at Backstreet Books & Bistro call 315-598-5669. Pictured with Butler are Jim and Laura Bishop, who purchased a copy of the book.