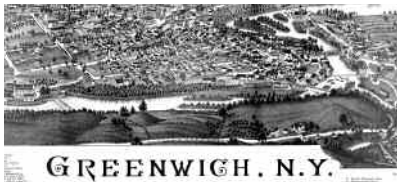


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# Seven months later, Youth Center reopens

Annabel Gregg  
Journal & Press

The Greenwich Youth Center opened their doors to students for the first time this past week since first closing on March 19th, kicking off with a slow but enthusiastic first day on Oct. 7th.

"It was pretty amazing because the children and volunteers that did come were so excited to be there. There was a lot of laughter, smiles, and stuff like that," explained Youth Center Director Jackie Waite. The handful of kids that signed up for slots on the first day were happy to be there and do schoolwork in a fun and safe environment. "We were able to work on schoolwork, and one of the children that was there was actually behind and didn't know that he was behind, so we helped him catch up with that," she recounted.

Reopening was something Waite was looking forward to. "We're really excited to have the kids back. There's been some challenges, like trying to strategically locate where the kids can sit and stuff like that...but once we got it, it worked out great," she said. Waite reported that the Youth Center had to spend around \$3,500 to get all the necessary equipment to meet state guidelines for reopening, including everything from hand sanitizer and masks to HEPA filters for better air circulation and an electrostatic cleaning gun. "It was a lot of creativity and planning to make it happen."

Just like the school district reopening, the Youth Center has had to deal with stringent safety standards. "We had to look at the fact that we're in a shared building with Police, Fire, Court, and the Village Building," explained Waite. "We share amenities like bathrooms, so we had to reorganize that and come up with a clean-

ing plan. Now we actually have our own assigned bathroom versus what we had before."

"The biggest challenge is the fact that this is very fluid, so we kind of have to make decisions on the fly sometimes that would be the best for the children, but maybe not for the program. Health and safety is our first priority," she said. "We're not going to take any chances on our kids."

In the event that the school closes for something COVID-related, the Youth Center is prepared. "Our protocol has always been that if it's not safe for the kids to go to school, it's not safe for the children to come to the Youth Center... So, if it goes to that, we would have to close, but we could continue to do our online programming."

In fact, Greenwich CSD went on "pause" on the second day the Center reopened, so they had to shut down. They plan to reopen whatever day the school brings students back, hopefully this week. "Greenwich has handled this situation so gracefully, compared to what you would think in the crazy world and the fluid situation that it is. They've done it with grace and respect. They've done a really good job."

Despite working around coronavirus restrictions, many of the old elements of the Youth Center as we know it are present. "We do provide a few snacks, but they're prepackaged snacks, and it's put in a paper bag so nobody else can really touch it," said Waite. Decorations have been laminated, and all the usual volunteers are there.

Whatever the school year will bring, the Youth Center will be doing what they can to continue to serve the children in the community.

The Greenwich Youth Center



Jackie Waite and Youth Center staff.

will be hosting a pottery program to make ceramic pumpkins on Saturday, Oct. 17th with Emily Crawford. More information about programming and to signup for

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# Libraries adapt, even thrive, during pandemic

**Annabel Gregg**  
*Journal & Press*

Since closures all the way back in March, libraries around the region have had to get creative in how they approach reopening, programming, and COVID-19 safety guidelines.

“We knew a couple of days ahead of time that we would have to close,” explained Annie Miller, Director of the Greenwich Free Library. “Everybody that came in [in those few days], we told them: ‘Take ‘em all! Everything’s got to go!’” The Greenwich Library closed its doors to the public on March 19th and didn’t open them again until mid-July.

The Schuylerville Public Library faced similar issues, having to close in mid-March and not open again until summertime. Libraries, according to the state’s guidelines, were not considered essential businesses, and couldn’t reopen even partly until New York hit Phase 2.

Initially, most libraries in the region adopted a creative way to get books to the public without physical contact — curbside pickup. “We started doing curbside pickup in the middle of June,” said Schuylerville Public Library Director Caitlin Johnson. “We’d have people call from outside, and they’d say ‘I’m here for my books,’ and then we’d look them up, assume it was the correct person, and they’d try to show us their ID through their car window. So that was kind of unusual for us.”

The Greenwich library had a similar plan, doing curbside pickup service for the community once the state reached Phase 2 in June. “Essentially, as soon as anything beyond the grocery stores and stuff like that could open, the library could open for things like curb-

side,” said Miller. “For a while, the motto was ‘the doors are closed but the library’s open.’”

But over the summer, libraries could open at a limited capacity. “We’ve had limited hours because we haven’t had our volunteers in. Our volunteer demographic skews older, so we were extremely concerned about having volunteers come and be exposed to the public,” said Miller. Since then, people have been able to come in and browse, use the computers, and check books out. But there’s no traditional library lingering. “It’s a kind of ‘get your stuff and go’ situation,” joked Miller.

“We really changed in the middle of August when we started letting people use computers and start browsing again, and people have been very happy about that,” Johnson explained. “We’re still not as busy as we used to be, of course.

## ‘We even started loaning wireless hotspots.’

A lot of people are still avoiding public spaces, which I totally understand.”

Both Schuylerville and Greenwich have introduced creative virtual and on-line programming throughout the pandemic. To replace the in-person early literacy program at Greenwich, their “Miss Emily’s Storytime” videos have reached nearly 25,000 views on YouTube. Other online programming included a virtual photography class hosted by the library.

Obviously, social distancing and mask-wearing have been musts at all libraries since reopening. “We haven’t had really any issues of people not wanting to wear a

mask, which we were all kind of concerned about when we discussed opening again. People have been very respectful,” commented Johnson. “We’ve had a lot of hand sanitizer, and we’ve been giving people masks too.”

Libraries, like restaurants, have had to limit their capacity of patrons in the building at a time. But that mostly hasn’t been a problem. “We don’t get nearly that number of people because our building can hold 66 people, so we could have 33 at a time, but we haven’t had over 12 at our busiest. So, we’ve been well under that,” Johnson explained.

At Schuylerville, the library has upped their homeschooling and extracurricular education game. “Because so many people are switching to home schooling, we thought it would be nice to beef up our collection. So, we get a lot more books, we got language CDs, and we’re working on these really cool kits that people can check out,” said Johnson. “It’s a plastic bin with books, CDs, music, and cookbooks, all about one country or region. So, people can take Ireland and explore it, and learn about the music and read the cookbooks and learn the myths... We’ve got about 10 of those going out now. And it’s just something that we thought people would benefit from.”

Greenwich Free Library has been acting as an “exchange point” between the school and students’ parents. “We’re an exchange point for school materials and books and things, so teachers and librarians are bringing stuff for us, and parents are coming and picking them up. Because the school schedule isn’t always conducive to people’s work schedules, we’re providing that service for them,” Miller explained.

Both libraries have made sure to



Annie Miller, above, and Caitlin Johnson via Zoom.



their communities, especially when it comes to internet access. “One of the things we started, since we weren’t allowed to let people in to work on their homework here, was loaning wireless hotspots to people,” explained Johnson. “We have 4, which isn’t that many, but they’ve been super popular. We’re happy to help in any little way we can. And hopefully sometime we can get more of those.”

Greenwich implemented similar initiatives to help those in the rural community improve their Wi-Fi access. “In the summer, we boosted our Wi-Fi signals so that people who wanted to use our Wi-Fi outside would have a better connection,” Miller explained. “We’ve

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"Meet The (Journal &) Press" sessions will also be recorded as a podcast for those who can't log in during that time. Johnson is also working on a phone-in version of the sessions for people who don't have decent Internet access.

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## Libraries (cont.)

had people in our parking lot, day and night. People are teaching classes and taking classes, and we — thinking ahead towards the colder weather — just opened up our meeting rooms for individuals to use for stuff like that. In November, you're not going to want to shiver on our back porch."

Looking ahead, Miller and the library have also been part of a plan to get better Wi-Fi for homes in Cossayuna. "We have a project going on to create a public Wi-Fi spot down in Cossayuna at the fire station, because they have terrible internet access down there. So we've been working with the Fire Department down there."

Despite coronavirus obstacles, Miller worries about the future well-being of the Greenwich library for other reasons. "Honestly, my biggest concern right now is the town budget just came out, and they cut our contract by \$21,000. Which is by far the largest thing that was cut on that preliminary budget that they came out with. It's like 10% of our operating budget," articulated Miller. A cut that size "represents a staff member," she said, "because

people don't get paid that much here." The library is worried about having to cut their popular Early Literacy programming due to the lack of funds, if the budget passes. "We have great people working here, they've been incredibly creative about facing this obstacle of COVID, and now we're being thrown another one."

Regardless of the looming budgetary problems and the tricky coronavirus restrictions, both libraries are learning to make the best of the situation, and plan to continue operating as resources for the community.

The Schuylerville Library will be starting a series of virtual programs on working from home on Oct. 19, 25 and Nov. 2. with Jodie Fitz of the Price Chopper Kids Cooking Club. The library also has "take & make" craft projects that people can sign up for on their website, <https://schuylervillelibrary.evanced.info/signup>.

The Greenwich Library's current programming information can be found online in their October newsletter, at <https://www.greenwichfreelibrary.org/newsletter>.

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# Greenwich Council's tentative budget

Annabel Gregg  
Journal & Press

The Town Board put forth their tentative 2021 budget at their Oct. 5 Special Meeting. "The stated objective for the 2021 budget was to have a tax levy the same as 2020. The budgetary problems for both governments and families caused by COVID-19 had a substantial economic impact on prioritizing our spending," explained Supervisor Don Ward.

The main priorities of the board for the upcoming year, according to Ward, are public safety, plowing and fixing roads, and providing the usual government services of the Town.

Because of coronavirus-caused financial strains, the decisions on what to spend money on were difficult. "This is where the tough decisions were made, in the discretionary spending," said Ward. The Highway Department's "desperate need" for a new snowplow, though important to keeping

roads safe during the winter, meant that a lot of other cuts had to be made to the Town's discretionary spending for the year.

Councilman Steve Patrick offered a defense of this decision, where he explained how the Highway Department's current truck had "exhaust leaking last year and had a problem staying awake, so they were using spray foam" to close up the leaking holes.

Ward also commented on the tax rates for Greenwich residents for 2021. The rates for the village are .90 percent and for the town 2.72 percent, both of which "are under last year's," said Ward.

Among the proposed cuts include over \$20,000 from the Greenwich Free Library's budget and various smaller cuts to recreational funding.

The Board will meet next on Wednesday Nov. 4 at 7:00 for their regular Board Meeting, as well as the fire contract discussion starting at 7:15 and the public hearing for the budget starting at 7:30.



The Town-Wide Clean Up will be a little different this year, but the Board announced it will still happen on October 17th and 18th. Residents can drop off their items to be disposed of at the Town Highway Garage on County Route 77. But before that, residents who want to participate have to pre-pay at the Town Clerk's office.

"They'll pay for whatever they're getting rid of here, and

then we give them a receipt — you have to bring the receipt to the Highway Garage," explained Clerk Kim Whalen. The fees for e-waste items can be found on the Town's website.

Highway Superintendent Stanley Mattison announced his retirement in a letter to the Board, announcing that Oct. 30 would be his last day after serving 9 years as Superintendent and 21 years in the Highway Department.

"I've said it before and I'll say it again, my men are the best highway crew in the county," said Mattison in his letter.

"He's the best Superintendent we've had," commented Supervisor Ward. He wished the "best to Stan in his retirement, and we'll have something for him at the November Board meeting."

The Board also plans to celebrate Greenwich's birthday on March 3rd. Town Historian Sandy McReynolds has been putting together information about the town's history in preparation for the town's anniversary of our official charter date. "In the month of March, we'll set up a historic display for Greenwich and have a birthday party for that," said Supervisor Ward.

## Dairy princesses honor fall harvests

The dairy farmers of Washington County have been busy harvesting their hay and cornfields for the long winter ahead. The beautiful fall weather has been a tremendous help for a successful harvest. The average cow produces more than eight gallons of milk per day and they need to consume more than 25 pounds of corn silage, hay and grain per day to produce this wholesome product. So, when you see the person in the tractor give them a wave and a smile for producing nature's most perfect food, milk.

The dairy industry is still the number one industry in Washington County. The Dairy Princess team consisting of Molly Walker (pictured), Lauren DeSorbe and Audra Dubois continues to take an active role promoting this vital industry. The Washington County Dairy Princess program is made possible through the support of the American Dairy Association Northeast, the local planning and management organization funded by dairy farmer checkoff dollars.





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## Art fundraiser goes virtual

The Agricultural Stewardship Association (ASA) will be hosting their 19th annual “Landscapes for Landsake” art sale and exhibition virtually this year. The inaugural virtual show on [www.LandscapesforLandsake.com](http://www.LandscapesforLandsake.com) will be available through Friday, Oct. 30th. Landscapes for Landsake is the region’s largest art buying event of the season and has been ASA’s

largest fundraiser for the last 18 years. Participating artists donate 50% of their proceeds to support ASA’s farmland conservation work.

“While we are disappointed that the show cannot be in person, we are incredibly hopeful that the show will have a greater reach than in years past,” explained Teri Ptacek, ASA’s Executive Director. “This event celebrates the connection between art and the landscapes we are working to protect. Cancelling the event was simply not an option. The success of this event has had a tremendous impact on ASA’s ability to protect local farms.”

Leah McCloskey, a resident of Salem, NY and active supporter of local farmers has taken on the task of curating the virtual event. Leah is the Administrative Coordinator for the Artists Fellowship and former director of Exhibition Outreach at the Art Students League of New York. Leah’s creativity and eye for beauty are bound to make ASA’s exhibition a tremendous success again this year. “There really is



no other venue in the region that has all of these incredibly talented artists in one place at one time. It’s an art event not to be missed and now can be shared with anyone, anywhere,” she said.

Some local artists to be featured at this year’s competition include Leslie Peck, Anne Sutherland, Lynne and Tom Kerr, and George Van Hook. ASA would like to thank all the businesses who have demonstrated their commitment to protecting our farmland by sponsoring the show, including the Fort Miller Group, Salem Farm Supply, and Capital Tractor.

### Donate your coats

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## October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

**Kate Sausville**  
*Journal & Press*

I have been taking advantage of the gorgeous fall weather and getting outside. My walks take me all throughout our village, and the autumn colors this year have been impressive. It reminds me of the quote from one of my favorite childhood books, “Anne of Green Gables” — “I’m so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers.” Maybe a little cheesy, but true. My theory on this spectacular display is that Mother Nature took pity on us and decided we needed something beautiful to distract from the craziness of this year. However, I was told that the exceptional colors are actually a result of the summer drought. I like my theory better.

As many of you know, October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Several years ago (longer than I care to admit), I turned 40, and was told it was time for a mammogram. I would like to say I went and got it done immediately, but of course I did not. We were busy with life, and I don’t have a family history of breast cancer. I figured it would be a waste of time. And I’ll admit that

some of the horror stories I had heard about painful mammograms made me a little nervous. When I finally went, my mammogram results were fine, and the mammogram itself was not painful at all. A little pulling and tugging that I haven’t experienced since my nursing days, but not bad. I was told to follow up with an ultrasound, as I have dense

**‘Almost 16,000 women a year are diagnosed in NYS.’**

tissue. Again, I put it off. The mammogram said I was fine, and it was just one more thing to have to do. Moms, am I right?

Life went on, but then something happened that made me pause. I read an article about a woman, who like me, had no family history of breast cancer, had a clear mammogram but also was told to follow up with an ultrasound due to dense breast tissue. Fortunately, she did not put it off, as the ultrasound revealed she had stage 1 breast cancer. I took that as a sign and made an appointment for an ultrasound

that day. Initially, the technician was very chatty, and I got the feeling that she thought this would just be a quick, easy appointment. However, several minutes later, I knew something was wrong. The technician became very quiet as she went over the same spots several times. She couldn’t tell me anything except that my doctor would call me soon.

My doctor called me about an hour later and told me that there were not one, but two suspicious lumps, and they were getting me in for a double biopsy early the next week. They also told me to try not to worry. Sure, not a problem. Gulp. The Breast Center at the Glens Falls Hospital was amazing. They got me in quickly and were so reassuring. It turns out that I had non-cancerous cysts. The relief was enormous, and I pledged that I would never put off my health care again.

According to the New York State Department of Health, breast cancer is one of the most common cancers among women in New York State. Almost 16,000 women are diagnosed with breast cancer each year, and 2,500 die from it. Men can also get breast cancer, though it is rare.

Know the signs and get checked out if something does not seem right. I realize how incredibly fortunate I am, when so many others are not as lucky. There have been some major changes in my life because of my scare, including closing my childcare business after 13 years, working outside the home as a preschool teacher, and going back to college full time. While there are some things I miss dearly about the old way of life, I am incredibly grateful for all the opportunities I have. Life gets busy, but don’t forget that you matter. Your physical and mental health matter. Take it seriously and make the appointments you need to. Get to the doctor for that checkup. You do it for your children, your spouse, maybe even your parents, it’s time to do it for you.

### **Breast cancer resources:**

The New York State Cancer Services Referral Line: Call 1-866-442-CANCER (2262) for information on breast cancer screening and support in your area. The line is open 24/7.

The Breast Center at Glens Falls Hospital: Appointments can be made at any location by calling: 518-926-5333.

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*Kate Sausville is a resident of Greenwich, a preschool teacher for Head Start in Saratoga County, wife and mother of two teenage daughters.*



## Operation Santa

Greenwich Central Elementary School will once again be participating in the Operation Santa Claus Program. The program expects that many families will need assistance at Christmas, perhaps this year more than any other. Last year, 82 children opened presents donated by the community under the tree, and 44 Greenwich families had a great Christmas. For the opportunity to adopt a child or donate to the program this holiday season, contact Denise Smith at (518) 692-9542 ext. 6800 or dsmith@greenwichcsd.org. Along with monetary donations, Operation Santa Claus also is accepting donations of new clothes, new toys, wrapping paper, and gift cards to grocery stores.





# Upstart candidate Nelson vies for Senate

**Annabel Gregg**  
*Journal & Press*

At 31, if he's elected in November, Patrick Nelson would be one of the youngest sitting members on the New York State Assembly. His easily recounted stories of college, Silicon Valley expeditions, and perspectives on Albany corruption no doubt highlight his youth and his energetic, sarcastic personality.

Although he's commonly known as a progressive, Nelson has been a member of almost every political party. He registered as a Republican at age 18, then moved into a "Libertarian phrase throughout college," and then started to move towards the Democratic party after Barack Obama was elected. He ended his partisan arch as a staffer on the Bernie Sanders presidential campaign in 2016. But the current Stillwater village board member hasn't always been politically involved; he really got into politics about six years ago, "for a lot of reasons."

One of his most heartfelt reasons was from a few years ago. "I was working on a tech start-up and moved to California to work on chemotherapies...and genetic diseases caused by only a one letter difference [in DNA]," he recounted. Nelson has a degree in Biochemistry and Biophysics from RPI and moved to Silicon Valley shortly after graduating. "I'm sitting at a table with my friend who is in the business with me, and we're playing a game of chess. It goes to be his move, and he falls onto the floor in a Grand Mal Seizure." Nelson explained how he saw his friend struggling in pain and was forced to experience the awful, "uniquely American calculation" that people have when deciding whether or not to call 911.

"Eventually, screw it. Call 911. I'm glad I did, because he wasn't well and lucid until 10 minutes after we were in the room, in the ER." The trip cost the duo \$5,000, a sizable chunk of the funds the start-up had raised to get there.

"I think I made the right call, but it's situations like this when you talk to folks... In the Valley, I would have a conversation with somebody in the line at the coffee shop, and you'd hear about this world changing vision that they have, but you've got folks that aren't pursuing them because they'll lose the healthcare that they have, they're locked in their job." This gave Nelson the desire for more equitable

healthcare in this country.

One of the more arbitrary reasons he jumped into politics was from watching "Real Time With Bill Maher" his senior year of college. "I was at that point in [my] life where you're trying to figure out, 'What is it that I want to do with my existence?' Neil deGrasse Tyson was on [the show], and he went on this whole rant about there not being enough scientists or engineers in politics," explained Nelson.

"I was actually doing some organizing work for the Presbyterian church, sort of getting used to parliamentary procedure and found that I took to it really well. So, with everything going on in my life, hearing that kind of click for me — I had not considered it before. [Politics] was a thing that other people did. But then I'm like oh, maybe that's a problem I can do something about. Maybe I can have an impact in this space. Maybe that's what I'm supposed to be doing."

Six years later, Nelson found himself trying to recruit members from the NYS Democratic Committee to run against Daphne Jordan, the current incumbent in the 43rd District Senate

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Seat. "I was pitching the district, talking about the changing enrollment, how close it was, how it's a presidential year so you've got a chance. And then the script got turned back on me," he explained. "It was like, 'If you really believe that, how come you're not running?' And I just couldn't come up with a good answer to that question," he said.

"I certainly wasn't going to let the least productive senator we've had go unchallenged. That's someone who I think needed a vigorous challenge. I knew I could do that, and I think we are doing that."

And so the RPI grad entered the race for the 43rd. Nelson has led a unique grassroots campaign, refusing to accept donations from LLCs



**Patrick Nelson**

or corporate PACs, and relying on small-time donations from the public. The campaign team has made over 17,000 voter contact calls since the start of the campaign. He has been part of many organizing Zoom calls with Our Revolution, Bernie Sander's political action organization. As he enters the home stretch, his campaign has kicked off the "Peddling with Patrick Nelson" fundraising initiative, a bike tour around the district to meet with voters in places like Moreau State Park and the Waterford Public Library.

Healthcare has continued to be one of his most important campaign issues. "It shouldn't have taken a global pandemic to prove why it's essential, but it's essential," he said. "It shouldn't take a global pandemic to learn that health is a communal thing, and we're made less healthy when we have 65,000 Americans dying every year because they lack healthcare — almost 10,000 New Yorkers, and that was just before the pandemic." Nelson wants to change the nursing system, and make sure everyone has healthcare, so in the event that another pandemic strikes, you can get a test and proper treatment without having to have an expensive copay.

Probably inspired by his start-up days, Nelson is virulently pro-small business. He says the tax process needs to be easier, forms need to be clearer, and the government should be doing more than offering tax incentives to start a business. Some of his more specific plans in-

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# Greenwich schools were ‘on pause’

**Annabel Gregg**  
*Journal & Press*

Greenwich Central School District saw two school closures in the week before we went to press, with Superintendent Mark Fish officially “pausing” in-person instruction at the Elementary and Middle Schools “due to two presumed positive COVID-19 cases” on Thursday, Oct. 8. The pause is due to new COVID-19 guidelines for K-12 schools released by the NYS Department of Health, “which includes an update to reflect that if a member of the school community is sent home or experiences COVID-19 related symptoms, they must quarantine for 10 days UNLESS they receive... an alternate diagnosis from a medical provider or a negative COVID-19 test.”

Under the new guidelines, the district is required to track symptomatic individuals until they can produce a negative COVID-19 test or an alternate diagnosis. Any student or staff members in direct exposure with the potentially infected person is required to quarantine. Over Indigenous People’s Weekend, the Department of Health began their initial investigation to track whoever may have come in contact with the potentially positive students.

Fish directed such individuals to go to an urgent care facility, where one can “identify yourself as a school staff or student that needs

the quick test for COVID. School staff and students have now been identified as a priority in the testing system.”

“A person in the Greenwich elementary school has not met this new standard and will quarantine until a negative COVID-19 test or

## ‘Students/staff may return with a negative antigen test.’

alternate diagnosis is returned. The Greenwich Elementary (pre-k through Grade 6) will pause in person learning and plan remote

learning for Friday, October 9, 2020. If the pause needs to be extended, impacted families will receive additional communication over the weekend,” said Fish in a press release.

The pause comes only four weeks after the initial opening of Greenwich schools. During the first week of school, two students tested positive for the coronavirus, and an entire second grade class had to be put under quarantine.

The district’s Medical Director Dr. Robert Nielson notes, “The big change is that students and staff with symptoms may return to school with a negative antigen test and do not need to wait for the PCR test, provided the person is improving and fever free for 24 hours without medication.”

As of Tuesday, Oct. 13th, students have returned back to regular in-person learning. Please check the district website for more updated information on school closures and quarantine orders.

## OPERATION *Santa Claus Program 2020*

Greenwich Central Elementary School will once again be participating in the Operation Santa Claus Program. We expect many families; perhaps this year more than any other year, will need assistance at Christmas. Last year 82 children opened presents from you under the tree. Your donations helped 44 Greenwich families have a great Christmas! If you would like the opportunity to adopt a child, or donate to the program, please contact Denise Smith at (518) 692-9542 ext. 6800 or [dsmith@greenwichcsd.org](mailto:dsmith@greenwichcsd.org). Along with monetary donations, we also look for donations of new clothes, new toys, wrapping paper, and gift cards to grocery stores.

## A thesis on McDonaldland

**Cody Fitzgerald**  
*Journal & Press*

The great philosopher Socrates once said, “Get off my lawn, you damn hooligans!” He was also famous for creating the Socratic method, or more specifically, Socratic questioning. This philosophy of asking questions to search for deeper answers and moral truths has lost its way over time. I feel like today it is appropriate that I use my platform to try and bring this back. I want to look into a deeper meaning behind something so mundane that it has never crossed your mind as more than a brief acknowledgement. Today, we look into a critical analysis and thesis behind McDonald’s former advertising plan, McDonaldland. Why does this exist? What does it mean? How do we know? After hours of research on the McDonald’s Wiki (which is a real thing, yes), I’ve gathered a lot of information, seemingly too much to take in at once. Slowly but surely, we’ll get through this together and learn more along the way.

First, let’s start off with the characters —

The Hamburglar is a young “thief” often found stealing hamburgers. I believe that this character was stylistically drawn and portrayed to look younger, as it represents the young children robbing their parents of all of their money to eat at McDonald’s.

Mayor McCheese is obviously portrayed as a traditional “mayor,” a government official. His enlarged hamburger head, to me, represents the “inflated heads” and egos of other “mayors” and politicians. This character is clearly a commentary on political corruption.

Birder the Early Bird’s beak kind of looks like two Pringles, and we don’t need that negativity around here. Pass.

Grimace, essentially just a purple slob, is what I believe to represent what McDonald’s food actually looks like.

Did we forget one? We have to end it off and meet the obligatory Ronald McDonald. Everybody knows him, but I feel like there’s much more than meets the eye. Why is he a clown? Did you know that originally, he wore a striped red and yellow shirt, with a hat? Why did he change? Upon the gruesome, no-more-than-three-seconds of critical thinking I’ve done for this piece, I’ve noticed that Ronald McDonald is the only one that is actually human. All other characters are in complete masked costumes. A clown is usually meant to represent one’s volatility of life, or a sort of masking of sadness (i.e. “painting a smile”). Is Ronald McDonald supposed to represent a sort of emptiness all children feel? Is it the emotional vulnerability, or maybe the struggle to make friends? Ronald is the only human, and he masks himself in a clown face. I think we’re being subtly told that none of these other characters exist, and they’re all figments of Ronald McDonald’s imagination. A dark undertone for a children’s commercial? Sure. This, however, is something that should be represented in children’s media to show them the harsh realities of the world. Ronald McDonald is alone. He masks himself and creates friends in his imagination just so he can have what he’s always desired: A PlayPlace.

Lastly, we need to examine the

McDonaldland theme song. Lyric by lyric, this melody can be unraveled into a much deeper, much more provoking piece of art with more complex meanings than any human can comprehend-

“Get yourself, ready for a trip in McDonaldland,” suggests that you are not ready for what you’re about to be told.

“Take along a friend, and grab hold of Ronald’s hand,” means, as we’ve discovered, that Ronald is not someone that is guiding you. You’re guiding him — a lonely, desperate clown.

“Follow Ronald McDonald through the land of Apple Pie Trees,” shows how the commercials use bright colors and food to distract the consumer, and Ronald, from his deep despair.

“And don’t be surprised when you meet Big Mac and McCheese,” is a disclaimer for diabetes.

“There’s Thick Shake Volcanoes, you’ll even find a French fry patch,” uses a volcano as symbolism for Ronald’s boiling resentment and struggle.

“Now just turn around and see if you won’t find a Hamburger Patch,” is again using the lack of a “hamburger patch” as symbolism to represent a lack of a close friend or confidant in Ronald’s life.

“As you’re heading for... for McDonald’s” and “In McDonaldland



at McDonald’s” is (in an interesting stylistic choice) painting the idea of “heading for McDonald’s” as a good thing, when we all know what awaits there.

There you have it. There is much deeper, much darker meaning behind McDonaldland. I hate that I have to cite the McDonald’s Wiki as a source but I do, so if you ever need to read up on McDonald’s facts you now know where to go. I hope I trained you all to become deeper thinkers and you’ll think about Ronald McDonald’s feelings next time you see him.

*Cody Fitzgerald is a Schuylerville (NY) High School senior aspiring to become a screenwriter and comedian.*



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Nipper Knolls Equine Center, Inc. is hosting an "Anytime Golf Tournament" fundraiser at Ondawa Greens Country Club, located at 217 Scotch Hill Road, Cambridge, NY 12816.

Participants can participate in this virtual tournament on the day of their choice, either on Sunday, Oct. 18, or on Saturday, Oct. 31, 2020. The format is a two-person scramble with the option of playing 9 or 18 holes. Each paid entrant receives a gift and veterans receive a special token of appreciation.

Teams will turn in their scorecards at the golf course and prizes will be awarded for the first through third-place teams for both the 9 holes and the 18 holes. Additionally, a prize will be awarded for the best team name, as well as other fun competitions. The winners will be announced on Nipper Knolls Equine Center, Inc.'s website and Facebook page.

Teams should register by Friday, Oct. 17. The cost is \$30 per person for 9 holes, and \$35 per person for 18 holes. To help improve scores and raise additional dollars, mulligans and puttgains can be purchased. For additional details and to register contact roxanne@nipperknolls.com.

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a 501(c)3, a nonprofit organization that provides horses, equipment, and a center where therapists and certified instructors provide equine-assisted therapies and riding instruction. These services are provided on a one-to-one-basis with our largest class having two riders. The small class size allows focusing on the individuals' abilities and design programs around their specific needs, making the riding experience therapeutic, educational, and enjoyable. They also provide assistance to retrain abused and neglected horses and integrate them into the EAAT whenever possible.

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## Free 'Tiny Homes' talk

The public is invited to join HVCC for a free online lecture. "Tiny Homes... From Pinterest Dreams to Affordable Housing" will be presented on Tuesday, Oct. 27, at 1 p.m.

The tiny home trend is everywhere – on television, on social media and at tiny home festivals popping up throughout the county. The same questions persist: Why go tiny? Who chooses tiny homes? Are these homes really less expensive?

Local businesswoman Brittany McAndrew of Upstate Tiny Homes, who served on the board for the Tiny Home Industry Association, will illuminate this new tiny world.

Virtual event link: [livestream.com/hvccstreaming/events/9235043](http://livestream.com/hvccstreaming/events/9235043).

Visit [www.hvcc.edu/culture](http://www.hvcc.edu/culture) to learn about more Fall 2020 Cultural Affairs programs at Hudson Valley Community College.

# It's back to school at Salem CSD

Salem CSD welcomed students back on Monday, Sept. 14th, for the start of the 2020-2021 school year. This was the first time students were in the building for in-person instruction since Friday, March 13, 2020, when schools closed due to COVID-19.

The district's reopen plan includes elementary students to learn fully in-person. The middle and high school students have a hybrid in-person and remote learning plan. They are assigned to either a "purple group" or "gold group," in which the two groups alternate in-person and remote learning days.

Since reopening, students and faculty have

found creative ways to learn both in-person and remotely. Mrs. Ridler's second grade students combined their creativity with problem-solving skills in building whatever they could successfully, using just toothpicks and marshmallows. Each student tackled the task a little differently, resulting in a wide range of creations.

Fourth-grade students in Mrs. Rogers' class are studying how living beings take in nutrients and eliminate waste. The students dissected owl pellets to determine what barn owls eat.

Mrs. Maxwell's food science students are working on a unit about microbes in food. The students researched food items made with microbes. They



Khloe Dufty

then had the opportunity to apply what they learned in partnering with the Battenkill Kitchen to try their recipes.

## Haunted storytelling at HCP

On Sunday, Oct. 18 at 2 p.m., Hudson Crossing Park will be hosting Mike Bielkiewicz to hear his spooky, historical — and sometimes hysterical— tales of local lore. The "Heritage, Haunts, and Hoaxes of Olde Saratoga" event will be held at the park pavilion. Attendees will hear stories of an area witch, a headless horseman that rides along Fish Creek, spirits that still follow an old Indian trail, and more.

Suggested donation is \$10 per person. Reservations are required, and the reservation link can be found at [HudsonCrossingPark.org/Upcoming-Events](http://HudsonCrossingPark.org/Upcoming-Events). Attendees are asked to bring their own chairs. Social distancing and face

masks are required. This event will be following all NYS and CDC guidelines. This event is sponsored by Mohawk Maiden Cruises.

Hudson Crossing Park is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, bi-county park centered on Champlain Canal Lock 5 Island just outside of the village of Schuylerville on Historic Route 4. A unique recreational and educational destination, the park is open every day year-round from dawn until dusk and is free of charge.

For more information visit [www.hudsoncrossingpark.org](http://www.hudsoncrossingpark.org) or [www.facebook.com/hudsoncrossingpar/](http://www.facebook.com/hudsoncrossingpar/).



## Halloween psychic readings at Windy Hill C-B-D

Windy Hill C-B-D is hosting a Psychic Fair on Halloween from 5-10 p.m. For \$85, guests can spend up to 30 minutes each with various mediums, including Joan Scannell (tarot cards, numerology), Leslie Shustak (palmistry, cards and general intuition), and "Readings by Whitney" ([readingsbywhitney.com](http://readingsbywhitney.com)). The store is located at 106 Main St. in Greenwich and reservations can be booked via Facebook at [facebook.com/events/438924447013521](https://www.facebook.com/events/438924447013521). Social distancing protocols will be in effect.

Windy Hill C-B-D's Holly Harris is organizing the first-annual event.

"I had a friend mention to me she felt something in her home — a presence of sorts. Then the light bulb went off and I was like what if I

have an event at the shop," Harris said.

"I had to make sure it could be COVID compliant and, based on where each reader is positioned in the building, it was the perfect location."

One medium will be in Windy Hill C-B-D, another will be in the space next to that store and the third in a space at the rear of Sip n Swirl.

"The response has been amazing," Harris stated. "This is actually the second event. The first one was on Sept. 26 and that sold out in an hour, so I contacted more readers — and each one has her own speciality — and we decided to plan it on Halloween."

Harris plans to do more psychic-themed events around the December Solstice and

Spring Equinox

"These events bring more people downtown and help increase our foot traffic," she added.

—DJ



Readings by Whitney

# Kevin Hart's Snapchat series motivates

**Todd Spangler**

*Variety*

*Special to Journal & Press*

Kevin Hart is counterprogramming against a flood of grim headlines with his first original series for Snapchat: "Coach Kev," in which the multihyphenate acts as your mentor to dole out bursts of inspirational of positivity and wisdom.

Hart is extending his Laugh Out Loud comedy brand to Snapchat with the 10-episode unscripted series, which premieres Saturday, Oct. 10. New segments will be released on Snapchat's Discover platform every other day over two weeks.

"This is to put yourself in terms of positive thinking -- I'm vocal, I'm in front of your face," Hart, founder and CEO of Laugh Out Loud, said of the new show. "If you are in a position to contribute some positivity, why not?" He added, "Any type of

content during this time like this is designed to counterbalance what we're witnessing day to day."

"Coach Kev," shot in LOL's studios against a greenscreen, shows Hart in 10 virtual locations -- including the top of Mount Everest, in a gym, and in a boxing ring. Inspired by his own experiences, the premise of the series is that Hart will be your coach, best friend and mentor all rolled into one to encourage Snapchatters to live their best life.

Snap has found that unscripted formats work well with big stars, who are able to reach huge audiences on the app, said Sean Mills, head of original content. He cited Snapchat's original series with Will Smith, "Will From Home," which earlier this year drew more than 35 million viewers.

"It's a great way to make shows during the COVID lockdown period," Mills said. The Snap team

met Hart after his car accident a year ago about the concept for "Coach Kev" and he "was passionate about helping people live their better lives," Mills said. "With Kevin Hart you just let him do whatever he's going to do because it's going to be great."

"Coach Kev" is "inspirational entertainment," said Jeff Clanagan, president of Laugh Out Loud. "Kevin through, his social, has always been doing these motivational things. We formed a content strategy around that -- we know there's an appetite for it." Clanagan also made the point that "doing stuff like this against a greenscreen was relatively easy to do."

For Laugh Out Loud, the comedy entertainment company Hart established three years ago, Snapchat's "Coach Kev" is the latest expansion of its content across multiple platforms, including Roku Channel, ViacomCBS's PlutoTV, YouTube, TikTok, Facebook and Instagram. "It's about having a relationship with those [platforms] that capture our essence," Hart said. LOL content also is coming to NBCUniversal's Peacock, and Hart is set to host an interview series for Peacock, "Hart to Heart." Meanwhile, Hart also continues to host his radio show "Straight From the Hart" on SiriusXM and is set to star in action-comedy "Man From Toronto" for Sony Pictures, slated to begin shooting next week.

Hart's "Coach Kev" joins a steadily growing roster of other



Snap originals. Those include three docuseries coming in 2021: "Honestly Loren" about social-media star Loren Gray, from ITV America's Sirens Media; "Life's a Tripp," following rapper-singer Trippie Redd as he covers major issues gripping our country today, from drug addiction to police reform, with the help of celebrity friends; and "Swae Meets World," following Swae Lee on a journey through triumph and tragedy as the rapper-singer prepares to launch his first solo album (from Big Fish Entertainment).

"We get a lot of signals from our community about what worlds they care about, the talent they care about," said Mills, saying that Loren Gray, Trippie Redd and Swae Lee each are "huge talent for our core audience."

Snap also has a set a slate of 2020 election-related programming, including a "Good Luck Voter!" miniseries written by Peter Hamby (host of "Good Luck America"), "While Black with MK Asante," and Jaden Smith's "The Solution Committee" series about social and racial justice. Snapchat says it has helped more than 1 million Americans register to vote.

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## Greenwich likes BIG things...

**Sandy McReynolds**  
*Gill Room Historian*

It all began in 1974 when Neisner Brothers, Inc. of Rochester originally constructed the cornerstone of the plaza, the Big N department store. Employing thirty to forty people from the area, including the popular restaurant, the store carried clothing, pet fish, toys, records, clothing, and household goods. Though the company had made the decision to close several of their stores for financial reasons in late 1977, the Greenwich site was not on the list.

“The success of the Big N Discount store was limited. By 1977, Neisner’s filed for bankruptcy protection. The following year, Ames Discount Stores acquired the Big N chain as a result of the bankruptcy liquidation, and Neisner’s closed its doors.”

However, the devastating March 5, 1978, fire changed the plans for Greenwich. The black smoke was visible for forty miles, and by 11:00 a.m., the fire was brought under control. All that remained standing was the front wall. The interior walls were completely gone, and the steel supports were melted and twisted. The cause of the fire was quickly determined to have emanated from a compressor at the rear of the store. Light smoke damage was all that was suffered by the adjoining stores. They are actually two separate buildings, adjoined only on the front, “but are increasingly further apart as they go back.”

Radio Shack was still under reconstruction after their fire a couple months previous (Dec. 1977); House of Pizza; Donohue’s Pharmacy; M&M Liquor Store; Grand Union; Glens Falls National Bank & Trust; and a vacant store (Bain’s Bakery had decided not to reopen after the ’77 fire). The store was not rebuilt.

Lucky for us, the Big N Plaza wasn’t without a department store for long. Kmart had purchased the lot and the new store opened in November 1979, much to the delight of the local folk. The name “Big N” was still emblazoned on the plaza sign for many years before

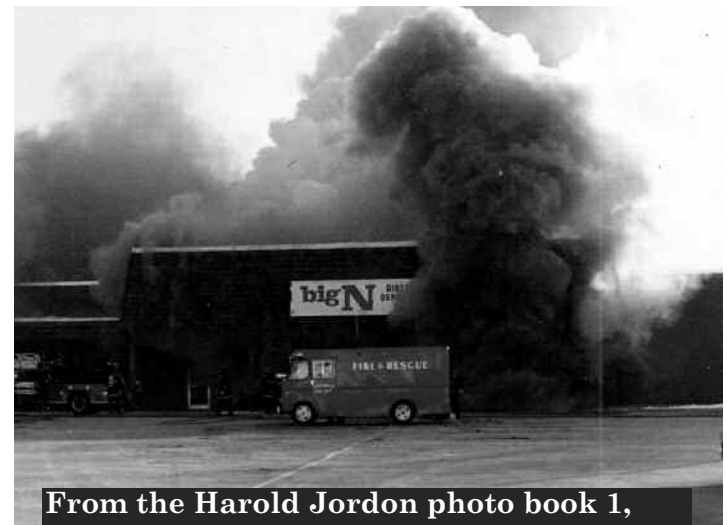
it changed to Greenwich Plaza, and it is not uncommon to hear some older people (myself included) refer to it as such.

For twenty-one years Kmart remained, but in June 2000 it was announced that our aging store was going to get a face-lift and re-branded as Big K, or Big Kmart. Once again—we had a BIG store in the plaza. We continued on for nearly two more decades—until March 2019, when Big K was put on the company’s chopping block and finally closed its doors. Over those years, we’d taken for granted of having a place to “run to in an emergency” when we didn’t want – or have the time – to travel to its competitors in Saratoga. The loss of Big K and the convenience it offered was felt throughout the community.

Like all things—especially with the internet—the rumors began to fly about what was going to happen with the empty store. I guess it shouldn’t have been a shock really when it was announced Big Lots was moving in—I mean, it was meant to be, right?

Photo credit: Harold Jordon photo book 1, courtesy of the Rough & Ready Firehouse

*Sandy McReynolds is historian for the wonderful Gill Room in the Greenwich Free Library. As well, she is Greenwich Town Historian.*



From the Harold Jordon photo book 1, courtesy of the Rough & Ready Firehouse



## Elks Craft Fair

The Elk’s Auxiliary will host the Annual Fall Craft Fair on Nov. 14th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Elk’s Lodge in Greenwich. Admission is free. Vendors will offer items like hand-made knitted items, quilts, goat milk soap & lotions, candy, woodworking, leather goods, jewelry. The kitchen will be open all day, selling homemade brownies, cookies, and cupcakes for snacks, and chili, hot dogs, and sandwiches for lunch.

BPOE # 2223 Elks Auxiliary is a non-profit organization that donates all proceeds to the community. This craft fair supports Scholarships to the Elks district of Argyle, Cambridge, Greenwich, Salem & Schuylerville. Stop on in and help support our community needs. Contact Donna Blair for applications to be a vendor or any other information at 518-692-2347.



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## Nelson (cont.)

clude setting up a public payroll provider through New York State for small businesses that makes paying employee's taxes and paychecks easier and more direct, one that would "cost nothing for businesses with say, fewer than 15 people."

Tackling climate change is an important issue to Nelson and was one that shifted his party affiliation during his earlier years. "What brought me very much into Democratic politics was the scientific training, and the fact

that one of these parties wants to do something about climate change, and the other is pretending it doesn't exist," he explained.

"We have very little time to act on climate change, and we can't continue with another administration for four more years that worsens that problem and pretends it doesn't exist."

Of course, the coronavirus pandemic has impacted the campaign. "Some of my favorite things about running for office are the rallies, the barbecues over the summer, the Democratic picnics, and going to the county fairs. But we've replaced that with Zoom calls," he commented. "Which, yes — I get to talk to dif-

ferent people — but the posture... [is] still me sitting down in this chair, looking into this camera, talking into this microphone. Different people, different subject matter, but like, it's the first time in my life I've wished for a longer commute. It would be nice to go somewhere," joked Nelson.

Nelson's campaign is one to watch, as the Nov. 3rd election rapidly approaches, and campaign activity ramps up. You can learn more about Patrick Nelson's campaign for the 43rd Senate District at [nelsonforny.com](http://nelsonforny.com).





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# Explaining the stock market

**Jill Schlesinger**

*Special to Journal & Press*

"How can the stock market go up, while the economy is still struggling to recover amid the pandemic?" The answer is that the stock market is not the economy and vice versa.

Let's start with the economy. As expected, the second quarter of 2020 was the most debilitating for the US economy since the government began keeping records in 1947 -- and about four times worse than the weakest quarter of the Great Recession. The Bureau of Economic Analysis said real gross domestic product (GDP) decreased at an annual rate of 31.7% percent in the second quarter of 2020. The good news is the recovery has begun and the third quarter should show a significant bounce.

Even with the improvement, it is likely to be a long slog. "Nearly two-thirds of the National Association for Business Economics (NABE) members who participated in the August

2020 NABE Economic Policy Survey believe the U.S. economy continues to be in a recession that began last February," said NABE President Constance Hunter, CBE, chief economist, KPMG. "Almost half the respondents expects inflation-adjusted gross domestic product to remain below its fourth-quarter 2019 level until the second half of 2022 or later. And 80% of panelists indicate there is at least a one-in-four chance of a 'double-dip' recession."

The labor market showed similar results, bottoming in late March/early April, with about 22 million jobs lost and the unemployment rate soaring to nearly 15%. About half of those unemployed have found work, but that still leaves employment down by 11.6 million since the pandemic began, 25% more than we lost to the Great Recession, according to Diane Swonk, Chief Economist at Grant Thornton. Of greater concern to her: "The pace of jobs recovery has slowed, while the ranks of the permanently unem-

ployed have risen." The Internal Revenue Service concurs with Swonk. In a recent forecast, it predicted that there will be about 229.4 million employee-classified jobs in 2021 - more than 37 million fewer than it had estimated last year.

With poor economic results and dire predictions, why has the stock market soared since the March lows? The answer is investors are not worried about the past or even the near term; rather they are looking ahead to the future, and betting that on corporate "winners" of COVID-19 (think Facebook, Apple, Amazon, Tesla, Microsoft, Google, Netflix), and their ability to make a lot of money.

Additionally, with the Federal Reserve committed to keeping interest rates at zero for the foreseeable future, the notion of TINA is important. Who is Tina, you ask? TINA stands for "There is No Alternative," and it is applied to the investment world as follows: "With zero percent interest rates, I can't keep my money in the

that may be inaccurate but vividly true for him or her.

When people are on fire about their opinions their egos are completely in the driver's seat. They are willing to be quite self-destructive and alienating to have a fight about what is right and demand agreement. You don't have to agree, but you also don't have to engage your ego in your own need to be right.

Especially in the workplace the least effective action you can take is to state your opinion when your opinionated co-worker isn't listening. Talking to people with no ears is never your best option.

What you can do is to choose the power of peace and effectiveness over useless conflict. The workplace requires we avoid or resolve conflict because productivity and tasks are the priority. When fights over what is right break out all over our organization we cannot focus on work.

bank, bonds are paying bupkis, so there is no alternative, except stocks."

The two concepts have driven stocks higher, but there's another issue here: not ALL Americans can find comfort in the ascent of equities. Gallup finds 55% of Americans have exposure to the stock market, which is a share that has remained consistent over the past decade. That means that 45% do not. Of those who do own stocks, the Federal Reserve finds 51.8% of stocks and stock mutual funds are held by the top 1%, while the share of ownership by the bottom 50 percent is less than 1%.

Economists and analysts tell me that while the fortunes of the stock market can diverge for a period of time, they usually end up moving in the same direction. Which direction that is, remains unknown at this time.

*Jill Schlesinger, CFP, is a CBS News business analyst.*



There's a time and place for our opinions. Our intimate circle is a better venue for our intensely held viewpoints than work. The workplace currently is one of many gasoline lakes just waiting for a spark to light up. When you paraphrase, agree with partial truth, and focus on work at work you create peace in your office.

Choosing peace over polarization gives you the power of productivity. In a world on fire with conflict, the power of peace becomes a refuge for you and your co-workers that engage you.

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## Workplace neutrality

**Daneen Skube**

*Special to Journal & Press*

**Q:** *Is there an effective way to navigate a workplace where so many people want to fight to be right about their opinions?*

**A:** Yes, you can be Switzerland (neutral) if you understand our egos always want to fight to be understood, and right, rather than effective. You can be effective without agreeing with someone if you are able to understand their viewpoint. You will be giving people 50% of what they want without engaging in your own fight about what is right.

There's an old saying that even a broken clock is right twice a day. If you shift through what intensely polarized people say and look past the indignation there's usually some

truth in their view. You can paraphrase or repeat back their ideas (creating understanding) without agreeing. Also if you see some truth in their words you can tell them you agree with this idea.

Let's say you emigrated from France and someone spouts, "French people are bad." If you ask questions you may hear your co-worker tell you stories about mistreatment by the French. You can paraphrase their experiences and observe, "It sounds like you have had some negative experiences with French people."

Now you may be French and still manage to be Switzerland (dual emotional citizenship, eh?). Keep in mind this person doesn't know you and isn't talking about you. He or she is simply complaining in a way

## Burglars hit M. Sonn's; drinking at the Fair

**Kaylee Johnson**  
*Journal & Press*

*The Journal & Press has had several iterations. At one point there were separate papers called The Greenwich Journal and The Salem Press. And for decades, the newspaper owned other historic papers, The Fort Edward Advertiser and The Schuylerville Standard, but dropped that from the masthead. You can find archives of these papers and more in the Greenwich Public Library's excellent Gill Room or online at [nyshistoricnewspapers.org](http://nyshistoricnewspapers.org).*

*Here are some snippets from past editions from late Octobers many decades ago:*

### 100 Years Ago

**October 27, 1920**

Burglars entered M. Sonn's store on Main Street some time during last night and got away with several hundred dollars' worth of merchandise. So far as yet been learned, they left no traces that are likely to be led to their detection. From the amount of goods they took with them, it is believed that they were traveling by automobile.

Upon opening the store this morning, it was immediately noticed that the glass had been broken in the back window-opening from the office in the rear of the store. Investigation showed that the intruders had cut or torn a small hole in the screen on the outside of the window and taken it out. They had then broken a pane of glass, reached in, and released the catch, by means of which they were able to open the window and enter the store.

### 90 Years Ago

**October 29, 1930**

A hunting license in a jacket identified the almost completely decomposed body found Sunday on the Marshall Reynolds Farm at Potter Hill, Rensselaer County, as that of John C. Baker, sixty-five, a farmhand, who disappeared four years ago. He apparently had shot himself accidentally.

Baker was last seen alive November 17, 1926,

when he left for Reynolds Farm, where he had been employed to go hunting. For several weeks, friends, relatives and investigators searched the woods for him without success, although he lay dead less than one-half mile from the Reynolds farmhouse.

### 80 Years Ago

**October 16, 1940**

In election districts throughout Washington County today and throughout the nation, young men are being registered under the provisions of the selective service law. It is expected that by 9 o'clock, up to 500,000 men between the ages 21 and 35 will have been registered and will be subject to draft for military service.

If the proportion of men of draft age is the same in this county as in the nation, Washington County's seventeen towns should register about 5,800 men and 480 would be from the town of Greenwich. It is not likely, of course, that the proportion of 21-to-35-year-old men is the same in all parts of the country. Industrial centers probably have more in proportion to their total population and rural sections somewhat less. This will only be determined after the registration is completed.

### 70 Years Ago

**October 15, 1950**

Schuylerville was favored with pleasant October weather Saturday, following several days of rain and cold, for the 173rd observance of the surrender of General Burgoyne. The event was marked in that village with a historical parade, ceremonies at the Saratoga battle monument, a filibuster parade, and street dancing in the evening.

### 60 Years Ago

**October 26, 1960**

Greenwich people gave \$927.75 on Donation Day to the woman's auxiliary of Mary McClellan hospital in Cambridge in its annual drive last Thursday. In addition to these funds, which will be used by the auxiliary to purchase equipment

## \$100 Reward

The above reward will be paid for information leading to the recovery of the goods stolen from my store Tuesday night, Oct. 26, or to the arrest and conviction of the parties concerned in the robbery.

**M. SONN**

An ad in the Oct. 27, 1920, Journal.

for the hospital, many people gave food to be used for patients on special diets, supplementing the food purchases for the hospital.

### 40 Years Ago

**October 16, 1980**

Next year's Washington County Fair is going to be a dry one as a result of action by the Cambridge Valley Agricultural Society and the Washington County Fair committee.

During the joint meeting of the fair boards, Fair Manager Gordan Wright appealed for the ban, citing excessive drinking and more teenage arrests than ever. He said the continuation of the Washington County Fair is more important than the troublesome tractor pull.

### 20 Years Ago

**October 26, 2000**

The matter was not even on the agenda of the regular meeting on the Washington County Board of Supervisors Friday morning, at least not directly, but before the meeting ended a Rexleigh Road property parcel was removed from consideration by the board as one of the three final proposed sites of the county's new jail. With that decision went all the new controversy that had recently developed surrounding the site. That controversy had caused a several month display in construction.

# Halloween Parade is on!

The Greater Greenwich Chamber of Commerce announces its 29th Annual Halloween Parade & Costume Judging on Sunday, October 25, 2020 in the village of Greenwich.

Participants should plan to gather at 1:00 pm at the corner of Washington Street and Main Street. The parade will march along Main Street to Academy Street and the parking lot of the Town of Greenwich building at 2 Academy Street, to the right of the Greenwich Free Library, where judging will be done.

Everyone gets a treat for marching in the parade. Candy and a participant ribbon will be given to all participants and judging will take place in five categories: The Best Dressed Pet, The Most Original, The Funniest, The Scariest, and The Best Group/Family. Ribbons will be awarded to first, sec-

ond, and third place winners in each category. The Best in Parade will be chosen as the winner of the \$100 prize.

"The Greenwich Chamber is excited to have a fall activity for kids during this year of seemingly endless event cancellations and uncertainty," said Kelly Stephen Eustis, Managing Director. "We are pleased to continue the almost 30-year tradition of holding a Halloween Parade in the Village of Greenwich."

Children must be accompanied by an adult. This event will be in conformance with all applicable laws, rules, regulations, and executive orders related to the coronavirus. Masks will be required and all in attendance will be asked to adhere to social distancing protocols.

# Hunters to help hungry

The Agricultural Stewardship Association (ASA) is teaming up with hunters in Washington and Rensselaer Counties this season to utilize an abundant natural resource to help feed the hungry in local communities — deer.



Approximately 110,000 Capital Region families, including nearly 47,000 children are in need of food assistance. Many of these families depend upon local food banks and pantries to help put food on the table for themselves and their children. An average-size deer can help feed up to 200 people. This season ASA's goal is to channel 500 to 800 pounds of processed venison through regional food banks and pantries, which would equal 1,000 to 1,600 meals. The ASA encourages careful field-dress, legally tagging and reporting your deer, and taking the whole deer to any venison processor near where you hunt or live. Please contact the ASA to verify your processor/donation at [Janet@agstewardship.org](mailto:Janet@agstewardship.org) or 518-692-7285.

# Tonko endorses Vogel

Congressman Paul Tonko (NY-20) endorsed Brittany Vogel's campaign for New York State Assembly for the 107th District. Congressman Tonko currently serves on the Committee on Energy and Commerce and was elected chair of the subcommittee on the Environment and Climate Change.

"We need leaders in our state legislature to tackle the issues facing our communities, like protecting our air and water, creating jobs and rebuilding our infrastructure. Brittany Vogel understands that we must prepare for the broader challenges that lie ahead because her voice has been shaped by her family and community," said Congressman Tonko.

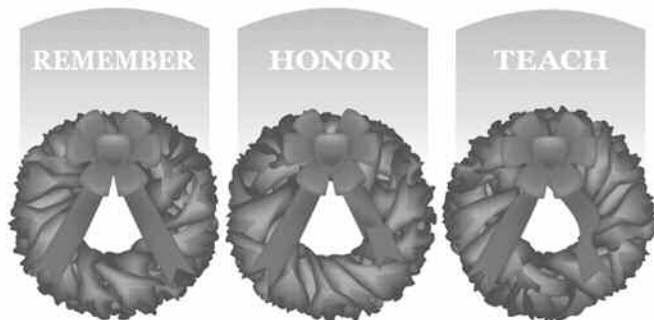
"As a manager of 120 essential workers, I have had my finger on the pulse of our community during an incredibly difficult time. I witness my associates' and customers' struggles daily, and it is evident

that our shared needs and interests are not being met in the Assembly. If elected, my loyalty and commitment will be to the constituents of the 107th District, many of whom are working people who lack a voice in our current government," said Vogel, 28, a grocery store manager from Kinderhook.

Rep. Tonko announced his endorsement via a Zoom conference call this past weekend. He has endorsed down-ballot candidates this election who support environmental policies and work to promote economic advancement and opportunity for working people.

She faces off against Republican Jake Ashby, a one-term incumbent, veteran and former Rensselaer County legislator from Castleton-on-Hudson who narrowly defeated Tistrya Houghtling in 2018.

*Full candidate profiles appear in past issues of The Journal & Press and on [JournalandPress.com](http://JournalandPress.com).*



## WREATHS — across — AMERICA

*Please help Schuyler Hose Company Remember, Honor, and Teach on December 19th by sponsoring a wreath. Go to our page at [wreathscrossamerica.org](http://wreathscrossamerica.org) and look for our sponsor page reference #NY0300 or use the QR code to link directly to it.*

*Thank you in advance for your support.*



# Comfort Food launches Harvest Campaign

At this time last year, Comfort Food Community was closing in on a goal to fully fund their new Food Center for its first year of operation and looking forward to the expanded programming that the new space would allow – health screenings, cooking classes, and community dinners.

In March, everything changed. Schools, businesses, restaurants, stores, and some nonprofits closed to stop the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Unemployment rose, the economy contracted, and supermarket shelves were emptied. We all faced uncertainty in our daily lives in large and small ways.

The mission of Comfort Food Community, to contribute to the health of our community through the inspirational power of good food, never felt more urgent than at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. Their programs were a lifeline that protected families from suffering the worst consequences of the pandemic.

Their services remained critical to support their physical and emotional wellbeing precisely when they were needed most. Most importantly, good, healthy food remained available to all.

It had also never been more difficult for CFC to deliver on that mission. The health and safety precautions they had to implement - the contingency planning, the adaptations, and yes, the uncertainty – all added layers of stress, complexity, and expense that challenged us and will continue to challenge us. Nevertheless, together our community met the challenges:

- o The Greenwich and Cossayuna pantry hours were maintained – we did not miss a sin-

gle service.

- o The Weekend Student Meals program continued deliveries every Friday during the school year and throughout the summer.

- o The Food Farmacy program provided healthy food to at-risk patients using an outdoor set-up, and our Produce Prescription program connected low-income households to farm produce at the Glens Falls Farmers Market.

- o The Comfort Food Community YouTube channel was launched, making it possible to continue the Edible Education program.

- o The Community Garden was fully planted for the summer.

- o Comfort Food Community helped provide a massive food distribution to 1,784 individuals at the Washington County Fair Grounds.

As breakfasts and lunches for students were scheduled to end with the close of the school year, Comfort Food Community wanted to make student meals a certainty for students in need. With the support of Kick Covid funds and a Nourish NY Grant,

Comfort Food Community, in partnership with Battenkill Community Services and the Greenwich Central School District, provided almost 30,000 meals to students over eleven weeks. Volunteers contributed over 2,500 hours to plan, prep, pack and deliver breakfasts and lunches to 250 students every week.

Products were sourced from local farms and included milk, yogurt, smoothies, apples, apple-sauce, tomatoes, blueberries, peaches, plums, and more putting \$65,000 in grant funding



Community members at the market

back into our local agriculture economy.

Comfort Food Community believes that good food is the key to good health and that good health is the key to strong communities.

CFC is committed to maintaining all of their current programs in the face of expanded need. We are committed to continuing to respond to new challenges as they arise. They are committed to being there for our community by providing consistent access to good healthy food - to our seniors, our students, our families – to anyone in need in our community.

Although things may seem better now, we face the coming fall and winter with even more uncertainty. Will schools stay open? Will businesses and jobs return? What will 'normal' look like in 2021?

The key to getting through these difficult days is coming together to find some certainty as we create a path to recovery. You can help to make healthy food accessible to those in need. You can help provide the resources to meet emergency needs that arise in the future. Comfort Food Community needs you.

If you can, CFC is asking members of our community to consider a gift to help them meet the challenges of these times.

*To donate by mail: P.O. Box 86 Greenwich, NY 12834. To donate online visit: [www.comfortfoodcommunity.org](http://www.comfortfoodcommunity.org). Stay connected on Facebook and Instagram: @comfortfoodcommunity*

## Bottskill Baptists' Adopt-a-Box

The Bottskill Baptist Sunday School completed their recent Adopt-a-Box Mission, in an

effort to assure that high-risk community and congregation members who are not able to go out much due to COVID "feel cared for and not forgotten." The Mission sent 14 care packages this year, leaving their care package items in an outside drop box for a handful of volunteers to organize and ship the packages.



# Movies/TV series now available on video

**Jay Bobbin**

*Special to Journal & Press*

You can go out and buy the DVDs or simply download these via your home streaming service. Here are some new video releases:

**"BACK TO THE FUTURE: THE ULTIMATE TRILOGY":** If you're a fan of the time-traveling adventures of Marty McFly (played by Michael J. Fox), chances are good that you own the Steven Spielberg-produced Robert Zemeckis-directed fantasy comedies in some form already. However, what now is meant to be the definitive edition – marking the original movie's 35th anniversary – gives the pictures their debuts in the 4K Ultra HD format. Along with Doc Brown (Christopher Lloyd), Marty bends the rules of space and time in a highly souped-up DeLorean – and, in the mid-1950s, has a decidedly Freudian experience when he meets his then-future parents (Lea Thompson, Crispin Glover).

**"QUIZ":** "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" has been an international hit, but a scandal wracked the British version of the game show, as this drama miniseries – shown in America by AMC – recounts. A woman (Sian Clifford, "Fleabag") who's desperate to be a contestant helps her military-major husband (Matthew Macfadyen, "Succession") land in the hot seat instead, and though he fares quite well on the program, he ends up being accused of having accrued big winnings by cheating ... using an alleged cough-based system of receiving signals from his wife and an accomplice.

**"TREMORS: SHRIEKER ISLAND":** Even if it isn't around all the time, this horror-with-humor franchise inevitably returns at some point, this made-for-video chapter being the latest example ... coinciding (but not so coincidentally) with the 30th anniversary of the original "Tremors" movie. Series staple

Michael Gross ("Family Ties") reprises the role of Burt Gummer, proud vanquisher of the sinister Graboids, who surface yet again when some wealthy and unwise folks make the mistake of messing genetically with the creatures' eggs. The result is sort of a pseudo-"Jurassic Park." as the newborn monsters invade an island research facility and threaten the staff there. Jon Heder ("Napoleon Dynamite") also stars.

**"MASTERPIECE: FLESH AND BLOOD":** Currently being televised by PBS, this British drama miniseries finds a recently widowed woman's new romance regarded skeptically – and suspiciously – by her grown children, who also have their own complicated love stories. Francesca Annis ("Cranford") plays the mom who's in the throes of love with her new suitor (Stephen Rea), to the very evident worry of her offspring (Claudie Blakley, Russell Tovey, Lydia Leonard). Those concerns may be justified when something happens that draws a detective's (David Bamber) curiosity. Imelda Staunton also stars as a neighbor who has her own questions about the situation.

**"THE VANISHED":** The title refers to a youngster who disappears during a family vacation in this melodrama written and directed by actor Peter Facinelli ("Nurse Jackie"), who's also in the cast. However, the main roles go to Thomas Jane and current-season "Dancing With the Stars" contestant Anne Heche, playing the parents of the missing girl. Their efforts to locate her reveal a devastating secret likely to have an impact far beyond the spouses' current dilemma. Jason Patric also appears as a sheriff who's less effective than the couple would like, prompting them to step up the search for



their daughter on their own.

**"THE HAUNTING":** With Halloween around the corner, it's an appropriate time for cinematographer turned director Jan de Bont's 1999 remake of a horror classic (based on a novel by Shirley Jackson) to get new home-video treatment as a newly remastered title in the "Paramount Presents" Blu-ray series. Liam Neeson stars as the leader of a study of insomniacs at the foreboding Hill House, a site with a literally haunted history ... which doesn't foreshadow good things for the experiment's subjects, some of them played by Catherine Zeta-Jones,

**"EL CAMINO: A BREAKING BAD MOVIE":** For those who thought they'd seen the last of some hugely memorable characters when the widely acclaimed AMC series ended, a great surprise was in store with this follow-up from writer-director Vince Gilligan, which was shown on Netflix as well as AMC (and also had a limited theatrical run). Aaron Paul reprises the role of Jesse Pinkman, who tries to tie up the remnants of his past and make a new beginning. That's much easier thought

than done, though, as Jesse runs into fresh trouble in the course of starting over.

**"THE NEWSPAPERMAN: THE LIFE & TIMES OF BEN BRADLEE":** Overseeing the breaking of the story of the Watergate scandal wasn't the whole story of Bradlee's career, but there's no question it was a major element -- and the celebrated Washington Post editor is recalled in this documentary, originally shown by HBO in 2017. Though the subject (who died in 2014) basically narrates the portrait in his own words, many of his acquaintances and associates also weigh in, from his journalist widow Sally Quinn and former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger to Robert Redford and Tom Brokaw. Of course, no Bradlee profile would be complete without Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein, the Post reporters he backed through their investigation of the politically driven break-in at Washington, D.C.'s Watergate Hotel that ultimately led to the resignation; they offer reflections on him that only could come from their particular perspectives.

# Learning to love America

Lance Allen Wang  
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*A note: As I write this, the President and First Lady have been the latest within the White House inner circle to get diagnosed with COVID-19. Although I have a serious distaste for the President's views, actions, and style, as well as the direction of the GOP during his administration, I take no satisfaction in this diagnosis. With a mix of pseudoscience, magical thinking, and out-and-out bull manure, Trump purposely downplayed the virus despite knowing its virulence and has almost gleefully flouted safety measures while encouraging his followers to do the same. With apologies to Henry Wadsworth Longfellow – "Whom the gods would destroy, they first make arrogant," I still wish the President and First Lady a speedy recovery.*

What I want to write about today is education. In particular, civics. I have an affinity for education, not because I believe everybody needs to have a degree and be educated to the gills, but rather because I believe everybody needs a good foundation to be equipped to deal with the world we face. Thomas Jefferson felt that in a democracy, if we're going to ask people to participate in the process of government, the people must be educated. That would reduce the chances they would be "tricked" by unsavory politicians, as John Adams feared. They would not fall for appeals solely to their passions. I've referred to a couple of the Founding Fathers, but I'll quote a more modern political philosopher: none other than the late Frank Zappa, internationally renowned American musician and provocateur from the 1960s through the 1990s: "Civics was a class that used to be required before you could graduate from high school. You were taught what was in the U.S. Constitution. And after all the student rebellions in the 60s,

civics was banished from the student curriculum and was replaced by something called "social studies." Here we live in a country that has a fabulous Constitution that comes with all of these guarantees; a contract between the citizens and the government – but nobody knows what's in it. It's one of the best-kept secrets. And so, if you don't know what your rights are, how can you stand up for them? Furthermore, if you don't know what is in that document, how can you care if someone is shredding it?"

I never had civics classes. It was "social studies" by the time I went to school. I don't really remember getting educated about the Constitution, my rights, or important Supreme Court cases involving the Constitution. Basically, my limited Constitutional knowledge was from "Schoolhouse Rock" until I got to college.

In the meantime, in the absurd ongoing "culture wars" which have overtaken my Republican party, we have the President complaining that schools are teaching students to "hate America." At his recent Mt. Rushmore speech, Trump maintained that "against every law of society and nature, our children are taught in school to hate their own country and to believe that the men and women who built it were not heroes but were villains."

## **'There is no reason to teach a sanitized history of America.'**

There is no reason to teach a sanitized history of America unless we simply want to create a situation where at a certain age kids learn that Santa Claus, the Easter Bunny, and the America they were taught about in school never existed. Should we be teaching that the men and women who built America were, using Trump's rhetorical absurdity "villains"? Some were. Some weren't. Some were both. It's incontrovertible that all of these people were human, that is to say, flawed. Some, like George Washington, were good people who participated in



Frank Zappa before Congress

America's "original sin" of slavery. Yet, Washington also eschewed the hero-worship with which he was lavished and resisted the urge of some to make him king. History is complicated because people are complicated. Does it make me "hate America"? Of course not. None of my Godchildren, nieces, and nephews hate America either. They sure as heck are disappointed sometimes – but then again, so am I.

Perhaps if we taught a more realistic view of our country, and at the same time taught a proper civics program where students can learn about the boundaries of the Constitution and what happens when we step outside the boundaries. Students should learn about how we've corrected some of these issues through the process of compromises and amendments. Students should learn what we've done to bring America in line with its own rhetoric – "with liberty and justice for all," and most importantly, what still needs to be done to reach our full potential as a nation.

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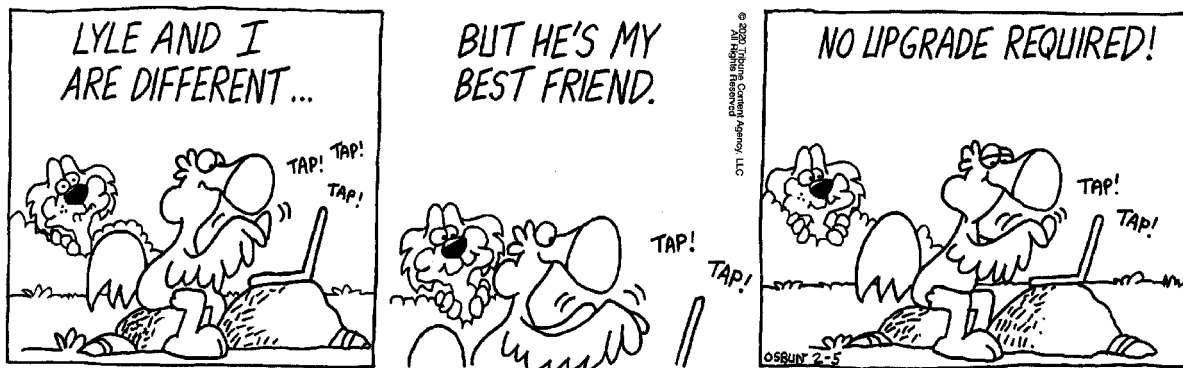
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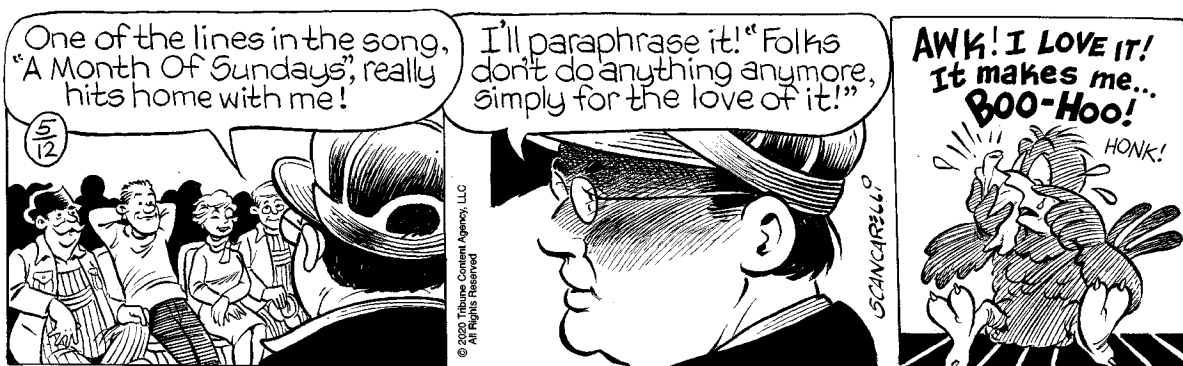
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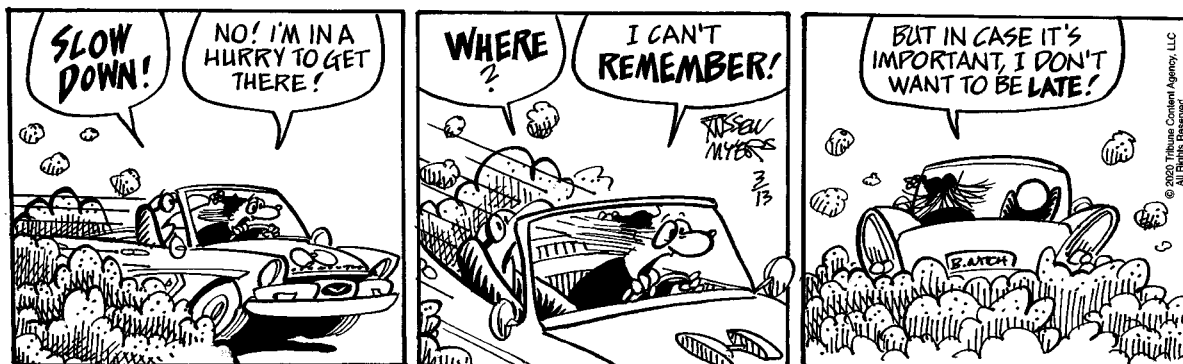
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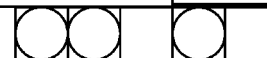
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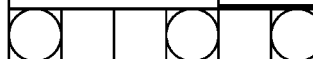
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They just auctioned one for that much.



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## There are other races besides president

The Journal & Press does not endorse candidates. We give candidates equal opportunities to be interviewed by our writers and advertise, if they'd like, and we leave the voting up to you.

This year, for the first time in recent history, this paper has made it a point to journalistically interview each candidate, giving each a relatively equal amount of space, but objectively covering them. Other papers will run questionnaire responses from candidates, which really are just press releases. We're providing more genuine coverage.

However, we're noticing that stories about candidates further down on the ballot are getting very few clicks online.

We hope that voters will do their homework on candidates for smaller offices. These candidates tend to be much less partisan than national candidates, so just merely voting Row A or Row B disrespects all of the hard work they are doing in trying to be heard.

Yes, most of us know who we prefer for President and Congress, but do we really know our *local* candidates? And, it can be argued, local candidates matter more – they pass the laws that affect us most, and, if we need help, we're not going to contact the president. We're going to contact a local representative.

Take some time to research every candidate before heading to the polls. Go to [JournalandPress.com](http://JournalandPress.com) to read our candidate profiles.

When reading candidate profiles, look for keywords that matter to you. They may be “jobs,” “the environment,” “broadband access” – you get the idea. And try to imagine which candidate will run an office that's accessible and responsive to *your* needs.

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**The Greenwich ballot**

## Hannaford gives to school

Greenwich Junior-Senior High School Principal recently received four checks totaling \$3,682 from the Hannaford Brothers Company. Greenwich earned the checks through its participation in the Hannaford Helps Schools Program. Under the leadership of Mrs. Joann Sloan-Haynes, the Greenwich Central School was one of the top participants in the Hannaford program in both 2019 and 2020 and, therefore, earned two “bonus” checks of \$1,000.



The Hannaford Helps Schools program rewards communities for being patrons of the supermarket by rewarding schools with three “school dollars” every time four products are purchased in the participating store. Greenwich Central School has participated in the Hannaford Helps Schools program for a number of years and has used some of the money earned through the program to fund programming for students, including the renting of tour buses for the Junior Prom and the awarding of prizes and scholarship money during the annual Junior-Senior High School Academic Awards Ceremony.

Greenwich Central School thanks Mrs. Sloan-Haynes for her continued leadership with the Hannaford Helps Schools program and thanks the Hannaford Brothers Corporation for their philanthropic work on behalf of the students of Greenwich.

## An Artist's Take

Political Cartoon of the Week by Joel Pett



## Elizabeth 'Liz' Carruthers, 92

Elizabeth "Liz" Carruthers Obituary

Elizabeth "Liz" Carruthers, 92, passed away on Saturday, October 10, 2020, at Glens Falls Hospital surrounded by her loving children.

Born on June 28, 1928, in Argyle, she was the daughter of the late Ernest and Rose (Weaver) Longdaue. Liz graduated from Argyle Central School after which she went to work at the Continental Insurance Company in Glens Falls for a number of years.

On June 16, 1951, she married Henry "Don" Carruthers at the North Argyle Presbyterian Church. They eventually built their home there and spent 60 years together until his passing in 2011.

Liz was a lifelong member of the North Argyle United Presbyterian Church until it closed. She then went on to become a member of the Argyle Presbyterian Church and most recently the United Methodist Church. She was a member of the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary for many years, as well as the J.A. Barkley Hose Auxiliary.

Liz's love of reading led her to a seat on the Argyle Library Board of Trustees. Her commitment to service was evident with her work for the Washington County Board of Elections for many years. She was a generous member to her community, giving her time and resources selflessly, and so was honored with the Argyle Out-

standing Citizenship Award.

She enjoyed reading, cooking, gardening, bowling, and later in life, playing golf. She and Don enjoyed spending time with their friends and the local breakfast club. They enjoyed traveling and vacationing with friends and family. Among their most memorable trips, they traveled to Hawaii, Tahiti, New Zealand, Alaska, Bermuda, California and eventually settled in Fort Myers, Florida where they wintered for many years.

In addition to her parents and husband, Liz was predeceased by her son Alan Michael Carruthers and four siblings.

Left to cherish her memory include her children, Cary Carruthers and his wife Sherry of Queensbury, Janet Carruthers Wood of South Glens Falls and Audrey Fischer and her husband Daniel of Greenwich; her grandchildren, Amy Carruthers, Jason Wood and his wife Emily, Jordan (Amanda Prehoda) Wood, Elizabeth (Justin Fortney) Amico, Michael and Emily Amico; two great-grandchildren, Nolan Matthew and Maizie Elizabeth Wood; her brother, Wray Longdaue; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

At Liz's request there will be no callings hours. Due to COVID restrictions, a Celebration of Life and Graveside Service will be conducted at a later date.



Memorial donations in Liz's memory can be made to the Argyle Free Library, 21 Sheridan St. Argyle, NY 12809 and/ or the United Methodist Church, c/o Memorial Fund, 5184 SR 40, Argyle, NY 12809.

Arrangements are in the care of M.B. Kilmer Funeral Home, 123 Main Street, Argyle, NY 12809.

To view Liz's Book of Memories and post online condolences please visit [www.kilmerfuneralhome.com](http://www.kilmerfuneralhome.com).



## Richard 'Dick' Merle Claymon, 80

Richard "Dick" Merle Claymon died on September 1, 2020. He was always curious about what lies in store for us after we die. Now he knows.

Dick was born on July 2, 1940, in Eureka, Illinois. He grew up in El Paso, Illinois, and entered military service in October of 1959. He served as a Navy Corpsman in the Marines. His service included active duty during the Bay of Pigs, Guantanamo, Cuba, 1961. After leaving the military, he earned a nursing

degree in Texarkana, Texas and then worked as a registered psychiatric nurse at Jefferson Barracks Veterans Administration in St. Louis, Missouri for ten years.

In June of 1965, Dick married Camille Todd of Truscott, Texas. They were married at the Jefferson City Missouri Courthouse. Their song was "Jackson" by Johnny Cash. They raised one son, Richard Lucas Claymon. Having already taught his son how to shoot, sharpen knives, and build fires, Dick was a fine

choice for Den Mother when Luke was a Cub Scout.

Dick enjoyed time spent on Camille's family ranch in North Texas. Dick loved ranch work, especially the horses and cattle, but prickly pear eradication ensured his commitment to nursing. Dick was a great fan of country music, when it was western. Two of his favorite songs were "Riders in the Sky" by Sons of the Pioneers (1959) and "Tennessee Stud" by Eddy Arnold (1959). In the 1970s, Dick enjoyed



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# Ashlar Masonic Lodge news

Ashlar Lodge F. and A.M. hold a Maintenance and Fellowship Morning

Ashlar Masonic Lodge will be hosting the Maintenance and Fellowship Morning on Saturday, Oct. 24 starting at 9 a.m. and ending before lunch. The lodge will put together a light breakfast and fellowship. The Lodge is located at 2543 Route 40 in Greenwich. The Lodge Building is used to host events to raise funds for the Lodge's programs including scholarships, medical research and support for first responders, and is available for rentals.

Masons and Friends of the Lodge are encouraged to bring tools with them for the morning. The Lodge is looking for a donation of a lift. One of the goals is to get the American flagpole working for Election Day 2020. We need volunteers with saws, pole saws, and maybe some electrical tools to get the pulley and light going. This is open to all members and friends who wish to help out. It is a great informal way to learn about Ashlar Lodge.

The next stated meeting of Ashlar Lodge will be on November 2 at 7:30 p.m. The programs is Music in Freemasonry. Today, with more than 40 members and more than a century of service to the community and charitable organizations, local Masons in the Greenwich area are currently supporting the causes of the national Masonic organization, along with local groups and organizations.

## Senior wreaths

The Greenwich Seniors will be kicking off their yearly campaign for Wreaths Across America starting this month. The wreaths sell for \$15 and all the wreaths that are sold will be going to the Gerald B. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery located in Schuylerville, N.Y. Saturday, December 12, 2020, at noon is the Nationwide Remembrance Ceremony where more than 1,500,000 wreaths are laid at 1200 locations across the Nation.

This year's theme is "Be an American Worth Fighting For. Your donation is 100% tax deductible.

Wreaths Across America is committed to teaching younger generations about their freedom and the importance of honoring those who sacrificed so much to protect those freedoms.

Please contact the group's President, Eileen DiNisio at 518-937-1838 with any questions.

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## Claymon (cont.)

asking urban cowboys if they were "working cattle in the area" and could often be heard to say, "Twenty years a cowboy and never stepped in sh-t" upon seeing one.

After divorcing Camille in July of 1981, Dick continued his nursing career in Texas and Central Missouri working primarily with troubled children. Dick became the sole caretaker for his elderly mother in El Paso, Illinois. His caretaking ensured she was able to remain in her home for the duration of her life. During this time Dick became a certified massage therapist practicing in Central Illinois with a clientele of primarily farmers' wives, until



the farmers caught on.

Following his mother's death and a severe stroke, Dick moved to White Creek, NY, living in a house his son built for him off Lincoln Hill Road. Dick enjoyed the peace and tranquility of this property and could often be found meditating by the small stream that flows through it. Living there for more than ten years, Dick raised rabbits and poultry and frequently visited the coffee counter at Benson's Diner. Eventually, no longer able to drive, he chose to move to Salem, NY, where he was able to walk to medical services and the Post Office. He also enjoyed the Farmer's Market, Fairydale Consignment Store, and the Salem Tavern. He eventually purchased a three-wheeled bicycle which he could often be seen riding around town. Among those who predeceased Dick are his parents Merle and Marie Claymon and his former wife

Camille. The immediate family Dick is survived by are his son Luke Claymon (Shushan NY), his daughter-in law Susan Claymon (Shushan NY), brother John Claymon (Austin TX), and his sister Karen Claymon (Walnut Creek, CA).

The family would like to thank Benson's Diner, the Salem Tavern and Slate Valley Center for providing Dick opportunities to socialize in his later years. Dick will be interred following a military service to be held at Gerald B.H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery in Schuylerville NY.

Horses, women and seeking paths to higher truths were Dick's great passions in life. Some words of wisdom he imparted were: "Be here now", "Do as I say, not as I do", "Everything turns to sh-t", "There never was a horse that couldn't be rode. There never was a cowboy who couldn't be throwed," and "That was all she wrote." If you would like to remember Dick, take a moment to listen to one of his favorite songs.

# Cambridge Crossword

(solution page 24)

## Across

1 "... morning roses newly wash'd with \_\_\_": Petruccio

4 Jacket stories

8 Caused trepidation

14 Phoenix-to-Albuquerque dir.

15 O'Neill's daughter

16 "Happy Days" diner namesake

17 Networking technology

19 Jalopy sound

20 Offering in shellfish worship?

22 Mississippi sight

23 Storage furniture

24 "\_\_\_-haw!"

25 Expanse

26 Word often preceded by a leader's name

29 Shellfish massage?

35 Perfect place

37 "Modern Family," e.g.

38 Good name for a budget shellfish dealer?

42 "Catch you later"

43 Traditional knowledge

44 Rate for records, briefly

47 High spirits

50 Hit the big time

52 Like one who exchanges texts with a shellfish?

55 One of an infant's pair

56 Sore application

57 City adjoining Champaign, Illinois

58 Began, as a co.

59 Fourth bk. of the Jewish Torah

60 U.S. IOUs

61 Relative of -ity

62 Fast sports cars

## Down

1 With intensity

2 Dinner menu item

3 Merchant's assurance

ance during a sale

4 Carried

5 They're charged

6 Land parcel size

7 Bag with a strap

8 Bollywood costumery

9 Modeling, say

10 They're not with you

11 Uniform education org.?

12 Bardot was on its cover at age 14

13 Golfing pres.

18 Lea grazer

21 \_\_\_ admiral

25 "Don't delay!" letters

26 Taking parts of

27 Early initials in American cars

28 Certain limb

30 News agcy. since 1958

31 \_\_\_ City: computer game

32 In \_\_\_: actual

33 YouTube star \_\_\_

Marie Johnson

34 Honda FourTrax, e.g.: Abbr.

35 Very active port?

36 Genesis pronoun

39 Baldwin of "30 Rock"

40 Closed

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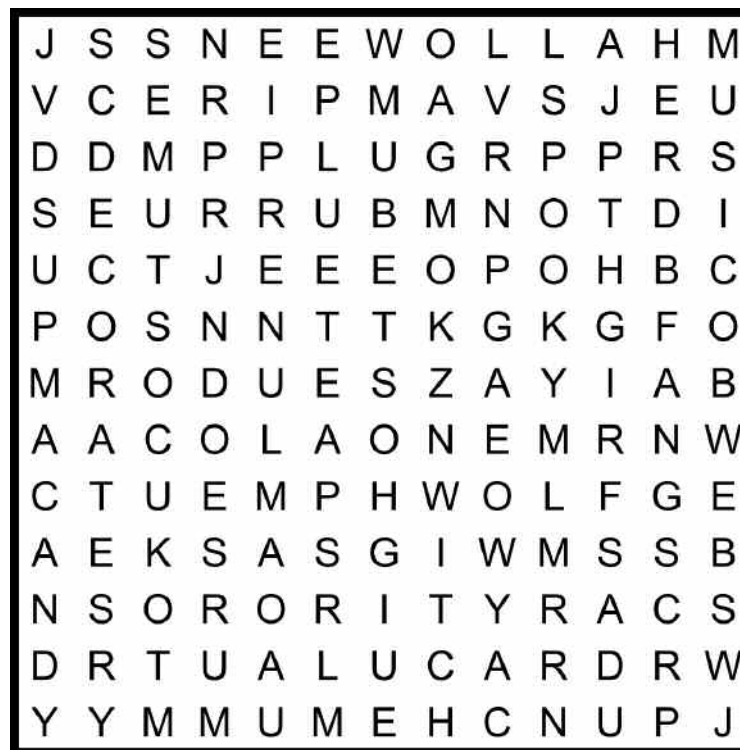
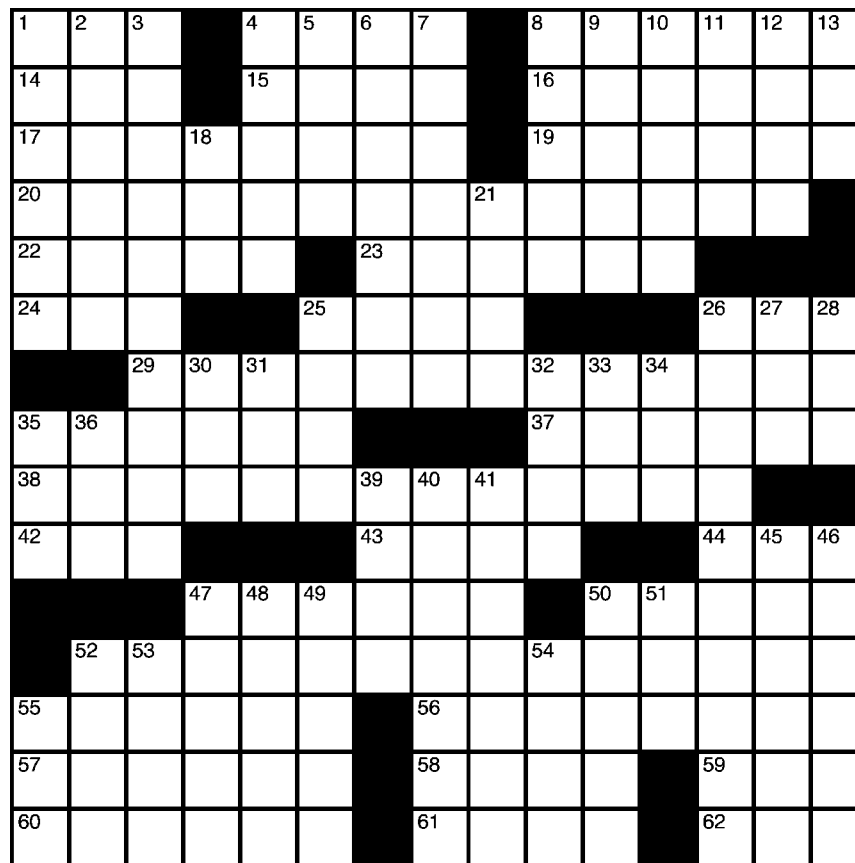
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53 Vagrant

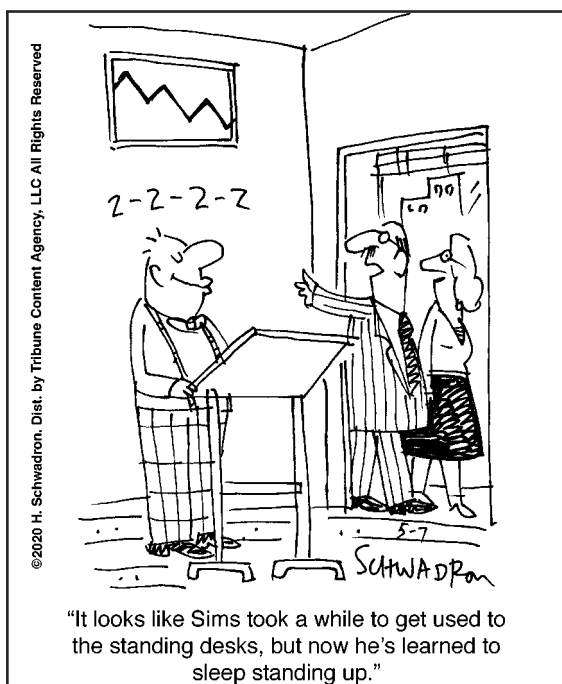
54 "Dang!"

55 Objection

**ANSWERS ON PAGE 24.**



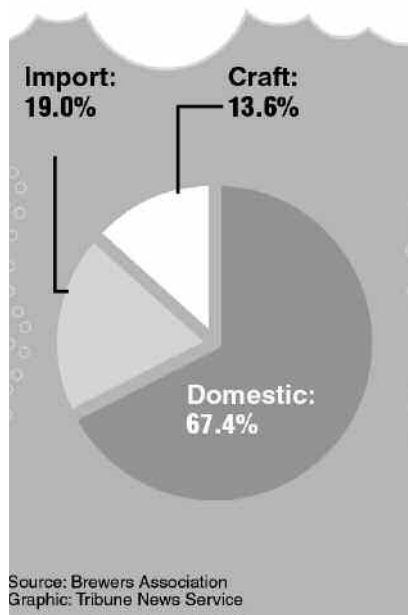
## 9 to 5 by Harley Schwadron



## Fast Facts

### Beer sales

U.S. beer sales, 2019



## Word Find

By Frank J. D'Agostino (solution page 30)

Find these words that are associated with Halloween.

Campus  
Candy  
Cobwebs

Costume  
Decorate  
Dorm  
Dracula  
Fangs  
Fright  
Ghost  
Goblin

Halloween  
Haunted  
Make-Up  
Mask  
Monster  
Mummy  
Music  
Party

Pretzels  
Pumpkin  
Punch  
Scary  
Skeleton  
Sorority  
Spooky  
Vampire

Wigs  
Witch

Find Mr. D'Agostino's puzzle books on Amazon.com.

# Salem Sudoku

(solution page 30)

			3	8		2		
3			7					
	6	5			4	8		
9	4		8				1	
		8				2		
	1				2		5	8
		9	5			1	3	
				1				5
	5		7	8				

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit [www.sudoku.org.uk](http://www.sudoku.org.uk).

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RATING

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61-100 = Pro

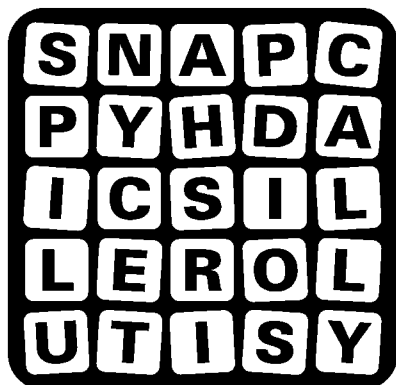
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11-30 = Rookie

1-20 = Amateur

0-10 = Try again

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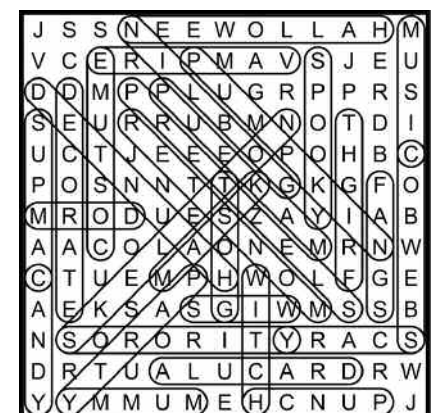
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I1	N1	V4	E1	S1	T1	S1	RACK 1 =	<u>60</u>
E1	N1	G2	L1	I1	S1	H4	RACK 2 =	<u>65</u>
D2	U1	L1	L1	A1	R1	D2	RACK 3 =	<u>59</u>
G2	U1	M3	D2	R1	O1	P3	RACK 4 =	<u>63</u>
E1	N1	D2	E1	M3	I1	C3	RACK 5 =	<u>74</u>
<b>PAR SCORE 260-270</b>							<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>321</b>

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# Happy birthday, Journal & Press!

Rachel Clothier  
Journal & Press

Grant Tefft's books "The Story of Union Village" Volumes I & II were published just before the 100 year anniversary of the Greenwich Journal. The books were dedicated to the journal's founder, John W. Curtis. I believe Tefft had a particular respect for John W. Curtis. How could he not? It was impressive that Curtis outlasted the competition of a dozen other publishers in Union Village. His newspaper, originally named the Washington Journal, was regularly published for over 25 years. Tefft attributes Curtis' success to him being either better equipped, luckier or more determined than his competitors. Grant Tefft himself must have also had what it took to succeed, as he as editor kept the Greenwich Journal going from 1900 to 1948.

To all our benefit, Curtis was mindful to preserve a copy of each issue and store them carefully. Precious documents escaped fire, flood and the effects of time. Between what Curtis saved, the next publishers' work, and Tefft's decades of editions, Tefft had a century of local history compiled to

draw from when he wrote his books. I found it interesting that Tefft mentions that local papers in the 1840's were made up of much national and state politics, peppered with sensational out of town happenings. There were bricks of news mortared together by advertisements, poems and stories with a strong moral slant. Those old papers were similar to large market newspapers of today, full of news that is dramatic and entertaining at best, but not of much use.

Today's Journal and Press, published by Darren Johnson, steers away of what John Curtis would have called "interesting miscellany"

**'Greenwich is still a sight to behold. Optimistic is the way to stay!'**

and focuses on all that is local. I find that to be an invaluable strategy. To me, those regurgitated world news articles that can already be browsed on your smart phone are of little value, mostly superficial and meant to be forgotten. Contrarily, our local journalists capture important events and things that we love. Our Journal and Press preserves memories.

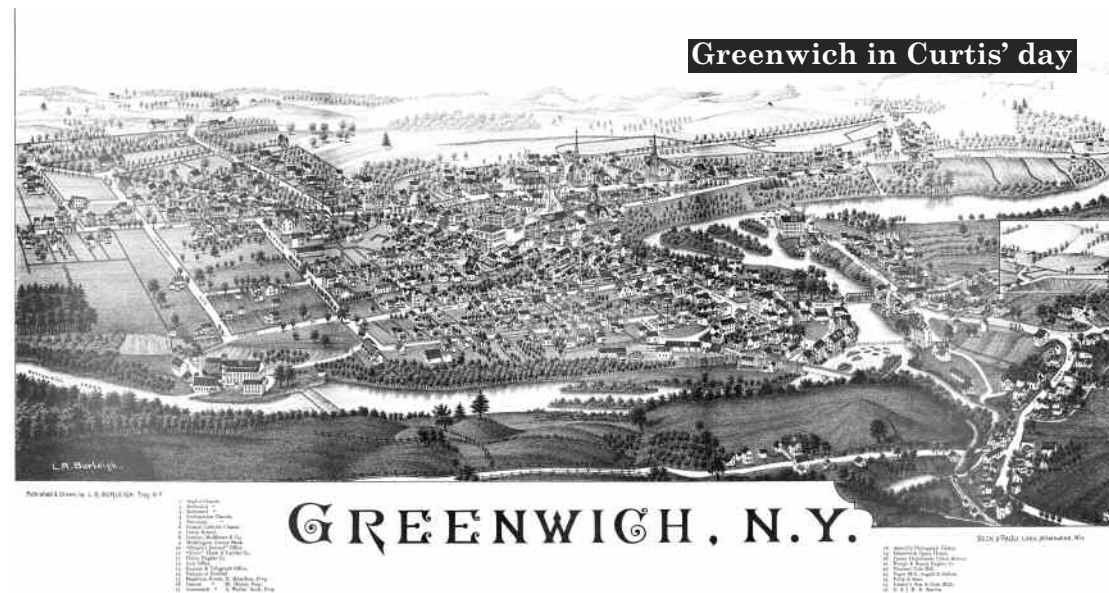


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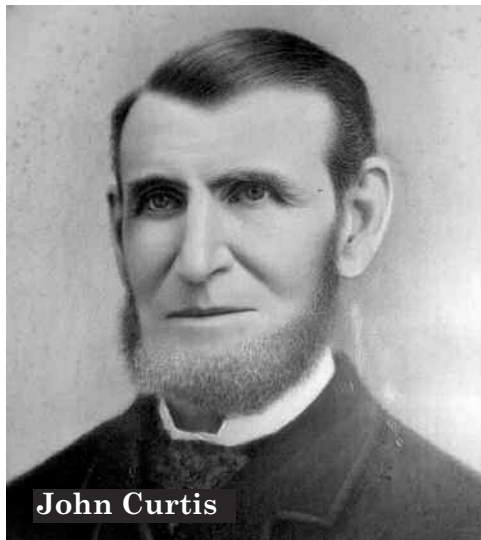
What life is like in Greenwich in the year 2020 might not be super compelling right now, but it will be treasured by people with a curiosity like me in 2120.

The first issue of Curtis's paper was published on October 13, 1842, not long after he arrived in Greenwich (then called Union Village). His first article was titled "Our Village." He wrote "[we] doubt if there is a village in all this part of the State, that is advancing in wealth, beauty, and improvement, like the one in which we have just located. The last few years have almost entirely renovated its face. Several elegant buildings have been and are being put up the present season. It

is a remark of strangers and passers-by, that they are astonished at the growth, size and BEAUTY of Union Village. It is surrounded by one of the best, richest, and most industrious farming communities that can be found. No man can travel two miles either way from Union Village and not have his mouth water, at beholding the ripe corn fields, yellow pumpkins, fat cattle and handsome girls." I found the second half of that paragraph to be a perfect description of Greenwich today — it is still a sight to behold. Maybe after this current economic crisis passes, a focus can return to renovating the face of our Village. Optimistic is the way to stay! Empty store fronts were filing in with new businesses in 2019, and the new Wallie's is sure looking good. Greenwich is a wonderful place to live, with wonderful, hardworking, caring people, and we have a wonderful newspaper that records it all.



Greenwich in Curtis' day



John Curtis

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