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## Christmas for all kids!

### Multiple school programs get record numbers of gift donations this year.

Pictured is Greenwich CSD's Denise Smith, who is running Operation Santa, which matches anonymous gift donors with families in need, so no child goes without this holiday season. And, pictured, is only half of the room – there are lots of gifts not seen here. And Operation Santa is just one program. There are others. Our region is very generous.

**Please read more on page 3**



*-darren johnson photos*

## All about Wallie's

Sara Idleman uses her column to dig deep inside the Wallie's restoration. It's the restaurant on Main Street in Greenwich we've all been waiting for. We devote three pages to telling you about all of the meticulous work that went into this marvelous recreation of this timeless staple, beloved by generations.

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OUR REGION'S HISTORY – TODAY



# History Happened Here

## The many parks of Greenwich, Part I

**Jim Nolan**  
*Journal & Press*

The town of Greenwich is blessed with many public parks. Parks provide greenspace, areas for recreation, and memorials for our veterans. In Greenwich, we currently have many active parks scattered throughout town. This article will identify seven of those parks. Our next issue will talk about the others.

**Mowry Park** lies near the center of the village at the intersection of Main and Church Streets. The land was given to the village by the Mowry family. The Mowry's were early settlers in Greenwich. It is a beautiful tree filled park with benches for enjoying the surroundings. The addition of a bandstand facilitates concerts and other events to be held in this park. In addition, there is a kiosk explaining the Village of Greenwich's role in the Underground Railroad.

**Veteran's Memorial Park** is located on Corliss Avenue and borders Main Street. This park is dedicated to Greenwich veterans of World War I. There is a monument with the names of Greenwich residents who lost their lives in this war. In the 1990's, a large monument dedicated to all Greenwich area veterans was placed in the park. A wreath laying ceremony is held here on Veteran's Day.

**Washington Square Park** is a small patch of land located in Washington Square next to route 29. There is a statue dedicated to the Greenwich

area Civil War veterans in this pocket park.

**Gannon Park** is located on Woodlawn Avenue near Gray Avenue. Norma Gannon, the wife of James Kimball Gannon who wrote the song "White Christmas," left a sizable endowment for youth recreation activities in the Village of Greenwich. Gannon Park was dedicated in 2009. The park has a seasonal splash pad for young children and toddlers, swings, a basketball court, and a whiffle ball field. In the winter, it is flooded and used as an ice skating rink. The Gannon Family Trust continues to provide funding for this park.

**Battenkill Riverside Park** is located on route 29 along the Battenkill. It was formerly known as the Town Beach. This park has a pavilion, recently upgraded playground equipment, and several picnic tables. Residents can use the park for picnics, kayak and canoe launching on the Battenkill, and children's playground recreation. Unfortunately, the constant beach erosion has made the area unsuitable for swimming.

**Thunder Mountain Park and Recreation** area is located off of North Road. The access road is approximately one mile north of the intersection of Gray Avenue and Prospect Street. The approximately 140 acres consists of hiking trails, picnic areas, and fishing spots. The peak of Thunder Mountain is 840 feet. The former reservoir for the village of Greenwich is located here.

**The VFW Memorial Fields** are located on Abeel Avenue next to the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) building. Little League ball fields are located here and a vibrant youth baseball program takes place every summer.

As you can see, the small geographic area covered in this article contains a number of park/recreation areas. Community life is enhanced by the presence of these green areas. In the next issue, we will discuss the remaining active parks in the Town of Greenwich.

*To be continued.*



**VFW Memorial** –darren johnson photos

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**Gannon Park**



**Battenkill Riverside Park**

# School programs gather gifts for kids

Annabel Gregg  
Journal & Press

The holiday spirit has taken over Greenwich Central School District this year, despite all of the new adjustments programs and activities have endured due to COVID-19. A mask-donning Santa Claus visited GCS students on Dec. 5, and the Operation Santa and Operation Rudolph programs are in full swing while celebrating milestones and getting creative around virus restrictions.

“We have become quite creative during COVID times,” said Denise Smith, current program director for Operation Santa, Greenwich’s holiday program for students from Kindergarten to 6th grade. This year the program has had to adjust many of their policies to make sure that families stay safe. “Hanaford cards are being provided to families rather than holiday food baskets, and families are given Christmas wrap rather than holding a community wrapping day. Staggering family pick up and drop off is also a part of our strategy for keeping people safe.”

The program has also found other ways to fundraise, considering they can’t hold their regular Breakfast with Santa fundraiser. One fundraiser, “Hat Day,” coincides with GCS’ no-hat-in-school policy. Hat Day is “to benefit Operation Santa and you get to wear a hat! What you do is when you come into school you bring a hat and 25 cents,” GCS Superintendent Mark Fish announced to middle grade students. “If you give your teacher the 25 cents, you get to wear a hat for the whole day.”

In a normal year, the program would host a gift-wrapping day for community members and students volunteer to wrap gifts for families in the area. “During safer times, we also do a food drive as well,” said Smith. But despite a lack of in-person events and fundraisers, Smith says that the community has still found ways



Denise Smith. —darren johnson photoa

to help the program. “With all of the craziness of this past year, it is a great reminder of what a caring and supporting town we live in.” They have even seen record numbers of donations this year despite COVID. “The donations from the community are humbling,” Smith commented.

As director of Operation Santa, Smith has the gift of knowing what the program provides to the community. “My favorite part is seeing those wishes come in knowing that there is going to be a big smile on Christmas morning. It also makes me happy to know that we should have no children in Greenwich going without a Christmas.”

Operation Santa is not the only holiday gift program at GCS. Brenda Facin has been the program director of Operation Rudolph, the high school’s holiday program, for 30 years now. The program was started in 1985 by English teacher Mary Buckley, who Facin took over for only a few years later. “She was the National Honor Society advisor and would have the members raise money, buy and shop

for the under privileged children at Christmas.” At the time the program served about half a dozen students, but now Facin says that they are providing gifts to 30 children this year, and 50 kids in peak years.

The GCS Student Council has also been an important figure in the program this year. According to Facin, “They do an awesome job with what they have to work with.”

Operation Rudolph “is near and dear to my heart because I grew up in a poor family situation and I know how it feels to get little or nothing under the tree on Christmas morning,” she explained. “My favorite part of

OR is when you have parents picking up the gifts, some with tears in their eyes, full of gratitude and less stressed out about how they will provide Christmas for their kids.”

“I am retiring in February, but will continue to run the program as long as I can,” said Facin. “My sister-in-law Heidi Townsend is the Co-Advisor and helps tremendously with getting donations and organizing the OR breakfast for the staff usually. We are currently working to find another way to raise funds for next year’s program.”

**‘We should have no children in Greenwich going without a Christmas.’**

## Shop local – here are some ideas

**Darren Johnson**  
*Journal & Press*

I've decided to use my column space to salute our local business people this holiday season, persevering, despite this having been a horrible year for small businesses.

Sure, it's easier to just shop at Big Lots or Tractor Supply or some mall to the north or west, but maybe this year consider going the extra step and buying from some of our local startups.

I know this isn't an exhaustive list – I solicited ideas from ads in our newspaper and our popular Facebook site – but these are great ideas nonetheless. Let's get started.

### Goat Soaps and Balms

Here's a great holiday gift idea. Tera Williams and Emily Mattison own a goat farm called Wind Valley Farm in Salem and make homemade goat soaps of all kinds. They also partnered with Humble Hill Farm that has amazing bee hives and the duo use their bees wax in our hand and lip balms. Everything they sell is home made.

Some items: Soap sets \$16; kids sets \$12; bars \$5; lip balms \$3; hand balms \$7. And they can custom make any scent. Call 518-361-9327 to make your order.

### Honest CBD

Holly Harris is our local CBD expert, running Windy Hill C-B-D at 106 Main Street in Greenwich, her prices are fair and her product is made with the highest integrity. Plus she's a great cheerleader for the town, promoting various outside-the-box ideas, like the Blessing Shack anonymous pantry this past summer (she's stocking it with some toys this holiday season) and, along with the Greenwich Chamber, the Reverse Tractor Parade. Check out her store or her site at [WindyHillCBDOil.com](http://WindyHillCBDOil.com).

### Gramp's Old School House

This sweet ornament commemorates the restoration of Greenwich Schoolhouse District No. 11 in Center Falls. The Tefft family lovingly spent 3 years saving the schoolhouse, which is a piece of their family history. Jill Tefft's great grandmother and grandfather attended the schoolhouse in the early 1900's. Priced at \$12 each, limited quantity available. Size is approx. 4" x 3". Cash, check or Venmo accepted. They will ship for an additional \$4. Email [jill.tefft@gmail.com](mailto:jill.tefft@gmail.com) to purchase.



### At the Country Peddler

The NorthStar Historical Project has locally inspired holiday ornaments available now at the Country Peddler. The ornaments feature beautiful Greenwich scenes, including the Mowry Park gazebo lit up at nighttime and the Holiday Lighted Tractor Parade, featuring a segment of one of local artist Jacob Houston's paintings. On the back is a brief history of the Tractor Parade and a short bio on Jacob and his artwork. Another ornament design features the Battenville house of suffragette Susan B. Anthony. Ornaments, facades, and books are available at the Country Peddler or by calling 518-854-3102.



### BBQ Heaven



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You get the idea – shop local, please.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from your family at The Journal & Press!

Contact Darren Johnson anytime at [editor@journalandpress.com](mailto:editor@journalandpress.com).



# Salem explores possible sewer system

The Town of Salem is exploring the feasibility and affordability of constructing a municipal wastewater collection and treatment system. They are exploring sources of grants and low-interest loans to help pay for this, which will help determine if such a project would be possible.

To qualify for these programs, Salem needs to show that it is financially eligible. To do this, the Town must conduct a Household Characteristics Survey of the proposed users of the wastewater system.

This survey is required by funding programs to document that the proposed service area qualifies for financial help. If you reside in the proposed service area, you will be receiving a survey in the mail during the week of Jan. 4.

The results are confidential and only the survey summary results are used.

At this time, the Town is looking at a proposed service area similar to the existing drinking water system. These boundaries are DRAFT and can be modified, but for the moment, it provides a place to start. Only residents of the proposed sewer system service area are being asked to participate in the survey.

For more information on the proposed system boundaries, please reach out to the Salem Sewer Study Committee, Chair Herb Perkins at [hperkins3@verizon.net](mailto:hperkins3@verizon.net).

The Salem Sewer Study Committee meets via Zoom, the fourth Tuesday of each month, at 7:00 pm, and reports to the Town Board at its monthly meeting.

The January

Board meeting is Jan 26. Minutes of the meetings are posted on the Town website, <https://salem-ny.com/>. If you wish to receive a Zoom invitation to a monthly Sewer Study Committee meeting, email Herb Perkins a few days ahead of the meeting.

Salem needs a high percentage of returns, because if they cannot reach the required number of survey returns by mail, they will need to conduct house to house canvassing.

The survey is confidential. Completed surveys can be mailed in the self-addressed stamped envelope to RCAP Solutions, the not-for-profit agency that is helping process the surveys at no charge to the Town.

Surveys will be opened only by RCAP Solutions staff. RCAP Solutions will provide the Town with a survey summary report that will help us determine the funding programs that are available to us.

## Historic calendars

The 2021 Town of Saratoga calendars featuring pictures from days gone by in the villages of Schuylerville and Victory and in the surrounding areas are now on sale. Calendar pages are sprinkled with close to 150 historical tidbits.

The photos include the Schuyler Hose Company in new turnout gear in 1987, the Periard family of Victory Mills, the 1954 champion VFW baseball team, a Knights of Columbus meeting, Schuylerville FFA members in 1964, and seven other pictures from the Town's past.

You will learn that fire struck the village firehouse in 1947, the gristmill in Grangerville in 1938, the Visitation Church in 1871 the Quaker Springs hotel in 1899, and the Liberty wallpaper plant in 1924. Other tidbits include the date the last cotton mill machines moved south, Saratoga County was formed from Albany County, the General Schuyler Pantry opened, Schuylerville Central School District was formed, and a helicopter crashed and burned in Grangerville.

Calendars may be purchased for \$5.00 in Schuylerville at Byron's Market, Saratoga Apple, Schuylerville Public Library, Schuylerville Village Clerk's office and at the Town Clerk's office or at Old Saratoga Mercantile and Olde Saratoga Home and Garden on Route 29. and Pat Peck, The Old Saratoga Historical Association has produced the Town of Saratoga calendar for the past 36 years. Call Pat Peck, 584-4129, to arrange to have calendars mailed and to offer photos for the 2022 calendar.

**Pictured:** Schuylerville's 1954 Champion VFW Baseball Team.



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## Reflections on the Holidays, Part II

**Liv Thygesen**  
*Journal & Press*

It had only been a month or two since our arrival to Pensacola, and we were completely lost on the way to wherever it was that we were going. Several of us had never been off base, and it had been months since we had enjoyed civilization off base. The city of Pensacola whizzed by our windows. The strip malls, the fried chicken establishments on every corner, the pawn shops at every turn. *Where on earth were we?*

“Should we be trying to count the turns or take notes?” one guy asked. “Do you think they are purposefully trying to get us lost to see if we can find our way back? Is this a test?” We nervously chuckled. *He could be right.*

Eventually, the white USO van bounced into the parking lot of a construction site. Beneath a partially covered sign at the entrance peeked the words *Navy Federal Center*. “I thought they said we were going to a call center. What is this?” commented one of the sailors from the back seat. There was scaffolding lining the building. Tarps and ropes blew in the wind. The only visible sign of civilization was a newly constructed ramp leading to the back of the building. The stacks of wood and grey cement lie strewn about the site. As we piled out of the van, two women dressed

in USO shirts emerged from the back door.

“Welcome!” they applauded. “Come inside, you’re a little late, but we still have so much food for you. Come in, sit down, and relax.” Befuddled, we paused to assess the situation before entering.

Inside lay folding tables stacked with all the Thanksgiving fixings. Turkey, stuffing, boats of gravy and potatoes, fried chicken, sweet potato pie and all. There were others from base standing uneasily around the tables. I recognized one of them from my barracks. “What are you doing here, man?”

“They pulled up to the barracks and voluntold us to get in the van. So, we did.”

“So, what *is* this place actually?” he asked.

“They said it was a call center, but it’s all under construction. What a weird place to host a dinner,” two of the other marines chimed in.

As the meal unfolded, so did the conversations. Some of the sailors there knew each other from their barracks. Some of us recognized each other from the schoolhouse. Some of us were from the north, while others from the south. We were an interesting mix, thrown together by the power of voluntold. A few of the marines finished their meal and began to wander the building. No one stopped them, so we followed suit and began to explore this half-finished state-of-the-art call center. As we explored, we reminisced about our childhood adventures and favorite games. One of which was manhunt (fancy hide and seek). Marines being marines, we set out to create our own version of Marine Manhunt in the half-finished building. In classic marine style, we broke down into squads and disbursed throughout the building. One team was “it” and had a small head start to assume a position somewhere in the building. The rest of us were to locate and “eliminate” them. In and amongst the stacks of drywall and lumber we roamed, looking for the “enemy.” For hours we roved and pursued the “it” teams.

On account of this adventure, we got to know



more about each other, our origins, and our common interests. It was a bonding experience that none of us ever thought a holiday alone would bring. We never thought being voluntold for Thanksgiving dinner in a half-finished call center would bring the hodge-podgeness of the Breakfast Club to life. From awkward, untrusting strangers to lifelong friends over the course of a holiday meal. Blood family may not always be there physically, but we can make new families from new experiences, even if we must be voluntold to do so.

As we reflect on our service members who have served and who continue to serve, it is important to understand how they make the most of holidays away from home and to revel in their creativeness. Not everyone may have too many Thanksgiving dinners, but if it were not for the compassion of everyday folks, many of us would have miserable and lonely holidays.

*Liv Thygesen has been a marine, educator and community advocate. She owns Sip & Swirl in Greenwich.*



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# Local pantry tackles holidays amid Covid

**Annabel Gregg**  
*Journal & Press*

Greenwich's Comfort Food Community has had a busy holiday season, helping even more families in the area this year admits the coronavirus pandemic. "It's been a challenging, but successful year thanks to all of the community support," said CFC Director Devin Bulger. "We couldn't do it without the volunteer hours, partnership and financial support that we receive from the community."

The food pantry's meal distribution, organized by The Equinox, GCS's National Honor Society, and the Elk's Lodge for Thanksgiving provided 270 meals to residents of the community, 60 more meals than the previous year. Because of the virus, volunteers signed up to deliver pre-packaged turkey dinners in their vehicles to people's homes around the Town the day before Thanksgiving.

The food pantry is continuing to keep stride with state guidelines regarding social distancing and stopping the spread of germs, especially as we head into the colder months and the virus persists. "We are limiting the number of people that can shop at once. Everyone has to be masked and must wash hands when they come in," said Bulger. "We are cleaning

like mad. We are hoping that those procedures get us through the pandemic, but could revert back to pre-packed boxes and no shoppers in the building if things get too bad." For the upcoming winter holidays, CFC is promoting the Middle Falls Fire Department and Boy Scouts' holiday meal to pantrygoers, which has dine-in and takeout meals available. Pantry services will continue to follow state guidelines while necessary.

CFC is also assuring that residents have access to fresh food during the pandemic. "We are keeping our Fresh Food Collective programming going and expanding our fresh food distributions to more senior residential facilities and area libraries," explained Bulger. "Our Community Health programs are continuing to reach people at the Glens Falls Farmers Market. We will be partnering with Cornell Cooperative Extension on a Farm to School grant beginning in January that will focus on getting more local food into Greenwich, Cambridge, Salem, Argyle and Hartford school districts." The organization has also been making frequent deliveries to local senior centers, including a donation of 130 boxes of produce to locations like Kingsbury Senior Center and Mountain View Commons.

CFC has been so busy that they have expanded their domain to an additional administrative office on Main Street of Greenwich. Their offices had originally been at Town Hall for three years, until their increased services required more space. Black Dog Designs provided the window decal and Rulyn Design Resources provided the window treatment, according to the CFC Facebook page.



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## Introducing Wallie's of Greenwich

**Sara Idleman**  
*Journal & Press*

Wallie's of Greenwich, the famed local restaurant originally established in 1929, has completed its thorough and full restoration. The Covid-19 shutdown this year forced a previously planned Spring opening to a new opening date in the very near future. The owners are monitoring the current NYS restaurant guidelines on Covid rules, etc. Opening a restaurant is a challenge with risks in itself, let alone during a pandemic. The owners are cautiously optimistic that current health conditions will abate in due time with promising vaccine reports, allowing for the doors to be open to friends, neighbors, and visitors to Greenwich.

The project was made possible by community renewal grants from NYS Main Street Grant program, Empire State Development (ESD), National Grid, and Homefront Development Corp. The investment of these entities constituted an "anchor grant", which envisions a rehabilitation project as the anchor,

or catalyst for economic growth. This made the project viable, given the massive amount of work needed to bring the building back to a viable economic base, after a decade of abandonment. The ownership teams' memories of the old Wallie's, filled to capacity with many guests staying to stroll along Main Street and visit the shops, was the inspiration for this project. The goal is for the property to serve as an economic anchor for the community, which hopefully encourages other businesses to open, and current businesses to see increased traffic and revenue.

During the demolition phase, the building was discovered to have had 5 to 6 additions over the past century or so, built prior to modern, more rigid building codes. Joined together like a mixed Lego kit, each demolition day brought a new 'surprise'. Although, some pleasant surprises, like newspapers from August 1914 reporting on the opening days of WWI, were found, along with other neat finds.

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*-darren johnson photos*





The build:

The building was last used in 2006, so a decade of being abandoned took its toll. The project faced numerous challenges, including years of structural degradation. A 'cut and see' process of demo uncovering hidden challenges, which then was followed by complex architectural re-design solutions, lots of remediation, two very cold winters to work in, and then just as they were finishing earlier this year, a nationwide pandemic shut down. But with failure never an option, the team pressed forward.

When the project began, rain water had been leaking through the roof, down three floors, into the basement. Wood rot gave the floors a trampoline bounce effect when walked on. The bottom sill of the building had rotted on the street side and east side, which required the building to be jacked up and the sills replaced. The basement dirt floors had several furnaces (some 100+ years old), removed, and new cement poured. 3"x16"

floor joists on steel columns, welded to large footings, were installed across all three basements (a labyrinth of passage ways), to support all new floors. A complete new roof was installed, and the kitchen had to be fully replaced with new equipment. New bathrooms were built, along with entrances and access compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). New walk-in cooler/freezer and complete new kitchen & dishwashing, with all new ventilation equipment was installed, along with a separate walk-in cooler under the new bar for up to twelve beverages on tap. Other than a wall mounted bottle opener, no equipment was salvageable.



A past flyer.

Due to the nature of the grants, the building could not be torn down, but rather rehabilitation of the existing structure. It was gutted to the bare rafters and studs. It was discovered that the building was in fact two separate structures, one was once a house, while the dining room was rumored to have been a barn from the 1800's (the original floor joists were hand hewn half round logs with bark still on them), and possibly a former blacksmith shop (charred areas on the floor lent credence to this rumor). Windows were found in the walls between the two structures, boarded up years ago. In some places, the floors had 8 layers of flooring, 4 or 5 ceilings, and several walls. The 1960's-1970's wood paneling covered a wallpapered sheetrock wall, which was built on 2x4 frame covering a plaster & lath wall.

What was the former banquet room (for anyone who had their ring banquet or rehearsal dinners there), was known as "the house", which appears to have been built in the late 1800's. Several old fireplaces were discovered in the walls. The rotting apartments on the 2nd & 3rd floors that were collapsing in, were removed. Upon demolition, beautiful brick walls and hand hewn beams were uncovered. As a result, it was decided to move the pub

from the 1950's "Lounge" addition by the parking lot, over to this area, given a rustic rural pub vibe. The old apartments above were replaced with a beautiful loft balcony over the bar area, trimmed with stairs and railings by local metal artisan Brian Nilson. The old banquet room is completely restored with a large sliding door for private functions and parties. Local sports



fans will be able to relax in the pub and enjoy a game on one of the several televisions around the pub.

An ad from the late 1930s to early 1940s was found during the research, showing a two story porch on the front of what was the house. At some time by the 1950s, the front porch was removed. The team wanted to restore the historic streetscape, plus add outdoor seating during nicer weather, so the decision was made to invest in adding this two story front porch back to the original structure. The overall architectural style was to bridge the various additions into the Victorian/Edwardian style of Main Street, and com-



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# Donate blood this holiday season

December may be the season of giving – but it's typically a challenging time to collect enough blood donations. Add in a pandemic, and this year could be even tougher than usual. That's why the American Red Cross is urging those who are feeling well to give the gift of life by donating blood or platelets this holiday season.

The need for blood doesn't stop for holidays. Between Thanksgiving and Christmas, more than 1 million blood transfusions will be given in the United States. Donations of all blood types are needed to ensure hospital shelves remain stocked to meet patient blood needs.

Make your appointment to give blood, platelets or plasma with the Red Cross by downloading the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device.

To encourage donations this holiday season, those who come to donate blood, platelets or plasma with the Red Cross Dec. 18-Jan. 4 will receive a long-sleeved Red Cross T-shirt, while supplies last.

## Important COVID-19 information for donors

As COVID-19 hospitalizations increase, hospital demand for convalescent plasma has also grown. COVID-19 convalescent plasma is a

type of blood donation given by those who've recovered from this coronavirus.

## Upcoming blood donation opportunities:

### Schaghticoke

12/28/2020: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., Hoosic Valley Community Church, 2024 Route 40

### Saratoga Springs

12/17/2020: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., Saratoga Wilton Elks Club, 1 Elk Lane  
12/29/2020: 12 p.m. - 6 p.m., Saratoga Springs City Center, 522 Broadway

### Schuylerville

12/19/2020: 8 a.m. - 12 p.m., American Legion Post 278, 6 Clancy St.

### Cambridge

12/19/2020: 8 a.m. - 12 p.m., American Legion Post 634, 2106 Rt 22

### Salem

12/16/2020: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., Salem FD, 53 S Main Street



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## What I've learned in 18 years

**Cody Fitzgerald**  
*Journal & Press*

On Dec. 7, 1941, the Imperial Japanese Navy Air Service launched a surprise military attack on Pearl Harbor, going down as one of the worst moments in United States history. This event ultimately caused the United States to enter into World War II, another difficult and bloody time for the country. I was the second national tragedy to occur on Dec. 7.

This past week, on Dec. 7, I turned 18 years old. Although my childhood was at times plagued with stress, bad haircuts and Facebook, I look back on a great 18 years with tons of life lessons and experience that I've garnered over time. Today, I'd like to present 18 lessons that I've learned over 18 years.

**1. Use Your Voice.** I lucked out and got a platform right here in this paper, but everybody has a voice, and everybody has the potential to say the change they want to see. Whether that be injustice, prejudice or what is acceptable as a pizza topping, don't hold back.

**2. Make Your Own Opinions.** The world is so beyond divided right now that you're going to have loved ones on completely opposite ends of the spectrum. Don't listen to your parents, your friends, your teachers, me or anyone else. See the facts, see what's happening, and make your own opinions.

**3. Don't Wait.** Nerves get in the way. It takes time but you have to train your brain to be brave enough and reach out to that person, or try out for that sport or tell your grandmother that her "Granny's Warehouse" half-toy store, half-strip club business idea isn't going to take off.

**4. People Are Important.** This admittedly took me until the coronavirus to understand, but all you need is people. It doesn't matter that I haven't seen a movie in theaters or that I wasn't able to retrieve my Toys R Us gift card that I dropped in the store before it closed, because I had friends and family with me always. The connections and relationships you make are more important than any material item and you can't convince me otherwise.

**5. Escalators Are the Greatest Inven-**

**tion of All Mankind.** I mean they're optional stairs, come on.

**6. Moderation is Key.** As a recovering (diet) coke addict, I want to tell everyone that moderation is a lot more than a vocabulary word in health class. You can refer to my doctor and ask about my accidental Thanos cosplay when my face blew up and turned purple last summer over soda.

**7. Cherish Your Time.** You can be mad at family members over petty arguments all you want but always remember that that time is going to run out one day and you don't get to say you're sorry or you forgive them. Move on and make the memories that you want to think about when that day comes.

**8. The Tooth Fairy Is Weird.** I spent my first 9 years of life believing someone broke into my house, watched me sleep and traded upwards of \$5 so they could take my tooth and add it to their astronomically large collection of children's teeth. What were we thinking?

**9. Respect Younger People.** I hate to break it to you, but young people took the ropes when it came to Black Lives Matter and climate change, while the ones we're brainwashed to automatically respect supported racism and tear gassing protestors, all while burning fossil fuels and complaining about reusable bags.

**10. Question Authority.** "The powers that be" is the same group that waited until 2015 to decide gay marriage was okay and that Amy Schumer should be recognized as a comedian. Just because they're older or in a higher position than you doesn't mean they're right in any capacity.

**11. Don't Be Afraid of Being Offensive.** This is the one that does me in, I can feel it. Obviously casual rudeness and bigotry isn't acceptable, but (so long as it's not you complaining about wearing a mask), don't be afraid to create change that you think is necessary.

**12. "Full House" was never good.** I'm not sorry.

**13. Laugh Every Day.** Who have you never seen laugh? Those people are definitely the most miserable that you've ever met. If you're not smiling at a joke or a friend's misfortune, you



**'Don't be afraid to create change that you think is necessary.'**

are going about life the absolute wrong way. The world sucks, but if we laugh we can make it suck a lot less.

**14. Pringles are Garbage.** Don't deny it. They come in here on their high horse thinking it's okay to make a container with a circumference so tiny that a medium to large dog could not get their paws in it. They've sat and done NOTHING for years as the people get their hands stuck reaching for a potato chip and go into a midlife crisis. There are answers, they just don't want to accept it. What about a Pringles can where you twist the bottom and the chips come up? Maybe you remove a piece of the lid as you get deeper into the can (potential sponsorship with Lego?). Point is, we're being brainwashed by the elites into thinking that this is all we've got. We need to see change and we need it now. #WarOnPringles

**15. Always Listen.** Even the stupid ones  
**continued on page 16**

## Planning for spring

**Kate Sausville**  
*Journal & Press*

Although winter has barely begun, my thoughts are already turning toward spring. In the past we have attempted to put in a large garden, but there was always an issue. The weather would be awful for that growing season, or there would be a blight which would infect the entire garden. We also have a lot of critters here in the country. Deer, rabbits, squirrels, and whatever else all felt entitled to a bite of our garden. I don't mind sharing a cucumber or two, but when an entire row of your hard work is stripped away overnight, it can be disheartening. I have experimented with container gardening with varying degrees of success. We only managed to grow some lettuce but were overwhelmed with green beans. We tried bell peppers, only to get one pepper, but had tons of tomatoes. Now, I love fresh tomatoes and making sauce, but there was only so much we could eat and store.

Last winter we had thought we would be traveling a lot during the summer months, so we didn't plan for any type of garden. Little did we realize how much time we would be

spending at home. Since I don't want to be caught unprepared this year, I have decided to build a raised bed and try again. I have wondered how our ancestors did it, back when growing your own produce made the difference between living through the winter or not. I'm grateful that I can run to the grocery store or farmer's market and grab what I need, but there is something to be said about growing your own vegetables.

### 'Starting seeds indoors gives plants time to get strong.'

Since there will not be much going on this winter, I will take the time to start some plants from seed. The growing season in this area can be short, with frosts, and even snow as late as June. Starting seeds indoors gives time for the plants to grow and get strong before being transplanted into the garden. It's less expensive to start from seed then to buy plants from a nursery, and you can choose from a wider variety of seeds to plant. Since most seedlings need to be started in early March, thinking



about what I want to plant now and ordering them will hopefully give me a head start. This is all contingent upon my ability to remember to water and rotate the seedling trays and keep the cats away. But what else are we going to do?

#### Easy Garden Salsa

*\*Original Recipe from Food Network*

- 8 tomatoes diced
- 1 cup onion diced
- 1 bell pepper, seeds removed and diced
- 3 cloves garlic, finely minced
- 1 jalapeno pepper, seeds removed and diced
- 2 tablespoons of fresh lime juice
- 1/8 cup or small bunch of cilantro, chopped\*

Salt and pepper to taste

*Combine all ingredients including juices in a bowl. Serve immediately or store for up to 5 days. Flavor gets better as it marinates. Serve with tortilla chips.*

*\*If you are like me and cilantro tastes like soap, you can substitute fresh parsley or just omit altogether.*

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



## Cody (cont.)

should be heard so we know what not to do. Anything anyone ever says has value and can be applied to how you should or shouldn't view things. Shutting someone up just fuels them and makes them want to talk more.

**16. Home Depot's "Do Not Climb" Signs** are just recommendations. You heard me.

**17. No One is Above You.**

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Don't view celebrities and popular figures as a different species, out of respect for them and yourself. These people are people, they screw up and they say stupid things and do stupid stuff and you shouldn't be brainwashed and influenced by them.

**18. Love Yourself.** Teenage years are some of the worst when it comes to self confidence. I went

through it myself, being ashamed of how you look, or dress, or what music you listen to or even what you eat. Bottom line is, it doesn't matter what anyone thinks but you. If you live your life catering to society's expectations, you're going to turn into the byproduct of people that you don't even like. There's no way to please everybody but you'll never truly be the person you want to be until you can love who you are today and accept everything that's wrong with you. You are flawed. You have problems that you're

never, ever going to fix no matter how hard you try. Don't fight it, accept it and love everything about it.

There you have it, 18 years and 18 things to say. You can listen to me or not, but I like to think you view Pringles and Home Depot with a much clearer mindset now.

*Cody Fitzgerald is a Schuylerville (NY) High School*



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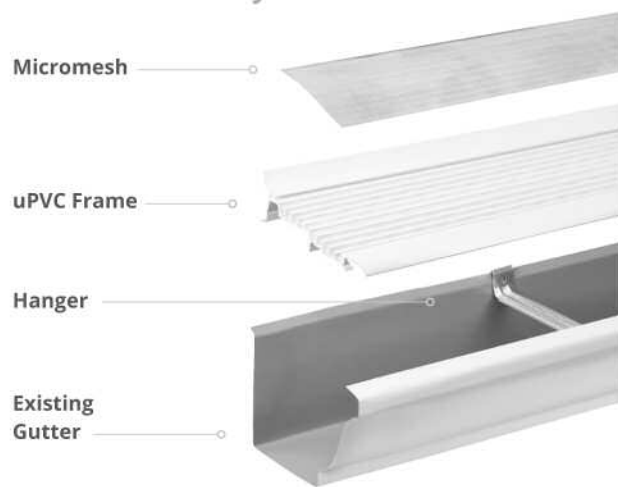
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# Third-place MSNBC to get new leader

**Brian Steinberg**

*Variety*

*Special to Journal & Press*

Rashida Jones, an up-and-coming news executive at NBCUniversal, will take the reins at the company's MSNBC cable-news outlet in February, setting her up to be the first Black executive to run one of the nation's big cable-news outlets at time when that business is of growing importance to the nation's large media conglomerates.

Phil Griffin, who has worked at MSNBC since its launch in 1996 and as its president since 2008, is expected to step down at the end of January. Griffin has enjoyed close ties to many of MSNBC's primetime stars, including Rachel Maddow, the linchpin of the network's lineup, and

Joe Scarborough and Mika Brzezinski, two of its morning hosts.

"Rashida knows and understands MSNBC, in part because it's where she started when she first joined NBCU seven years ago," said Cesar Conde, chairman of NBCUniversal's news operations, in a memo to staff. "She knows that it is the people who work here that make it great, and she understands its culture. She also appreciates the impact and potential of the brand."

The Wall Street Journal previously reported the executive move.

Jones will take the helm of an operation that has, at a time of peak digital consumption of content, become one of the main ways media companies like NBCUniversal have of catching big live linear audiences.

In an era when many traditional TV viewers are migrating to streaming outlets, MSNBC anchors like Maddow, Nicolle Wallace and Joy Reid capture hundreds of thousands of viewers who watch their shows live and en masse. News networks have seen their ratings soar during the Trump administration and over the course of the coronavirus pandemic, when millions of people are staying close to home.

At the same time, MSNBC's business lags that of its two main rivals, Fox Corporation's Fox News Channel and WarnerMedia's CNN. Fox News is seen securing nearly \$2.98 billion in revenue from advertising and affiliate fees in 2020, according to market-research firm Kagan, part of S&P Global. CNN is seen capturing more than \$1.72 billion. MSNBC, meanwhile, is expected to win just under \$1.11 billion. Executives at many of the cable-news networks have been girding for a potential dip in viewership in 2021, a dynamic that is typical of coverage in the year after a presidential election.

Jones has gained traction in recent years because of her talent in devising special news reports that have encompassed everything from presidential debates to complex town halls, including one devoted to a discussion of criminal justice from the Sing Sing correctional facility in Ossining, New York, in the fall of 2019 that required security checks for all personnel and pieces of a set that had to be brought in from as far away as Las Vegas. She was most recently in charge of breaking-news coverage across both NBC News and MSNBC as well as daytime and weekend news programming at MSNBC. MSNBC recently reworked its daytime and weekend schedules in ways that give more time to Nicolle Wal-

lace, a late-afternoon anchor who is an internal favorite at the company, and add anchors from diverse backgrounds to the network's Saturday and Sunday schedule.

In recent months, said Conde, Jones "has masterfully guided our coverage of the global pandemic, the social justice protests and unrest, Decision 2020, and the two most-viewed Democratic presidential debates in television history. She helped lead the preparation for Kristen Welker's role as general election debate moderator. And she has steered many of our groundbreaking editorial series."

Jones will no doubt call upon many of those skills in her new role. The cable-news networks have in recent years come to rely more heavily on special events like town halls and one-on-one newsmaker interview. In recent months, for example, MSNBC has featured special weeks of Craig Melvin's daytime show that call upon the anchor to hold forth from remote locations.

Placing Jones in charge of one of NBCUniversal's best-known outlets

**'Fox News makes \$3 billion;  
CNN \$1.7 billion;  
MSNBC \$1.1 billion.'**

is the latest in a series of moves Conde has made after taking oversight of NBCU's news operations under the still-early corporate regime of NBCU CEO Jeff Shell. Since coming aboard as chairman of NBC News Group in May, Conde has outlined new goals to diversify the editorial and executive ranks and backed decisions to place former Fox News anchor Shepard Smith in CNBC's early-evening schedule and move former MSNBC weekend anchor Joy Reid to early evenings on weekdays.

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# Voters will decide fate of the highway super

**Annabel Gregg**  
*Journal & Press*

The voters in the Town of Greenwich will soon be deciding whether or not to make the newly vacant Highway Supervisor position an appointed one. Traditionally the civil service position was one chosen by the voters every two years, but Supervisor Don Ward at Tuesday, Dec. 8's Board meeting put forward a comprehensive plan to completely change the position.

If the new proposal passes, the position would be appointed by the town board, based on civil service qualifications. It would also expand the role of the Superintendent and the department itself, moving away from solely highways to potentially parks like the Hudson Crossing Park extension in Greenwich and the water department. The plan would also allow the town budget more accurately.

"By expanding what the Highway Department does, when we include parks and buildings in the future, all the town residents benefit from the tax dollars that get spent," said Ward on Tuesday. "Next year, we'll have a water line set and done. The potential of that...would be good to have someone who has the flexibility to oversee that."

The proposal for changes comes after longtime Superintendent Stanley Mattison Sr. retired late October. Mattison had been the Highway Superintendent for 9 years and had dedicated service to the department for over two decades.

The new proposal will be offered to the public to read before the next meeting via Facebook and the Town website. "I'd like everyone to take the time to read the proposal," urged Ward.

Currently, the Board has not made public any potential appointees for if the proposal does pass. "There is nobody being considered at this time," said Supervisor Clerk Joanna Messina.

## Everlasting Lights

The Town was in the holiday spirit at Tuesday's meeting, commenting on the COVID-adapted Everlasting Lights program this year. "Everlasting lights was amazing," said Ward. "The program was initially founded by [former Town Clerk] Elaine two decades ago. She, Judy Patrick, and Jean Sharp got it set up, and we

have a real appreciation for that. Special thanks to all of the volunteers on the Highway crew that installed all of the trees and the lights...it's part of what makes Greenwich a special place to live." The Everlasting Lights display will be up through the holiday season in the park behind the Town Offices.

## Planning, Ethics Board Appointments

Planning Board member Dawn Shartz not only got her term renewed but was appointed Planning Board Chair at Tuesday's meeting. The Board's decision came after much discussion. Ralph Vecchio, the only other senior member of the Board, turned down the idea of being Chair initially.

"I've been on for quite a few years, but frankly I don't have the energy to try to be the Chair," said Vecchio, who attended the meeting. "I'll continue on for the rest of the term that I have, but I don't want the time that's involved. But thank you very much for even thinking about me. Obviously, Dawn has as much experience, in fact more than I do, so out of anybody that's there, I would say her experience gives her the edge."

Other appointment's made at Tuesday's meeting included Andrew Doonan and Jeannie

## 'All the town residents benefit from the tax dollars that get spent.'

Pemrick to the Ethics Board and Jeremy Messina and Christian Bittel to the Planning Board. There is one alternate position open to the Zoning Board of Appeals that the Board still has to fill.

Greenwich might be reducing its environmental impact in the coming years with two new proposals being offered to the Town. Ward mentioned that the Planning Board will be receiving a proposal "in a few months" for a new solar project to be installed behind Sunshine Inn on Route 40. The Board also discussed the potential to install charging stations for electric vehicles in the town at Tuesday's meeting.

James Buono from Potentia Management

Group talked to the Board about the possibility, after which they decided to accept a proposal for a plan at the next Board meeting on Dec. 29. Buono said that Greenwich was "in the yellow zone, so" installing electric charging stations is a viable development. The Board also decided to renew their contract with Potentia for another three years to continue using lights and electricity at Town Hall.

The Town's Tax Assessor has been busy these past few months according to Supervisor Ward, managing two foreclosures, 9 permits and 30 sales, including the purchase of 1 Washington Square by a couple from Brooklyn. Ward mentioned the potential for income tax exemptions for seniors to occur this tax period. "There is a proposal out there [income tax exemptions for seniors] so you don't have to come in with COVID, I don't know if it will be an executive order or a legislative issue, but it's a good thing to support for the seniors, since their income doesn't really change every year," he said. Tax exemptions have been sent out to residents and are due back on March 1, 2021.

When it comes to paying taxes this year, COVID may complicate things but the Town is prepared. "We're just going to limit people to two at the counter," said Town Tax Collector Kimberly Whalen. People paying their taxes in-person at the Town Offices will be required to wear a mask, and if more than two people are in the building at a time, the overflow will "have to wait outside in line," she said. "I think we'll get a lot more mail-in payments. That's the plan right now," commented Whalen.

## Need a winter coat?

L.E.A.P. is now shifting the focus of its Coat Drive to distributing coats to those in need, although they are still accepting monetary donations to cover the increased costs of cleaning, storing, and distributing coats this season. If you need a coat for yourself and/or a family member, the only requirement is that you must be a Washington County Resident. Proof of address will be requested (for example a piece of mail, utility bill, driver's license/other ID, etc.) Please call L.E.A.P. at (518) 409-5199 between 8:30am-3:30pm for any Coat Requests.



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## Wallie's (cont.)

plement the merchants district in Greenwich.

Wallie's and history are symbiotic. It was a local classic for over 80 years. A gentleman remembered his parents taking him to afternoon supper at Wallie's when he was 9 years old. The staff suddenly came out and told his parents they should head home, as there was much commotion in the kitchen. A radio was brought into the dining room, and the patrons listened to news updates from the attacks on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941. This story was the inspiration to restore the dining room to a timeless period, as it might have been on that historic day.

Known for its excellent food, the new Wallie's is committed to this tradition. A classic American dining experience is planned, featuring several of the favorite dishes from years past. The pub will offer comforting food and a welcoming place for patrons to gather.



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### Thanks

The Wallie's team would like to thank its fellow New Yorkers, without which the Main Street and ESD grants would not have been possible, National Grid community investment program, the Village of Greenwich for processing paperwork and their willingness to serve as a pass through for grant funds. This project would not have been possible without the key leadership and guidance from Laura Oswald, Washington County Development and Sharon Reynolds of HomeFront Development Corp. Many local craftsmen and builders were employed in the process. Chris Kuzmich and Kuzmich Restorations managed this complex and challenging project the past two years bringing the project and the beautiful building you see restored today on Main Street (with special thanks to Pete, Darlene, and Paul).

The beautiful metal work was done by Brian Nilson of Viking Fabrication, flooring done by Louis Miles, Hayes Contracting for the framing, Jason Nolan of Nolan Electric, Michael Conlin of Simpson Square public relations and designs. Wallie's would also like to thank, Deanna Derway of the Washington County LDC; Dave O'Brien and the Washington-Warren IDA; Lieutenant Governor Kathy Kochul, Senator Betty Little, Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner; Mike Murray, VP, and Stephen Van Schenk, President of ADK Trust; Andy Rymph of Chazen & Associates; architect Dave D'Amore (CT Male); Mike Bittle, ADK Chamber of Commerce; Jeannie Pemrick (interior design); David Klingebiel of Newell & Klingebiel; Leo Flynn, Brian Buell and the Greenwich Department of Public Works. And a special thanks to Ted Bearor, principal developer of the project.

Wallies looks forward to joining the Greater Greenwich Chamber of Commerce and an opening when we can gather as a community.

*Sara Idleman is a lifelong resident of Greenwich. Recently retired from the workforce, she's delighted to now focus on her favorite interests and hobbies.*





# Salem CSD's Good Citizen

Salem Central School District announced that senior Douglas Pennington was selected as the recipient of the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award. Douglas was nominated by faculty at Salem and voted by his fellow class members as best exemplifying the characteristics of dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism.



Douglas serves as president of Future Farmers of America, treasurer of the National Honor Society, and participates in Mock Trial. He is a three-sport athlete as a member of the varsity football, wrestling, and baseball teams. He also works at the Fairfield Inn and Suites in Queensbury.

## Committed

Salem Central School District senior Blake Riche signed a letter of intent to play softball at SUNY Corning. A virtual signing ceremony was held at the school the evening of Tuesday, December 1. The Google Meet event included family, friends, teachers, and coaches of the five new recruits who also committed to play at SUNY Corning.



Blake's goal is to elevate her game to the next level, and she is aiming toward further recruitment after her two years in the NJCAA. While at Corning Blake will pursue a degree in athletic training/sports medicine with a long-term goal of becoming a New York State Trooper.

## Church updates

Salem's Holy Cross Catholic Church holds Mass on Sundays at 8:30 AM. Mass at St. Patrick's in Cambridge is held Saturdays at 4:00 PM and Sunday at 11:00 AM.

The Christmas Mass Schedule has been set. The maximum capacity for each Mass is 37 people. Christmas Eve Mass at Holy Cross will be at 3:00 PM, and St. Patrick's at 5:00 PM. Christmas Day Mass will be at 11:00 AM at St. Patrick's. However, there are restrictions due to COVID-19 and reservations are required. Call 518 677 2757 or email parishoffice@battenkillcatholic.org and leave your name, number of guests attending, telephone number, and the Mass you will attend. Reservations must be in by Dec. 15 and will be confirmed by telephone. All safety measures will be followed.

Both parishes are seeking volunteers to assist at Mass time. St. Joseph's in Greenwich will continue to post Sunday Mass on YouTube with Fr. Kacerguis as celebrant and Maureen Cossey as music minister. The link is [www.tinyurl.com/SJG-liturgies](http://www.tinyurl.com/SJG-liturgies).

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# Tax moves you may want to make

**Jill Schlesinger**

*Special to Journal & Press*

Stuck at home with not enough to do? Work your way through these year-end money and tax savings ideas.

Consider a Roth or a Roth Conversion: For decades, the idea behind retirement planning was simple: save money by deferring taxation today, because years later, when you retire, your tax bracket will be lower. The idea has now been turned on its head, because currently, federal income tax brackets are about as low they have ever been. That means that it could be better to pay taxes now instead of in the future, when rates could be higher.

That thesis is the argument for making a Roth IRA contribution for 2020, rather than using a traditional IRA. The limit for 2020 and 2021 is the lower of \$6,000 or your total earned income for the year, with an additional \$1,000 catch up contribu-

tion available if you are over age 50. One note: you can't count unemployment benefits as earned income when determining how much you can contribute to either a Traditional or a Roth IRA.

If you have lower income this year, it could be an ideal time to convert from a traditional IRA into a Roth. A conversion may allow you to pay the taxes due at today's a lower rate than you might find yourself in the future. Start by checking out the IRS tax brackets, because the amount you convert adds to your taxable income. Then make sure you have non-retirement funds available to pay the tax due. Once you convert to a Roth, your money will grow tax-free and when you retire and withdraw the money, there will be no tax due. Because Roth plans are not subject to Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs), many retirees use them to help control their future taxation of Social Security benefits and/or increased costs of Medicare, which are

income tested.

**Don't Worry About RMDs:** The CARES Act eliminated RMDs from retirement plans (including beneficiary accounts) for calendar year 2020, so there should not be any last minute, end of year freak-outs. That said, if you did not have to take the RMD money for financial reasons, your taxable income will be lower for 2020, which means that you might consider realizing capital gains in a taxable investment account, which will allow you to take advantage of lower rates. If you are married filing jointly and your income is less than \$80,000 (\$40,000 for singles), the capital gains tax rate is zero.

Finally, last year's SECURE Act increased the RMD age from 70 1/2 to 72. If you turned 72 in 2020 or are turning 72 in 2021, you may want to establish an automatic transfer of your RMD, or at least set a calendar reminder to take it at some point in 2021. Roth IRAs do not require withdrawals until after the death of the

owner. also an asset as it proves what they are doing works.

People skills are challenging to learn from books alone. When I wrote my book, "Interpersonal Edge," I realized if someone only reads my book the application of the tools will not be optimal. My clients, ironically, loved reading it. When I asked why they told me that after practicing these tools for years it was helpful to see my tools written down.

We have to use interpersonal skills live so it's helpful to find an actual person where you can receive coaching and practice in real time either in person or remotely. A good teacher should be able to improve your strategies, suggest narratives, and point out what to avoid and what to emphasize. Anyone that just asks you what you think and only paraphrases you will not help much.

To get good help you have to ask yourself if you are willing to be un-

owner.

**Slash Your Tax Bill with Uncle Sam's Help:** The best way to reduce your tax liability is to maximize your retirement plan contributions before the end of the year. Most employer plans allow you to increase your contribution percentages, but be sure to readjust after the New Year. If you are self-employed or earn money as a gig worker, consider establishing your own retirement plan. For most, using either or Traditional or Roth IRA will do the job.

**Re-balance Thoughtfully:** If you itemize and have a taxable investment account, you can sell investments with losses to offset gains during the year. If you have more losses than gains, you can deduct up to \$3,000 against ordinary income; and if you have more than \$3,000, you can carry over that amount to future years.

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



## Effective workplace

**Daneen Skube**

*Special to Journal & Press*

**Q:** How do you train your executive coaching and corporate clients to translate good intentions into effective actions?

**A:** Good intentions are indeed the cobblestones on the road to hell. What creates change isn't attitude but aptitude. Advanced interpersonal skills are the technology of persuasion, success, and results. No positive attitude in the world can fix a problem without the aptitude and tools.

We've been told that if you smile the world will smile with you but this is a lie. If you smile, use blaming words, and alienate the people you work with no one will be smiling or helping you.

We've also heard that a positive at-

titude is the only armor we need in a cruel, and uncaring world. The truth is the world will crush most positive attitudes quickly if the individual is lacking in people skills.

People skills are not rocket science. If you graduated from high school, you have the capacity to learn interpersonal skills. If you're motivated to find a good teacher then tools like advanced paraphrasing, using "I" language, negotiation skills, or conflict resolution skills can be yours.

Evaluate your potential teacher carefully. Engaging in decades of their own growth, a solid academic background in psychology, humility, intense curiosity, seeing you as a fellow traveler not a "patient," and possessing minimal ego are all important. A history of overcoming intense adversities yet still thriving is

comfortable, acknowledge where you can improve, and be receptive that you are worth having an advocate. In thirty years I've found a key difference between people whose lives have transformed in working with me and people I couldn't help was whether my client thought he or she was worth helping.

Start your New Year's resolutions early by deciding 2021 will be the year you ditch attitude and focus on developing a broad toolkit of aptitude in graciously, effectively and persuasively managing yourself and others. Aptitude is a gift that will keep giving whereas attitude will fade before lunch.

*Daneen Skube, Ph.D., is an executive coach and appears on FOX's "Workplace Guru."*



## Past holidays celebrated

**Kaylee Johnson**  
*Journal & Press*

*Here are some snippets from past editions of The Journal & Press from Christmastimes, many decades ago:*

### 100 Years Ago

**December 22, 1920**

The Washington County Home for Aged Women in this village has just received another munificent addition to its endowment fund, the second to be reported in the last month, and the second largest gift the institution has received in the eleven years of its existence. Allan C. Balch of Los Angeles, a former resident of Greenwich, has given the Home \$5,000 in six per cent bonds, which gift is made in the name of his mother, Hannah Balch of this village. This splendid Christmas present, coming on top of the \$40,000 donation from George F. Underwood, which was announced about three weeks ago, is the most gratifying to the directors and managers of the Home and to all who are interested in its welfare.

### 90 Years Ago

**December 24, 1930**

Monday was the high spot of this year's business at the post office. The morning mail, bringing in the over-Sunday accumulation made three big truckloads. The tally showed a total of 186 sacks received in this mail in this mail alone, which Postmaster McClellan said exceeded by about a third the largest mail ever received here.

Rural carriers have a reason to be thankful for fine weather and good roads during this pre-Christmas season. With their usual load multiplied many times, their difficulties would be discouraging indeed if the country roads were blocked with snow as they sometimes are this season. A full sized automobile is none too large for the rural carriers' load these days, and the horse and sleigh or buggy, that highway conditions occasionally compel them to revert to, would be woefully inadequate. Village carriers are in somewhat better luck, as emergency employees are put on to help them during the holiday rush. It is not easy to do the same for rural men whose route cover twenty-odd miles of country road. However, if Christmas business continues to increase in the coming years as it has in the past it seems likely that someday the carriers will have to supply their cars with trailers or run their routes in two sections.

### 80 Years Ago

**December 25, 1940**

Unless snow clouds gather quickly there will be no white Christmas in Greenwich this year, but we have had a month of snow and a few will lament the lack of it for Christmas. There is still some snow and ice in sheltered places, but during the past few mild days it has been slowly shrunk and what is left is not very white. But roads are better and the weather is generally counted satisfactory.

Greenwich merchants are busy today, Tuesday, taking care of late shoppers. They report very satisfactory for the season. Nearly all of the stores were heavily stocked for the holiday trade, and as the advertising columns of this paper indicated, they were prepared for a busy season. Many of them say that the year's holiday sales

will show a substantially larger total than last year.

### 70 Years Ago

**December 20, 1950**

With Christmas only four days away, there are more and more signs of the approaching holiday. Local stores, which have been staying open each evening since last Thursday, are very busy this week, and they will continue with their evening hours through Saturday night, December 23.

Saturday, a couple of inches of snow fell to give the white Christmas touch to the scenery, and so far it has remained cold enough, so the snow has remained. This week the weather has been in the best Christmas tradition, clear and cold.

There is a lighted Christmas tree in Washington Square Park and from the hotel, Christmas music is played and can be overheard on Main Street. Many homes and business places are gaily decorated in the holiday motif with special holiday decorations and lighted Christmas trees can be seen through the windows of many homes.

### 60 Years Ago

**December 21, 1960**

Greenwich is all ready for Christmas! The stores are open all day and each evening until 9 o'clock now. There are Christmas lights across Main Street. There's a lighted evergreen in Mowry Park, and a new sprinkling of snow has added the traditional Christmas touch.

Many homes and some of the churches have special outdoor holiday decorations, so a drive around the village at night is a rewarding one for there are a lovely lighting effects on almost every street.

### 30 Years Ago

**December 20, 1990**

The Christmas Tree's Program hosted by the Greenwich Kmart was a success for everyone involved. One hundred and forty children received gifts from caring residents who drew names off the tree. The Kmart store sponsored about 25 children in the community and ensures those children will enjoy a little Christmas sparkle under their trees this year.



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## Obituaries

# Lucas R. Perkins, 30

Lucas R. Perkins, 30, a longtime resident of Greenwich, passed away Monday, Nov. 30, 2020 at Saratoga Hospital surrounded by his family after a long illness.

Born December 13, 1989 in Cambridge, NY, he was the son of Timothy Perkins (Lynn Barber) of Greenwich and Michelle Cootware Perkins of Mechanicville. Lucas had been a member of the Middle Falls Fire Department for several years. He was an avid motorcycle rider, enjoyed fishing, hunting,

bowling at the Saratoga Strike Zone, and had been a member of several softball teams. He liked snowboarding and had also worked at Willard Mountain. He loved the Dallas Cowboys.

He was predeceased by his maternal grandfather, Robert Cootware; his paternal grandfather, Richard Perkins; and his aunt, Sharon Perkins. Survivors in addition to his parents include his brother, Tony Perkins (Dawn Fox) of Broadalbin; maternal grand-

mother, Cheryl Colby of Danby, VT; paternal grandmother, Betty Perkins of Middle Falls; several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Memorial donations in memory of Lucas can be made to the Donna Crandall Foundation, 50 Traditional Lane, Loudonville, NY 12211.

Online remembrances can be made at [www.flynnbrosinc.com](http://www.flynnbrosinc.com)



# Harold A. Bell, 70

Harold A. Bell, 70, a resident of Greenwich, passed away unexpectedly Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2020 at his residence. He was born in Cambridge, NY, on Sept. 23, 1950 to the late Merritt and Elizabeth (Dawley) Bell.

Harold was first and foremost a hero who served his country valiantly in the United States Army, as a Specialist 9th Class during the Vietnam War. He was a shooter and pilot of UH-1 Huey Gunships providing air support for troops on the ground. Harold was General Creighton Abrams right-hand man during the Vietnam War.

When Harold returned home to keep his PTSD at bay and make life after the war easier, he "stayed in the air." He became a humanitarian

and, with his friends at Fandulock Air, helped aid and save others that were in harm. In their fleet was a B24 Liberator "sub-killer" that he rebuilt himself, as well as a C-47 and C-53. Harold and his team flew hundreds of missions working for agencies such as the CIA and FBI as well as transporting snipers into hostile zones.

He even helped fight wildfires in California, describing it as "seeding the clouds with silver iodide." Harold was a good man, some would say the leader of the pack. He will be remembered by his smile, his service and his humbleness to others and his country.

Later in his life, he enjoyed reconnecting with his long-time companion Lynda D. Scott.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his wife Leneta A. (Perkins) Bell and brother Merritt Bell Jr.

He is survived by his companion Lynda D. Scott of VT; daughters Kelley Lynn Bell and Kristin Bell-Wold; grandchildren Brian Bell and Bradley



Lashway; great-grandchildren Adam and Jane Bell; brother Darwin Bell; sister-in-law Jean Mae Bell; nephews Mark and Merritt Bell; niece Julie Vidali; many special friends.

Arrangements are under the direction and care of Flynn Bros. Inc., 80 Main St., Greenwich, NY, 12834.

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## Ronald James Dewey, 64

Ronald James Dewey, 64, passed away on Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2020 at Fort Hudson Nursing Facility following a long illness.

He was born in Cambridge, NY on July 22, 1956 to the late James and Norma (Willey) Dewey.

Ron was a hardworking farmer most of his life, taking over the farm at age 14 and working it until 1993. After farming, he went to work at Eastern Castings in Cambridge, NY until 2009 when he retired.

While in grade school, Ron was highly active in clubs like the FFA and 4-H, and showed his Holstein Cows at the Washington County Fair. He graduated from Greenwich Central

High School in 1976.

Ron was first and foremost a loving husband, father, and “Pop Pop.” He was easy to get along with and always had a smile on his face.

Some of his favorite things were picnics, gardening, fast cars, and going to the ocean with his wife.

Ron is survived by his wife of 18 years, Shirley (Mattison) Dewey of Greenwich; son Adam (Tamara) Dewey of Argyle; daughter Holly Dewey of Argyle; his special joys in life — his grandchildren — Dustin and Aurora Dewey; sister Deborah (Dick) Henley of Cambridge; brothers-in-law Dennis, David, Timothy, Stanley Sr. (Sandy) and Michael; Several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces,

and nephews.

Donations in Ron’s name can be made to the Greenwich FFA, 10 Gray Avenue, Greenwich, NY, 12834 or the Fort Hudson Nursing Facility, 319 Broadway, Fort Edward, NY, 12828.

Burial will be in the Greenwich Cemetery.

The family wishes to extend their deepest gratitude to the staff at the Fort Hudson Nursing Facility especially D-Wing for their excellent care of Ron.

Online condolences and messages to the family may be made at [www.flynnbrosinc.com](http://www.flynnbrosinc.com).



## George T. Palmer, 83

George T. Palmer Jr. “Bub”, 83, a resident of Greenwich, NY died Saturday, Dec. 5, 2020 at Glens Falls Hospital.

Born April 30, 1937 he was the son of the late George and Irene Flanders Palmer Sr.

George was honorably discharged from the US Army during the Vietnam War. He retired from Victory Specialty where he had

worked for many years. He loved working on cars, country music, and Western movies.

Survivors include his wife Nancy Knibbs Palmer; sister Alice Chase; brother John “Jack” (Mildred) Palmer; and his 6 children, Christina Palmer (Bob), Lisa Kane (Mike), Donald Palmer (BillieJo), April Palmer, George Palmer Jr. (Crystal), and Linda Quackenbush

(John Jr.); along with many grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews, all who will miss him very much.

Due to COVID restrictions, a private service will be held for the family. Burial with Military Honors will be held in the Gerald B.H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery in Schuylerville.

The family would like to thank the Easton Greenwich Rescue Squad and the many doctors and nurses at the hospital that did everything they could for him.

Arrangements are under the direction of Flynn Bros. Inc. Funeral Home, 13 Gates Ave., Schuylerville, NY 12871.



Online remembrances can be made at [www.flynnbrosinc.com](http://www.flynnbrosinc.com).

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## 520 acres preserved along Hoosic River

Five hundred and twenty acres on the Copses Farm in the Towns of Schaghticoke and Pittstown are now permanently protected by the Agricultural Stewardship Association (ASA). More than 2,500 acres have been conserved with ASA within the two towns to date, and has helped 140 farm families conserve over 24,000 acres in Rensselaer and Washington counties.

This conservation project is adjacent to several protected farms along the Hoosic River in Schaghticoke. Not only will the farm's prime soils and agricultural viability be conserved for future generations, it also serves to

provide an important buffer to the river and its array of wildlife and the natural resources that it supports.

"It is very exciting to see farmers conserve their land," said ASA Senior Project Manager Chris Krahling who oversaw the project. "We applaud Governor Cuomo and New York State for making this investment in our future. It has a such a positive impact on our food system and local economy while keeping land available for farming forever."

Copses Farm is owned and operated by new dairy farmers, Eric and Maureen Mayer. The Mayers purchased the property in 2013 with the

goal of building a progressive dairy maximizing the potential of technology. Since then, the Mayers have made major investments in their operation including a robotic milking system, an electronic feed management system and a solar water heating system which allows the farm to heat its water while reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

"Our goal," Mayer explains, "is to create an operation that would not only sustain us, but something that we can feel good about in terms of its impact. Conserving the land has long-term beneficial impacts."

Protecting farmland and promot-

ing sound stewardship is a key strategy in helping to combat greenhouse gas emissions. Farmland emits 66 times less greenhouse gas emissions per acre than developed land in New York according to American Farmland Trust's Greener Fields Report.

"Farming is central to the heritage of Rensselaer County, and agricultural businesses remain one of the largest employers in the county," said County Executive Steve McLaughlin. "The county is proud to support the farmers of today, and to help ensure a tradition of our county producing some of the best dairy, fruits, vegetables, flowers and other offerings."

## Letters (cont. from page 31)

that 55% aren't – over half the country.

Also, there are many people who choose not to invest in the market, even though they have the means to do so; as we've seen recently, there is risk to investing. Those who do investments create capital for businesses to expand, create jobs, and to pay those people doing those jobs a better wage. There is no doubt that there are evils in regards to the markets, but they're not evil in what they bring to most of the population of this country.

Lastly, concerning the "Voice of America," as Mr. Wang states, it is controlled by the U.S. Government, and as such, it is most certainly funded by the taxpayers of the United States. One of the reasons that Michael Pack was put in charge of VOA was that on July 20 of this year, the Urdu language branch of the VOA ran video of then-candidate Joe Biden making a campaign speech, espousing his views – not the views of the United States Government – and

included pictures of Rashida Tlaib and Ilhan Omar, who have made several anti-Semitic remarks and do not represent the views of most of the taxpayers who fund the VOA.

Considering how few media outlets support the President of the United States, it would seem that a U.S. Government funded program would at least be respectful of him.

I realize that Mr. Wang calls his article a column and as such, would indicate that it's an opinion piece. I just wanted to respond to it.

Thanks for reading.

Roger H. De Korp  
Greenwich, NY

### Is LED Lighting Safe?

Dear Editor,

DDT, lead paint, thalidomide and asbestos were widely used before consumers knew the hidden costs. Irreversible damage occurred before the scope of harm halted public sales.

LEDs are now similarly rushed into use, promoted as superior without mentioning extensive research on their many harmful effects. Things to know:

France's health ministry classifies LED light as a "photo-toxin" for irreversible eye damage and increased cancer risk. The AMA issued similar warnings. The Epilepsy Foundation formed a photosensitivity task force due to surging reports of adverse photosensitive reactions nationwide. Proliferating LEDs, which can cause neurological disturbances and epileptic seizures, are presumed a primary cause. Many reports are coming from people who haven't previously had seizures.

Seizure-causing light effects are non-compliant under the ADA Amendments Act. Lightbulb type doesn't matter, the seizure-provoking effect does. Because bright blue-white light severely disrupts wildlife, Albany's Pinebush uses non-damaging HPS exterior lighting. A 2017 Texas civil court case ruled that knowingly

exposing someone with epilepsy to photic-triggers is a form of battery. Two comparable criminal cases are underway.

Municipalities are pushing LEDs into public places. They want to save money, and don't mean to hurt photosensitive residents. But every seizure is injurious. Any seizure can kill. Federally protected disability rights aren't subject to majority rule, or negated for new technologies. Nobody should risk an attack on their brain and body just from taking an evening stroll.

This is a serious issue that's getting worse. Marketing has again gotten ahead of public awareness. DDT was supposed to be great for the home and garden, thalidomide a completely safe stomach aid. Lead paint was quick-drying and durable. Asbestos was the wonder insulation. Does anyone want these materials in their house or community now?

MarieAnn Cherry  
Cambridge, NY

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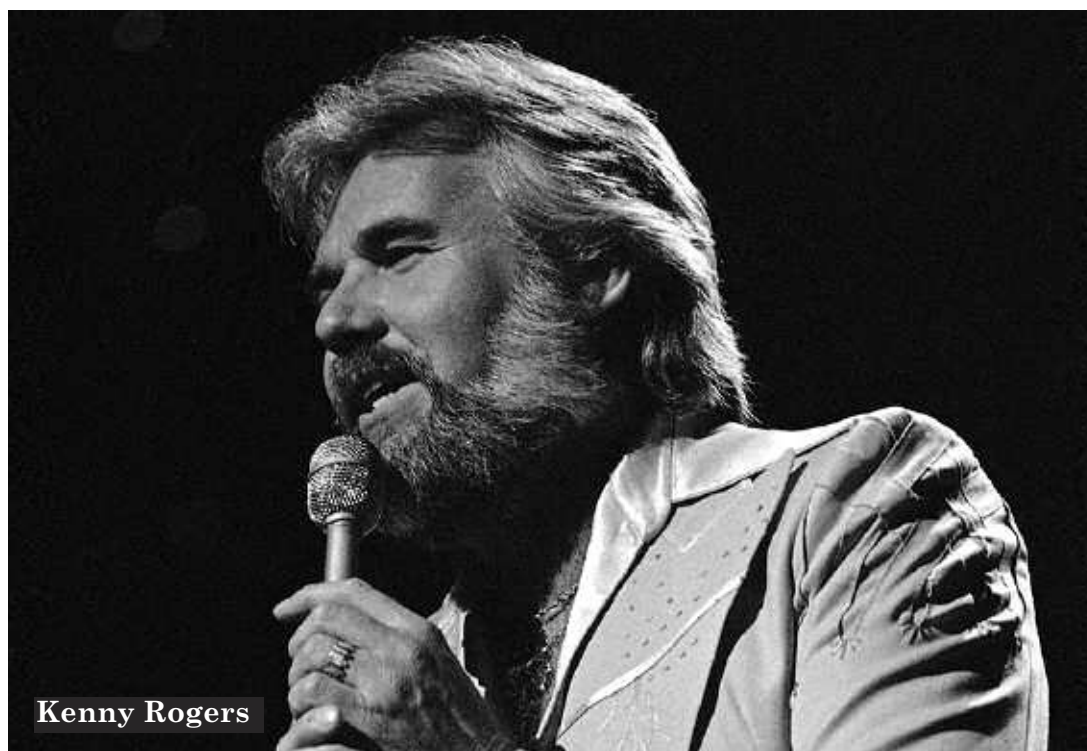
**"THE GODFATHER, CODA: THE DEATH OF MICHAEL CORLEONE":** Thirty years after its original release, "The Godfather, Part III" gets a substantial revisiting from director Francis Ford Coppola, who introduces the film and bookends it with new material -- and also revises the order of some of the existing scenes. Also in a version with restored image and sound here, the final movie in the trilogy has generated mixed responses over the past three decades, and this edit may inspire some reviewers to reconsider their original responses to the drama that documents underworld chief-tain Michael Corleone's twilight years -- involving new business dealings in "the Godfather's" sense of "business," plus his daughter Mary's (Sofia Coppola, the director's daughter, who would become a noted filmmaker herself) new romance, which Michael has multiple reasons to frown upon. Diane Keaton also returns, with Andy Garcia, Joe Mantegna, Eli Wallach and George Hamilton among major cast additions.

**"TENET":** Writer-director Christopher Nolan's ambitious fantasy-adventure faced huge challenges in its theatrical release, which was pushed back several times because of worldwide theater closings necessitated by the coronavirus pandemic. (It still hasn't played theatrically in New York or Los Angeles, so home video will give many viewers their first exposure to it.) Now seen as a movie rather than a signal of economic and health conditions, it plays with time as a man (played

by "BlacKkKlansman's" John David Washington, Denzel's son) makes his way through an espionage mission that ultimately could determine the fate of the entire world. Robert Pattinson, Elizabeth Debicki, Martin Donovan, Fiona Dourif, Clemence Poesy, Michael Caine and Kenneth Branagh also are in the cast ... but as is traditional with Nolan films, the effects teams (led here by Andrew Jackson and Scott Fisher) are true stars of the picture, too. The cinematography by Hoyte van Hoytema ("Spectre") is quite notable as well.

**"MASTERPIECE: ROADKILL":** After his long and successful series run as the title doctor in "House," Hugh Laurie returned to broadcast television recently in this BBC-produced drama televised in America by PBS. Written by the esteemed David Hare ("Plenty"), the four-part tale finds the ethically sketchy politician played by Laurie barely keeping the approval of England's prime minister (Helen McCrory, "Peaky Blinders") after he wins a libel suit. He also must deal with his wife's (Saskia Reeves) and daughters' (Millie Brady and "Elementary's" Ophelia Lovibond) discovery of his affair with a librarian (Sidse Babbett Knudsen, "Borgen"). Since characters who have a lot to juggle are Laurie's specialty, he's in his wheelhouse here, and his admirers will be thoroughly satisfied.

**"NHL 2020 STANLEY CUP CHAMPIONS":** This year's hockey championship was like no other, with the Tampa Bay Lightning and the Dallas Stars playing the games against the backdrop of the coronavirus pandemic -- meaning no crowd to cheer for (or per-



**Kenny Rogers**

haps boo) the players, and no traveling back and forth between arenas during the best-of-seven series. Still, tradition is upheld by this annual release that recaps the event, postponed until later in the year than usual because of the health crisis. While the focus is meant to stay on the athletes here, it's hard to ignore the extraordinary conditions under which they had to perform in their quest for the trophy.

**"KENNY ROGERS DOUBLE FEATURE":** Though the "Gambler" movies were superstar singer Rogers' main calling card as an actor on television, he also did some traditionally high-rated projects outside that franchise, two of which are paired in this home-video release. Inspired by another Rogers music hit, "Coward of the County" casts him as the mentor to a young World War II veteran (Fredric Lehne) whose return home prompts a love triangle that makes the ex-soldier consider acting against his pacifist ways. Then, "Wild Horses" presents Rogers as a former rodeo star who

runs up against a corrupt official over the treatment of animals; Pam Dawber, Ben Johnson and Richard Farnsworth also are in that picture's cast.

**"DIARY OF A MAD HOUSEWIFE":** Bel Kaufman's novel was turned into a then-daring 1970 movie by director Frank Perry and his screenwriter wife Eleanor Perry. Carrie Snodgrass earned a Golden Globe Award and an Oscar nomination as the housewife of the title, who chafes under the treatment shown her by her ambitious lawyer husband (Richard Benjamin). Also maligned by her daughters (Lorraine Cullen, Frannie Michel), she secretly takes up with a writer (Frank Langella) who also acts harshly toward her ... sending her into group therapy. If you think you see Peter Boyle as a member of that group, you're right, since this was an early screen credit for him. The score includes a song by Neil Young, who was romantically involved with the late Snodgrass for a time.



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Keenan Fronhofer recognized as commended student in the 2021 National Merit Scholarship Program

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Approximately 34,000 commended students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. The students achieving commended status placed among the top 50,000 scorers of more than 1.6 million students who entered the 2021 competi-



tion by taking the 2019 preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT).

“Those being named commended students have demonstrated outstanding potential for academic success,” said an NMSC spokesperson. “These students represent a valuable national resource; recognizing their accomplishments, as well as the key role their schools play in their academic development is vital to the advancement of educational excellence in our nation. We hope this recognition will help broaden their educational opportunities and encourage them as they continue their pursuit of academic success.”

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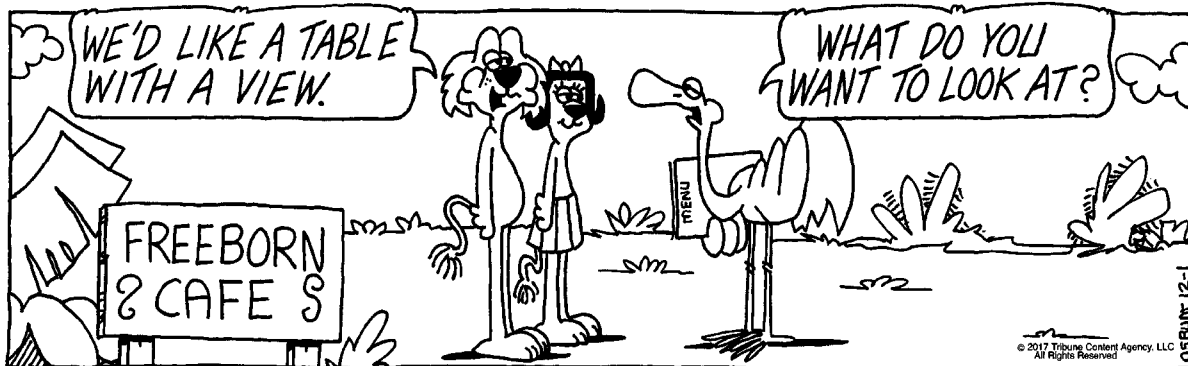
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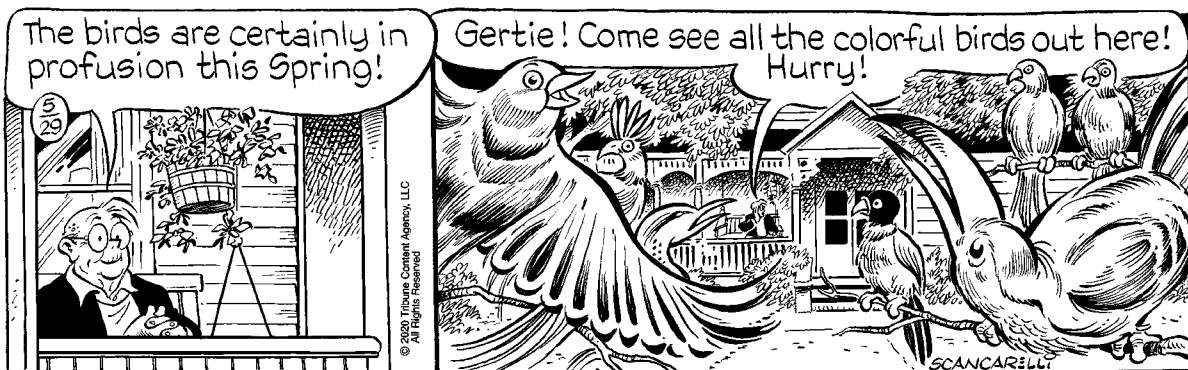
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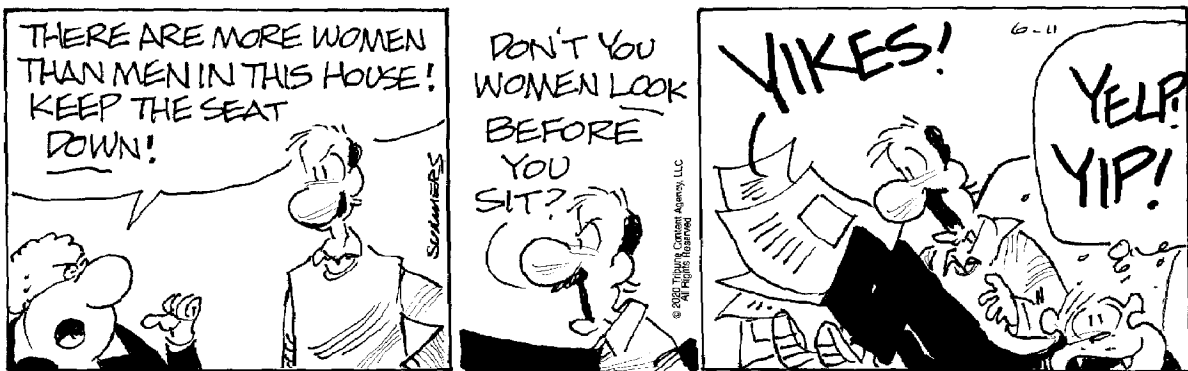
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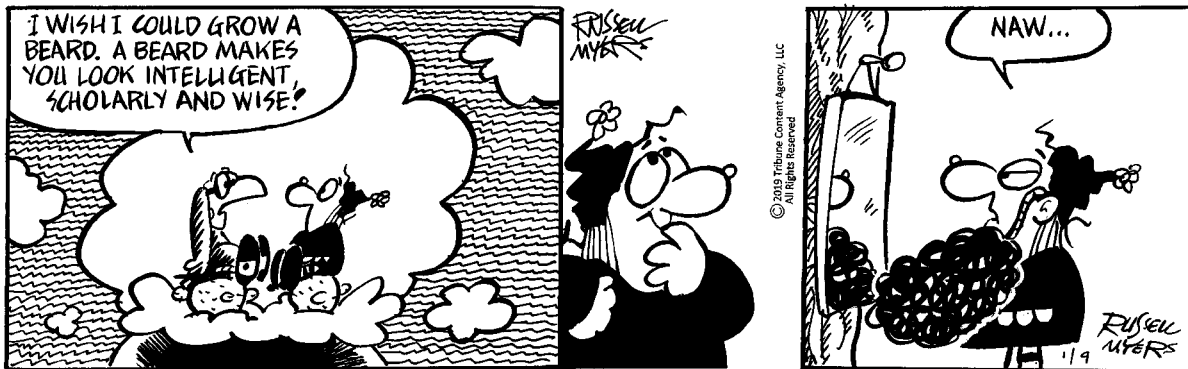
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# Obituary

## Michael Ely, 43

Michael Ely, 43, a lifelong resident of Greenwich, passed away unexpectedly Friday, December 11, 2020 at Glens Falls Hospital following a long hard-fought battle with various illnesses.

He was born on April 18, 1977, in Glens Falls, NY to the late Bruce R. and Linda (Quinn) Ely.

Mike enjoyed and had a passion for collecting comic books. Marvel, DC Superheroes, and Star Wars were in his prized collection. He was a proud NY Giants and Mets fan. Mike loved Michael Jordan he was his #1 fan.

He loved his family and friends and was always giving with a humble heart. Despite his long battle with various illnesses, he was always upbeat and positive. Mike would give you the shirt off his back if he could.

Mike's happy place was spending time with the Batty, Brockway and Meyer's families.

A special thank you to Michael's family, friends, and best friend Kevin Brockway for helping, assisting, and loving him throughout his years.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his uncle Pat Quinn, Aunt's Shirley Weir and Mary Batty.

He is survived by his aunts, Gloria Meyers, Catherine Moore, and Libby Durham, several cousins, and special friends.

A funeral service will be held at 1pm on Friday, December 18, 2020 at Flynn Bros. Inc. Funeral Home, 80 Main St, Greenwich, NY, 12834 with Celebrant Jason M. Easton officiating. Internment will follow in the St. Joseph's Cemetery following his service.

Family and friends may call from 12-1pm prior to the service at the funeral home.

Donation's in Michael's name may be made to the United Cerebral Palsy Fund, 1825 K. Street NW Suite 600, Washington, DC, 20006.

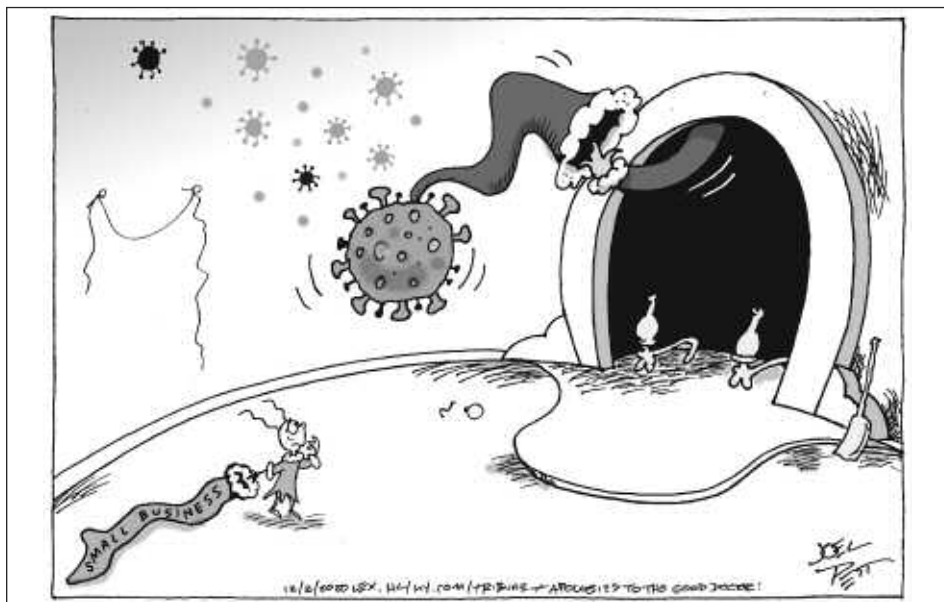
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# Cambridge Crossword

(solution page 24)

## Across

- 1 Mid-size Nissan  
 7 Ammo sold in rolls  
 11 By way of  
 14 Like many arcade games  
 15 Helter-skelter  
 16 Mantra syllables  
 17 What Dr. Frankenstein kept at his bar?  
 19 Fiddle player of rhyme  
 20 North-of-the-border gas  
 21 Zany trio member  
 22 "See if \_\_\_"  
 24 Sass from a therapist?  
 28 "SNL" castmate of Gilda and Jane  
 31 It "hath charms to soothe a savage breast"  
 32 Oak fruit  
 33 Marine mammal group  
 34 Bed foundation?  
 37 Specimen for 23-Down  
 38 Uncle Buck, perhaps?

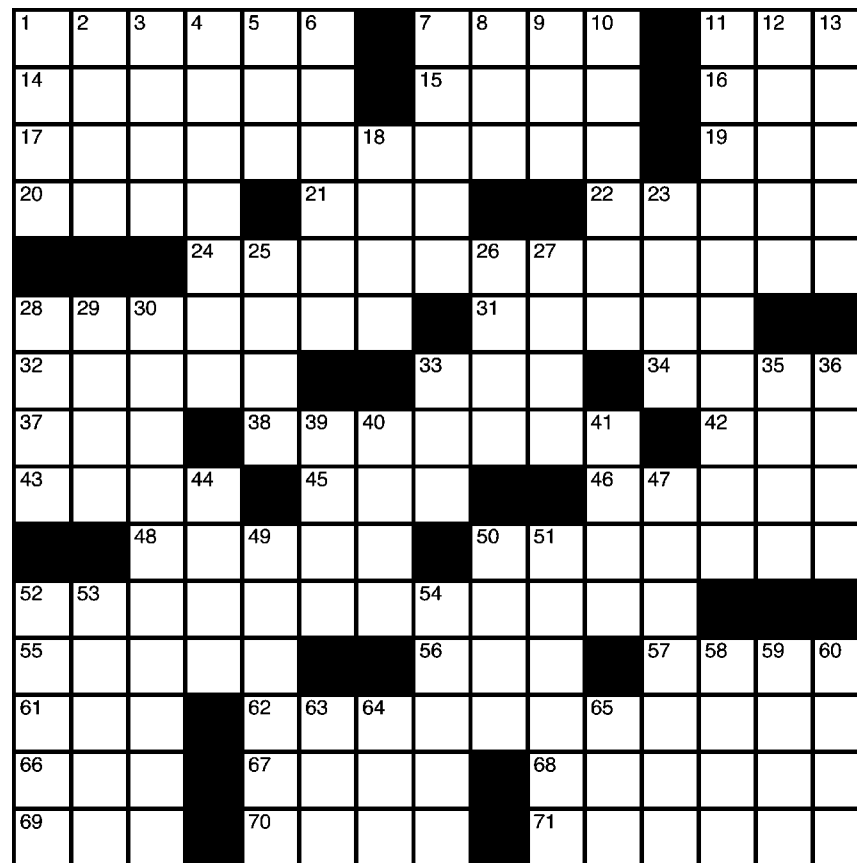
- 42 Broadcasting pioneer  
 43 Religious off-shoot  
 45 Meddle  
 46 City near the Golden Spike  
 48 Veronica of "Hill Street Blues"  
 50 Spurred on  
 52 Dracula's haul in the poker game?  
 55 Orchestras tune to them  
 56 One of Venus de Milo's two that are conspicuous for their absence  
 57 Drink brand with a lizard logo  
 61 Leave in ruins  
 62 Big cat's belly?  
 66 Take advantage of  
 67 Parrot  
 68 Tater Tots maker  
 69 Sniggler's quarry  
 70 It may be cracked open  
 71 Sweat inducer

## Down

- 1 Highest point  
 2 Restrooms for blokes  
 3 Metal containers  
 4 To such an extent  
 5 Bon \_\_\_  
 6 So-called missing links  
 7 Checked out before a heist  
 8 GP's gp.  
 9 D.C. figure  
 10 Knitter's supply  
 11 They help one speak one's mind  
 12 Japanese porcelain  
 13 \_\_\_ in the right direction  
 18 Scoundrel  
 23 Forensic TV episodes  
 25 Melon feature  
 26 Reassurance after a fall  
 27 A4 automaker  
 28 Youths  
 29 Teen malady  
 30 Black Flag product

- 33 Humanities subj.  
 35 Cold drink brand  
 36 Come down  
 39 Letters near zero  
 40 Creator of Perry and Della  
 41 Kindle rival  
 44 Scotch roll  
 47 Hangman player, e.g.  
 49 Took for a ride  
 50 First razor with a pivoting head  
 51 Force (through)  
 52 Popularity  
 53 Treat badly  
 54 Flavor  
 58 Andy's catfishing partner  
 59 Beefcake features  
 60 Flight deck data, briefly  
 63 Prefix with conscious  
 64 "I see it now!"  
 65 R&B group \_\_\_ Hill

ANSWERS ON PAGE 26.



## 9 to 5 by Harley Schwadron



## Fast Facts

### U.S. distribution of the vaccine

Pfizer is working closely with the U.S. government, including state officials, on vaccine distribution. Here is an outline of what they have planned.

• In the U.S., the distribution approach will be to largely ship from their Kalamazoo, Michigan site direct to the point of use (POU). They also will use their existing distribution centers in Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin.



• They will be utilizing road and air modes of transportation, where they expect to be able to get product to any POU within a day or two.



• Pfizer developed temperature-controlled thermal shippers utilizing dry ice to maintain recommended temperature conditions of -70°C±10°C for up to 10 days.

• They will utilize GPS-enabled thermal sensors with a control tower that will track the location and temperature of each vaccine shipment across their pre-set routes. This will allow Pfizer to proactively prevent unwanted deviations and act before they happen.



Source: Pfizer  
 Graphic: Staff, TN3

## Word Find

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

Find these words that are associated with being home for the holidays!

Bake  
 Break

Candy Cane  
 Cards  
 Christmas  
 Eggnog  
 Family  
 Flight  
 Garland  
 Giving

Hanukkah  
 Holiday  
 Holly  
 Home  
 Kwanzaa  
 Menorah  
 New Years  
 Presents

Santa Claus  
 Season  
 Shopping  
 Stocking  
 Temple  
 Travel  
 Tree  
 Wrap

Wreath

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



# Six strings are a lady's best friend

**Lance Allen Wang**  
*Journal & Press*

COVID-19 has provided multiple opportunities to indulge my hobbies, especially those that require little to no contact with the outside world. Motorcycling is made for that, and I put a lot of road time in this year. Another one of my hobbies is music - I'm an amateur musicologist and hack guitarist. I've spent a lot of time listening to music this year, more so than usual, and usual is still a lot. Much like my father, I'm wedded to the music I like, and rather than expanding my horizons, I prefer to dig deeper. I delight in finding little pearls buried in my music's past. At least when it comes to music, the 1940s, 50s, and 60s are gifts that keep on giving. So what I intend to share with you today are three women who deserve more attention than they get in the history of the electric guitar.

In a male-dominated field, **Mary Osborne** (1921-1992) was one of the first female electric guitarists of note. Starting as a country player as a young girl, she developed into quite the guitar prodigy. She was fascinated by the pioneer of the electric guitar, Charlie Christian, who brought the electric guitar to the forefront of Benny Goodman's swing band. His ability to make amplified single-string soloing sound like a horn intrigued her, and she patterned her playing after his. Moving to New York City in the 1940s, she became an in-demand player, playing with such jazz legends as Dizzy Gillespie, Art Tatum, Coleman Hawkins, and Thelonious Monk. In the 1960s, she took up Spanish classical guitar, which she also integrated into her jazz playing. The best samples of her playing are heard on her 1959 album "A Girl and Her Guitar," and she can also be seen on YouTube playing behind the great Billie Holiday



**Mary Osborne**

on a 1958 TV special. On the TV special, Ms. Osborne's fingers fly through the changes of the jazz standard "I Surrender, Dear" under Lady Day's clearly approving gaze.

In one of rock and pop music's most bountiful eras, the Wrecking Crew was a less-than-silent partner to some of the most recognized bands of the era, including the Beach Boys, the Mamas and the Papas, Sonny & Cher, Jan and Dean, and the Fifth Dimension. Among the musicians that made up this incredible studio rent-a-band were Leon Russell, Glen Campbell, and Carole Kaye. **Carol Kaye** (b. 1935) is one of the most prolific bad\*\*s guitarists in rock and pop history, playing on an estimated 10,000 recordings since she began recording in the 1950s. She started on guitar, playing acoustic rhythm guitar on Richie Valens' famous hit "La Bamba" in 1958. She later was asked to fill in as a bass player for a Capitol Records session in 1963, and found that she loved playing bass. She was constantly in demand, and would play for sessions with Frank Sinatra, Simon and Garfunkel, Stevie Wonder, Barbara Streisand, the Supremes, the Temptations, the

**'She played on  
an estimated  
10,000 recordings.'**

Four Tops, and the Monkees. Some of the best examples of her work are heard in "The Beat Goes On" by Sonny and Cher, "These Boots are made for Walkin'" by Nancy Sinatra, and "Good Vibrations" by the Beach Boys.

Among lesser-known guitarists, **Char Vinnedge** (1943-1997) holds a special place. She had a much shorter career than Osborne and Kaye, but was also perhaps paid the highest compliment a guitarist could ever possibly receive. She and her sister Chris formed an all-female rock band called "The Luv'd Ones" who played from 1965-1969. Although the band labored in relative obscurity, her lead guitar playing in captured the attention of bass player Billy Cox, who was an old Army buddy of Jimi Hendrix' and played in his second band, the Band of Gypsies. Following Hendrix' death in 1970, Cox decided to reach out to Vinnedge to play on an album he was recording called "Nitro Function." He felt that she could best emulate the sound of Jimi Hendrix. The 1971



**Carol Kaye**



**Char Vinnedge**

album is a love letter to Hendrix, and is a canvas upon which Vinnedge pays honest and skillful tribute to the late guitar master. In a world where any male guitarist would truly have reached the top of the mountain to be compared to the legendary Jimi Hendrix, Vinnedge's selection announced clearly to those who hadn't noticed Mary Osborne, Carol Kaye, or for that matter, the equally obscure but no less talented Sister Rosetta Tharpe and Barbara Lynn, that there may be differences between male and female guitarists - but skill was not one of them.

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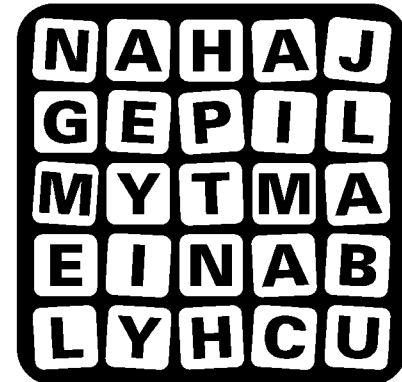
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	5			8				6
		3			6	2		7

## Boggle BrainBusters!

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WOIS  
GOKI  
AGLM

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By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



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

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## Answers

**Boggle:** MALI CUBA HAITI CHINA CHILE  
 JAPAN EGYPT NEPAL YEMEN

**Jumble:** MOOSE INPUT NIBBLE WARMLY  
**Final Jumble:**  
 WERE IN MOTION

## Mattison's farewell; articles' critique

### Mixed Emotions, a Good-Bye

Letter to the Editor:

It is with mixed emotions I am writing this letter today to the residents of the Town of Greenwich to announce that I have retired from my position as the Town of Greenwich Highway Superintendent. My official retirement was effective October 30, 2020. This was a very difficult decision for me to make but after 21 years of service working for the Town of Greenwich highway department, with the last 9 years as your elected Highway Superintendent, I feel now is the right time for both my family and I to move onto the next chapter of our lives.

I would like to thank some important people who helped me throughout my career. Thank you to Elaine Kelly, to my highway committee Steve Patrick and Eric Whitehouse and to my past clerk Kellie Blake for all their help, support and guidance over the years. Thank you to our past Supervisor Sara Idleman, past Councilmen Bob Jeffords and George Perkins, and current Councilmen Eric Whitehouse and Steve Patrick for having the trust in me to do the job I was elected to do. They never tried to micromanage me or the highway department and put their trust in me to do the job that the residents of Greenwich elected me to do. They trusted and knew that I would always try to do what was in the best interest of the town and its taxpayers, because I too am a taxpayer in the Town of Greenwich.

Communication is key for a team to work well together and I always took pride in the fact that we were a team and always communicated well with each other. When it came to the highway department, the supervisor, town board and I always worked together for the residents in the Town of Greenwich. Not every resident always agreed with all the decisions that were made but we always worked together to come to a resolution. It was never a one man show like it has been these last 11 months. I truly appreciated all the trust you put in me over the years, so thank you for that. A big thank you to the residents in the Town of Greenwich for giving me support and the opportunity to serve you for the last 9 years as your Highway Superintendent. Not everyone can say they enjoy going to work everyday, but I truly did....

Lastly, a huge thank you to my crew – Ken McPhail, Randy Sloan, Billy Wilbur, Bob McKer-

non, Joe Bushong and Hunter Bullard- for working so hard for me day after day and year after year. I am confident that as long as they receive the respect that they deserve they will continue to provide the same quality services as I have always tried to provide for the residents in the Town of Greenwich. Thank you all.

Sincerely,

Stanley Mattison Sr.

Greenwich, NY

### Three Articles, Three Critiques

Dear Editor;

I'm writing to comment on three of the articles appearing in the last issue of the Journal & Press.

First, in regards to the Cambridge Indian mascot situation, I have a question: Is John Kane, who "argued that the [Indians] name and mascot are dehumanizing and encourage historical erasure" a Native American himself? In doing research to write this letter, there are few recent articles or surveys regarding how Native Americans feel about the issue. A recent one I found on Google was a survey taken earlier this year by the Washington Post. In it, shockingly 90% of the respondents, who stated they had Native American heritage, said that they didn't object to the team name "Redskins", which was previously used by the Washington Football Team. That being the case, it's hard to believe that indigenous people would object to "Indians" moniker.

In some other articles based on interviews with Native Americans, results were mixed, but in none did the majority want to do away with Native American related nicknames. Also, one of the people quoted in the Journal & Press article, who actually is of Native American descent, stated that the school nickname was never offensive to him and he was never made to feel uncomfortable being of Native American descent in Cambridge.

I think the major point here is, if Native Americans as a majority are offended by the use of logos and nicknames, then certainly action should be taken. If not, doesn't this come down to white people and non-Native Americans making decisions for them?

In regards to the article on the Washington

County Sheriff's Office's handling of community input surveys and their response to Gov. Cuomo's Executive Order regarding Police Reform, a couple of thoughts. The article states that the survey was released to the Board of Supervisors, asking that each of them distribute the survey to 5-10 people per town. Given that there are 17 supervisors, there would be somewhere between 85 and 170 people participating via this process. This is a relatively small number of participants, so it would seem that the short turnaround of the surveys wouldn't be a problem.

The article listed two dates that the general public could attend meetings, and how the general public could access the survey. The requirement to deliver the survey may seem ridiculous, but I think we've seen what can happen when using a mail-in process for things where legitimate responses are required.

The article also states that the arrest data "may show a slight racial bias" because 5% of the arrests in the last four years were of Black community members, and the population of that community is only 3.5%. That in itself in no way can show racial bias unless there is evidence that the Black community committed less than 5% of the crimes.

Lastly, if Jabes Prado and the BLM activists quoted in the article want to make a "big noise," maybe they should make a big noise about the root of the problem, which is the breakdown of the nuclear family, teenage pregnancy, poor schools with few options, committing a population to a government-controlled welfare system, etc.

Finally, concerning Lance Allen Wang's column "National power for beginners," before addressing some of his points, I would like to thank Mr. Wang for his service to our country – I am very grateful!

In the first column of his column, he states that he's using books and programs of Thomas Friedman of The New York Times and PBS, respectively, in formulating his thought process; while the "liberal left" would find both of these resources "mainstream." I'm sure, there are at least an equal number of people who would not, and therefore would question the conclusions of both. Regarding specific points: as Mr. Wang states, 45% of Americans are invested in the stock markets. This means

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