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## Extreme makeover

### Greenwich CSD can finally move ahead with plans approved before Covid.

After a long delay due to the pandemic, the Greenwich Central School District finally broke ground for its planned \$8.1M in significant improvements to their three main buildings along with a new Wellness Center. At the event, superintendent Mark Fish said: "It's great working in a community that works together for the goal of our students."

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### What makes a winner?

Schuylerville Coach John Bowen tells us: "Being a truly elite player is more than just on the field success. An elite player will also be a well achieving student, and a person of high character off the field. There are a lot of great football players out there, but being great off the field really makes someone elite."

**Please read more on page 16**



## The Greenwich and Johnsonville Railway

**Jim Nolan**  
*Journal & Press*

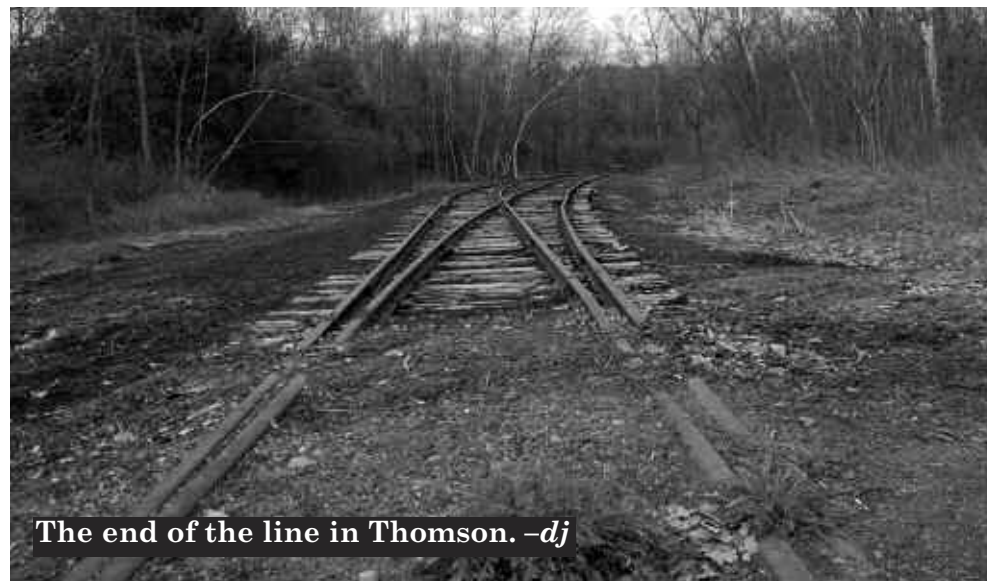
The railroad known as the Union Village and Johnsonville Railroad was incorporated on October 13, 1866, for the purpose of constructing a line from Union Village (as Greenwich was then known) to Johnsonville. Union Village was renamed Greenwich in 1867 and thereafter the company did business as the Greenwich and Johnsonville Railroad. The 14-mile line between Greenwich and Johnsonville opened on August 31, 1870. At Johnsonville, it connected with the Troy and Boston Railroad, a forerunner of the Boston and Maine Railroad. The company's name change became official on March 26, 1874; it reorganized as the Greenwich and Johnsonville Railway on September 10, 1879.

At the turn of the twentieth century, the company extended its line west from Greenwich to Schuylerville to connect with the Boston and Maine's Saratoga branch. It chartered the Battenkill Railroad for this purpose on December 15, 1902, and consolidated that company

on August 12 the following year when the 7-mile branch opened. The Delaware and Hudson took an interest in the small railroad, and in 1906 bought up the Greenwich and Johnsonville's capital stock, acquiring complete control. Under the name D&H, the G&J built the "Salem branch," a 10.12-mile extension eastward from Greenwich to the D&H's line near Salem, New York at Greenwich Junction.

Under the D&H, the original line between Greenwich and Johnsonville was abandoned on July 28, 1932, leaving the Schuylerville-Greenwich Junction. Passenger service ended in 1933. The D&H made little use of the connection with the B&M at Schuylerville, and cut the line back to Thomson after the bridge over the Hudson River washed out.

Following the 1980 closure of the Georgia Pacific pulp and paper mill in Thomson, the D & H planned to abandon the Greenwich and Johnsonville along with the adjoining Washington Branch which ran from Eagle Bridge to Castleton, Vermont. In 1982, he D & H sold the Greenwich and John-



The end of the line in Thomson. -dj

sonville to Mohawk-Hudson Transportation, owned by Ron Crowd. He formed the Batten Kill Railroad in 1982. Crowd had the distinction of being the first African-American to own and operate a railroad in the United States.

While initially financially successful, a series of national railroad strikes in the mid-1980s left the railroad in a less profitable state. In 1994, the railroad was turned over to NE New York Rail, a non-profit, and the BKRR remained the operator. Passenger excursions were started, but were terminated by late 2003 due

to declining ridership. In November 2008, William (Bill) Taber purchased the Batten Kill from Mohawk Transportation and the estate of the late Ron Crowd. Taber is the current President and CEO of the railroad.

*A resident of Greenwich, Jim Nolan is a Professor of Business Analytics at Siena College and serves on several Greenwich area nonprofit boards.*



## Prescribed burns at SNHP

Saratoga National Historical Park is planning a series of prescribed fires in the coming weeks. The areas to be burned this year include approximately 40 acres of grasses, shrubs, and woodlands on the hillsides around Stop 3 and Stop 9 on the Park Tour Road.

Depending on favorable weather and site conditions, the first burns could take place during the second or third week in April. Be-

cause certain prescription parameters must be met (including wind speed, relative humidity, fuel moisture, and drought index), it is not possible to precisely schedule prescribed fires in advance. Roads, visitor use facilities, and hiking trails may be temporarily closed while burns are underway.

Prescribed fire is an approved tool for natural resource management throughout the National Park System and is part of Saratoga National Historical Park's fire management program. The primary objectives of the prescribed fire program are: restoration and perpetuation of scenic and cultural landscapes,

including native plant species; reduction of wildland fuel loading; and enhancement of wildlife habitat.

Assistance may be provided by firefighters from other National Park Service units, the US Fish and Wildlife Service, the New York State Forest Rangers and The Albany Pine Bush Preserve.

For more information about Saratoga National Historical Park, please call the Visitor Center at (518) 670-2985, visit [www.nps.gov/sara](http://www.nps.gov/sara), or find the park on Facebook or Twitter @SaratogaNHP.

# Local businesses are ready for next chapter

**Darren Johnson**  
*Journal & Press*

In our last edition, we published the results of a survey of local businesses conducted by The Greater Greenwich Chamber of Commerce and this newspaper, a year after the initial shut-downs of the Covid pandemic, gauging where businesses stand now and what their hopes are for the near future. No doubt, the pandemic had an effect; however, most businesses reported being flexible and are optimistic.

While the 28 business owners who responded to the survey reported being deeply affected in 2020 by the pandemic – to the point where they had to cancel events, furlough staff and cut advertising spending, the vast majority reported being optimistic for 2021.

We spoke with some of the owners of local businesses who took the survey.

Suzanne Becker and Nicole Thomsen of Blooms Floral design in Greenwich mostly service weddings, so took an obvious hit this past year. But now orders are picking up.

“We know the pandemic’s not over, but the whole wedding industry is optimistic,” Thomsen said. “It’s been like any other normal year, as far as bookings go.”

Blooms mostly services out-of-town couples who hold their weddings in the region. Thomsen described their calendar as a “Jenga game,” while Becker noted that the floral business can be complicated, as flowers come from all over the world, and travel has been impacted. “All of these international issues affect a small business here in Greenwich,” she noted.



**Blooms' Suzanne Becker and Nicole Thomsen**

“It’s been a roller coaster,” Becker said, noting that the business’s 10th anniversary recently passed without fanfare. “We’re surviving, but you can’t predict everything right now.”

Jeness Bivona, owner of Just Because, a clothing boutique located among Livery Square Shoppes in Greenwich, said that she saw “the writing on the wall the first week of March last year, when our customer traffic just dropped off.”

She closed March 30, 2020, but reopened with new safety procedures in place starting June 3. The pandemic forced her to adapt.

“I didn’t have a web site at that point. I definitely moved that up because of Covid.”

She also said that the pandemic changed people’s shopping habits. While she’s getting less foot traffic from outside the region, more local people are stopping in. “We actually had people shopping with us for the first time,” she said, “because they said they wanted to shop in town and support local businesses.”

Bivona believes that the future is bright. “When I bought Just Because in 2018 I believed then and I believe now that Greenwich is on the cusp of something great.”

Things are looking better already for her this spring. “Customers have returned. We have an amazing staff and a lot of hope now that folks are getting vaccinated, so they will feel comfortable coming in.”

But how about non-profits? Surely they were affected by the pandemic, as well.

Kate Morse, director of Hudson Crossing Park, which borders Saratoga and Washington Counties, said:

“2020 for Hudson Crossing Park was, of course, an unimaginably difficult year just as it was for so many others, but it came with some amazing silver linings. Financially the park took a big hit since we had to cancel all of our major fundraising events due to social distancing concerns.

“But over 30,000 people visited the park in 2020 and were able to get out of their houses and safely connect with their friends and neighbors. We used to say that Hudson Crossing Park was

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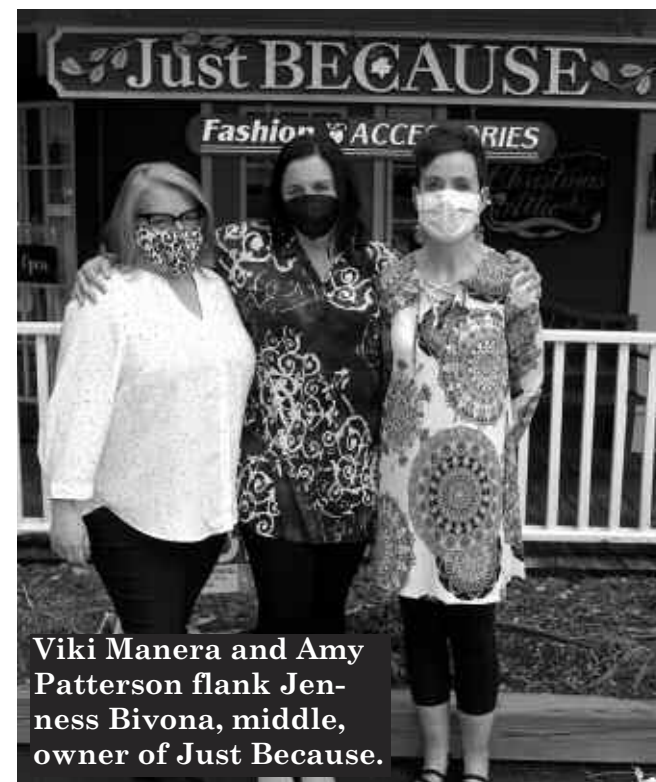
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**HCP's Kate Morse**

our area's ‘best kept secret’ – and that secret is definitely out. We’ve had visitors from all over the region visit during the pandemic, and we are happy to say that they keep coming back, helping to stimulate local economies while they’re here.”



**Viki Manera and Amy Patterson flank Jenness Bivona, middle, owner of Just Because.**

# Greenwich Board meets

**Darren Johnson**  
*Journal & Press*

The Greenwich Town Board met on April 13 for their regular monthly meeting and addressed a couple of past controversial topics.

A proposal for what would be Local Law No. 1 of this year ended up being indefinitely postponed before the public could comment. The law, if it had been approved, would have allowed residents of towns contiguous to Greenwich, but within Washington County, to run for Highway Superintendent. This law was being considered since last month's meeting because Acting Highway Superintendent Ken McPhail does not live within the town limits, and he was considering running for Superintendent this fall. However, Supervisor Don Ward said that McPhail was no longer interested in running for office, so the board agreed there was no point in continuing to debate the pro-

posed law.

A bigger topic is what to do about two state projects to fix culverts in the town, on Ferguson and Christie Roads. The town had been awarded a Bridge NY grant in November 2018 (and accepted in April 2019) for \$1.7M to put new culverts at the two locations, but the resolution said that the town would be responsible for any costs over that amount. Ward, who began as supervisor in 2020, reported sticker shock when the DOT informed him earlier this year that costs would be over \$2M and that the town would be responsible for the overage. He said that monies would have to come from the town's paving budget to compensate the state.

At the April 13 meeting, Ward reported that a recent conference call with the DOT helped clarify some of the issue, and that construction will be moved to 2022 for Christie Road and 2023 for Ferguson Road. While

the town is still responsible for paying for the design costs – which already have been done and are the bulk of the expense – perhaps rebidding construction costs will lower the amount that the town owes. Ward said that town employees can do some of the work grubbing and clearing the site, also saving the town \$15,000.

However, the town's paving budget could be affected through 2023. Ward said that the extensions will spread out what Greenwich will owe the state from 1 to 3 years, allowing Greenwich more flexibility and have less budget impact.

While April 13's meeting was held via Zoom, and, considering Covid masking and that the camera wasn't really aimed that well – and that this reporter is on deadline with no chance to review footage before the paper goes to print – there was some contention among the board (but unclear who specifically), mentioning that Ferguson was the far worse sit-

uation of the two culverts, and perhaps it shouldn't be postponed two years. Terms like "fuzzy math" and "bogus" were used to describe the process with the state.

The board also passed a resolution to begin the bureaucratic process to get the speed limit reduced on County Route 52, which jumps from 30 to 55 miles per hour and residents report is highly dangerous, with sharp turns and blind spots. Some traffic deaths have resulted there. However, the town must ask the county who must ask the state DOT to do a study and render a decision, and it may take two years to get a result. The town had asked for a similar reduction in 2016, which failed, but the board and the public who Zoomed in agreed that the situation has only worsened since then.

"In four years things change, we have more houses and a lot more traffic; we have the Amish," Ward said, adding that he also will bring state reps into the conversation.



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# A conversation with Argyle Mayor Wes Clark

**Haleigh Eustis**  
*Journal & Press*

Nestled in the foothills of the Adirondacks and known for its lively farming life, the village of Argyle is home to roughly four hundred hardworking residents. In a sit-down Zoom interview with the Village of Argyle's mayor, Wes Clark, I received insight pertaining to the village's future and its current news.

Clark, who had initially been born in Pennsylvania, moved to the quaint village nearly forty years ago. As an active community member, I asked if that was why Clark had decided to join the local government after moving to the village. Diving into his history with Argyle, Clark stated, "I started on the Zoning Board of Appeals in 1988." He explained that his neighbor (mayor at the time) had suggested he join. Six years later in 1994, Clark had been appointed clerk of the village, which developed into the role of mayor – as the current mayor resigned his position.

With a sudden change in responsibility towards the village, I asked Clark whether the mayor's role was as he envisioned. Showing gratitude towards the townsfolk, Clark stated that it isn't a very difficult job and had many rewarding outcomes. As mayor, he has seen phases of the village throughout the years, but nothing could prepare his village for the unprecedented times of the COVID pandemic. Curious to know whether a mayor's responsibilities had shifted during this unlikely time, Clark explained that the local government hadn't faced too many changes.

Since most everyone who works in the office is part-time, the shift of everyday life was unfortunate, but Argyle had managed to juggle work and the pandemic. The village experienced an unexpected challenge concerning a lack of water in 2020. Due to increased use of the town's water supply and a suspected leak in the well – Argyle provided water to the village through Summit Lake's resources. Treating and boiling water upon use, it was unconventional but mandatory for their situation.

Mayor Clark had explained that the six-year process of installing a new well was coming to end within one to two months. The village will have a new well installed, which will avoid any



*Via Zoom*



future lack of water incidents, like the summer prior. Along with the new well, Argyle is expecting new sidewalks to be installed. In regards to the possibly of tax increases Clark responds, "Taxes will just go up by the tax cap percentage. We had a cost of living increase . . . they're going up a little. I anticipate water rents to go up more because of the cost of the new well."

While the pandemic has left the community looking different than it did before, Clark explained that, luckily, there hadn't been an increased financial crisis for the village. As a

## **'Luckily, there hadn't been an increased financial crisis for the village.'**

whole, there was a slight increase in food pantry use and clothing drives, but nothing significant to the overall community. Though this pandemic has limited interactions between the village and its people, I questioned how active communication has worked to connect everyone. Many smaller villages and or towns have utilized social media (such as Facebook) to create a village page. These pages help keep up with current news and announcements pertaining to the community. Clark stated that there was no active Facebook page for the village, but a website called Front Porch Forum, has served a similar purpose. Towns and villages spanning from Vermont to New York, utilize this website, which allows

residents to connect and keep up to date with the town's news.

Though not as serious of a matter, a few villagers have wondered what is in the future for certain buildings in Argyle, more specifically: the old IGA Foodliner, which is now unfortunately closed for business. Rumors of various ideas pertaining to this building have been circulating in the village. At the moment, Mayor Clark says that it happens to be a privately owned building, therefore the village office has no control over its future. Currently, the owner is looking for a buyer and wanting to renovate it into something useful for the entire community. Until someone offers any price for the IGA, it remains untouched.

Residents and local governments alike are putting forth their best efforts to make it through this difficult time. If you wish to join the online board meetings, check out the Village of Argyle's website to request a Zoom invitation to their next board meeting.



**The abandoned Foodliner building –dj**

# Fire prevention award

Chief Thomas Plude of the J. A. Barkley Hose Co., Argyle Fire/Rescue, reported the Stewart's Holiday Match has again donated to its fire prevention program.

The fire prevention program includes presenting information to grades kindergarten through sixth grade.

Most years, students tour the fire house where a "hazard house" offers them an opportunity to recognize various hazards that exist in the home. They are encouraged to do an inspection of their homes to determine if hazards are there. However since COVID 19 prevented visits to the firehouse this year,

Firefighters produced a video highlighting the hazards. You can view the video at J. A. Barkley Hose, Co's Facebook page. Each class receives a gift with a fire prevention theme.

On behalf of the fire company Chief Plude wishes to thank those who contributed to the Holiday Match Program between Thanksgiving and Christmas, as well as the Stewart's Foundation that matches those contributions.

To learn about the Holiday Match Program visit [www.stewartsshops.com/community-giving](http://www.stewartsshops.com/community-giving).

## Chicken Parm in Easton

A Take-Out only Chicken Parmesan Dinner will be available at the Easton Methodist Church at 12053 State Route 40 in Easton on Thursday, May 13 from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. The dinners must be pre-ordered by May 9. You will drive through and pick-up the dinners. Included will be parmesan chicken with delicious tomato sauce, pasta, a tossed salad with side dressing, bread and dessert. The cost will be \$15. Order by calling the Church at 518-531-4558 or emailing at [eastonchurch126@gmail.com](mailto:eastonchurch126@gmail.com). Leave your name, your phone number and the number of orders that you wish to purchase. Someone will return your call to confirm your order. Visit [www.eastonumc.org](http://www.eastonumc.org).

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## The 1921 Fair, art class and candy stripers

**Kaylee Johnson**  
*Journal & Press*

*Here are some snippets from past editions of The Journal & Press from late Aprils decades ago:*

### **100 Years Ago** **April 20, 1921**

The premium list for the eightieth annual Washington County Fair has been completed and mailed by the secretary, George A. Ferris of Hudson Falls. The fair will be held this year on August 23, 24, 25 and 26.

The book contains a list of officers, board of managers and superintendents, the rules of the society and lists of premiums to be rewarded in certain departments. There are also an unusual number of advertisements of merchants from Troy and Glens Falls and throughout Washington County.

### **80 Years Ago** **April 16, 1941**

All of the twelve men who left Greenwich to go

into the army for their year of training last Friday were accepted by army doctors at the induction center in Albany and are now located at some army camp. A card received at the Journal office Tuesday from Edward Stiles, one of the group, stated all men were at Camp Upton, but expected to be transferred to some other camp Tuesday.

The group which left here Friday was the first group which has been accepted by army doctors without at least one rejection. Consequently, no replacements will have to be included in the next contingent, which leaves April 25. This group will consist of ten men.

### **70 Years Ago** **April 18, 1951**

The art exhibit held last week at the Davies Flower Shop here and sponsored by the adult education art class, under the instruction of Ms. Patricia Burkin, attracted about 200 persons. Fifty-four paintings in oil, watercolor and pastels were exhibited as well as photographs and some portrait sketches done by the class.

### **60 Years Ago** **April 19, 1961**

Ten new candy stripers were added to the in-service volunteer department during the spring holiday. These girls are all from Greenwich Central School District. They received their training at the Mary McClellan hospital during their time off from school and have been added to the regular Saturday morning and afternoon schedules at the hospital.

The girls are: Joan Burch, Alice Clark, Sharon Duane, Anne Hajos, Eileen Harren, Hollie Hastings, Patricia Hoag, Carol Ackner, Frieda Bain and Margaret Little.

Mrs. Meredith W. Hoag is chairman for the candy-strippers in this section. Since many of the girls are interested in hospital careers, particularly nursing, the candy-striper program has been expanded to give them a wider field of experience in the hospital. This new program will be in effect April 22. The candy-strippers will be serving as messengers and giving supplemental help to staff

of the maternity floor, the ward floor and the physical therapy department.

### **40 Years Ago** **April 23, 1981**

Four companies have submitted bids to the five-village cable television committee. Proposals received by the April 13 deadline came from Saratoga Cable T.V., Gateway Cable T.V. of Amsterdam, Newchannels of Troy and Commonwealth Cable Systems of Dallas, PA.

Several months ago, the committee began procedures to get cable service in the villages of Cambridge, Greenwich, Salem, Schuylerville and Victory Mills.

Each of the five village committees is breaking down and categorizing the information from each bid, which will then be graded and placed in order of preference. The compilation is then used as a tool in determining which firm will be awarded the bid.

### **30 Years Ago** **April 18, 1991**

There was a lot of hugging and kissing going on at Schuylerville High School Friday night.

Some teachers and parents were the worst offenders, as they bid farewell to the visiting German track and field team. One wonders if the visitors will be able to make it back through customs will all the loot, inundated as they were by local souvenirs of their visit. The April 5 dinner was the last formal event of the two week visit, followed by a school dance. On Saturday, the group departed for its return trip to Germany.

### **20 Years Ago** **April 19, 2001**

While rapidly melting snows have focused our attention on our swollen rivers and streams, sunny days and strong winds have dried the ground cover, making the risk of grass and brush fires extremely high. For the past several days, firefighters throughout the county have been plagued by a number of these fires, which spread rapidly and endangered barns, homes and other structures.



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# A look behind the counter: Cloud Nine Coffee opens in Greenwich

**Annabel Gregg**  
*Journal & Press*

The whirlwind opening week of the new Cloud Nine Coffee Lounge was a testament to how much Greenwichians had been anticipating the new business' arrival on National Mom & Pop Business Day, March 29th.

The new coffee shop located on Main Street in Greenwich was slammed every day of their first week, hosting customers eager to try their beverages, healthy salads and bowls, and tasty baked goods. Cloud Nine also offers individually packed "grab-and-go boxes" and meals, usually featuring healthy and unique options like salmon dinners; sausage, gravy, and biscuit specials; or gluten-free chili. Emphasizing a nutrition-focused menu and supporting other local small businesses, Cloud Nine is quickly making a name for themselves in Greenwich.

"Cloud Nine Coffee Lounge is so special because it's our first family business together," said Samantha Becker, the owner and Cambridge native. "Opening day went very well! We have had a lot of support from friends and family, and even members of the community have jumped behind the line to help keep the drinks and food flowing!" Members of her family have helped contribute to the opening, from her aunt providing the signature baked goods to other family members supporting the front counter. Becker says that the team is "so excited" to contribute to the Greenwich community and "so humbled" by the positive response to their businesses first few days.

With any businesses opening recently, new and unique challenges are presented by COVID restrictions and fears. However, Becker says that "COVID has made opening difficult, but honestly I believe this business will help people adjust to this new way of life." She says that the health-forward offerings at Cloud Nine, along with the relaxing atmosphere will help people unwind and recharge after enduring the daily stresses of the pandemic. "I believe COVID has showed people how important it is to support one another, and that's what we're about here at Cloud Nine!"

To Becker, Cloud Nine is more than just a cof-

fee shop – it's the realization of a long-time-coming dream and a meaningful way to honor her late sister, Maegan. "In 2014, my sister and I were really into nutrition and made a hobby out of it," Becker said. The siblings "always had dreams to open a smoothie shop together." After Becker and her family tragically lost Maegan to cancer in 2016, she found light after darkness in nutrition. "I knew I had found my purpose," she reflects. Becker went into a nutrition training program, of which she is still in the process of becoming certified. "I have taught myself so much over the years about nutrition and being proactive about my health. I plan on finishing my certifications this

**'This is so special because it's our first family business together.'**

summer and using them at Cloud Nine Coffee Lounge to help promote healthy living."

"Maegan never questioned 'why me,' when she was diagnosed with glioblastoma," explained the owner in a Facebook post. "Maegan said, 'Why not me' and 'I'm going home to fulfill my destiny and dance in the clouds!' Hence, our ceiling of clouds!"

The culmination of Becker's work can be found in the wide variety of healthful food and beverage options at the coffee shop, and in the shop itself. From the whimsical cloud design on the ceiling to the comfy feel of the seating area, Cloud Nine will



undoubtedly become a regular spot for many locals. With the popularity of their "soft opening," the shop's future grand opening is sure to be a success. "This cafe is not only to provide a nutritional balance that is easily accessible for people, but to honor Maegan and carry on her legacy."

As Cloud Nine approaches the first month milestone, Becker and her team are excited and grateful for the support of the community. "The community is absolutely amazing and most everyone has welcomed us with open arms. It's a beautiful feeling." More information including hours, menu, and other offerings can be found on the Cloud Nine Coffee Lounge Facebook page.





# Chuhta is FFA finalist

Lauren Chuhta of the Greenwich FFA has earned a finalist position at the NYS FFA Convention with her speech titled, "The Significance of the Farm Town". Chuhta competed in the NYS FFA District 3 Competition and earned her way to the Sub State qualifiers where she placed 2nd. Lauren is one of the top 6 Senior Prepared Public Speakers in NYS who will be competing virtually on May 6, 2021.



# Hartford honorees

Hartford Central School elementary students were recognized at the monthly Citizens' Assembly. June's character trait was self control.

Pictured:

Top row (l-r): Piper Benson, Clayton Burch, Liberty Crum and Peyton DeSourdy.



Middle row (l-r): Payten Granger, Sophia LaCross, Lucas LeRoy and Khiana Lopez.

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# Navarro to perform live concert May 4

Dan Navarro will perform at 7 p.m. on May 4th at the Depot, Argyle Brewing, 6 Broad St., in Cambridge. Tickets are \$25. Limited seating; socially distanced. A food truck will be available for eats. Call 518-692-2585 or write [info@argylebrewing.com](mailto:info@argylebrewing.com) or visit [www.argylebrewing.com](http://www.argylebrewing.com) for tickets and information.

With a career spanning decades and a dozen albums with Lowen & Navarro, Dan Navarro is excited to get back to touring and performing LIVE shows. Dan kept in constant contact with his fans during 2020 presenting Songs from the CORONA ZONE - a livestream concert series of themed setlists from his living room at <https://www.facebook.com/dannavarromusic/> Dan's played over 200 sets to date.

Dan's career started as a songwriter, most often with Eric Lowen, for artists as diverse as Pat Benatar (the Grammy-nominated "We Belong") The Bangles, Jackson Browne, Dave Edmunds, The Temptations, Dionne Warwick, The Triplets, Dutch star Marco Borsato, and Austin outlaw legend Rusty Weir.

In the 1990s and 2000s, he and Eric recorded and toured as the acclaimed acoustic duo Lowen & Navarro until Eric's retirement in 2009. Dan has transitioned smoothly into a busy solo career over the past decade, touring nationally almost constantly.

Dan's long awaited first true studio-recorded

album, "Shed My Skin" was released in 2019 and was well worth the wait. Recorded and produced by Steve Postell it, of course, features Dan Navarro / vocals, guitar, percussion, Steve Postell / Guitars, Jon Ossman / upright bass, Brendan Buckley / drums, Peter Adams / piano, Phil Parlapano / accordion, David Glaser / mandolin, Debra Dobkin / percussion.

He has a parallel career as a voice actor and singer, in films like The Playmobil Movie, Pirates of the Caribbean 5, The Book Of Life, Rio (on the Oscar®-nominated "Real In Rio"), Happy Feet, The Lorax, Ice Age (2 & 3) ; TV series Turbo Fast, Prison Break, Family Guy and American Dad; records with Neil Young, Andrea Bocelli, Luis Miguel, Jose Feliciano, Janiva Magness, and Jon Anderson of Yes; hit video games Fallout 4 and Uncharted 4, and hundreds of TV ads for Subaru, Shakey's, McDonald's, Coca-Cola, Honda, Nationwide and more.

He has appeared in Washington on artists' rights and intellectual property issues, on behalf of Nashville Songwriters Assn Int'l, SoundExchange, NSAI, SAG-AFTRA, music-



FIRST Coalition, BMI and NARAS, including testimony before the Senate Judiciary Committee and the Copyright Royalty Board.

Dan has a 22-year-old son, thinks sleep is for babies and is a known abuser of acoustic guitars. "The poets and prophets say, it's all about the journey, not the destination, and in 2021, nothing could be more true." After a full-stop to touring during 2020, Dan will again be crisscrossing America starting spring of 2021 delivering his music to locales new and old.

## Book on our local Civil War contingent

Cambridge author Michael T. Russert has published a new book on Washington County's 123rd NYS Volunteers and their service during the Civil War at Gettysburg.

"We Were Marched Hither and Thither" is about the adventures during the month-long trek of the rural farm boys from Washington County, NY related through their own words. On the road to Gettysburg, the provincial farm boys captured descriptive images of the landscape of Virginia and Pennsylvania. Most of these men had never been more than twenty miles from home.

It is fascinating to read the different viewpoints of the marching citizen soldiers. For ex-

ample, the accounts of the men of the execution of three deserters are interesting to compare, especially the contrast of the boys in the ranks to their commanding officer's commentary, Colonel Archibald McDougall, a lawyer by trade. The colorful commentary concerning local inhabitants along the line of march tend to be reflective, and amusing.

The text of this study, in addition to portraying daily soldier life, provides analyses of several controversial events focused on July 1st. First, Slocum's Corps in the Pipe Creek Circular; second, The Howard/Slocum Affair; finally, the presence of Williams's Division on Ewell's flank, which prevented Confederate movement on Culp's Hill.

Russert was born and raised in Buffalo, where he was awarded a Bachelor's of Science Degree from The State University at Buffalo. He received a Masters of Arts, Liberal Studies (MALS) in Nineteenth Century American Studies, from Empire State College. In 1972, Michael and his wife Judy relocated to Cambridge, New York, where they live in a circa 1760 farmhouse.

"We Were Marched Hither and Thither" was published by the Troy Book Makers and is available to purchase at Battenkill Books in Cambridge, NY. Copies are \$32 each, and can be found at [www.battenkillbooks.com](http://www.battenkillbooks.com) or by calling 518-677-2515.

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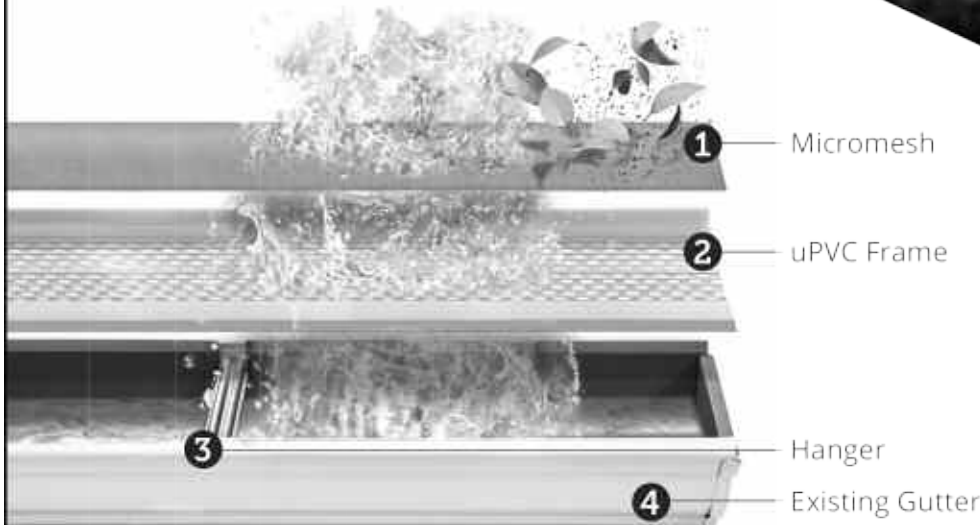
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# Equine Center's grant



Long lining is one of the various groundwork exercises veterans can learn in the free of charge program.

Nipper Knolls Equine Center, Inc. is a recent recipient of a major grant from the Alfred Z. Solomon Foundation.

Alfred Z. Solomon was the founder of "Madcaps," a hat company in the garment district of Manhattan. He spent much time in upstate New York in pursuing his passion for horses and horse racing. Mr. Solomon purchased a 286-acre farm outside of Gansevoort NY, which he named "Madcaps Farm," and he became known as the "Duke of Gansevoort." He lived to be 104 years old and left behind a foundation dedicated to improving the lives of people in upstate New York.

Nipper Knolls Equine Center,

Inc. will use the grant for continuing the development of the Alfred Z. Solomon Veterans Program. The eight-session program is an introduction to horsemanship, horse training, and wagon driving. The program is offered free of charge to all veterans. For more information please contact David Lamando at 518-744-1114 and visit [www.Veterans.Nipperknolls.com](http://www.Veterans.Nipperknolls.com).

Nipper Knolls Equine Center is a 501(c)3, nonprofit and a 100% volunteer organization. There are no administrative costs or salaries paid. Through the generosity of our volunteers and financial supporters, the program has enriched many lives of veterans and their families.

## Women's group forming

A new monthly women's group, called The Women's Sanctuary, will be forming in Greenwich. The group will meet for two hours on a weekday evening to share, listen, heal and grow together. In safe space, women will be seen, heard, nurtured, comforted, accepted, honored and celebrated. The group will speak from the heart, deepen a relationship with Sacred Silence, learn how to widen one's perspective to see more choices and step into more of personal power. This will be an in-person circle for up to 10 women. Covid rules will apply.

The Women's Sanctuary will be facilitated by Teresa King. She has been facilitating circles and workshops for over 24 years. Contact her at [teresaking1@live.com](mailto:teresaking1@live.com) if you are interested or if you have any questions. The date, time, location, fee and other information will be forthcoming. Her website is [www.thelargerpicture.com](http://www.thelargerpicture.com).

## Be a Dairy Princess

The Washington County Dairy Princess Committee is seeking dairy princess candidates for the important role of promoting the Washington County dairy industry. Candidates must be between the ages of 16 and 24 and have a passion for the dairy industry. The pageant will take place on Sunday, June 6, 2021, at the Greenwich Elks starting with an ice cream social at 2 p.m. The Princess and her team of Alternates and Ambassadors will participate in parades, conduct school programs, organize the fair booth, attend the American Dairy Association Northeast training and meetings, attend farm meetings, and speak at various farm and community events. For more information, contact Betsy Foote at [efoote@greenwichcsd.org](mailto:efoote@greenwichcsd.org) or call (518) 744-7942.



Princess Molly Walker, Alternates Lauren Desorbe and Audra Dubois and NYS Alternate Dairy Princess Erin Armitage.

## Reunion in Argyle

On Thursday, April 1st, Washington Center's 80 year-old resident Florence Goyer received a visit she waited a year for, the one with her son David Helwig, all the way from Ballston Spa to Argyle.

This was a very emotional visit for David as he hasn't been with his mother in a little over a year due to COVID-19 and the two were always very close. The tears of joy were unmistakable.

Washington Center on State Route 40 in Argyle has just reopened for visitation based on the new and eased New York State Department of Health guidelines.



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# Is it OK to go to thrift stores just to be hip?

**Kaylee Johnson**  
*Journal & Press*

As a child, my father took me to thrift stores on Long Island every Sunday. While he would search for things to sell on Ebay, testing out VCR's and desktop computers for hours on end, I would sit on the dusty floors and play with the undressed Barbie Dolls with butchered haircuts. At that time, about fifteen years ago, thrift stores were not trendy. I saw poverty as I patiently waited for my father to scout out gems while I hugged teddy bears with matted hair and acutely observed my surroundings, taking in all of the smells and facial expressions of people passing me by, nodding at the little girl sprawled on the floor with long forgotten toys.

Now, I am an adult, delicately placed in both the world of STEM (education and counseling) and the creative arts (writing and performing). When I went on the first date with my partner, he took me to a Goodwill, which would have been viewed as very strange a decade ago, but now it is a hotspot for young artsy people. I am skeptical of how I feel about the idea of faking poverty and taking away from those that actually rely on charitable resources – there is the debate that Goodwill and Salvation Army offer great prices for

quirky items that could not be found in traditional retail stores. The modern art school student wants to appear as offbeat as possible – and that means wearing Youth Gospel Choir shirts and cow print mini skirts in their eyes. No one really needs a Shirley Temple VHS collection or a lamp that looks like a manatee, but the low prices make them impossible to turn down, and the abstract young people have made thrift stores hot, especially on social media. Artsy “influencers” often post videos and photos of themselves sifting through thrift store racks, posing with full faces of makeup. This makes me somewhat uncomfortable, as an educator in an extremely low socioeconomic area. A lot of my students rely on resources like the Salvation Army for back to school clothes, and when fully funded college students romanticize poverty because they have never truly experienced it, they are in turn patronizing and going against their own liberal belief systems. The posts seem to be lacking a supreme amount of self-awareness and taste, especially since the “influencers” can afford the camera equipment to make the videos come to life.

Being in the art community, a lot of my friends rave about their fashionable finds from thrift stores. I would have no issue with this if they were truly struggling for money. The



problem is, many of them get checks mailed from their parents on a weekly basis and believe that there is a certain allure in the illusion of financially struggling. My friends that actually came from poverty and broken homes do not brag about their shabby 1991 Apple Bottom Jeans from Goodwill Albany – if they can afford to go elsewhere, they do.

Resources like food banks and thrift stores are specifically meant for those unable to afford basic materials like food and clothing, not insufferable teenagers and college students trying to fit into the current trend, which happens to be ex-

tremely insensitive. I will admit that every once in a while, I go thrift shopping with my partner and always end up leaving without anything, because I feel too guilty to take away from those that truly need the assistance. I am young and not affluent, but I can afford clothing and keep food on the table, which is more than a lot of people can do in my community.

Yesterday I saw a tweet that went something like this: “All of the artsy girls at the thrift stores have mullets and Doc Martens now!” That means the people shopping at thrift stores are able to afford \$300+ shoes and elaborate haircuts to meet the current trend.

To me, influencers taking photos in thrift stores is as heinous as them having photo shoots in front of murals in poverty stricken neighborhoods – it sends the same insensitive message and leaves a very bad impression.

*Kaylee Johnson is resident of Greenwich and a 2020 graduate of the College of Saint Rose.*



## Road closures at National Park

The National Park Service will be undertaking critical road repairs to address failing pavement and a slumping and drainage issue that is undermining a portion of the Entrance Road, which connects NYS Route 4 and NYS Route 32. This investment in the park infrastructure will prolong the life of park assets and allow us to serve the public for years to come.

Starting on Monday, April 12, 2021, a section of the Entrance Road will be closed, including weekends, to all traffic including vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians, from the Entrance Road intersection at the Visitor Center parking area to Lohnes Road. This phase of the project is expected to be completed on Wednesday, May 12, 2021. Additional closures will take place Monday-Friday from Wednesday, May 12 through Monday, May 31, 2021; the road will be open on weekends during the second phase of work. During the closure, a detour will be established utilizing Lohnes Road and NYS Route 32 to reconnect to the Park Visitor Center and parking area.

For more information about Saratoga National Historical Park, please call the Visitor Center at (518) 670-2985, visit [www.nps.gov/sara](http://www.nps.gov/sara), or find the park on Facebook or Twitter @SaratogaNHP.

# Burns/Novick doc examines Hemingway

**Kiko Martinez**

*Variety*

*Special to Journal & Press*

How impressive is Ken Burns as a documentarian? Think of it like this: In the 1980s, the Brooklyn-born filmmaker earned Oscar nominations for making compelling docs on the history of a pair of inanimate objects. Granted, “Brooklyn Bridge” and “The Statue of Liberty” were films on America’s strength and exceptionalism as much as they were on the landmarks themselves, but those early projects set Burns on a path to utilize the same kind of majestic storytelling to connect with human subjects, whether dead or alive.

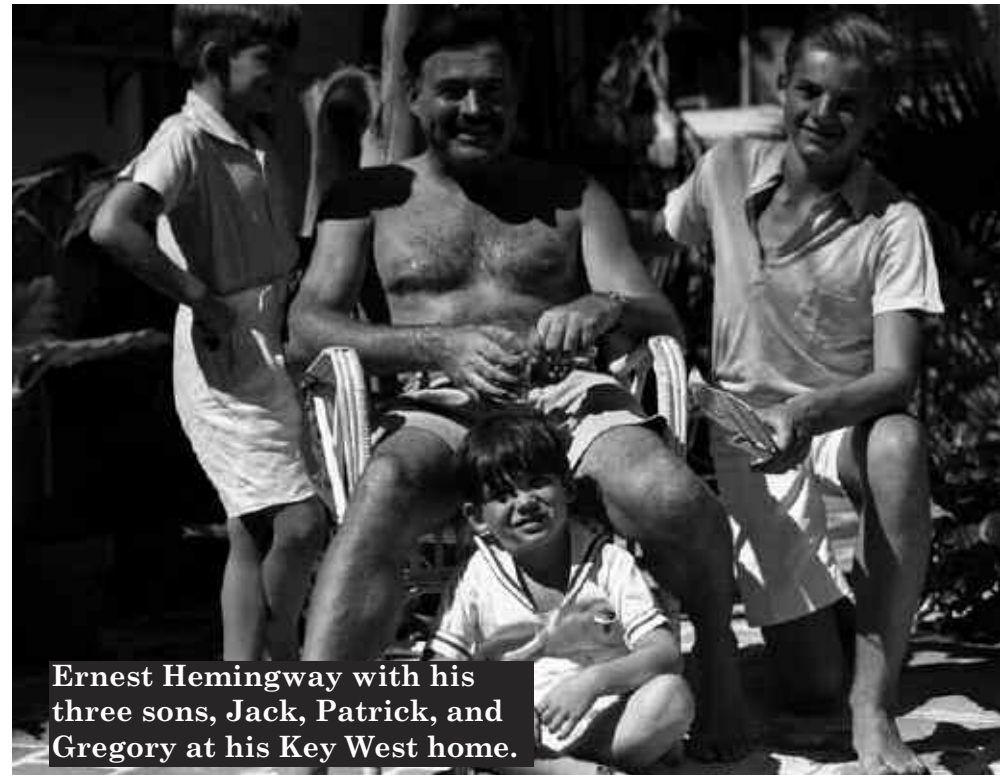
From founding father and U.S. President Thomas Jefferson to celebrated humorist Mark Twain to the wrongly convicted Central Park Five, Burns builds on these legacies by also taking the pulse of the entire nation at the time through comprehensive reporting and a respect for the facts that might be skimmed over by other directors with less time to afford. Even when he was called out for initially not including any Latinos in his 2007 WWII TV miniseries “The War,” Burns did his best to correct the oversight, although some still felt adding half an hour to his 15-hour series was equivalent to an afterthought.

In his latest nonfiction production for PBS, Burns teams up with his

longtime producer Lynn Novick to co-direct “Hemingway,” a three-part, six-hour documentary that chronicles the life of American novelist and Nobel- and Pulitzer Prize-winning literary icon Ernest Hemingway. It’s an extensive and wholly satisfying piece of cinema that gets to the core of the acclaimed writer by embracing all the intricacies that come with being such a conflicted figure.

Narrated by Peter Coyote, Burns and Novick meticulously assembles Hemingway’s intimate saga, including with the writer’s own words through excerpts of his distinct text that crack off the page like a bat connecting for a grand slam. “Hemingway” recruits actor Jeff Daniels to speak the words he wrote in his manuscripts and letters, delivering a refined reading: “I have always had the illusion that it was more important, or as important, to be a good man as to be a great writer. I may turn out to be neither but would like to be both,” he observes.

Burns tapped other high-profile narrators for the documentary to read correspondence between Hemingway and his four wives, including Meryl Streep, Patricia Clarkson, Keri Russell and Mary-Louise Parker. Each of their oral contributions bring to life the various voices of those who were closest to Hemingway until he committed suicide in 1961 at the age of 61.



**Ernest Hemingway with his three sons, Jack, Patrick, and Gregory at his Key West home.**

Episode 1, “A Writer,” which covers the years from 1899 to 1929, starts from Hemingway’s childhood in the suburbs of Chicago to his first job as a journalist in Kansas City. Hemingway then joins a Red Cross unit that is dispatched to Italy during WWI.

Surrounded by the casualties of war every day and getting seriously injured himself, Hemingway ended up falling for the nurse who cared for him - one of the many women he would love throughout his life. Through expert interviews with writers and literary scholars, Burns and Novick’s all-encompassing narrative goes far beyond the details of a conventional biography and into a sort of encyclopedic essay on the reasons Hemingway is considered one of the greatest wordsmiths ever. He also gives each episode the historical context needed to understand how he adapted in certain settings to create classic literature like “A Farewell to Arms” and “The Old Man and the Sea,” among other masterpieces.

The series dissects Hemingway’s work with care and curiosity. Episode 2, “The Avatar” (1929 to

1944) and Episode 3, “The Blank Page” (1944 to 1961) are equally as fascinating as Burns taps into the mythology Hemingway created about himself and his failing health in later years. To say Burns has captured all the nuance of Hemingway’s qualities and flaws as a human being is an understatement. The second part is the most captivating as it confronts the “holograph” that Hemingway invented for himself. Whether it was to keep people at a distance or to hide what some considered his deep faults, notably his reputation for drinking and womanizing, “Hemingway” never allows Hemingway himself to become one-dimensional. The depths it explores of Hemingway’s deep-seated solitude is what drives the documentary to its most sincere domains.

“Hemingway” is an engaging and beautifully constructed character study and proof that whatever Burns chooses to cover as a filmmaker will more than likely become the definitive documentary on that specific topic. In Hemingway’s case, it’s a story that is a lot more sensitive than one could’ve imagined.

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Courses are scheduled to allow students the opportunity to take required courses in

their home school or at Greenwich Central School. In addition, students can obtain a Career and Technical Endorsement on their high school diploma by passing two industry standards exams, completing a work experience and compiling a final portfolio.

If applying science in real world situations like caring for small animals, giving shots, taking TPR, using an ultrasound machine, working in a greenhouse, welding, using a plasma arc table, surveying, working with a drone, rebuilding a small engine, or learning basic electrical wiring and plumbing techniques, sounds interesting to you, then see what the Greenwich Agriculture Department has to offer.

Interested students should discuss this op-



tion with their Guidance Counselor and complete an application as soon as possible.

## North Argyle church

The North Argyle Community Church is a "Simple Church Following Christ" meeting Sundays at 11 a.m. in-person or via FaceBook. The church is at 335 County Route 44 in Argyle. Call them at 518-638-8045.

## Multiple awards

Salem Washington Academy announced that junior Autumn Fleming has been recognized for multiple awards. Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) has selected Fleming to receive the Rensselaer Medal. This prestigious award has been given since 1916 to recognize students who excel in the fields of mathematics and science. Medalists who apply and are accepted to RPI are awarded a scholarship worth \$30,000 per year. The University of



Rochester has selected Fleming as the recipient of the Frederick Douglas and Susan B. Anthony Award. This honor is given to students who have demonstrated a commitment to understanding and addressing difficult social issues, show dedication to community action, and have maintained strong grades in rigorous classes in the humanities and social sciences.

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# A chat with Black Horses Coach Bowen

**Evan Felicetti**  
*Journal & Press*

I recently had the great pleasure of speaking with Schuylerville's wonderful Athletic Director and varsity football coach, John Bowen. Coach Bowen and his squad have been off to a great start, and are currently undefeated with a 4-0 record. The Horses' success this year has been an amazing testament to the hard work and preparedness of the student athletes on the team, as well as the caring and supportive coaching staff. Here is our conversation:

**EF:** *What has impressed you the most from your team thus far this year?*

**JB:** Being that we did not have a traditional preseason this year, it was harder to gauge how everyone would play in the beginning of the season. Two big areas of question in my mind were how ready our special teams unit would be, as well as our players level of physicality. These are the kinds of things that are hard to get a pulse on without a preseason. However, I am very pleased to this point, especially in our Johnstown game, as to how our guys were able to keep the field tilted for most of the game. We had a lot of physicality on defense, but our special teams and punt return team really helped put us in great field position throughout the game. From the total yardage numbers, the game maybe would have seemed closer. What closed the gap in our favor was the amazing field position we had for most of the game.

**EF:** *What has been the most challenging aspect of coaching a football*

*team during this unusual season?*

**JB:** I would say it is really two-fold. The first aspect involves field conditions. We here at Schuylerville are very fortunate to have a turf field to play football on. However, our grass fields still see a lot of use, especially now with so many outdoor sports running at the same time. As Athletic Director, I need to make sure that we keep our grass fields in good shape for all sports, especially considering that often our football and soccer practices take place on the baseball outfield. It is important that we don't do irreparable damage to any of our fields, so it has made the logistics of practices a little more difficult.

Another aspect of this season that has been a struggle is related to the lengths of practices. We are currently asking all coaches to limit on-field practices to 90 mins. To lose 45 mins of practice time on a day to day basis has hurt readiness. However, it is still important that we recognize the readiness of our student athletes, and what they have done to get prepared to compete once again.

**EF:** *Your offense has been explosive, and your defense has been rock solid. What can we attribute to the success of your team on offense? On defense?*

**JB:** The success of offense has been quite remarkable, as this is a brand-new offense for us. Since the end of the 2019 season, our coaching staff has been working to put together an offensive game plan that works for us, and that preparation has even included online videoconferencing and clinics. Being able to play in the spring is great because it gives

us a preview of what next fall will look like. The success of our offense we ultimately attribute to the kids. They have really done an unbelievable job. Our staff is working to not overwhelm them too much, but they have absorbed all of the new information and have executed at a high level.

In contrast to the offense, the defensive side of the ball is very familiar to our kids, and this has enabled them to play very fast. This familiarity with the defensive system has been very big for us. What has been great so far in the season is that we have had the opportunity to get a lot of young guys on the field, especially on defense. Our younger players on defense have been able to take a lot of pride in keeping the opposing scores low, which is a great confidence boost.

**EF:** *Finally, a general question. In your experience, what makes an elite high school football player?*

**JB:** Putting it within the context of our area and section (Section II),



**John Bowen**

to me an elite player is someone you can't afford to not have on the field at all times. Not only does this involve a player with strength and speed, but also a player with the stamina to maintain a high level of play for 48 mins. But being a truly "elite" player is more than just on the field success. An elite player will also be a well achieving student, and a person of high character off the field. There are a lot of great young football players out there, but being great off the field really makes someone elite.



**-denise richard photos**



# Legal Notices

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING, BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION

### ARGYLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COUNTY OF WASHINGTON, NEW YORK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a public hearing of the qualified voters of the Argyle Central School District, Washington County, Argyle, New York, will be held in the school library in said District on Tuesday, May 11, 2021, at 7:00 PM, E.D.S.T., for the presentation of the budget. The budget will be available for review on May 4, 2021 at the Argyle Central School.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the annual meeting of qualified voters of the Argyle Central School District, Washington County, New York, will be held in the atrium of the Argyle Central School in said District on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at 8:00 PM, E.D.S.T., for the transaction of such business as authorized by the Education Law.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that said vote and election will be on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 between the hours of 12:00 PM (Noon) and 8:00 PM, E.D.S.T., in the Atrium at Argyle Central School, at which time the polls will be opened to voting by ballot upon the following items:

1. To adopt the annual budget of the School District for the fiscal year 2021-2022 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District.

2. To elect one (1) member of the Board for a five (5) year term commencing July 1, 2021 and expiring on June 30, 2026 and to succeed Pamela Ellis, whose term expires on June 30, 2021.

3. To appropriate monies to the Argyle Free Library and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property in the District.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required to fund the School District's budget for 2021-2022, exclusive of public monies, may be obtained by any resident of the District during business hours beginning Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at the Argyle Central School.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of

the Board of Education shall be filed with Clerk of said School District at her office in the School, not later than Monday, April 19, 2021, between 8:00 AM and 3:00 PM. Each petition shall be directed to the Clerk of the District and shall be signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the District, must state the name and residence of the candidate and shall describe the specific vacancy for which the candidate is nominated, including the length of the term of office and the name of the last incumbent.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots (where applicable) will be obtainable between the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM Monday through Friday, except holidays, from the District Clerk. Completed applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk not later than 5:00 PM, prevailing time, on Tuesday, May 18, 2021.

A list of persons to whom absentee ballots are issued will be available for inspection to qualified voters of the District in the office of the District Clerk on and after May 14, 2021, between the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM on the weekdays prior to the day set for the annual election and on May 18, 2021, the day set for the election, and said list will be posted at the polling place at the election. Any qualified voter present in the polling place may object to the voting of the ballot upon grounds for making his/her challenge and the reasons therefore known to the Inspector of Election before the close of the polls.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the qualified voters of the School District shall be entitled to vote at said annual vote and election. A qualified voter is one who is (1) a citizen of the United States of America, (2) eighteen years of age or older, and (3) a resident within the School District for a period of thirty (30) days next preceding the annual vote and

election. The School District may require all persons offering to vote at the budget vote and election to provide one form of proof of residency pursuant to Education Law 2018-c. Such form may include a driver's license, a non-driver identification card, a utility bill, or a voter registration card. Upon offer of proof of residency, the School District may also require all persons offering to vote to provide their signature, printed name and address.

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

For the approval of the 2021-2022 Budget and increase in Village Water Rents

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the VILLAGE OF ARGYLE will hold a Public Hearing on May 3, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. at the J.A. Barkley Firehouse, at State Route 40, Argyle, New York regarding the 2021-2022 budget and an increase in water rents.

A copy of the village budget will be available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Village Clerk's office, at 52 Sheridan Street, Argyle, New York. At such public hearing, all persons will be given an opportunity to be heard. Written and oral statements will be taken at that time. Time limitations may be imposed for each oral statement, if necessary.

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# Happy birthday, pandemic bull market

**Jill Schlesinger**

*Special to Journal & Press*

On March 23, 2020, stocks plummeted to the pandemic bear market bottom. The month of March was agonizing, as investors were forced to dust off the term “trading halt,” as they endured a gut-wrenching sell-off. The damage was swift: the records of the previous month vaporized into a bear market (defined as a decline of more than 20% from the previous high). When the selling finally reached a nadir on March 23, the bear had gobbled up about a quarter of the S&P 500 index’s value and also put an end date on the longest bull market for stocks on record (March 2009 to March 2020).

A year ago, I held the hands of nervous investors, many of whom had barely recovered from the Great Recession of 2008-2009 and its associated bear market. I trotted out my usual investment advice for the white-knuckle crowd: remind yourself that you are in it for the long term, be thankful that you have a diversified portfolio, and use the sell off to rebalance and check your risk tolerance.

But even I, a survivor of more than 30 years of bear markets, replete with a few crashes, could not have imagined that stocks would be trading more than 50 -75% higher over the course of just one

year. The winning cocktail was a massive fiscal effort (emergency government spending) plus similarly massive monetary actions by the Federal Reserve. Unlike previous bear markets, the institutional traders were the ones who were panic-stricken, not the retail investors, who stuck to their game plans.

As the bull continues to run, there are a few warning signs that should inform your outlook. The most important of which is not to allow yourself to forget how bad you felt a year ago. Maybe you want to purchase a meme stock, bitcoin or a nonfungible token (NFT). OK, it’s probably a little less obvious than that -- perhaps you are taking a look at your retirement account and feel like you want to bail out of bonds and pour everything into stocks. Before doing so, please, please, please look back at the calendar and remember the fear and anxiety you may have felt and beat back that greedy devil on your shoulder.

Next, if you qualify for a \$1,400 rescue payment or any other form of stimulus, be sure that you have satisfied Aunt Jill’s request to fully fund your emergency reserve fund (six to 12 months of your expenses), and also pay down outstanding consumer debt, before you invest.

Presuming that you have accomplished both of those tasks, then try to avoid the stock picking

trap. Oh sure, maybe you want to take a flyer, but before you do, consider this: In 2020, a year when the financial services industry was shrieking that it would be “a stock picker’s year”, 60% of actively managed U.S. large cap funds could not match the return of the S&P 500 index, according to S&P Dow Jones Indices. It must be thrilling to think that there is someone who knows better, but for the 11th straight year, the results are the same. That means that the advice remains consistent: stick to low/zero cost index funds for the long term.

Finally, if you are fortunate enough to have participated in the stock market rally of the past year, be careful not to think that every American has also been able to do so. According to the Federal Reserve’s 2019 Survey of Consumer Finances (the most recent triennial survey), a little over than half of U.S. households (52.6%) own stocks. A more recent Gallup poll conducted in March/April 2020 found the level to be 55%.

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## Donate blood

Make your appointment to give blood, platelets or plasma with the Red Cross by downloading the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org), calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device. Healthy volunteer donors are needed every day to help keep the blood flowing for hospitals and patients that rely on a readily available blood supply. As a special thank-you, those who come to give by April 30 will automatically be entered for a chance to win one of five \$1,000 e-gift cards to a merchant of choice. Additional details are available at [rblood.org/Gift](http://rblood.org/Gift).

### Upcoming blood donation events:

#### Schaghticoke

**4/20/2021:** 1 p.m. -6 p.m., Hoosic Valley Community Church, 2024 Route 40

#### Saratoga Springs

**4/22/2021:** 1 p.m. -7 p.m., Knights of Columbus, 50 Pine Rd

**4/23/2021:** 1 p.m. -6 p.m., YMCA Wilton Branch, 20 Old Gick Rd

**4/27/2021:** 12 p.m. -6 p.m., Saratoga Springs City Center, 522 Broadway

#### Queensbury

**4/29/2021:** 12 p.m. -5 p.m., Ramada Inn, 1 Abbey Lane

# CFC Community Chicken Dinner in Cossayuna

To celebrate the launch of their annual Give Hunger the Boot fundraising campaign, Comfort Food Community will be hosting a take-out Chicken Dinner on Saturday, May 15th from 3-6PM. The event, in partnership with the Cossayuna Fire Department, will take place at the Cossayuna Fire House located at 21 Bunkerhill Road. All proceeds will benefit CFC's Give Hunger the Boot campaign as they work towards their goal of raising \$20,000 to end hunger, support local farms, and build healthy communities.

Ticket sales begin on Thursday, April 15th. The cost per dinner is \$12.00 which includes half a chicken, 1 baked potato, coleslaw, and cookies. Tickets can be purchased online through CFC's website: [www.comfortfoodcommunity.org](http://www.comfortfoodcommunity.org) or directly through Cossayuna volunteer firefighters (518-796-4879) and CFC Board Members. All dinners will be take-out, however outdoor picnic space at the firehouse will be available for those interested. Dinner sales are limited, so be sure to purchase your ticket as soon as possible!

Comfort Food Community is thrilled to re-launch Give Hunger the Boot after a hiatus in 2020 due to COVID-19. They are looking to their community for support in making this year's campaign the best yet! Many, many thanks to the Cossayuna Fire Department for their continued support, as well as Battenkill Community Services for their help with food preparation. CFC's work would not be made possible without the efforts and commitment of their community partners.

If you have questions regarding the Chicken Dinner, please reach out to Haley Graves at [haley@comfortfoodcommunity.org](mailto:haley@comfortfoodcommunity.org) or 518-791-2152. Thank you!

# Ashlar Lodge update

Ashlar Lodge F. and A.M. #584 Worshipful Master Arek Gordon welcomed back 9 members after a long COVID winter at a stated meeting of the lodge on Monday, April 5.

"It is good to be back," explained Gordon. "We have plans for the Spring with a Lodge Improvement Sunday morning, chicken BBQ fundraiser and the election of officers."

The upcoming calendar has the Lodge Improvement Day on Sunday April 18 starting at 9 am. The next stated meeting of Ashlar Lodge will be on April 19 at 7:30 pm. The program is "the Masonry You Make". A Chicken BBQ fundraiser is planned for May 22. Ashlar Lodge is looking for members to help out on the Lodge Improvement Day and the Chicken BBQ, so mark the calendar.

The plan for Ashlar Lodge is to maintain its tradition of excellence in Masonic ritual, but it will also spend more time improving and building stronger the Lodge.

Today, with more than 40 members and more than a century and a quarter of service to the community and charitable organizations, local Masons are currently supporting the causes of the national Masonic organization as well as local groups and organizations.



# Chicken and biscuits

The Greenwich Bottskill Baptist Church will be hosting a take out chicken and biscuit dinner Saturday, April 17th. All tickets must be pre-ordered. Menu includes home made chicken and biscuit and mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, cranberry sauce, coleslaw, roll and cake. There are limited tickets available so be sure to call soon to arrange your pick up time. Cost: \$12 per person. Masks required at pickup. Call 518-692-2731.

# Guard promotion

Major General Ray Shields, the Adjutant General for the State of New York, announces the recent promotion of members of the New York Army National Guard in recognition of their capability for additional responsibility and leadership.

Paul Wood from Schuylerville, N.Y., and assigned to the Company G, 427th Brigade Support Battalion received a promotion to the rank of private 1st class on February 12, 2021.

Army National Guard promotions are based on overall performance, attitude, leadership

ability, and development potential. These promotions additionally recognize the best qualified Soldiers and attract and retain

the highest caliber Citizen Soldiers for a career in the New York Army National Guard.



Paul Wood, right

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# Use celebrity gossip as a learning opportunity

**Daneen Skube**

*Special to Journal & Press*

**Q:** *Everyone in my workplace is talking about the Meghan Markle and Prince Harry interview with Oprah. Since none of this has any impact on work productivity I fail to understand co-workers waste time gossiping about people they don't even know. Why do people become fascinated with these stories, why does the media obsess, and why does it get brought into the workplace?*

**A:** The reason people in the workplace become obsessed with stories like Meghan and Harry leaving the monarchy is because the story is a metaphor or symbol for larger social change. In discussing the story the media and people are attempting to work out the social issues that the story represents.

As we emerge from the pandemic globally many people have shifted values and priorities. Issues like racism, sexism, mental health and the vast power institutions have over our well-being are in the spotlight. The Markle controversy is front page because her experience contains all these issues in one person's story.

People do not just want to gossip they want to understand social influences that affect their lives. We are not returning to the workplace or world we left behind in early 2020. We're returning to a workplace where all the issues in the Markle story are on the front burner.

How do we create workplaces, unlike the monarchy, where diversity is welcome, where we address our mental health issues, and where we can discuss and improve the unhealthy influences of institutions?

Many people that find tradition comforting will see these conversations as a betrayal of the old guard. Even if we challenge the old guard with diplomacy, with transparency and with respect the status quo tends to fight back if real change is threatened.

As you listen to your co-workers gossiping listen not just to the story but to each person's interpretation of the story. Who defends the status quo, who finds inconvenient truths upsetting, who finds the promise of a better status quo intriguing? People around us reveal themselves not just in what they talk about but in how they talk about it.

The story of Markle challenges each of us to

think about the way we sometimes participate in our own downfall. How it can take extreme suffering to get us to speak out and leave the status quo. Moreover, how frightening it is to end up in a position where challenging the status quo, with all the backlash, is the only healthy option you have.

Now when you read the news tomorrow notice what the media (and our society) is obsessing about lately. Realize these stories are simply symbols of issues many of us are trying to figure out. Let these stories challenge you to think broadly about our nation, our society, and your workplace. The growing pains of a rapidly changing world are never without drama and the drama is playing out in the lives of those we obsess about in and out of the workplace.

## The last word(s)

**Q:** *I heard the term "vaccine euphoria" the other day. I haven't had my shot yet and wondered do people really feel euphoric after getting both their shots?*

**A:** Yes, most of my colleagues and clients that are fully vaccinated experience a huge mental health boost. The vaccine gives each of us the power to avoid death and permanent disability (at least from the virus) and that is really good for our emotional health!

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## Music From Salem earns grant

Music from Salem is the recipient of the 2020 Stewart's Holiday Match grant that supports programs for children and youth. This generous grant makes possible an outreach to a young local audience by offering free workshops that provide a lively introduction to classical music making and listening, featuring Music from Salem musicians. The 2021 workshops will be held at the Historic Salem Courthouse and at the Greenwich Youth Center if Covid restrictions are lifted. These workshops for young listeners, which have been offered since 2011, are an important part of Music from Salem's season, which also features chamber music concerts, garage lawn performances, emerging artists workshops, listening clubs, which will take place throughout the summer.



Each year from Thanksgiving to Christmas, customers of Stewart's Shops donate to the support of programs that help children. Stewart's matches their gifts and then makes grants to organizations throughout the region. Music from Salem is tremendously appreciative of the generosity of Stewart's Shops and the great community they represent. If you wish to learn more about the Stewart's Shops contributions program, visit [www.stewartsshops.com/community-giving](http://www.stewartsshops.com/community-giving)

Music from Salem brings together musicians of international reputation to prepare and perform chamber music in the peace and beauty of rural Washington County. Chamber music is classical music written for a small group of performers, and includes a range of styles, from the 18th century to today. Concerts are intimate, with most held at Cambridge's Hubbard Hall, whose fine acoustics enhance the listener's experience. Garage Lawn concerts are held at Brown Farm in Salem, where MfS originated in 1986. Music from Salem also leads educational workshops and conducts violin, viola, and cello seminars for emerging young artists. Visit [www.musicfromsaalem.org](http://www.musicfromsaalem.org)

# Holy Cross update

Salem's Holy Cross Catholic Church holds Mass on Sunday's at 8:30 AM. Mass at St. Patrick's, Cambridge, is held on Sundays at 11:00 AM. St. Joseph's in Greenwich will continue to post Sunday Mass on You Tube 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). It can be accessed later at You Tube channel named "St. Joseph's Church in Greenwich, NY".

This year has put a strain on diocesan finances and it will have

a great deal of difficulty functioning with a drastically reduced income. It has helped a multitude of people during the pandemic along with its usual charitable works. If you are able, please respond to the mailing or go online at [donate.thediocesanappeal.org](http://donate.thediocesanappeal.org).

For information and great resources, check the website [www.battenkillcatholic.org](http://www.battenkillcatholic.org) and the Battenkill Cluster Facebook page. To reach Holy Cross or St. Patrick's by email use; [parishoffice@battenkillcatholic.org](mailto:parishoffice@battenkillcatholic.org).

## Cleanup set for 4/17

Just ahead of Earth Day, the Cambridge Food Co-op is hosting a road-side trash pick-up. We welcome everyone (though, must be over the age of 12) to come and help us keep our community beautiful and litter-free. This event is open to anyone in the community!

The group will meet at 9:00 am on Saturday, April 17, 2021 (rain date: April 18) in the Cambridge Food Co-op parking lot (the back lot off of Railroad Avenue). There, participants will sign-in, and we'll hand out orange vests and trash bags before caravanning to the clean-up site on County Route 59.

Please come prepared for getting a little dirty. Wear appropriate clothing, BRING YOUR OWN GLOVES, a hat, sunscreen, bug

spray, and water.

If you are interested in taking part, please visit [www.cambridgefoodcoop.com/events](http://www.cambridgefoodcoop.com/events). On the website you can register for the event. Registration is not required, but is helpful for us to coordinate things ahead of time.

The Cambridge Food Co-op is a locally-owned grocery store that focuses on providing the community access to wholesome foods, much of which is local, regional, and/or organic. It also sells bulk coffees, teas, spices, and grains. Everyone is welcome to shop at the Co-op! The Co-op is located at One West Main Street, Cambridge, NY. [www.cambridgefoodcoop.com](http://www.cambridgefoodcoop.com). 518-677-5731.

## Plant sale in Cambridge

On Friday and Saturday, May 14-15 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., the Cambridge Historical Society & Museum will sponsor a huge plant sale. The sale will take place at the greenhouse and parking lot of Coral's Corner & Cones, 35 N.Park Street (Route 22), in Cambridge. All plants have been grown locally by Coral's Corner, as well as well-known gardener Al Rapp. Included will be many varieties of flowering annuals, perennials, hanging plants, and vegetables. The Museum is happy to be able to hold this fundraiser after over a year of being unable to offer the many events from previous years due to the virus. Support the Museum and go home with beautiful plants to enjoy in your garden.

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# Greenwich football cruises to 3-0

**Evan Felicetti**  
*Journal & Press*

On Sunday the 11th, the Greenwich varsity football team added another impressive win to their record, to improve to a perfect 3-0. Sunday's game saw the Witches defeat Chatham in a convincing 35-16 victory, on the road. This win has been very consistent with Greenwich's play so far this season, which has seen a 34-0 victory against Voorheesville in week one, and a 36-7 victory over Stillwater in week two.

The Witches' victory over Chatham saw an offense that did an effective job both in the pass and run games. For rushing, three players stood out the most. These were Matt Conlin, Alex Curtis, and Jessie Kuzmich. Conlin had 17 carries for 98 yards (2 touchdowns), Curtis had 9 carries for 75 yards (1 touchdown), and Kuzmich had 9 carries for 101 yards (1 touchdown). Kuzmich, Greenwich's Quarterback, completed 4 passes on 10 attempts, for a total of 31 yards and one passing touchdown. Receiving, Jackson Vanderhoff pulled in 3 catches for 23 yards (1 touchdown), and Deontae Bennett

pulled in 1 catch for 8 yards. Bennett also had an impressive interception while playing defense, catching a ball initially deflected by teammate Alex Curtis.

Pictured is Alex Curtis sprinting down the right side of the field and into the end zone, giving the Witches an initial 7-0 lead. Curtis' touchdown run was one of four for a Greenwich running game that has explosive power.

When asked about his team's success thus far this year, Greenwich head coach Brandon Linnett praised the leaders on his team, especially amongst his seniors. "I attribute our success to an experienced QB and senior class with excellent leadership skills. With limited prep time for our season, it was crucial to hit the ground running. This leadership along with an extremely prepared coaching staff has helped us be successful," remarked Coach Linnett.

On Saturday, April 17th, the Witches hit the road for their next game against the Cambridge/Salem Indians. Cambridge/Salem is looking to avenge a loss against Lake George/Hadley-Luzerne on Saturday the 10th, where they fell 27 to 14.



**Alex Curtis –dan pemrick photos**



**Matt Conlin also scores**

## Schuylerville library grant; chat 4/28

Schuylerville Public Library has been selected as one of 200 libraries to participate in Libraries Transforming Communities: Focus on Small and Rural Libraries, an American Library Association (ALA) initiative that helps library workers better serve their small and rural communities.

The competitive award comes with a \$3,000 grant that will help the Library start a conversation

about digital inequality, lack of broadband access in rural areas, and ways that the Library and community can begin to alleviate some of these issues. The Library plans to involve local and state officials in the conversation and hopefully in the solutions.

"We are so proud to be chosen for this amazing opportunity," said Library Director Caitlin Johnson. "This grant will allow our library to begin bridging some of the digital

divide that our rural area is facing, which has been especially apparent during COVID-19 as we have all had to pivot to remote learning and teleworking."

As part of the grant, Library staff will host a hybrid online conversation/survey with residents about digital inequity and local needs and use the ALA grant funds to supply the community with additional wireless hotspots to borrow and an additional Li-

brary-sponsored wireless network in the community.

If you are interested in getting involved or taking part in the conversation, please drop by the Library for a paper survey or join the virtual conversation on April 28 at 5pm by registering on the Library's event calendar beforehand. For more information, contact Caitlin Johnson at [cjohnson@sals.edu](mailto:cjohnson@sals.edu) or 518-695-6641.

# Legal Notices

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION GREENWICH CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a public hearing of the qualified voters of the Greenwich Central School District, Washington County, Greenwich, New York, will be held in the High School building in said District on Monday, May 10, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. prevailing time, for the presentation of the budget.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a vote will be taken of all those qualified to vote at School District Meetings in said District at the Greenwich Primary School Building, Greenwich, New York, on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 and the polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. E.S.T. until 8:00 p.m., E.S.T.; at such time the voters of the District will vote upon the following matters:

1. To adopt the annual budget of the School District for the fiscal year and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District.
2. To elect one (1) member of the Board for a five-year term to succeed Mrs. Erin Boivin whose term expires on June 30, 2021

### EQUIPMENT PROPOSITION:

SHALL the Board of Education be authorized to: (1) acquire school buses at maximum estimated cost of not to exceed \$245,750; (2) expend such sum for such purpose; (3) levy the necessary tax therefore, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education taking into account state aid; and (4) in anticipation of the collection of such tax, issue bonds and notes of the District and/or enter into installment purchase agreements at one time or from time to time in the principal amount of not to exceed \$239,250, and levy a tax to pay the interest on said obligations when due?

### LIBRARY PROPOSITION:

Resolved, Shall the Board of Education be authorized to increase the appropriation to support the Greenwich Free Library from \$99,837 to \$103,541 and the appropriation to support the Easton Library from \$42,586 to \$44,123 annually?

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required to fund the School District's budget for 2021-2022, exclusive of public monies, may be obtained by any resident of the district during business hours beginning fourteen days before the vote, except Saturday, Sunday or holidays, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education shall be filed with the Clerk of said School District at her office in the Middle Grade school, not later than Monday, April 19, 2021, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Each petition shall be directed to the Clerk of the District and shall be signed by at least 25 voters of the District, must state the name and residence of the candidate and shall describe the specific vacancy for which the candidate is nominated.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots/military ballots will be obtainable between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, except holidays, from the District Clerk. Completed applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m., prevailing time, on Tuesday, May 18, 2021.

A list of persons to whom absentee ballots are issued will be available for inspection to qualified voters of the District in the office of the District Clerk on each of the five (5)

days prior to the election between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on weekdays prior to the day set for the annual election and on May 18, 2021, the day set for the election. Any qualified voter present in the polling place may object to the voting of the ballot upon appropriate grounds for making his/her challenge and the reasons therefore known to the Inspector of Election before the close of the polls.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the qualified voters of the School District shall be entitled to vote at said annual vote and election. A qualified voter is one who is (1) a citizen of the United States of America, (2) eighteen (18) years of age or older, and (3) resident within the School District for a period of thirty (30) days next preceding the annual vote and election. The School District may require all persons offering to vote at the budget vote and election to provide one form of proof of residency pursuant to Education Law Section 2018-c. Such form may include a driver's license, a non-driver identification card, a utility bill, or a voter registration card. Upon offer of proof of residency, the School District may also require all persons offering to vote to provide their signature, printed name and address.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to a rule adopted by the Board and in accordance with Sections 2035 and 2008 of the Education Law, any referendum or propositions to amend the budget, otherwise to be submitted for voting at said election, must be filed with the Greenwich Central School Board of Education at the Middle Grade Building on or before April 19, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. prevailing time; must be typed or printed in English, must be directed to the Clerk of the School District and signed by at least 25 qualified voters of the District; and must state the name and residence of each signer. However, the School board will not entertain any petition to place before the voters or any proposition for the purpose of which is not within the powers of the voters to determine, or

any proposition which fails to include a specific appropriation where the expenditure of monies is required by the proposition.

Denise Smith  
District Clerk

Publication Date: April 2, 2021, April 15, 2021, April 29, 2021 and May 13, 2021

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

For the approval of a Cable Television Agreement between Spectrum Northeast, LLC and the Village of Argyle

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Village of Argyle

will hold a Public Hearing on May 3, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. at the J.A. Barkley Fire

House, Route 40, Argyle, New York regarding granting a cable television

franchise agreement by and between the Village of Argyle and

Spectrum Northeast, LLC,

an indirect subsidiary of Charter Communication.

A copy of the agreement is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the VILLAGE Clerk's, office, at 52 Sheridan Street, Argyle, New York. At such public hearing, all persons will be given an opportunity to be heard. Written and oral statements will be taken at time. Time limitations may be imposed for each oral statement, if necessary.

Dated: April 10, 2021

By Order of the Board

Village of Argyle

# G'wich CSD breaks ground for \$8.1M projects

**Rio Riera Arbogast**  
*Journal & Press*

On Tuesday, April 6th, Greenwich Central School held a groundbreaking ceremony to celebrate a plethora of new campus developments tied to its most recent capital project referendum of \$8,100,000. The event was attended by district administration and staff, as well as participating architectural and construction management firms. The project will establish new programming facilities for students and as well as bolster infrastructural renovations across all three buildings, with an expected completion date for most of them by December 2021.

Two major developments the site is undergoing relates to expanded programming for students, both in response to community feedback. The construction of a new Health and Wellness Center, as well as a larger greenhouse for the school's agriculture department, will allow for a variety of emergent educational opportunities.

The Health and Wellness Center, to be located in the front of the high school building, will house existing weightlifting gear as well as introduce Lifetime fitness equipment, including treadmills and stationary cycling machines. Its multipurpose space will provide holistic offerings, such as yoga, in an effort to appeal to a variety of student needs. The district hopes that the facility will offer youth options outside of physical education classes and the school's pre-existing weight room space. As Laura Lemoine, Vice President of the Board of Education for GCSO, expresses, "[These] programs will really open up the window of opportunity for students... it's going to be really critical for the wellness of our community and our students."

The school's efforts to expand its Agriculture Suite, particularly its on-site greenhouse, will allow stu-

dents to further their studies in this department. With an estimated 80% of Greenwich students taking at least one agriculture-oriented class while enrolled, the plan to grow the space is expected to have a wide-reaching impact. The high school's greenhouse currently focuses on growing fresh lettuce and has been so successful that it supplies the school cafeteria. Student enthusiasm for the hands-on nature of the project inspires them to tend to the plants outside of class time. As Greenwich's economy is strongly rooted in the agriculture industry, facilities that nurture students' understanding of working with crops can prepare them for future careers locally.

The school will also be undergoing a series of key facility upgrades. One of these is creating more accessible campus grounds for community members with disabilities. The high school building will be updating its front entrance ramp system, as well as establishing two to three designated parking spaces next to the cafeteria. The school's Health and Wellness Center will also be accessible to people with disabilities. Accessibility inquiries were first brought to the district's attention by a local parent. As superintendent Mark Fish explains, "A community member was concerned that when her

## **'The Wellness Center will be located in front of the HS.'**

husband came here he had trouble getting in to see his grandkids when they were in the auditorium, so we just felt that that needed to be a priority for us." In honoring the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) across campus, GCSO hopes to cultivate a more inclusive environment.

In addition to the above developments, the district will also be working on a variety of infrastructural



upgrades. In the middle grade building, windows will be replaced with new, more energy-efficient models. Plumbing fixtures in the middle grade and primary building will be revamped. Equipment will be replaced on the primary school playground to improve recreation. The high school will have a section of roofing replaced and its front steps will be redone. And lastly, the school's new baseball and softball fields will have their dugouts designed with heightened safety measures in mind.

The school usually engages in its annual budget process with \$100,000 designated for campus facility maintenance. These funds, however, can only be applied to one building per year. Through the partially state-funded capital project referendum, however, more abundant funding is available to the district. As a result, GCSO will be able to work on all of its buildings simultaneously. Mosaic Architects was chosen to design new site plans. Once these were prepared, the school held its bidding process. Upon opening up for bids, they encountered

great enthusiasm with 25 to 30 construction management firms attending the district's initial bidding meeting. Eventually, Schoolhouse Construction emerged as the winning construction management firm. Both Mosaic and Schoolhouse are locally active and have been also working on a recent project in Salem.

Efforts to push the project forward have been rooted in complementary collaboration across stakeholder lines. As Fish notes, "We have a very supportive board here [which] works very hard and very well together." Lemoine confirms this sentiment as she shares, "It's great working in a community that works together for the goal of our students."

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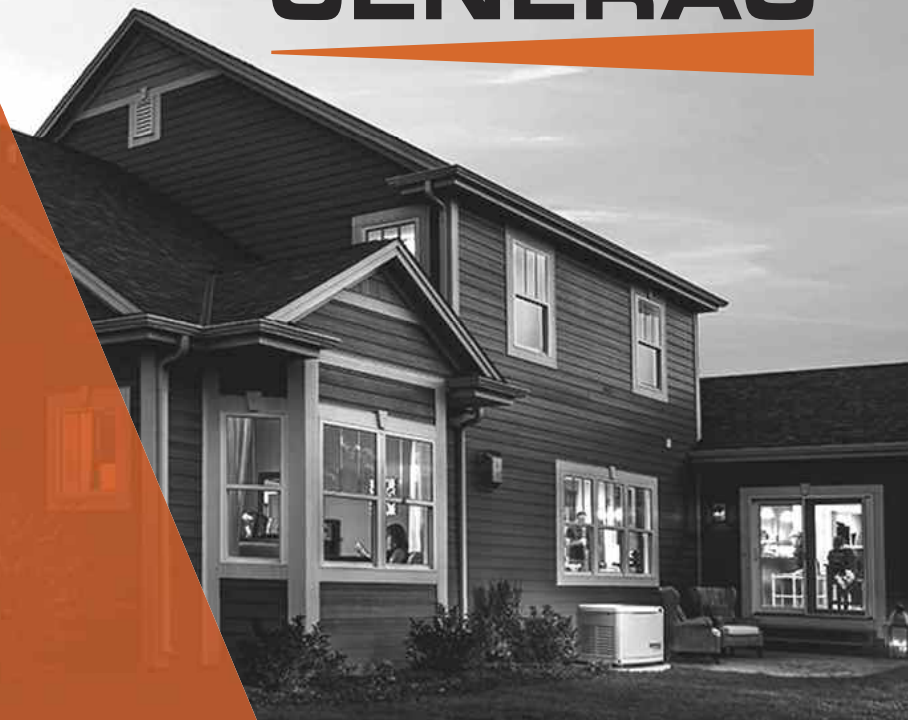
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## J&J vaccine nixed on campus

SUNY Chancellor Jim Malatras made the following announcement on April 13 regarding distribution of the Johnson & Johnson Covid vaccine on its campuses:

“SUNY is following the recommendation of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the New York State Department of Health to immediately pause, out of an abundance of caution, administering the Johnson & Johnson one-shot vaccine. We are working with New York State to locate and receive alternative COVID-19 vaccines for our students. We urge all students with appointments for the Johnson & Johnson vaccine to contact their campus or vaccination site because alternatives have already been found in some instances.

“Our priority will always be the health and safety of our students. We encourage any student who received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine and is experiencing any health effects such as headache, abdominal pain, leg pain, or shortness of breath within three weeks after vaccination to contact their campus or healthcare provider.

“While we must not slow down the process of protecting our students from the COVID-19 virus, we must also do all we can to ensure their safety and health every step of the way. We will keep our campus communities informed as more information becomes available.”

The 34 SUNY campuses that got the allotment of J&J vaccines are:

Farmingdale State College, UAlbany, Adirondack Community College, New Paltz, Corning Community College, Old Westbury, Oneonta, Orange County Community College, Potsdam, Canton, Rockland Community College, Suffolk County Community College,

Finger Lakes Community College, Monroe Community College, Niagara County Community College, Broome Community College, Cortland, Genesee Community College, Jefferson Community College, Mohawk Valley Community College, SUNY Morrisville, Binghamton University, Brockport, Buffalo State, University at Buffalo, Delhi, Geneseo, Maritime College, Optometry, Oswego, Polytechnic Institute, Alfred State College, Alfred University – NYS College of Ceramics and Stony Brook University.



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# Cambridge Crossword

(solution page 24)

## Across

- 1 2019 Pan American Games city  
 5 Present to an audience  
 10 Nat's hat  
 13 Norse deity  
 14 Syndicated show, say  
 15 Smooth-talking  
 17 "It's been a while since I shopped till I dropped?"  
 20 Revise  
 21 Bud  
 22 Annually  
 23 \_\_\_ Cruces  
 25 Convent figure  
 27 Pastoral exhortation to a graffiti artist?  
 32 Belgian \_\_\_  
 33 Special ops acronym  
 34 Some bank jobs  
 38 Lack  
 40 Set down  
 42 Bender  
 43 Meddles  
 45 Pack (down)  
 47 Mauna \_\_\_

48 Bargain hunter's forte?

- 51 Moby-Dick, e.g.  
 53 Vote in favor  
 54 Many Oscar night attendees  
 55 Sun, for one  
 58 Social division  
 62 Trojan king struck dumb?  
 65 Sources of cones  
 66 Dabbling ducks  
 67 Cable car  
 68 Fabled beast  
 69 Ad guy responsible for four long puzzle answers?  
 70 Roll call call

## Down

- 1 Kinks title woman with "a dark brown voice"  
 2 Word after fallen or false  
 3 Like new  
 4 Actress Kinsey of "The Office"  
 5 Asian honorific  
 6 Census worker, for one

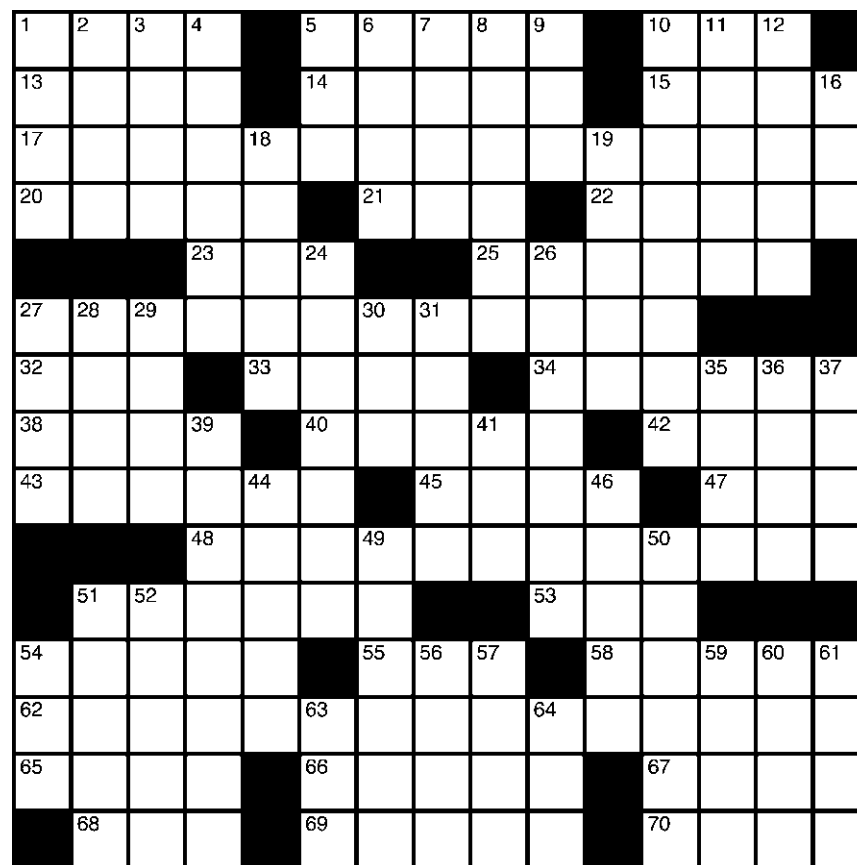
7 Location

- 8 Legislation that varies from state to state  
 9 Eclectic musician Brian  
 10 Prepare for print  
 11 Buenos \_\_\_  
 12 Earnest requests  
 16 "\_\_\_ Blues": Beatles "White Album" song  
 18 Cafeteria stack  
 19 Buffalo skater  
 24 Intervenes  
 26 Prague's region  
 27 Maxims  
 28 It often undergoes changes  
 29 First female attorney general  
 30 Burt's musical collaborator  
 31 Send  
 35 Arias, usually  
 36 Animation product  
 37 Unattached  
 39 Joint Chiefs, for example  
 41 Joltin' joe?

44 Refracting polyhedron

- 46 Intimidate mentally, with "out"  
 49 "The Last of the Mohicans" author  
 50 Toast word  
 51 Heart chambers  
 52 Hideouts  
 54 Banana Boat letters  
 56 Copy room unit  
 57 One sometimes seen with Boris  
 59 Withered  
 60 Romanov title  
 61 Salinger character who says, "I prefer stories about squalor"  
 63 "The Racer's Edge"  
 64 Gp. that sometimes has an added "y"

ANSWERS ON PAGE 26.



# Word Find

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

Find these words that are associated with what you'd find in a dorm.

Beanbag  
Beds

Blankets  
Books  
Caps  
Charger  
Clothes  
Desk  
Dresser  
Headphones

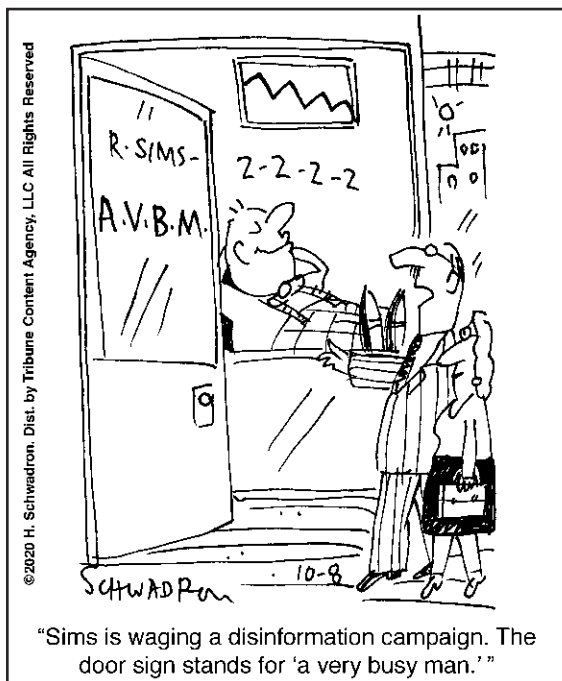
Lamp  
Movies  
Mugs  
Notebook  
Pads  
Pants  
Pennant  
Pens

Pillows  
Pram  
Printer  
Shirts  
Shoes  
Smartphone  
Snacks  
Storage bin

Towels

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## 9 to 5 by Harley Schwadron



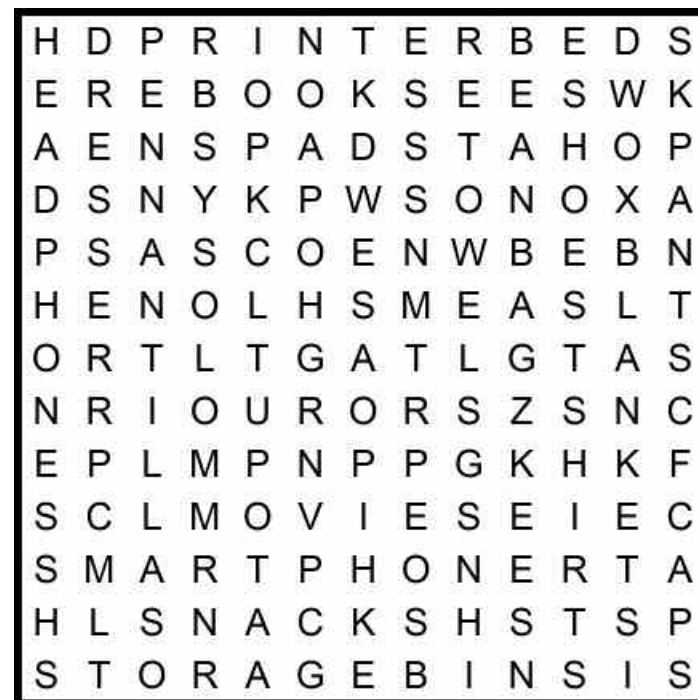
## Fast Facts

### Poverty

How the government defines poverty

	Household income	Poverty thresholds Used to calculate statistics	Poverty guidelines Used to determine eligibility for social services
1 person	\$13,172	\$13,172	\$12,880
2 people	\$16,725	\$16,725	\$17,420
3 people	\$20,586	\$20,586	\$21,960
4 people	\$26,495	\$26,495	\$26,500

Source: Census Bureau, Department of Health and Human Services  
 Graphic: Tribune News Service



## It's syringe season

**Cody Fitzgerald**  
*Journal & Press*

Remember that time that you single-handedly had the ability to save lives and get the world back to normal? No, I'm not talking about when you put a magnet to your computer during Y2K, I'm talking about right now. I, for one, am getting really sick of being too embarrassed to eat or use a urinal in front of other people, and when society reopens I can get used to these things again. I've noted several times that the quarantine gave me plenty of time to focus on myself, and put me in probably the happiest state of my life. If this continues, it's looking like I'm going to be so happy and high on myself that I will pursue world domination, which you do not want. You can very simply put a stop to my impending reign of terror, and all you need to do is get the vaccine.

Look, I know. People can't find a Bible verse to quote and convince you not to get it, so they've busted out the tin foil hats. Let's quickly dispute some of these conspiracy theories. First of all, I hate to break it to you, but you are not interesting enough for Bill Gates to microchip. This claim that Microsoft cares enough about you to watch your every move is simply not true, and that's the best way to put it. The irony of it is, you're probably within some vicinity of your cell phone while reading this, simply saying "history" is enough to trigger your "Hey, Siri" function on a device that is constantly listening to you. If you let Santa Claus and Tim Cook do it, Bill Gates shouldn't be given any trouble. (Let's clarify, however, that this is NOT TRUE).

To dispute a more popular theory, no, the vaccine is not killing anybody. According to the CDC (you see this people, I'm using sources, and you know that if I put this much effort into literally anything I'm serious about it), "A review of available clinical information [for patients who died following their vaccination] including death certificates, autopsy, and medical records revealed no evidence that vaccination contributed to patient deaths." Put simply, if I get my COVID vaccine and then throw myself in front of a bus, it was likely the bus that killed me. Journalists reporting things like this in an attempt to misinform the public should be hanging their heads in shame right along with those who incited a terrorist attack on the Capitol by doing the same thing falsely reporting on the election. Ideally, we'd live in a world where we could trust all the news we hear, but we obviously do not. It's your job to look deeper into what you see, and don't just believe everything you read online. You're better than that.

Let's also briefly talk about reliability. If you broke your arm and required medical attention, would you want to be seen by Dr. Fauci or some 45 year old with three teeth hiding behind their Facebook profile with a "PHD in Beer" t-shirt eating PRINGLES? I'd like to think you answered Dr. Fauci, so why should advice on the vaccine be any different? It's not only Dr. Fauci, the CDC and 82% of doctors (according to a Doximity poll) would recommend getting the vaccine. 82% may seem low, but when you factor in that most commercials will tell you only 9 out of 10 dentists recommend toothpaste, it's obvious that there's al-

issues important to their communities. These virtual meetings will be the last week in April. Space is limited and those interested in participating are invited to call Carrie's office to reserve a spot and to enable them to connect to the event: 518-584-5493.

The virtual town hall schedule is as follows:

Tuesday April 27 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Wednesday April 28, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 29, 1-2:30 p.m.



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ways going to be standouts in stupidity.

At the end of the day, just please know that the COVID vaccine is safe and you can and will save lives by taking it. If you go to <https://covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov>, you can sign up easier than you can to get a Netflix subscription. I like to think I speak for a very large portion of the population when I ask you to truly look into the vaccine, further than social media will take you. Put party aside, remember the vaccine is a grey needle, not red or blue. This is our time to step up, do what's right and save lives. Not only that, but the sooner this gets done, the sooner our lives go back to normal. I don't want to pander, and I don't want to insult your intelligence. I could've wrapped this article up in one sentence, telling you that a vaccine card will get you free glazed donuts at Krispy Kreme, but I want to be as genuine as possible. Now is the time, please do what's right.

*Cody Fitzgerald is a current high school senior satirizing anything and everything he can get his hands on. Aspiring to become "one of the cool" High School English teachers, he hopes to share this outlook/coping mechanism with future generations.*



## Virtual meetups with Woerner

Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner (D-Round Lake) announced that she will be hosting three virtual town hall meetings in the last week in April to provide legislative updates and hear from constituents. These town halls will provide members of the community to share their suggestions and concerns, and ask questions about

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## Answers

**Boggle:** APE MOLE MULE PANDA MOOSE  
MOUSE WHALE IMPALA ALPACA

**Jumble:** HUTCH EMCEE SALARY JUSTLY  
**Final Jumble:**  
"HAY" THERE

## Salem Sudoku

(solution below)

7				2				
	2	5	7	8				
	8	6		9			5	
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L <sub>1</sub>	O <sub>1</sub>	V <sub>4</sub>	E <sub>1</sub>	R <sub>1</sub>	L <sub>1</sub>	Y <sub>4</sub>	RACK 5 =	<b>71</b>	
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9	7	2	3	7	1	8	6	5
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# Worried about history being erased? Worry about Covid.

Lance Allen Wang  
*Journal & Press*

In January 1947, the Washington Post quoted Soviet leader Josef Stalin – “If only one man dies of hunger, that is a tragedy. If millions die, that is only statistics.” Perhaps no quote better captures the cold calculus of death on a massive scale like we’re seeing in this pandemic. I have a hard time visualizing numbers as we approach 600,000 dead in the United States, let alone as we approach 3 million dead world-wide. Perhaps because of quite literally unimaginable numbers of victims, it is hard for science skeptics to see COVID-19 as the dangerous foe that it is.

Not long ago, a story caught my eye of a particular COVID-19 death. And I realized as I read his story that there are people who tangentially touched my life that bring this plague even closer to home. Every day more of America’s story dies.

When I was growing up, I used to watch various kids shows. My parents sat me down in front of the 12-inch black and white Motorola and allowed Sesame Street, the Electric Company, and a low-budget kids show called Wonderama, starring Bob McCallister, to babysit me. Before Bob began hosting Wonderama, the host was a fellow named Sonny Fox.

Sonny Fox was a World War II veteran. During the war he was assigned to the 106th Infantry Division, known as the “Golden Lion” division. They were a new unit, primarily made up of draftees. It was the winter of 1944. The



Master Sergeant Edmonds

Allied generals decided to place the 106th in a relatively quiet position before the Ardennes Forest in order to get “seasoned.” Unfortunately, that was right before the Germans surprised the Allies by bursting through the Ardennes in an armored onslaught which brought on the famous Battle of the Bulge. Despite many individual acts of bravery, the 106th was decimated, resulting in over 6,000 Americans captured.

Sonny Fox was among those prisoners. So was Roddie Edmonds, who was sent with Fox and 1,274 other enlisted men to Stalag IX-B (a German prison camp). Edmonds, a stocky Tennessean, was a Master Sergeant and the ranking prisoner. One morning, the Commandant of the prison camp told him to have all the Jewish prisoners assemble. By this point in the war, it was abundantly clear what an instruction like that from the Nazis meant. When the Commandant approached the formation he saw every one of Edmonds’ hundreds of men assembled. He drew his pistol and placed it to Edmonds’ head, and ordered him to identify the Jewish prisoners. Edmonds stated, “We are all Jews here.” He said if he wanted to shoot the Jews, he would have to shoot all the American sol-

**‘In any case, goodness never needs to draw attention to itself.’**

diers. The Commandant relented. At least 300 American soldiers of the Jewish faith likely owed their lives to Master Sergeant Edmonds.

The late Chief Rabbi of England, Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, had a wonderful saying about humility – “Never seek publicity for what you do. If you deserve it, you will receive it. If you don’t, you will be attacked. In any case, goodness never needs to draw attention to itself.”

I don’t know if it was out of a sense of a humility or perhaps to simply put the war behind him as so many veterans tried to do, but Master Sergeant Edmonds never talked about this event after the war. After he died in 1985, his widow turned over his war diary to his son, who read the story and located several of the Jews



Sonny Fox hosting “Wonderama”

from the group. One of those Jews was a former kids’ TV host named Sonny Fox.

Sonny Fox, veteran, died of COVID-related pneumonia in January, 2021 having survived the Battle of the Bulge, Nazi imprisonment, and having witnessed one of the greatest unsung acts of personal and moral courage in American history.

Some postscripts:

- Yad Va Shem, the World Holocaust Remembrance Center in Jerusalem, recognized Master Sergeant Edmonds as “Righteous Among the Nations,” in 2016, which is bestowed upon those who saved Jews from the Holocaust. He is the sixth American so recognized, and the first of our fighting men.

- Among others from the “Golden Lion” Division who were captured at the Bulge was writer Kurt Vonnegut, who would go on to chronicle his experiences as a prisoner in Dresden in the 1969 novel “Slaughterhouse Five.”

- Not all American soldiers who were captured at the Bulge were fortunate enough to have a Master Sergeant Edmonds. 350 prisoners were separated and sent to the concentration camp at Berga to be worked to death as slave labor, and almost 100 died. This was kept classified for many years after the war due to the War Department switching focus towards the looming Cold War with the Soviet Union.

*Lance Allen Wang is a Councilman in the Town of White Creek who is also an Iraq Veteran and retired Army Infantry officer. He lives in Eagle Bridge, N.Y., with his wife Hatti.*



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