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## Voting for education

**We cover contested school board races in Greenwich, Schuylerville, Cambridge.**

School board and budget votes are happening May 18. This year, we have three contested school board races in our coverage area, including in Greenwich, Schuylerville and Cambridge – where five candidates are competing for two open seats. Is the election, though, a referendum on how the community feels about keeping the Indians sports name?

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## Vibrant life on the farm

We visit Lewis Waite Farm. One of the most stunning aspects of the farm is its beautiful pastoral setting. Its fields are situated on a rolling terrain, providing a lens to the foothills of Washington County, the Hudson River Valley and Vermont.

**Please read more on page 24**



## On Cloud Nine

**Kate Sausville**  
*Journal & Press*

Spring has sprung in upstate New York. Sure, there is still snow, and sleet, and freezing rain. We still have our heat on and fireplaces going, and yes dressing for the day can be challenging. Will I need a coat? A hat? An umbrella? Or will I be dying because the weatherman was wrong, and we hit 80-degrees? I see the kids walking to school in shorts on 30-degree mornings while I am bundled in winter gear with my heat on full blast. We get lulled into a false sense of spring one day with warm sun and gentle breezes, only to be blown back to reality the next day with gale-force winds, snow flurries, or pouring rain. They call this “mud season” in New England and I think that is an appropriate description of this time of year. I guess it is all part of the charm of living here, though truthfully, I’ll take mud season over black fly season any day.

Lately while driving down the main street in Greenwich, Cambridge, or Schuylerville, I have noticed quite a few people walking down the sidewalks and checking out local businesses. In the past month, at least three new businesses have opened in Greenwich alone. One thing that was difficult for me when I first moved to Washington County almost 20 years ago was the lack of options when it came to entertaining, dining, and shopping. Even basic supplies meant a 30 or a 40-minute drive to Saratoga or Glens Falls. Online ordering does help, but there are many things I like to see before I buy. There is also a connection when you buy locally that you can’t get from Amazon. During the height of the pandemic, some Amazon suppliers took advantage of the crisis to price

gouge. The local business is not likely to try to scam their customer base. Especially when you see your customers around town. I love shopping locally and am thrilled at the new business.

Last week we finally got to check out the Cloud Nine Coffee Lounge. It felt nice to sit in a locally owned coffee shop and have a meal. The breakfast sandwiches were delicious, the coffee fresh, and the atmosphere was lively. Besides coffee, Cloud Nine also offers smoothies, salads, baked goods, and sandwiches. They do have to-go meals as well. It is nice to have a spot in town where you can meet friends and relax over a cup of coffee.

Another newcomer to our town is the Muddy Trail Jerky Co. They make beef jerky that comes in 13 flavors, as well as seasoning mixes, dips, and rubs. They also have meal starters and baking mixes. Muddy Trail has a big presence at the farmer’s markets, but the store is located on Route 29 across from the Ice Cream Man. With grilling season upon us, go check them out to elevate your menu.

The pandemic forced many of us to start thinking outside the box, and local organizations were no exception. The Washington County Fair has done a phenomenal job of this. Last year when the Fair was canceled, they started having the food trucks in to make lemonade out of lemons, but it has been a wonderful addition to the Fairgrounds. Aside from a nice variety of food choices, they also have live music. My favorite food has to be the sugar fritters in the Methodist church booth. Not having to wait until Fair

**‘Food trucks have been a wonderful addition to the Fairgrounds.’**



**Cloud Nine Coffee Lounge –darren johnson photo**

week to feed my addiction to the sugary bread goodness that is the sugar fritter makes me happy. It has been exciting to see events that were canceled last year go on this year, especially the antique fair.

Christ the King Spiritual Life Center has been offering monthly community meals that highlight local businesses. So far, they have featured Better Bee Honey, Argyle Brewing Company, and the Argyle Cheese Farmer. If you have not been to their banquet room, it is gorgeous with a fabulous view of Washington county. Make reservations, enjoy a delicious meal, and take in the view.

Another local business, Hands Farm Stand is open for the season. They put on a new addition to the store over the winter, and it is so much bigger and brighter. I was excited to see that they still carry the two-pack of Nuns of New Skete

cheesecake. Perfect for when you have a craving but don’t want to feel like a hog. They also have King’s Dairy milk and ice cream available as well as local bread, meats, and cheeses. The greenhouse has a nice selection of flowering baskets, flowers, and herbs.

Lastly, we are all anxiously awaiting the Wallie’s of Greenwich grand opening. It feels as though the work has been going on forever, and the building looks amazing. Wallie’s has a lot of significance for many residents of the area, and it is nice that they were able to revive the structure and give it new life. There are a lot of good things happening locally, and it makes me feel very optimistic about the future.

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



# Five vie for two open seats in Cambridge

**Darren Johnson**  
*Journal & Press*

Judging by these signs (photo right) that have popped up all over town, Cambridge's May 18 school board election is actually more than just the typical civic exercise. Unofficially, the vote – which will take place 12 to 8 p.m. in the Elementary School Gym – is a referendum on the most heated issue here: Whether or not to keep the Indian sports name, amid increasing pressure to change it to something that doesn't single out a race of people.

But officially, the school board vote may more so be symbolic, as new board members won't take office until July, and the district hopes to have decided on the matter by June.

Still, make no mistake – the results of this race will surely send a message in this sharply divided community.

Up for grabs are two open school board seats and two of the contenders – David Shay Price and Dillon Honyoust – are very much in favor of keeping the Indian name. They spoke at a rally supporting that cause last weekend in Cambridge. Several

dozen people attended that, while, on the other side of town, a near equal number of people participated in a run/walk for indigenous people.

The district has been sponsoring Bridges mediation sessions online, which have had up to 100 people logging in. Though some proponents of the Indian name see the sessions as a quid pro quo for an inevitable change.

On May 12, the League of Women Voters sponsored a Virtual Meet the Candidates, and another 80 or so people logged in for that. Candidates Honyoust along with Tanya Clark, Sarah McMillan and Tim Ossont attended the session, which Shay Price could not attend due to a military deployment. McMillan has been one of the stronger voices in favor of creating a culture of diversity and inclusiveness in the district.

While he could not attend the virtual event, Price gave this newspaper a statement that said he hopes to: "Protect the CCS Indians name and promote a culture of respect and education with the help of our resident community experts, while supporting the implementation of the Cambridge Indians Scholarship Program;" and "Protect CCS curriculum and policies from controversial and divisive agendas."

Honyoust, who himself is Native American, also favors keeping the Indian name, and said he would attend the Bridges mediation sessions. "I do have an open mind and think it's a great learning experience for everyone," he said at the League of Women Voters event. "We need to promote self-awareness and kids feeling comfortable in their own skin."

Ossont said he would be in favor of CCS hav-



ing a more diverse culture, including the hiring of a more diverse faculty.

"We need to broaden our perspective and show that everyone matters," McMillan added. "That part is especially important in our community at this point in time."

Price, McMillan and Ossont are all certified teachers. Ossont added that he's a union rep in the Hoosic Valley district and has the most experience working as a liaison between the administration and the faculty and community.

Honyoust and Clark work in the private sector. Clark did not take a stance on the Indian question, but decried in her closing statement that a school board race shouldn't be political. "What's really at stake here is our children's future," she said.

Candidates were all in agreement that the district needs more practical programs where students could be paired with agriculture and business mentors in the community.

They also agreed, even with the controversy over the sports name, that a looming issue is the district recovering from the pandemic, and getting students back up to speed, while spending federal stimulus money wisely.

"It's been a long year and a half, and everyone is burned out," Ossont said. "We have to figure out how to handle the mental welfare of all of our community."



**David Shay Price**



**Dillon Honyoust**



**Tanya Clark**



**Sarah McMillan**



**Tim Ossont**

# Events coming to Historic Salem Courthouse

On Sunday afternoon May 23, at 3:00 p.m., the second of the three sonatas for violin and piano of Johannes Brahms will be presented. Sunny music of flowing melodies and serene images of the countryside in summer, Brahms wrote this work while at the peak of his creative powers and technical mastery. Also, to be performed is Cesar Franck's magnificent sonata for the same instruments, one of the tried-and-true mainstays of the repertoire and a prime example of colorful late-Romantic music at its best. Joining in the activities will be Lily Gallagher, a local resident and most capable pianist, now embarked on a college career in environmental studies. She will offer several short works of special interest, by Mozart, Schubert and Chopin, the latter composer a special favorite of hers.

On Sunday afternoon, June 20th, at 3 pm, another young performer, violinist Sofia Pereira, will appear. Ms.

Pereira, a skillful player and now a college sophomore who studies physics, will join Ms. Washiyama in performance of Bach's great "Double" Concerto in D Minor. Plus, we will have a visit by Dan and Kaori's son, Adam, presently in his third year at Cornell, who will provide "surprise" entertainment in his artistic and inimitable fashion. This program concludes with the third of Brahms' great sonatas, the brooding and dramatic D Minor, Op. 108.

Please come by for the finest in classical music in the safe and listener-friendly environment of the Historic Salem Courthouse, with its resplendent acoustics and comfortable seating. Price of admission is \$20.00 and can be purchased online at [salemcourthouse.org/events](http://salemcourthouse.org/events).

## Online Auction

The courthouse will offer an online auction of goods, services, arts and

crafts, and opportunities using [betterworld.org](http://betterworld.org). The auction will be held from June 1st from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. on Thursday, June 17th—just in time to win gifts for Father's Day, graduations, or summer enjoyment!

A photo and a description of items donated will appear online at [salem-courthouse.org](http://salem-courthouse.org) on June 1st. The courthouse has already received numerous donations from artisans and local businesses. Individuals can auction for a lunch gift certificate to Gardenworks, a new dog bed from [3dogpetsupply.com](http://3dogpetsupply.com), local art from Tom Kerr, Heather Bellanca and others, fine wood working from James Newman, hand woven silk scarves from Faith Perkins, and more. There are items for all budgets, and it is a great highlight and display of small business and artisans in Washington County.

With community support, the children, youth, and adults of our area will continue to participate in the programs and events offered by the Historic Courthouse Community Center. During this difficult past year, the Courthouse has offered a Wi-Fi spot for students to do their virtual schooling; a summer reading program; chamber music; art exhibits; the Shoppe Off Broadway; a summer community garden; the Battenkill Kitchen; food distribution to community families; and other services, despite the stresses of the pandemic and furloughing of staff. They also are engaged in new community initiatives such as grant writing to build an extension at the Courthouse to house a new cooler and freezer for the Food Pantry and partnering with Hudson Headwaters to bring a mobile health clinic van to the parking lot.



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## What is a library?

**Annie Miller**  
*Journal & Press*

If you think about it, a public library is really just an idea and an agreement housed in a building. It is the idea that we all deserve to have access to resources and an agreement that we will each contribute a bit to make that access possible.

Probably the greatest advocate for the idea and the agreement in this country, Robber Baron Andrew Carnegie funded grants to build total of 1,689 libraries across the United States between 1883 and 1929. He credited access to books for his rise from factory worker to wealthy industrialist and believed that public libraries would give others the chance to achieve. Whatever your opinions of Carnegie, he was right about what libraries can do for people who are interested in improving their lives.

Originally dedicated exclusively to print, libraries have been some of the first institutions to embrace the technological revolution of the 20th and 21st Centuries. Starting with our own record keeping, we have made good use of innovations that allow us to keep improving our services. Some may be nostalgic for the card catalogue, but it is the online version that makes the collections of all 59 libraries of the Southern Adirondack and Mohawk Valley library systems available to us in Greenwich.

To keep up with the tech tsunami of the past 50 years, libraries have had to make change a way of life. As we've adopted new tech, our aim has been to make it as useful and accessible as possible. We started with public desktop computers and printers, added WiFi as laptops became

popular and wireless printing as people began coming in with documents on their phones. Books have gone from paper to cassette to CD to digital. Movies went the same way. We have learned to both use and explain all these advancements to people who want to benefit from them. Some have become obsolete and left the shelves but other like DVD's and audio CD's are still with us even as new media come along. Of course, print books are a technology that continues to be the gold standard for people of all ages and, rightfully, occupy the most space on our shelves. We don't know what will be next, but you can be sure that libraries will figure out how to take it on and get it to our patrons.

In the hundred or so years since the last Carnegie library was built, society has changed

### **'We have welcomed children and made early literacy a focus.'**

a lot and so have libraries. We have included novels in our collections; a big controversy at the time. We have welcomed children and made early literacy a focus. We have added movies and other "pure entertainment" items to our shelves. Many libraries now check out computers and other tech gear. Museum passes are pretty common and some places have cake pans and sports equipment available. As communities change, libraries have evolved to meet their needs.

One profound shift has been that libraries have gone from being mostly quiet places for individuals to pursue their educational interests and goals, to



also being lively community centers. Book groups, play groups, gamers, knitters, exercisers, nonprofit boards and just about anyone you can imagine turn to the library for a place to gather and do their thing.

As libraries continue to meet the changing interpretations of the original idea, it should come as no surprise that the buildings in which they are housed must also change. Carnegie libraries are often architectural gems but they weren't built for computers or accessibility or modern heating. Even in much newer buildings, like ours in Greenwich, maintaining a place that meets the needs of the community requires periodic assessment and, when possible, updating.

As we come to the end of our current renovation project and prepare to open our doors again, we'd like to thank everyone for their patience and understanding. It is our profound hope that our new look and layout will serve you well for years to come. But even in the midst of the excitement about new furniture and better lighting, what we most look forward to is seeing you again. Because, in the end, the ideas, agreements and buildings are nothing without the people.

*Annie Miller in Director of the Greenwich Free Library.*



## Help Wanted

The Greenwich Free Library is looking for new and experienced volunteers to help run the circulation desk. Shifts are between 2 and 3 hours long, mornings, afternoons and evenings – there's even a Saturday shift. The Library can be flexible to match your schedule. If you can't make a long-term commitment, the Library will need help May 24th through the 28th to put the library back together. Any time you can give will be welcome. The Library is also hiring a new library clerk for 15 hours a week, afternoons and evenings, paying \$15 an hour. Contact Annie Miller at the library if any of these interest you: [amiller@sals.edu](mailto:amiller@sals.edu) or 518-692-7157.

# Two vie for one Greenwich school board seat

**Annabel Gregg**  
*Journal & Press*

The contest for the open seat on the Greenwich School Board is beginning to heat up, as the Tuesday, May 18 election date fast approaches. Incumbent Erin Boivin, who has been on the BOE for the past five-year term, is challenged by Granville teacher and long-time Greenwich resident Marie Grimmke.

In addition to serving the Board for the last term, Boivin currently works at National General Insurance Company. She is also a T-ball coach, 4-H leader, and a mother to two boys that attend GCS. Boivin also has a background in teaching, having received her Bachelor's in Elementary Education and a Master's in Special Education. "Once I had children, I decided to shift gears and began a career in insurance," she explained to the *Journal & Press*. "My current employer provides me with a home-based position that allows me the flexibility to be active with both my children and in the community."

That being said, Boivin had first decided to run "so I could be involved in the education world again," she said. "Having previously been a teacher, I was missing the interaction with students and their families. My position on the BOE helps me fulfill the passion I still have for learning and the education process." Since joining the Board, Boivin was part of the effort that navigated the district's decisions regarding the COVID crisis and remote learning. "We have demonstrated our strength as a BOE, specifically with being flexible and adaptive during these difficult and challenging times. We recognize and empathize with the teachers, students and their families during the recent pandemic."

Grimmke, in challenge, has been teaching English and Special Education for over 30 years at Galway, Granville, and even Greenwich as a per diem home instructor. "I decided to run for a seat on the Board of Education because I feel indebted to the superior education that the school has provided my children," said Grimmke, who has had two children go through the GCS school system, and one more rounding out his high school career. "I believe that future students deserve all the incredible opportunities that my children had."

Grimmke's candidacy brings forward lots of new ideas for changes within the Board of Edu-

cation and with fresh thoughts on addressing today's challenges.

One issue is post-COVID recovery. "While we are seeing fewer COVID cases every day, I am concerned about COVID's long-term academic effects," she told the *Journal & Press*. "I have been very happy to read that our district is adding and/or replacing staff, but I worry about the future, when one-time COVID relief money will have been spent. Some area districts are already planning on cutting staff or programs. How can we continue to provide a rich slate of academic offerings while presenting a reasonable tax burden?" Emotional recovery of students after the pandemic is also an important issue to Grimmke. "I am concerned about how we will support students who are returning to full-time learning after almost eighteen months of isolation, economic hardship, or have family members who suffered from the disease. All of our students will have suffered some form of loss."

Boivin comments that the Board has been unified and strong throughout the COVID crisis. "As a unified team, we always work together, listening to each other's perspectives and learn from our different strengths. We will always put students and education at the forefront of our decisions while keeping fiscal impacts to our community in mind," she explained. "If I am fortunate enough to be re-elected, I would like to advance my role in providing support for students, families and our district as we continue to identify and meet the demands raised by the recent pandemic."

Grimmke also emphasizes her desire to assure a feeling of safety within all students at GCS, especially regarding racism and xenophobia. "Lastly, the racial slur that was painted on a neighbor's house last spring was troubling to say the least. While it may not have been teens who committed the vandalism, I wonder how prevalent racial intolerance-and other forms of intolerance- is in our school. Are micro-aggressions something that some of our students routinely face?" said Grimmke. "I would like to see a student and parent survey distributed so that we can probe this issue," she added.

Boivin emphasizes that her commitment and dedication to GCS students and the rest of the Greenwich community will continue to thrive upon re-election. "Being a GCS graduate and now a parent in the district, I have a personal



**Erin Boivin, left, with family**



**Marie Grimmke**

vested interest in wanting the greatest success for Greenwich," explained Boivin. "I believe my experience on BOE at Greenwich, combined with my background as a parent, educator and my career in the insurance industry with fiscal duties gives me the diverse background needed to make quality decisions and the tools to be an even more effective board member."

Grimmke and Boivin will face off on Tuesday, May 18 for the Board of Election seat. Polls are open from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM at the Greenwich Primary School Gym. The Board of Education Budget will also be on the ballot on May 18.

## Kids and dynamite, new librarian

**Kaylee Johnson**  
*Journal & Press*

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

**100 Years Ago**  
**May 25, 1921**

The possibility of a strike by the employees of the Hudson Valley Railroad that would tie up all the trolley lines in this section has been brought to the front by the action of men on the request of the company that they run cars into The Troy Strike Zone. The men of the Glens Falls Union voted unanimously not to take the cars into Troy until the strike is settled.

**80 Years Ago**  
**May 28, 1941**

Gardner Fountain, 13, of Whitehall suffered a badly mangled left hand Tuesday evening when a dynamite cap he was holding exploded. His left hand, with the exception of his little finger, had to be amputated. The boy also sustained a deep cut over the right eye, but is thought probable he will not lose his sight. The eye was also burned by the powder.

Eric Hobus, 12, who was standing near Fountain when the cap exploded, received deep cuts on his left side and abrasions and cuts of his face neck. The two boys and some companions found the dynamite cap in a marsh and young Fountain took a nail and stuck it into the cap. The explosion followed.

**70 Years Ago**  
**May 23, 1951**

Kim Gannon of Greenwich wrote the lyrics for the new musical comedy, "Seventeen." It will open next Monday, May 28, at the Schubert Theatre in Boston, prior to being staged on Broadway.

"Seventeen" is a musical adaptation of the novel of the same name written by Booth Tarkington. Sally Benseen has written the script for the play, Mr. Gannon has composed the lyrics,

with Walter Kent writing the music.

Mr. Gannon and Mr. Kent have written a number of popular songs together and have composed for motion pictures. This is the first stage production in which they have had a part.

**60 Years Ago**  
**May 31, 1961**

Mrs. Fred Warner has been appointed librarian of the Greenwich Free Library, the board of trustees of the library has announced. Mrs. Warner will succeed Mrs. Richard Crozier, who submitted her resignation this spring. Mrs. Warner will take over the librarian's duties within a few weeks. Mr. Warner will have charge of the maintenance of the grounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Warner, who have made their home on Hill Street, will move to the apartment in the library. Mr. and Mrs. Crozier recently purchased the Mrs. William T. Wilson home on Washington Square and moved there this past weekend. Mrs. Crozier, who has been a librarian for the past eight years, will continue until Mrs. Warner takes over.

**40 Years Ago**  
**May 21, 1981**

The Rural Historic Project, staffed by eight Washington County residents, will be working throughout the spring and summer to complete the historic resources survey and to develop learning kits on local history for use in fourth grade classrooms.

Washington County Employment and Training is supplying operating funds and staff salaries for this project which will create both a historical record of the county and a model from which school districts can develop locally oriented learning kits for their social studies classes. Historic sites are being photographed and documented.

The results of the project will be available for use by the general public and will be of service to the local planning boards for environmental impact statements and determination of which county sites to protect through historic district

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ordinances. It will also aid historic societies in identifying areas eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

**30 Years Ago**  
**May 23, 1991**

In a ceremony scheduled for 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 25, the Salem Park/Parking committee will formally relinquish to the Salem village board the administration of The Park Project, three years in development. Presiding over the formalities will be William Cormier, village historian.

Washington Academy students participating will include the band, under the direction of Richard Butler, and the high school chorus, directed by Kathleen Payne. A color guard from the Salem American Legion will receive from a Boy Scout an American flag, which has flown over the Capitol in Washington and which was secured through the offices of Gerald Solomon. "Old Glory" will then be flown for the first time from the new flagpole, itself a gift in memory of a former Salem mayor. A girl scout will lead the pledge to the flag.

## Scenes from Salem's Main Street

**Sara Idleman**  
*Journal & Press*

As luck would have it, my computer died late last week. Unable to write a column, I decided to submit some photos of the Historic Buildings along Salem's Main Street as a follow up to the last column. Jacko's, the Gallery and the Old Shirt Factory are in various stages of restoration or repurposing. The Salem Hardware Store and Laura's Garden indicate the work that has been done to bring the buildings back to life. The facades and details are indicative of 19th century architecture and similar to other buildings in Greenwich, Cambridge and Schuylerville. It's my intention to follow up with more information on each building in future issues... Our Main Streets are alive and well. Stay tuned!



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



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# Greenwich Garage Sale Weekend, May 21-23

## Are you ready for some rummaging?

The Journal & Press is the unofficial sponsor of this year's Greenwich Townwide Garage Sale Weekend this May 21-23.

The following listings were sent to us as of press time. Check out our Facebook page at fb.com/JournalPress before you depart for more details. Wear a mask as a courtesy.

Not everyone sent us the exact dates and times of their sales. Assume these are mostly happening Saturday and Sunday only during normal hours, unless otherwise noted. Here are the listings thus far:

**MULTI-FAMILY SALE** — 717 Co. Route 52, Greenwich — vintage hutch, furniture, small tow trailer, pressure washer (needs pump repair), household items, toys, much more. May 22-23 only.

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30 Wilson

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- Household Goods
- Kitchen Supplies
- Camping Stuff
- Books (Kids & Adults)
- Tools



**GARAGE SALE** — 21 Queens Gate Drive, Greenwich. Lots of great finds!

**MULTIFAMILY GARAGE SALE** — 29 Bleeker Street, Greenwich. Toys, games, kitchen utensils, power tools,

**YARD SALE** — 104 Rabbit

Road. Greenwich. Many collectables, antiques, antique oak desk, wooden ironing board and large collection of jazz LPs.

**GARAGE SALE** — 51 Mahaffy Rd, Greenwich, May 22 and 23 only. Open 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Side by side refrigerator, draft horse items, clothing, kitchen items, children items and more.

## Advertise in our free summer newspaper!

The historic Greenwich Journal & Salem Press — a newspaper established in 1842 serving Southern Washington and Eastern Saratoga counties — will introduce an exciting new product this summer. A freely distributed summer newspaper called 29East will cover the corridor from Saratoga Springs to Salem, NY, with the aim of increasing business and tourism in the region.

29East will be edited by and under the creative control of Greenwich resident Rio Riera Arbogast, a freelance writer who focuses on how creative entrepreneurship impacts the Capital Region's cultural landscape. Riera

Arbogast has been writing vibrant profiles of local businesses and their owners for the Journal & Press. Publisher Darren Johnson will handle all business aspects of the paper.

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# Schuylerville CSD candidates Q&A

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

Two candidates are vying for one open seat in May 18's school board election in Schuylerville. Polls are open 12 noon to 9 p.m. in the district office. Also, the district's budget is up for voter approval. The proposed budget for the coming school year is \$38,037,598, a 1.53% increase over last year, which will raise school property taxes .9%. Here is my interview with the candidates:

**If elected, what do you hope to achieve for Schuylerville CSD during your time on the board?**

**Katie Brunson:** *I think the district is great, I think it's moving in a really positive direction. I just want to be part of making sure that we don't ever stop and settle for where we're at. I want to make sure that we're committed to creating that brighter future. I would also like to see a little more transparency in how the school district reports out, I think sometimes there's confusion about certain things. I just think it needs to be put out there in a more transparent way for the community members, parents, staff, etc.*

**Amanda Medick:** *I want to see a little shift in our school culture. I see a lot of emphasis on sports; I love sports, absolutely; I played sports in high school and I continue to follow and support the athletic programs through our district - but I want to see a school culture where the stage manager is just as celebrated as the quarterback of the football team. I want to see a school culture where all the students feel celebrated, supported and encouraged. I think we need to look at the school as a whole and really promote and support inclusivity and encouraging one an-*

*other.*

**If elected, how do you plan on supporting historically marginalized student populations, particularly students of color, LGBTQ+ students and students with disabilities?**

**Amanda Medick:** *I primarily work with students with disabilities and that is a passion of mine. I really think early intervention is key in making sure students get all the support and resources that they need in place. There's an initiative that recently came out from the New York State Education Department on April 12th from the NYS Board of Regents. It's a call to action and they have a framework for schools to develop diversity, equity and inclusion in their schools. It's sort of a guideline and right now it's in draft form. But as a school board member, we would take that information and work as a team to satisfy the NYS DOE's requirements while being very thoughtful in how to support our students in terms of the curriculum.*

**Katie Brunson:** *At this time, I don't see that there's an issue with them being supported within the school. I know that there are clubs in the high school aimed for those groups that you mentioned, especially the LGBTQ community. I would just make sure that we continue to offer them opportunities to feel supported and to continue to grow, make sure the board is knowledgeable in what we can do and make sure we are taking what we can do to support them; that we're taking that knowledge back to the staff to make sure they can support them in the classroom as well.*

**How do you plan on encouraging non-marginalized students and staff to co-create a**

**more equitable and healthy school environment for all?**

**Katie Brunson:** *With education comes knowledge and knowledge is power. I think it's our job to be able to educate people on the diverse populations that are out there and we need to educate our staff so that they're able to turn around and educate the youth, so that there is a more cohesive unity between all students.*

**Amanda Medick:** *I think we learned during this school closure the importance of supporting our student social, emotional and mental health. The digital divide is another thing we learned about. Also, the meal program the US extended free meals to all children during the pandemic. That was a program that we could see ending but that I would love to see continue.*

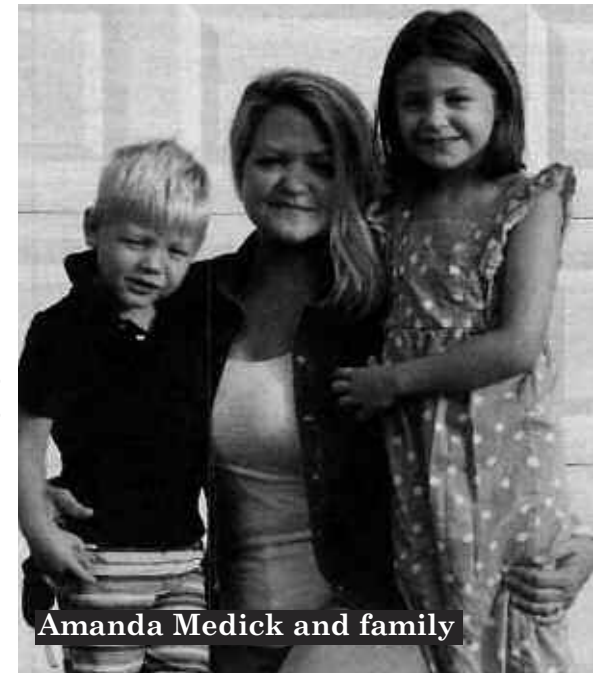
**Why should people select you as their candidate of choice?**

**Amanda Medick:** *I think that having experience in our healthcare system, the medical field and our public school system are very intertwined right now. It would be great to have someone representing on the board who has experience daily in both of those areas. I'm passionate about all things SCS. Not just sports; including sports, but the curriculum, promoting diversity in our student body and inclusiveness for all of our students.*

**Katie Brunson:** *I've shown a lot of commitment already to the community. I currently serve on the Village Library Board of*



**Katie Brunson**



**Amanda Medick and family**

*Trustees and have for the past 4 years. I've done a lot of work with the Old Saratoga Athletic Association, our Youth Sports Association in Schuylerville. I have been on the board as the Softball Commissioner, putting together the whole league for the year. I've been the Sponsorship Coordinator, I've volunteered hours as being a coach. For me personally it just feels like this is the next commitment I want to make.*

# Salem CSD names its Top 10

Salem's Washington Academy declared its Top 10 seniors graduating this year. Here they are, in order:

**Valedictorian Keenan Fronhofer** will graduate with an Advanced Regents Diploma with Honors and Mastery in science and math. Her determination and kindness have contributed to her many successes in academics and in life. Keenan has been the recipient of many honors throughout her high school career. Most recently she was selected as Salem Washington Academy's top student for the 35th Annual Scholars Recognition Program, and as the nominee for a PEO Star Scholarship, which recognizes outstanding women in their senior year.

**Salutatorian Finley Mayer** will graduate with a Regents Diploma with Mastery in math and science. Her hard work has secured her several recent honors, including a Presidential Award for Academic Excellence, the Governor Phil Hoff Vermont Honor Scholarship, and the Modern Woodmen of America Scholarship. Additionally, Finley met the rigorous selection criteria to be chosen for the University of Vermont's Green and Gold Scholarship, an honor reserved only for Vermont's top students. At the University of Vermont (UVM) she will continue on to join the Honors College, a distinction for top scholars at the university.

**Samuel McAlonie** graduates third in the class with an Advanced Regents Diploma with Honors and Mastery in science and math. He is an ambitious student who has excelled in many areas throughout high school. He is the recipient of the Presidential Award for Academic Excellence, and is the president of the National Honor Society. Sam has maintained exemplary grades while participating in many extracurricular activities. He competed on the math team, weight lifting club, and achieved NYSPHAA's scholar athlete status in varsity baseball and soccer.

**Sarah McCauliffe** graduates fourth in the class with an Advanced Regents Diploma with Mastery in science. She is a determined student whose kindness is one of her greatest attributes. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish Club, and a recipient of the Presidential Award for Academic Achievement. She has been a class officer, and achieved high honor roll status throughout her entire high school career. Sarah also competed in varsity soccer, basketball, and softball. She plans to begin her college education at SUNY Adirondack with a concentration in biology.

**Douglas Pennington II** graduates fifth in the class with an Advanced Regents Diploma with Honors and Mastery in science and math. He is a kind and competitive young man. He is a member of National Honor Society, Future Farmers of America, and a recipient of the Daughters of American Revolution Good Citizens Award, and the President's Award for Educational Excellence. In addition to his academic success, Doug has excelled in varsity football, wrestling, and baseball, and is a member of Mock Trial. He served as a great role model to younger students, both on and off the field. He plans to pursue a degree in architecture at SUNY Delhi.

**Emily Curtis** graduates sixth in the class with a New York State Regents Diploma. She is a passionate student who has excelled both in and outside of school. Emily is the recipient of the Presidential Award for Academic Excellence, a member of National Honor Society, and competed in varsity basketball throughout high school. Emily is undecided on her future plans, but wherever she goes she's sure to excel.

**Logan Morris** graduates seventh in the class with a New York State Regents Diploma. He is a member of the National Honor Society, a leading role in student government, in jazz band, and chorus. He is the recipient of the President's Award for Academic Excellence. Logan is also an avid athlete who was recognized as a NYSPHAA Scholar Athlete in varsity soccer, baseball, and basketball. He will pursue an education in mechanical engineering at Hudson Valley Community College.

**Brendan Lee** graduates eighth in the class with an Advanced Regents Diploma with honors and a CTE endorsement. Brendan is a hard-working and ambitious student who has excelled in many areas. He is a member of National Honor Society, the National Technical Honor Society, and the recipient of a Presidential Award for Academic Excellence. Brendan placed first in the New York State SkillsUSA in the carpentry division. He is the recipient of a Saratoga Builders Association Scholarship which is awarded to students pursuing an education in the construction industry. He plans to join the electrical union after graduation.

**Blake Riche** graduates ninth in the class with an Advanced Regents Diploma with Mastery in science. She is a recipient of the Presidential Award for Academic Excellence. Blake is a hardworking and determined student both in school and on the field. She is a member of National Honor Society, band, and chorus. She is a true competitor and was



Keenan Fronhofer



Finley Mayer

recognized as a NYSPHAA Scholar Athlete in varsity basketball, softball, and field hockey. Blake has secured a position on SUNY Corning's softball team, where she will pursue an education in health sciences/athletic training.

**Andrea Cary** graduates tenth in the class with a New York State Advanced Regents Diploma. She is a recipient of the Presidential Award for Academic Excellence, is a member of National Honor Society, and Spanish Club. She is a determined and curious individual who has excelled academically, and was recognized as a NYSPHAA Scholar Athlete in varsity softball and soccer. She plans to attend UAlbany to major in criminal justice.

## Argyle Library open

The Argyle Free Library has reopened to the public. The library staff has been busy during this period of curbside pick-up. Some of the improvements include fresh paint, new shelving in the children's area and improved organization. New hours are: Monday 11:00 - 5:00; Tuesday 3:00 - 7:00; Wednesday 11:00 - 5:00; Thursday 3:00 - 7:00; Friday 4:00 - 7:00; and Saturday 10:00 - 3:00. Covid protocols in place. Space is limited to 10 patrons.

# G'wich Council discusses parking, festival

**Annabel Gregg**  
*Journal & Press*

The Town Board plans to schedule a public hearing in the coming weeks to discuss adding new parking restrictions to the side streets surrounding Cumberland Farms. The decision came at their May monthly meeting after discussing trucks taking side streets in residential areas like Abeel and Wilson. "I think the solution is to have a public hearing about the no parking zone in that area, talk to several people there and have them tune in," decided Supervisor Don Ward at the meeting.

Concerns about trucks and other vehicles avoiding the roads entering and existing Cumberland Farms prompted the desire to add new parking restrictions along the residential streets. "The signs should be no standing, no stopping, no parking, no moving, everything, because these truck drivers know the difference between all of those...[it should be] an all-encompassing," commented Board Member Eric Whitehouse. "Maybe even consider a no thru-

traffic there...but, it's got to be a public hearing, because you're setting parking rules inside the town."

The former Cumberland Farms also got some attention at Tuesday's meeting, regarding code enforcement. According to the Board, Washington County recently approved a demolition permit to remove the island of gas tanks in front of the abandoned gas station. "Sometime in the next few weeks that should happen," said Board Member Whitehouse. The gas station building is not set to be demolished, according to the Board.

The Board also discussed upcoming summer events they are sponsoring. The famous Whipple City Festival will return to Greenwich in a different fashion on June 19. The festivities will not be at the usual Mowry Park location, but will be "from Hill Street to the [Argyle] Brewery," according to Supervisor Ward. Vendors will be allowed in starting at 11:00 AM, and festivities will be open from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM.

The Board, in conjunction with

the Greenwich Historical Society, will also be holding a "Suffrage Concert" called "Forward into Light" On June 12 at 3:00 PM.

The Town Assessor has completed the Tentative Assessment Roll for 2021 and has left a copy with the Town Clerk at Greenwich Town Hall. Residents who are interested in reading the copy or making comments on their assessment can meet with the assessor on May 18, May 20, or May 22 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM each day. The Board of Assessment Review will also meet on May 26 from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Town Hall to "hear and examine all complaints in relation to assessments, on the written application of any person believing himself to be aggrieved."

At Tuesday's meeting, the Board also received some interesting correspondence from the public. The letter from a Greenwich resident was asking that the Greenwich Town Board urge New York State that the recent law passed regarding the legalization of marijuana "be rescinded." The letter went on to claim that the

plant is addictive and illegal by federal law and should thus be kept illegal in New York State. The letter also asked that "the town consider the enactment of prohibition of this product." No Board member made a comment on said correspondence or request of marijuana prohibition in Greenwich.

A vaccination clinic pop-up will have been held on May 13 at the Greenwich Fire Department. The Board plans to work with other community and school leaders to create a community vaccination schedule with other pop-up vaccination clinics throughout May and June. More dates for pop up clinics will be put on the Town website when made available. "They're having trouble, actually, filling in all the dosages with people," commented Supervisor Ward. "If you know any one available, looking for it, there will be more."

The next Town Board meeting will be Tuesday, June 8 at 7:00 PM.

## 60 attend run for Indigenous women in Cambridge

On Saturday, May 8th, sixty people gathered on the green of Hubbard Hall to bring awareness and honor to Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Two-Spirits. Team Cambridge was the largest registered team in the event sponsored by Native Women Running. In addition to having forty-eight registered participants, over \$600 was raised and donated to Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, USA. Opening ceremonies included a land acknowledgment and reading of poetry from Regan DeLoggans and Laura Kooji. Iron Coffee of Hoosick Falls donated iced coffee and Coffee And donated delicious baked goods. Organizers offer a big thank you to the community of Cambridge for coming together

to lift up and honor Native voices. Reach out to [cambridgeforsocialjustice@gmail.com](mailto:cambridgeforsocialjustice@gmail.com) if you'd like to be part of the planning for next year's event.

Organizers quoted Aria Bryan of White Earth and Standing Rock heritage, who said: "For every missing and murdered Indigenous woman – of which there are far too many – there are thousands more who are tokenized and mocked. Dehumanization begins from the bottom up and it begins when people treat entire communities as nothing more than mascots or savages. It's these transgressions



that serve as the foundation for violent crimes against Native people."

# An chat with Cambridge's Grand Marshal

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

*If Ken Gottry wants to teach anybody anything about Memorial Day, it's that we are not remembering mere names engraved on granite, and these veterans are not the sum of issues surrounding the wars in which they fought, but rather they were people – fathers, mothers, sisters, and brothers who lived, loved, and were part of their community. Ken Gottry was born in Cambridge, at Mary McClellan Hospital in 1950. He attended Cambridge Central School, and was valedictorian of the Class of 1968. At CCS, he played baseball, basketball, and was one of the players on Bob Cheney's first soccer team. He then went to Hamilton College, where he played baseball and basketball. Now he will be Grand Marshal of the Cambridge Memorial Day Parade. My interview:*

**The Veteran community at American Legion Maxson Post 634 here brought up your name to be Grand Marshal, which is a heck of a testament to a civilian. What does the veteran community mean to you?**

**Gottry:** *I don't know a lot about war, and the Army, and such. My father's generation, guys like George Robertson, those kinds of guys did stuff during [World War 2] and did not talk about it. I didn't know much about World War 2 until after my father died. He was a radio operator. His job was to watch the coast. I didn't think it was a big deal, that's not what you saw on TV. In fact, we had German subs coming to our shores. There are so many ways that people contributed, and they just didn't talk about it.*

*You think you know people, who you went to college with, but everything changes when you strap on a*

*gun and go to war. Thinking about your question – I help people remember history, which makes a lot of what the veterans did more relevant to them.*

*I still remember sitting in the Library at Hamilton College waiting for the draft lottery. First third of numbers called would definitely go into the service and very likely Vietnam, last third definitely not, and I was right in the middle. If called, I would have gone, but I was not going to run out and volunteer. There was a lot going on in the 1960s, some of which only now becomes clear.*

**What is the most rewarding part of sharing history?**

**Gottry:** *Every year for the past 15 years, I have gone to talk to the CCS Fourth Graders and follow it with a walk around the Village. I do it in such a way as to humanize it. I talk about why we have an East End and a West End. I turn it into stories which help them remember and ask questions along the way. One of the most remarkable things is the teachers ask the students to send thank you notes, on the front they have a draw a picture of the most memorable thing that they took away from the presentation. Sometimes I don't realize how much they pick up. That's what I enjoy the most about the talks – and its not really talks, its actually talk and listen. It's a dialogue.*

**What do you share with the kids about local military history?**

**Gottry:** *For part of the fourth grade walk, I take them to Memorial Park – and I point out the trees that were planted for the three members of the Cambridge High School class who died in in WWI, Earl Maxson, Daniel Smart, and George*



*Wright. They planted them in 1919. One is still alive and thriving. And reading about [Lieutenant] Daniel Smart – the Smart family were the Washington County Post, they were the County government. I found out that Daniel was injured, was taken to the aid station, but being a Chaplain, he went around to take care of everyone else, and by the time he was being treated. For his family to know what he was doing in his last hours – I mean, those aren't just pieces of marble, and they aren't just names – they were husbands, fathers, brothers – to see the kids looking at last names they recognize humanizes it for them.*

*Miss Elizabeth Marshall was one of the nurses in 1917 that went to France. She was helping wounded soldiers "somewhere in France" and someone called out "Hello Libbet!" It was Malcolm Ingraham from Ondawa Farm. Small world in a big war! Another nurse with a local connection, Anna Donahue was one of the first to go overseas – her*

*nephew, Frank Pemrick Jr. had a dairy on Academy Street when I was growing up. Another Nurse, Amelia Buckley, who served in World War I marched right up front in the victory parade – she was not allowed to vote, yet was honored in a parade with the military.*

**Any final thoughts?**

**Gottry:** *Cindy [Gottry, Ken's wife] and I were walking through the cemetery - the upper tier at Woodlands. There's a large monument to Civil War dead, surrounded by graves. I stand in the circle of graves and think – these people thought they were doing the right thing. I do not think they were fighting for "North versus South," rather they were doing what they thought they had to do. I think of the Bob Dylan song, "With God on Our Side." To sit here and question their motivations in hindsight is more difficult that one might imagine – because I think of them, our veterans, as people, not issues.*

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# Former Highway Super fires back at super

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter today because I feel the need to clarify a few things about Supervisor Ward's audit presentation at the April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 town board meeting. Supervisor Ward pointed out that the auditor found that 28 out of the 50 highway department purchases in one year did not comply with the town's purchasing policy. During the Supervisor's audit presentation, Councilman Whitehouse discussed the background of the purchases in question. He stated that in 2019 the board changed the procurement policy by raising the amounts requiring verbal and written bids. He stated that the procurement policy was recorded in the meeting minutes but was not officially updated in writing. Therefore, the town's paperwork, which the auditor was questioning on these purchases, had indeed been discussed by the Board and followed the proper procurement policy process.

The town's purchasing policy prior to Nov. 2019 was as follows: purchases under \$1,000 required no quotes, purchases from \$1,001 to \$2,000 required 3 verbal quotes, and purchases from \$2,001 to \$10,000 required 3 written quotes. Then in Nov. 2019 at a budget workshop meeting the then supervisor/town board voted to raise the

town's procurement policy from \$1,000 to \$2,000. This meant that the Highway Supt. could make purchases up to \$2,000 without getting any verbal quotes. BUT for some unknown reason the new supervisor and/or new town clerk neglected to update in writing the town's purchasing policy change. Therefore, those 28 purchases that were made according to the town's new purchasing policy looked to the auditor like the proper purchasing procedures were not followed. **When in fact... they were!!!** This only happened because the changes were never properly made in writing to the town's procurement policy and not because we didn't follow proper procedures.

Another thing that Supervisor Ward pointed out in his audit presentation was that the town paid \$2,491 over state contract price for diesel fuel. The reason the town paid \$2,491 over state contract price was because the company that had the state contract also had high levels of bio product in their diesel fuel. Because of this we started having all kinds of problems with all our trucks and equipment jelling up and not starting. We were going thru 6-8 filters every snowstorm not to mention the trucks and other equipment not starting when we needed them. One day during one of the

larger snowstorms we started the storm out by having the jelling problem with 2 of our trucks not starting. I called my highway committee, and the other board members, together the decision was made to get diesel from somewhere else. I did the research and found a place that had no bio product in their diesel fuel and we decided to go with them. We had to do something as we needed to be able to count on our trucks and other equipment to start and run properly, especially during a snowstorm. Having to change 6-8 filters every storm was a big expense to the town. Changing all these filters every storm would have been more costly to the town than the \$2,491 that was paid over state contract for the diesel containing no bio product. State contract has proven to not always be the cheaper or better way to go when all the factors are considered! This diesel fuel purchase falls under "best value" category in the town's purchasing policy. Once again the past Supervisor, past town board and I followed town policy.

I felt that the people of Greenwich needed to know the facts in regards to the auditor's findings and that the past Supervisor, past town board, and I did in fact follow the town's purchasing policies. Please

go to the town's official website and read the minutes of the April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 town board meeting for yourself and while on the town's official webpage check out the procurement policy. As of this past Monday, the changes that were voted on and implemented back in Nov. 2019 still had not been made in writing to the town's procurement policy. **And you know what..... I don't wonder why..... I know why!**

Thank you for your time,

Stan Mattison

Greenwich, NY

(Highway Supt. 2012 – 2020)

### Whitehouse Was Right

To the Editor

I would like to thank board member Eric Whitehouse for trying to bring clarification to the Town Of Greenwich about the issues about Ferguson Road and the Audit report.

Some on the board still only want to place blame instead of listening to the truth and moving on. We should be glad that we have such a board member.

Thank You,

Shirley L. Dewey

Greenwich, NY

## 'Salem Under the Stars' concert

Join the Fort Salem Theater for *Salem Under the Stars*. Tickets for all events are currently on sale at FortSalem.com. The event takes place on Saturday, June 5 at 7 p.m. at Gardenworks Farm (1055 County Route 30, Salem, NY 12865).

*Salem Under the Stars* is an open-air fundraiser concert featuring voices of the theater's past and present. Seated at tables of four, six, or eight, and scattered throughout the farm's iconic raspberry fields, guests will enjoy wine, cheese

plates, and live entertainment for \$60 per ticket, covering the cost of the refreshments plus a donation to the historic theater. Limited seating is now on sale.

*Salem Under the Stars* will feature a series of singers and cabaret

acts, including Salem's own LaMothe-Gee family, Broadway touring talent Dennis J. Clark, sneak-peak performances from the theater's upcoming musicals, and additional guest artists. In the event of rain, the concert will be moved inside the Gardenworks barn, where social distancing will still be accommodated.

# Elks donate \$1000 to Hudson Crossing

Hudson Crossing Park announced it has received a \$1,000 donation from the Greenwich Lions Club to support the park's Heritage Interpretive Enhancement Project. This project, slated to be completed in the fall of 2021, will add an optional audio component to Hudson Crossing's Heritage Waysides, making their content available to park and website visitors regardless of the level of their visual or mobility challenges.

Working in partnership with Lakes to Locks Passage, a collection of 10 wayside signs that tell regional stories of key events and players that have had significant historical and/or commercial impact on our region have been produced for Hudson Crossing Park. Five of these signs have already been installed in and around Hudson Crossing Park's entrance, pavilion, Sensory Trail, and the historic Dix Bridge.

Through financial assistance from the Greenwich Lions Club, audio versions of these wayside signs will be made accessible onsite via QR code for those who are visually impaired or who would prefer to listen to the region's stories being told. These audio versions will be produced through the talent of professional voiceover artist Tom Robinson.

These narrations will also be made accessible on Hudson Crossing Park's website, [HudsonCrossingPark.org](http://HudsonCrossingPark.org), for those who may not be able to visit park grounds in person.



Members of the Greenwich Lions Club and Hudson Crossing Park Board gather by the Dix Bridge as Lions Club President Audrey Fischer (L) presents a check in the amount of \$1,000 to Hudson Crossing Park Director Kate Morse (R).

Hudson Crossing Park is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, bi-county park located in Schuylerville, NY nestled between Champlain Canal Lock 5C and the Hudson River. The connection point between Washington and Saratoga Counties along both the Empire State and Champlain Canalway Trail systems, Hudson Crossing

Park is a unique recreational and educational destination. The park is open every day year-round from dawn until dusk and is free of charge to the public. For those interested in learning more about Hudson Crossing Park or to donate towards this project, visit [www.HudsonCrossingPark.org](http://www.HudsonCrossingPark.org).

## Greenwich ranks high, again

Congrats to Greenwich CSD again!

US News and World Report recently identified Greenwich Junior-Senior High School High School as one of the best High Schools in the United States. US News ranked Greenwich 2,450 out of almost 24,000 public high schools in the 50 states and District of Columbia. This ranking placed Greenwich in the top 10% of public high schools. Greenwich JSHS was also ranked #1 in the Glens Falls Area Metro Area.

Salem's high school ranked No. 2 in the GFAMA; Cambridge No. 4.

In the Capital Region, Greenwich's high school ranked just behind Saratoga Springs at No. 9. In the state, Greenwich was No. 231.

These numbers corroborate with a Buffalo Business First survey conducted statewide last year that ranked Greenwich similarly.

Greenwich Junior High School Principal George Niesz identified reasons for the sustained academic success of the high school: "We know that we (the professional staff) are very fortunate to be able to work in a community that values and supports our school. We also know that the vast majority of the students we work with are hardworking, dedicated, and respectful. When you add those two components with the terrific work that our teachers, counselors and other professional staff apply every day, the result is usually great student outcomes."

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# 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.

KIMBERLY HUMISTON, CLERK OF THE DISTRICT

4/1, 4/15, 4/29, 5/13

## Salem's skills champ

Salem Washington Academy announced that senior Brendan Lee earned the state champion title at the SkillsUSA Competition in the carpentry division. Brendan is enrolled in the WSWHE BOCES construction trades programs at the F. Donald Myers Education Center, with this year's event held virtually.

The competition assessed accuracy, workmanship, the ability to read and interpret blueprints, and the proper use of tools and equipment. Competitors were required to frame walls using wood studs; cut and install common, hip and jack rafters; stair stringers, and install drywall, siding, sheathing, baseboard molding and window trim. A written cost proposal was also required.

Brendan will advance to the national competition, which will also be held virtually from June 24-28.

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# Is a post-pandemic degree worth it?

**Jill Schlesinger**

*Special to Journal & Press*

As colleges and universities announce their plans for the upcoming semester, many families are worried about footing the bill for a significantly different experience. Is it worth it to shell out tens of thousands of dollars - or to go into debt - for virtual learning that may not fit the style of the student? A few colleges are extending discounts for the arrangement, but many more are not - some are even charging more, even as millions find themselves in a far worse financial condition than they were when financial aid was granted.

Let's start with the basics: a college degree pays off financially over the long term. According to analysis from the Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce, "median lifetime earnings rise steadily for workers with increasing educational attainment." Over the past two decades, the premium on college education has grown to 84%, while the penalty for not finishing high school is steep -- almost \$9,000 a year. The paper emphasizes that while the degree is valuable, the monetary pay off varies "depending on the degree type, age, gender, race/ethnicity, and occupation of an individual." (Georgetown has a sepa-

rate analysis, which ranks 4,500 colleges and universities by return on investment (ROI), which is eye opening.)

## **Paying for the privilege**

Presuming that you buy the concept of college attendance, there's the thorny issue of paying for it. With many universities extending their deadlines to accept offers, now is the time to renegotiate your deal. If you have seen a reduction of income due to COVID-19, communicate with the school immediately and try to increase the amount of financial aid that you will receive. Remember that each college uses slightly different terminology, so be sure to clarify how much of the package is free money and how much is a loan or work-study.

Perhaps the only bright spot of the crisis as it pertains to higher education is that the federal government's interest rates for student loans have dropped to historically low levels. For new federal loans disbursed between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021, the rates are:

- Undergraduate = 2.75%
- Graduate = 4.3%
- Grad PLUS and Parent PLUS loans = 5.30%

Undergraduate loans come in two flavors: Direct Subsidized Loans and Direct Unsubsidized Loans (aka "Stafford Loans"). Direct loans have slightly better terms, but students can only borrow up to \$5,500 per year, while unsubsidized loans allow borrowing up to \$20,500 (less any subsidized amounts received for same period) depending on

grade level and dependency status. PLUS loans, the category that gets a lot of families into trouble, is capped at the cost of attendance (determined by the school) minus any other financial aid the student receives.

The new federal rates are fixed for the life of the loans, but only impact money borrowed for the upcoming academic year. That means you have to live with the higher rates associated with any loans that were previously disbursed, unless you choose to refinance those federal loans into private ones. Doing so could reduce your interest rate, but it will also mean that you forego the federal government's various payment options, including deferment, forbearance, which current borrowers are entitled to until September 30th, and income-based repayment options.

No conversation about college would be complete without a warning: a college degree may be worth it, but only if you earn it with a reasonable amount of debt. College funding expert Mark Kantrowitz recommends that students should borrow less than what they will earn in their first-year salary. For parents, Kantrowitz cautions that borrowing for all children should be less than annual income, including cosigned loans.

*Jill Schlesinger, CFP, is a CBS News business analyst. She welcomes comments at [askjill@jillonmoney.com](mailto:askjill@jillonmoney.com).*



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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. Donors, especially those with type O blood, are needed in May to help ensure blood products are available for patients now and into summer. Donors May 28 - June 13 will get a limited edition Red Cross T-shirt (while supplies last).

### **Upcoming blood donation events:**

#### **Hoosick Falls**

5/27/2021: 8 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Hoosick Falls High School, 21187 NY Route 22

#### **Argyle**

6/4/2021: 1 - 6 p.m., Argyle United Methodist Church, 12 Sheridan St

#### **Greenwich**

6/7/2021: 1 - 6 p.m., Middle Falls Fire Department, 1034 State Road 29

#### **Salem**

5/20/2021: 12 - 6 p.m., Salem FD, 53 S Main Street

#### **Saratoga Springs**

5/18/2021: 12:30 - 5:30 p.m., City Center

# 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 referenda 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

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# Why is everyone perfect – except me?

**Daneen Skube**

*Special to Journal & Press*

**Q:** *I keep reading stories about people who have it all. They parent, have solid educations and are launching successful careers. Especially with COVID, I've been lucky to take a shower, not yell at my remote learning kids and put on pants! You always seem realistic so can you tell me how these people seem to have it all?*

**A:** Yes, a lot of people build a "brand" that depends on misleading descriptions of their apparently perfect lives. Well-paid influencers on YouTube are a good example of what sells. Influencers are not selling truth but an appealing fantasy about their lives. Whenever a popular influencer's human flaws come out, his or her sponsors and followers flee.

We can have it all, but not at the same time. We also need to work to define what "all" is specifically for us. When we have children, for instance, we cannot be workaholics without losing time that we never get back. We only get about 12 years where kids want to hang out with us, but we have the rest of our lives to pour into our careers.

Even the most productive of us can only spread ourselves so thin. If you want to have it all, consider your current circumstances. If you could only pick one priority, what would it be?

In my doctoral program, as I was simultaneously working on my dissertation and running a full-time business, people nagged me about work/life balance. I felt inadequate because I had no work/life balance. Then I realized I had no kids, was unmarried and had burning professional goals. Every choice involves trade-offs, and a good life means being at peace with the ones you choose.

Now my career chugs along nicely without too much effort, I have three kids, am married and do have work/life balance. The period of my life where I certainly did not have it all was worth it! Today I know that juggling kids, marriage, my health and my work a work/life balance means choosing what gets less of me that day rather than doing everything well.

If you want to be at peace, throw out all your perceived limits. Ask yourself, what is your current burning priority? If it is having kids, do that. If it is climbing a corporate ladder, do that. If it is getting well married, do that. Be willing

to devote the majority of your time to the thing you most long for at this specific moment.

As you throw most of your time into your dominant goal, you will succeed more effectively and quickly. Then when you arrive at one goal, you set a new priority that gets the majority of your time.

Having it all is a lot like playing with blocks when you were a kid -- you must start by putting your attention into building the foundation before adding a second, third and fourth level to your creation.

You are the architect of your own happiness. But you also need patience to ride on the back of a turtle while you slowly create a life that for you is rich, connected and meaningful -- after all, nothing really valuable happens in a microwave.

**Q:** *In an effort to bring equality into our workplaces, it seems like there's a fair amount of "woke" culture encouraging hatred and judgment of people. I don't see how this creates change. Am I being unfair to the "woke" movement?*

**A:** Nope, hating and judging all the "right" people and things still just creates more hatred and judgment. As Martin Luther King Jr. said, "I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear."

*Daneen Skube, Ph.D., is an executive coach and appears on FOX's "Workplace Guru" each Monday morning. You can contact Dr. Skube at [www.inter-personaledge.com](http://www.inter-personaledge.com).*



## Nipper Knolls 'Paint, Snack and Sip'

Nipper Knolls Equine Center, Inc. will host an "Outdoor Paint, Snack, and Sip" fundraiser on Saturday, June 12 from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., with registration beginning at noon. The event will be held under the tent at R.S. Taylor & Sons Brewery located on Route 30, Hebron, NY.

Guests can expect a fun afternoon of painting, sipping, and snacking. Maureen Temple, a retired Hudson Falls High School teacher will lead guests with step-by-step instruction in painting a picture of a vintage pick-up truck with sunflowers. The cost is \$30 per person and includes the canvas, painting supplies, instruction, and light appetizers. There will be a cash bar available, as well as door prizes and a 50/50.

Space is limited to 30 guests and pre-registration is required. For questions or registration Roxanne at 518-763-1976 or [roxanne\\_peck@yahoo.com](mailto:roxanne_peck@yahoo.com).



What you will paint

This fundraiser will benefit Nipper Knolls Equine Center, with 100% of the proceeds directed to the therapeutic (adaptive) riding program and the Alfred Z Solomon Veterans Program. Over the past eight years, PATH certified instructor, Cathy Lamando, and a network of volunteers have worked with people who have a broad range of diagnoses. The proceeds will be used to offset the costs of lessons for families and provide care for the horses. All of the funds raised will be used for the program. There are no administrative costs or salaries paid. This is a 100% volunteer organization.

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

You can learn more about Nipper Knolls Equine Center, Inc. by visiting: [www.facebook.com/nipperknolls](http://www.facebook.com/nipperknolls).

# RC churches update

Salem Holy Cross Catholic Church and Cambridge St. Patrick's Church will decide weekly whether Mass will be held inside or out. If inside, reservations must be made by Friday at 11 AM by calling 677-2757. After office hours, a message may be left, leaving your name, phone number, and which Church you will be attending. Mass at Holy Cross is at 8:30 AM with Fr. Ed Kacerguis who will be at Holy Cross for the next several weeks. Mass at St. Patrick's is held at 11 AM with Fr. Peter Tkoce. If Mass is outside, people are asked to bring a chair. People will gladly assist with your chair if needed. Masks and social distancing are required.

Cards and letters may be sent to Fr. Tom Zelker at: Our Lady of the Valley Church, PO Box 311, 111

Wells Ave. Middleburgh, NY 12122.

The final session of Drink from the Well will be about Julian of Norwich, a fourteenth century English mystic and theologian. Julian witnessed three rounds of the bubonic plague and lost almost everyone she loved. She was given a glimpse of divine love assuring that "all will be well". The date is May 25, 7-8:30 pm on Zoom. The fee for the evening is \$12. Contact [maryrosmus@battenkillcatholic.org](mailto:maryrosmus@battenkillcatholic.org).

For information and great resources, check the website as noted above, and the Battenkill Cluster Facebook page. A late spring book discussion group will be forming and more details will become available. To reach Holy Cross or St. Patrick's by email use; [parishoffice@battenkillcatholic.org](mailto:parishoffice@battenkillcatholic.org).

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## Hartford breakfast

The Hartford Volunteer Fire Co. Auxiliary will host a Take Out Breakfast on Sunday, May 23, with pickup times at 8, 9 or 10 a.m. What's being served?

Option No. 1: 3 pancakes, 2 sausage patties, 1 - 3" x 3" egg & cheese bake, butter, and pure local maple syrup: \$7.

Option No. 2: Family Deal (feeds 4): 12 pancakes, 8 sausage patties, 1 - 8" x 8" egg & cheese bake, butter and pure local maple syrup: \$25.

Pre-orders must be made by Friday, May 21. Call Diane at 518-632-5351, to place your order.

Covid 19 safety procedures will be enforced.

## Greenwich Seniors

The Greenwich Senior Citizens Club is emerging from the pandemic in a new location. They are now meeting at 12 noon on the first and third Wednesdays at Bottskill Baptist Church, 32 Church Street, Greenwich, in the Community Room (downstairs). Special projects will be announced and may meet at 10 a.m. The group is adapting and social distancing as required.

As well, they are working on day programs for this spring and summer, as well as an overnight trip to New York City to see The Rockettes and 911 Memorial and Museum.

New Members (age 50 plus) are welcome or simply come as a guest. For more information contact Eileen at 518-937-1838 or email [greenwichseniors@gmail.com](mailto:greenwichseniors@gmail.com).

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## Jonathan W. Fifield, 49

Jonathan W. Fifield, 49, of Third Avenue, Warrensburg, passed away peacefully, Friday, April 30, 2021, at his home surrounded by his loving family and friends following a courageous battle with cancer.

Jon, also lovingly known as "Little Pick," "Pickles," and "Jonny-Fl,y" was born along with his twin sister Jana, in Cambridge on October 31, 1971, to Peggy and Wayne Fifield. Jon attended Greenwich Central School while growing his love for cooking and working part time at his mom's pizza shop and with Chef Steve Knopf at The White Swan Café, before graduating in 1990. He moved on to join the culinary arts program at Adirondack Community College. Jon cooked and tended bar at the Colonial Arms in Warrensburg, where he met Robin, the love of his life. His love of people and ability to "sell an ice cube to an Eskimo," led to many years in sales; the bulk of which were spent selling cars at Garvey. In 2012, Jon began working at Hollingsworth & Vose, where so many coworkers became family.

Jon had an incredible work ethic, and devoted his time to working hard and providing for his family and loved ones. In his rare moments of free time he loved spending time with his dogs, Willow Marie and Hudson Andrew. Dog trips to the river, throwing endless Frisbees, and relaxing with a dog at his feet were among his biggest loves. Jon loved fishing with his nephew, Nate; camping and hiking with his wife and extended family; and took cherished trips to Jamaica with some of his favorite people. He enjoyed hosting and cooking for family and friends, and relished performing for any audience. Some would say he missed his calling as a standup comedian. Jon gave of himself unconditionally to anyone in need, and always had a laugh and a smile to leave behind.

Jonathan is predeceased by his mother Peggy; his father Wayne; his brother Gary Townsend; his mother- and father-in-law, June and Sherman Gray; his sister-in-law Michelene Gray; close friends George Caprood and John Rock; and his beloved dogs Kalli, Archer, and Pyper.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife of 30

years, Robin Fifield of Warrensburg; his twin sister, whom he affectionately referred to as "the other egg", Jana (John) Solan of Greenwich and their daughter Isabelle; his sister Michelle (Michael) Schreiner of Greenwich and their children Michael, Tyler, and Sarah; his children, Michael Wescott (Jessica Lafountain) and Nastassia Wescott, both of Warrensburg; his "stepchildren" Erika (Thomas) Case of Glens Falls, Nichole (Michael) Packard of Glens Falls, and Nathan Baldwin (Dawn Parks) of Warrensburg; his grandchildren Saige and Jacy Wescott, both of Warrensburg; brother-in-law Dr. Sherman Gray, Jr. (John Flynn, Jr.) of Connecticut; sister-in-law Virginia (Michael) Wisenski of Massachusetts; brother-in-law Raymond Gray (Kathy Suriano) of Albany; sister-in-law Roxanne Jones of Minerva; brother-in-law Ira (Penny) Gray of Warrensburg; sister-in-law Richelene (Mark) Morey of Warrensburg; brother-in-law Kevin Gray (Judy Gordon) of Olmstedville; sister-in-law Cheryl (Mark) DiPasquale of Warrensburg; sister-in-law Candace (Mark) Smith of Glens Falls; brother-in-law Darryl (Kim) Gray of Queensbury; and several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins. Jon left everyone he met with a smile, and will be greatly missed by so many.

Friends called on Jonny's family from 12 to 3 pm, on Saturday, May 8, 2021 at the Alexander Funeral Home, 3809 Main St., Warrensburg.

A memorial service to celebrate his life immediately followed the visitation at 3 pm at the funeral home.

Family and friends were then invited to gather at 4 pm at the Masonic Lodge, 3893 Main St, Warrensburg.

Memorial donations may be made to the



Dana Farber Cancer Institute's Research for children's sarcomas, the SPCA, or any dog rescue organization of your choice. The family wishes to extend their gratitude to Dr. Christopher Mason and the incredibly caring nurses at the CR Wood Cancer Center; Dr. Wang, Dr. Nathanson, Dr. Marshall, and the amazing staff at Dana Farber Cancer Institute and Brigham & Women's Hospital in Boston; and all of the family, friends, and local businesses who have supported the family with love and contributions throughout this difficult journey.

Please visit [www.alexanderfh.net](http://www.alexanderfh.net) for online guest book, condolences, and directions.

### Vets bureau

The Adirondack Regional Chamber of Commerce announced its newest ARCC Council, the Veteran's Business Network (VBN). "Our Veterans are so appreciated, and we believe this council will help our Veterans connect as they pursue life after the military in our greater community," the group said in a statement. The group will start meeting in September. To join or learn more call VBN Membership Chair Derek Lloyd at 518-795-8922.

## The long abandoned Dunbarton Mill

**Jim Nolan**  
*Journal & Press*

The Dunbarton Mill in Greenwich was established by Hugh Dunbar McMaster as a subsidiary of Dunbar McMaster & Co. of Gilford in what is now Northern Ireland. In the Fall of 1879, McMaster came to the United States to seek out a possible site for a linen mill.

Mr. McMaster came upon a mill building in Greenwich which had been built in 1870 but the firm that had built the mill had gone bankrupt before anything was ever produced. There were lengthy court battles over who retained ownership of the mill. This and the fact no one wanted to purchase the mill led to the building remaining vacant for nearly ten years.

Eventually a man named Sprague purchased the building. His intention was to produce leather board. Leather board is a material that can be used for lining in shoes or trunks. It is also used in bookbinding. McMaster came upon the building and offered Sprague a \$2500 premium for the building. Sprague refused and demanded a \$5000 premium. McMaster refused and went to New York City.

The citizens of Greenwich felt that a linen mill owned and managed by Mr. McMaster would greatly benefit the village. Voluntary subscriptions were solicited from the citizens of Greenwich until the total amounted to \$2500. McMaster bought the mill on September 29, 1879.

Work was done immediately on converting the building into a linen mill. An additional building was built to house flax. Equipment was shipped from Ireland and a number of experienced mill workers came from Ireland to live and work in Greenwich. By June of 1880, there were 32 Irish families and 52 Irish employees working in the mill.

Hugh McMaster's brother, John, was the mill's managing director until 1888. When he returned to Ireland, James Wallace succeeded John McMaster and James Bright succeeded Wallace. Thus the managing directorship remained in the hands of skilled mill managers from Ireland for over 30 years.

During the Dunbarton Mill's first thirty-five years of operation, the mill was operated almost exclu-



Via SUNY ESF

sively by Irish immigrants and their offspring. The village of Greenwich was transformed from having a few Irish families to having more than half the population Irish in a few short years. Some of the Irish workers became influential business people and served in Greenwich Village government. Many of their sur-

**'The mill built a nursery. This thinking was ahead of its time.'**

names are still found in the Greenwich area.

During World War I, the mill had difficulty attracting enough labor so they built a two story nursery and offered daycare to attract women workers. This type of thinking was way ahead of its time.

The Irish brought their way of life and their religion. The Catholic and Episcopal churches prospered on the arrival of the Irish. The Presbyterian church was established in the Spring of 1880 and two thirds of the charter members were Irish mill workers.

Many Irish families ended up owning their own home in Greenwich. The company also built some housing for its workers. The design of these "row" houses was borrowed from the designs of worker's homes in Ireland.

Hugh McMaster maintained direct control and ownership of the mill until 1901. He then joined forces with William Barbour to form the Linen Thread Company. By 1909, William Barbour was president of the Dunbarton Flax Spinning Company which controlled the Dunbarton mill. The mill continued to produce linen thread until 1952 when the reduced demand for linen thread caused the shutdown of the mill.

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



### Kids' courses

SUNY Adirondack Continuing Education will hold its annual Summer Enrichment program online again this year, with a selection of live, interactive classes through Zoom and Google Classroom.

This year's program brings back popular classes centered on Minecraft, Harry Potter and VEX IQ Robotics programming, in addition to courses presented by Saratoga Children's Museum. Students can enjoy morning and/or afternoon courses in the

areas of STEM, arts and crafts, cooking and more. Classes will take place Monday through Thursday, July 12 to 29.

Summer Enrichment courses are open to students entering grades 4 through 10 in the fall. Course details are available in the catalog, which can be viewed at <https://www.sunyacc.edu/summer-enrichment-2021>.

These online courses are broadly accessible, and limited need-based scholarship funds will be available for eligible students to attend.

# Visiting Lewis Waite Farm

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

Lewis Waite Farm is an approximately 50-year-old 450-acre 100% grass-fed grass-finished beef and pasture non-GMO pork farm located in Jackson. Alan and Nancy Brown's dedication to this property has resulted in a multi-pronged business entity cultivated over the past 50 years. The farm is also home to the Lewis Waite Farmer Network (LWFN), an amalgamation of 65 area purveyors who produce a range of products, including fresh vegetables and specialty goods. Honey, pasta, artisan cooking oils, junbucha, granola, ice cream, fish and raw milk cheeses are just a few specialties of its partner network. As owner Alan Brown shared, the creation of Lewis Waite Farm was initially "inspired by life ambition."

Alan Brown always wanted to farm, starting at the age of two. When he was ten, he began organic gardening, and raised poultry until he started college. After college, he purchased a run-down farm. When Alan first bought the property, the main farmhouse and barn were in major disrepair. Alan, however, had long dreamt of buying such property and fixing it up. Once the foundational buildings were restored and operational with electricity and running water, he and his wife Nancy purchased more parcels and animals, fulfilling their vision of living close to the land.

The farm itself includes a herd of 100-150 cows and around 50 pigs. Due to Lewis Waite's large acreage, cattle are moved around daily throughout the farm's 40 fields in a rotational grazing system that is proven to help sequester carbon and promote healthy soils.

One of the most stunning aspects of Lewis Waite Farm is its beautiful pastoral setting. Its fields are situated on a rolling terrain, providing a lens to the foothills of Washington County, the Hudson River Valley, and Vermont. During the summer, here one can witness the area in full bloom, birds singing and wildlife abounding. In the fall, blazing foliage spans far and wide. Winter months meet the landscape blanketed in fresh snow.

Originally, the farm began by attending auction events. The experience was not lucrative nor inspiring, however, and the farm wanted to grow its reach in new ways. Friends at the Alleged Farm, a successful vegetable, herb and fruit pro-

ducer, in nearby Easton offered advice. Alleged Farm encouraged them to also tap into the downstate markets in the city, with fresh and healthy foods sourced from upstate in high demand. This trajectory slowly grew and Lewis Waite developed a steady company presence in Brooklyn.

For many years, Lewis Waite Farm was a regular attendee at three area farmers markets. While this did allow them to network with fellow farmers and artisans, it also limited in their scope of profitability. As a result, they chose to shift their model. Their network, in contrast, provides a streamlined process for the farm to get its products to customers. The network has allowed Lewis Waite Farm to diversify what they offer beyond just their meats. It is also more cost-efficient, as it allows patrons to choose from their selection of about 1,000 goods within the network inventory, making it akin to an online Farmer's Market. In addition, the project supports local purveyors in publicizing their names to a larger audience, as well as getting their goods into the hands of both new and existing customers.

Distribution for Lewis Waite Farm grew through two main channels: their regional delivery system in upstate New York and Vermont, plus Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) connections in New York City and the surrounding boroughs. Local LWFN customers place weekly orders online, and staff hand pick, pack, and delivers goods directly to their home address. Saturday deliveries focus on the Saratoga area, while Sunday is specific to

Southwest Vermont and bordering New York towns. The farm has also historically paired its products with CSA projects in Brooklyn, Queens, the Bronx, and Manhattan. The pandemic opened the doors to UPS shipments, which have become a part of the weekly delivery cycle.

Lewis Waite Farm is as proud of its small staff as it is of its small farm sourced high-quality meats and widely developed farmer network. A crew of 10 part-time employees keeps the opera-



**'A beautiful pastoral setting on rolling terrain.'**

tion running smoothly. Staff tends to the animals, packs customer orders and brings them out for delivery. They maintain a friendly, thoughtful environment which translates to a healthy, cooperative work environment. Employees also do their best to make farm patrons feel valued as community members. This ethos of interconnectedness runs through Lewis Waite Farm and its network, setting it up for success.

Those with internet can peruse the Lewis Waite Farmer Network offering at [www.csalewiswaitefarm.com](http://www.csalewiswaitefarm.com), or call the office at 518-692-3120. Visit the farm by appointment at 135 Lewis Hill Lane, Greenwich, NY.

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# CFC announces Give Hunger the Boot dates

Comfort Food Community announces the launch of their annual Give Hunger the Boot (GHTB) fundraising campaign will be on Monday, May 17th. Running through June 21st, the campaign will raise funds to support the work of the non-profit organization serving Washington, Warren, and Saratoga counties. All proceeds directly benefit the programs at CFC which aim to achieve food access, food recovery, and food as health. Programs include: the Greenwich and Cossayuna Food Pantries, the Fresh Food Collective, Supplemental Student Nutrition, Community Health, Edible Education, and the Community Garden.

Comfort Food Community is especially excited to launch this year's campaign as GHTB was cancelled in 2020 due to COVID-19. In past years, Give Hunger the Boot has raised over \$15,000 for CFC's mission. The success of GHTB allows

Comfort Food Community to continue their valuable programming, serving over 14,000 individuals and distributing over 100,000 lbs. of food, annually. The team at Comfort Food Community has high hopes for Give Hunger the Boot 2021 and is working diligently to achieve their campaign goal of raising \$20,000. Reaching this goal will allow CFC to achieve their work; ending hunger, supporting local farms and building healthy communities.

Over the next month, you may notice firemen boots and glass jars scattered at local businesses throughout Greenwich. These will serve as collection sites for individuals to donate to the cause – any amount counts! Additionally, CFC is kicking off the campaign with a Chicken Dinner at the Cossayuna Volunteer Fire Department and will host their annual Coin Drop on Saturday, June 5th on Main Street in Greenwich. Comfort Food Commu-

nity would like to thank volunteer firefighter and long-time CFC supporter, Pat Donahue, for helping to coordinate these events.

Give Hunger the Boot would not be made possible without the dedication and support of CFC's many sponsors, volunteers and donors. Additionally, CFC gives special recognition to the

Cossayuna Volunteer Fire Department, Middle Falls Fire Department and Greenwich Fire Department. "Together, we will nourish our community through the inspirational power of good food," CFC said in a press release. For campaign-related inquiries contact Haley Graves at [haley@comfortfoodcommunity.org](mailto:haley@comfortfoodcommunity.org).



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# Woodlands honors Hanf, seeks donations

The Board of Trustees of Woodland Cemetery, a not-for-profit historic cemetery located on 40+ acres in the Village of Cambridge announced that its annual fund raising appeal will be dedicated to the memory of Noel Hanf, Jr., JD, a Cambridge resident who served on the organization's board of directors for nearly a decade and passed away on February 14, 2021.

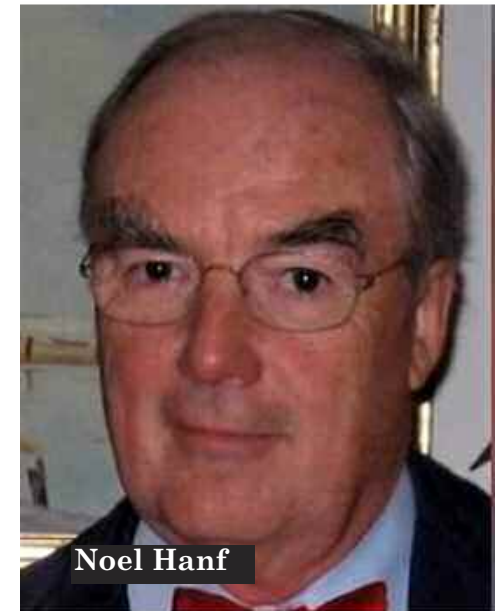
Robert Wright, president of the BOD, pays tribute to Hanf saying, "Not only did Noel leave behind a loving family and circle of friends, but he also left a void on our Woodland Cemetery Board of Trustees that will be difficult to fill. It is in his memory and to honor his service as our secretary, legal and tax advisor – and his thoughtful friendship -- that we are dedicating the 2021 Annual Appeal. We know that Noel cared deeply about Woodlands, where he now rests. So we pay tribute to his memory and will build upon this legacy of excellence as we

identify the best options for protecting the long-term interests of this treasured property."

Wright points to the contributions that Noel made during his tenure, including the unparalleled training and expertise of a Harvard Law School graduate and the seasoned experience of an accomplished attorney. Hanf was noted for fairness in expressing his own opinions and respectful of individual perspectives.

The Association is seeking the participation of additional volunteers to serve on the board or committees. If you are interested please contact [contact@woodlandscemetery.org](mailto:contact@woodlandscemetery.org) or call 518-677-3515

Direct monetary donations are needed and much appreciated.



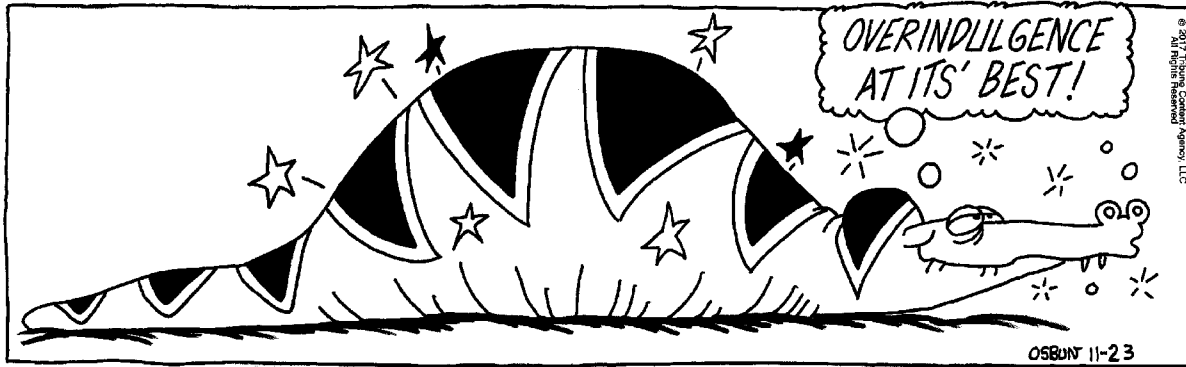
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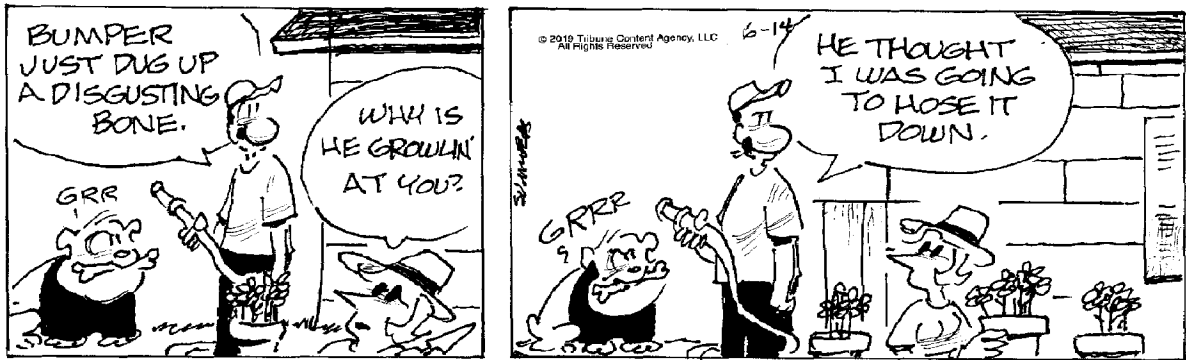
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## JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

FNUIT					
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## THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

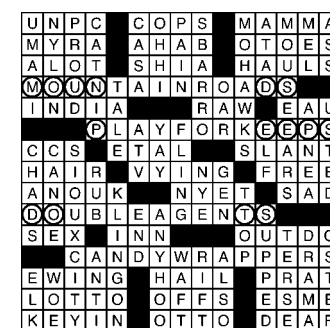


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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print your answer here: 

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Puzzle  
Answers  
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## Local Events

# Summer Music Series at HCP

Hudson Crossing Park invites all ages to come and enjoy fantastic entertainment in a safe, socially distanced and outdoor environment for the first of the park's new Summer Music Series. This series, which will feature local musicians throughout the summer, kicks things off with local singer/songwriter Kate Blain on Saturday, May 22, 2021, at 5 p.m.

Kate Blain has been described as "the quintessential folksinger: sweet, sensitive and sincere. Her fingerpicking and delicate soprano have won her an enthusiastic following" by Sarah Craig, Executive Director of the famed Caffe Lena in Saratoga Springs.

Reservations are required for all Summer Music Series events. A party of up to four people are allowed in each reserved space. (The purchase of one ticket reserves one space for a single family group or for up to four people of the same pod.)

When outside of the reservation spaces social distancing is required, regardless of immunization status. Attendees are invited to bring picnics, blankets, or low profile outdoor chairs to enjoy the concert. Please remember that Hudson Crossing Park is a carry in/carry out facility. Well behaved leashed pets are welcome.

Reservation per space is \$20-\$30 based on tier/space location. All proceeds go to benefit Hudson Crossing Park. When possible/necessary, rain dates will be the next evening. If a rain date is not possible full refunds minus processing fees will be issued. This event is made possible in part by park sponsors



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Kate Blain

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# Cambridge Crossword

(solution page 24)

## Across

- 1 Potentially insensitive, briefly  
5 Police  
9 ABBA's "\_\_\_ Mia!"  
14 Vidal's Breckinridge  
15 Pequod captain  
16 Native Nebraskans  
17 Plenty  
18 Islamic branch  
19 Transports by truck  
20 Winding, hilly thoroughfares  
23 Gandhi's land  
24 Like oysters on the half shell  
25 French water  
28 Not kid around  
33 IV amounts  
36 List-shortening abbr.  
37 Italics feature  
38 Walter White shaved his off  
40 In contention (for)  
43 On the house  
44 Aimže of "La
- Dolce Vita"  
46 Dmitri's dissent  
48 In low spirits  
49 Traitorous spies  
53 Driver's license info  
54 Wayside stop  
55 One-up  
59 Halloween discards, and what the three sets of circles represent?  
64 "Dallas" surname  
66 Solid precipitation

## Down

- 1 Savory taste first identified in Tokyo  
2 Carpet synthetic  
3 \_\_\_ as a peacock  
4 Tabby stimulant

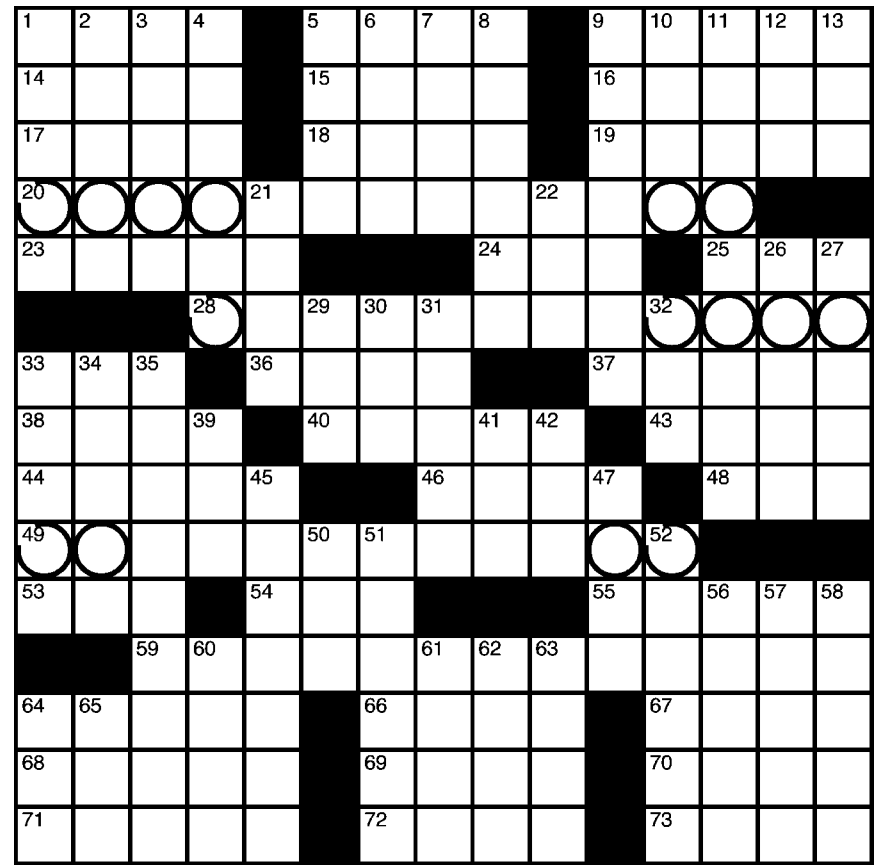
## 5 Josž's house

- 6 "Fancy meeting you here!"  
7 "No \_\_, no gain"  
8 Mall pizza chain  
9 Goth hairstyles  
10 Opposite of 17-Across  
11 Headpiece for kids in Mickey's TV club  
12 Filmmaker Brooks  
13 Biblical beast of burden  
21 Yarn  
22 Boating blade  
26 Sleep concern  
27 "Àc—mo estž \_\_\_?"  
29 Dune buggy, briefly  
30 "We did it!"  
31 Throw wildly  
32 North Pole toy-maker  
33 "Hanging" problems in the 2000 election  
34 Algonquin transport  
35 Iowa port on the

## Lewis and Clark Trail

- 39 Coax (out), as a genie  
41 "Science Guy" Bill  
42 Title for DDE  
45 Fictional language spoken by Sheldon and Leonard on "The Big Bang Theory"  
47 Sporty car roof  
50 Wind up  
51 Slangy "Movin' right along ..."  
52 Had a late meal  
56 Not long-winded  
57 Daytime soap, e.g.  
58 Big name in blenders  
60 Opposed to  
61 Float like a feather in the breeze  
62 Breakup  
63 "Let me add ..."  
64 Yellowstone grazers  
65 Misery

ANSWERS ON PAGE 26.



# Word Find

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

Find these words that are associated with the Covid-19 pandemic.

BANS  
(Dr.) BIRX

BORDERS  
CLUSTER  
CORONA  
COVID  
CUOMO  
DELIVERIES  
DOCTORS  
(Dr.) FAUCI

FRONTLINE  
GLOVES  
HOME  
INFECTION  
NURSES  
QUARANTINE  
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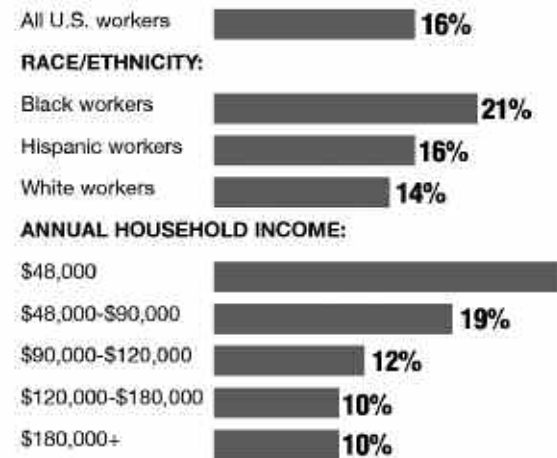
## 9 to 5 by Harley Schwadron



## Fast Facts

### Staying in unwanted job for benefits

Are you currently in a job that you want to leave but don't because you are afraid of losing your health insurance benefits? (% Yes)



Source: Gallup  
Graphic: Staff, TNS



## How I think we can stave off the cicadas

**Cody Fitzgerald**  
*Journal & Press*

Unless you've been living under a rock, or have a life, you've probably heard about the impending invasion of cicadas this summer. These insects, somehow looking like both a butterfly and a turtle, emerge once every ~17 years, and 2021 will be the year they make their return. Now you may think that these are just a measly bug, but stay alert, because while they don't bite, or sting, or pose any threat to humans whatsoever, they make a buzzing sound. Naturally, the same generation of idiots that believed the world was ending in 2012 has dramatized this and created a panic much to the

likes of the killer bees from last year, yet somehow over less of a threat.

To make it through this impending doom upon us, I've provided some tips and tricks to make it through this summer-

**Wear a Mask** - If there is one thing those cicadas hate, it's people wearing masks. If you cover your mouth AND your nose, they'll be sure to stay far away from you and go harass a Costco employee just trying to do their job instead.

**Stop Publicizing Your "Politics"** - Remember, the cicadas are incredibly loud, so if you spout off about how you don't think masks work, or your election conspiracies,

you're going to make them jealous, and lead them to think you're deliberately trying to be louder and more obnoxious than they are.

**Vote** - Come to find out, cicadas are incredibly anti-democracy. If you register to vote now in preparation for November (even if you're under 18), and remind the cicadas that it's still important despite not being a Presidential election, they'll leave you alone.

**Take Down Your Trump Flags** - It turns out cicadas are incredibly attracted to the color red, the word "great" and the stench of defeat, so it's probably in your best interest to take these down.

**Get Vaccinated** - In addition to not being microchipped, the vaccine also carries coverage of cicadas, so much so that merely encountering one will trigger you to schedule your second dose.

I know times are scary, and you're much more concerned about a bug than an ongoing pandemic,



but if you follow these tips, you're probably in line for a great, cicada and cult-free summer.

*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.*



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## Answers

**Boggle:** RED TAN BLUE PINK TEAL BLACK MAUVE PURPLE

**Jumble:** UNFIT SENSE COUSIN IODINE  
**Final Jumble:** SENTENCES

## Salem Sudoku

(solution below)

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	6						2	
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7			5	9				
	2							9
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		6	7	4	5			

# Boggle

BrainBusters!

B  
U  
P  
H  
W  
O  
I  
S  
C  
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K  
E  
A  
C  
L  
M

INSTRUCTIONS: Find as many words as you can by linking letters up, down, side-to-side and diagonally, writing words on a blank sheet of paper. You may only use each letter box once within a single word. Play with a friend and compare word finds, crossing out common words.

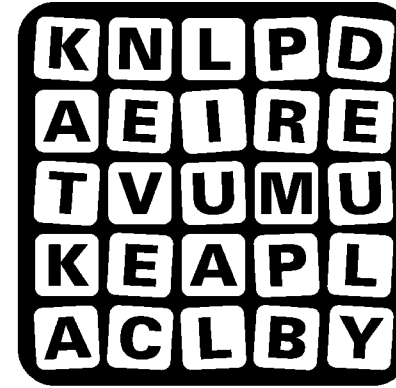
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- 9+ letters = 15 points

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- 151+ = Champ
- 101-150 = Expert
- 61-100 = Pro
- 31-60 = Gamer
- 21-30 = Rookie
- 11-20 = Amateur
- 0-10 = Try again

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



**Boggle BrainBusters Bonus**

We put special brain-busting words into the puzzle grid. Can you find them?

Find AT LEAST EIGHT COLORS in the grid of letters.

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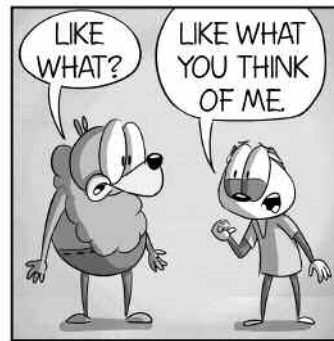
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# New Yorkers at war – the Lost Battalion

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New York has a long martial tradition. Perhaps no story better captures the tenacity of New Yorkers in combat than the story of the “Lost Battalion,” a composite unit of companies from the 77th Division, known as the “Statue of Liberty Division” due to their distinctive unit patch and because most of their draftees came from the city. Primarily immigrants from the Lower East Side of Manhattan, the Division’s soldiers spoke 42 different languages and dialects. The 77th shipped from Camp Upton on Long Island for France in March and April 1918 with 23,000 soldiers.

The 77th Division took part in the Meuse-Argonne Offensive, the final campaign of World War I which finally broke the back of the German defensive lines. The offensive was the second deadliest campaign in United States military history, with only the Normandy campaign of World War II surpassing it in terms of American casualties. Commencing on September 26, 1918, it only concluded with the Germans signing the Armistice on November 11.

During the offensive, nine companies of the 77th Division became isolated in the Meuse-Argonne Forest and were promptly surrounded by German troops. As the senior officer present, Major Charles Whittlesey took charge of the ad hoc Battalion.

Major Whittlesey was originally from Wisconsin, but moved to Pittsfield, Massachusetts as a child. He would eventually graduate from Williams College, and after law school, opened a law practice on Wall Street in New York City with an old Williams classmate. When war broke out, he took leave from his partnership and accepted appointment as a Captain in the 308th Infantry of the “Statue of Liberty Division.”

Whittlesey took charge of 554 soldiers and organized a defense. He was surrounded by 200-foot-high bluffs, occupied by German forces. Soon without food or water, the Americans held out for four days, beating back attacks by German troops, and under constant fire by snipers. They were shelled and shot at. Sadly, once they were shelled by their own artillery, with the fire only stopping after Whittlesey was able to get a desperate message to the rear by carrier pigeon.

One of his subordinates was Captain George McMurtry, who before the war was also a Wall Street attorney. McMurtry had a particularly colorful his-

tory – he had taken a break from his studies to serve under Lieutenant Colonel Theodore Roosevelt as one of the “Rough Riders” during the Spanish-American War, joining the future President in the storming of San Juan Heights. While the “Lost Battalion” was under attack, McMurtry provided direct leadership by example despite being twice wounded by shrapnel.

In the meantime, additional units of the 77th Division were trying to break through to rescue Whittlesey and his men. In one of the relief columns was a Captain by the name of Eddie Grant. Before the war, Grant played third base for the New York Giants. One of his troops had been a policeman who worked Giants games at the Polo Grounds – he wrote, “Eddie was dog-tired, but he stepped off at the head of his outfit with no more concern than if he were walking to his old place at third base...” Grant’s Commander was wounded and carried off on a stretcher, ordering Grant to take command of the column. Shortly afterwards, the third baseman, who appeared in two games of the 1913 World Series, was killed by an artillery shell.

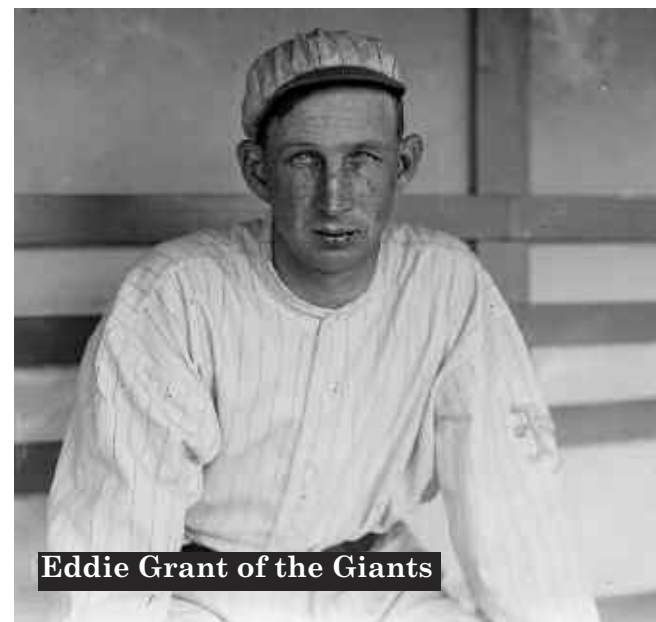
On the evening of the fourth day, a relief column finally broke through to the “Lost Battalion.” Of the 554 soldiers who walked in with Whittlesey, only 194 walked out – the remainder were killed, wounded, captured, or missing. Whittlesey and McMurtry, along with five other soldiers, were

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awarded the Medal of Honor.

Whittlesey was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel immediately after the battle and was later honored by being made a pallbearer for the Unknown Soldier interred at Arlington National Cemetery after the war.

Unfortunately, suffering doesn’t end after the battles are over, as we have painfully seen throughout America’s wars and conflicts. And the impact is not strictly physical. Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder has existed since war began. In the Civil War it was called “Nostalgia” or “Soldier’s Heart,” but by World War I it was called “Shell Shock.” Whittlesey tried to return to his law practice, but was unable to escape the shadow of the battle and dealt with reminders daily.



**Eddie Grant of the Giants**

In November 1921, at some point during the night on a boat trip to Cuba he disappeared. Investigators suspected that after he retired to his cabin for the night, he slipped out, climbed the rail of the ship, and jumped into the dark abyss. In his cabin were letters addressed to friends and family, a letter to the Captain of the ship as to what should be done with his luggage, and a letter from the German commander demanding the surrender of the “Lost Battalion” to be given to McMurtry.

If you find the story of the Lost Battalion alternately inspiring and soul-crushing, as I do, and feel your heart ripped in two at the fate of Lieutenant Colonel Whittlesey, as I do, please know this:

**In 2016, the Department of Veterans Affairs, reviewing statistics from 1979 through 2014, estimated that 20 veterans die every day by suicide.**

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