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Revitalizing Greenwich

The Village and Town are working with consultants to reclaim brownfields.

The first public event for the Greenwich Village/Town collaborative Brownfields Opportunity Area grant recently happened at Whipple City Days. Mayor Pam Fuller and consultant group Chazen Companies' Norabelle Greenberger met over 100 members of the public and explained the possibilities. Residents are asked to complete a survey. And local demographic statistics are very interesting.

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Pam Fuller

Rt. 29 Bridge dedication

A dedication ceremony was recently held at the site of a new DOT bridge on Route 29 in Middle Falls. There had been controversy last year over whether or not it should have a walkway, but, alas, it does – this time the walkway is on the other side of the road.

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We're back!

Kate Sausville
Journal & Press

The last few weeks have been filled with concerts, dinners out, weddings, and family birthdays. Social media pages now feature pictures of graduations, parades, and vacations. I have been chronicling the return to normalcy for the past few months, but even then, it seemed like one step forward, two steps back. This last month seemed to be the turning point, with many venues opening to full capacity with minimal restrictions. We attended a band and chorus concert at our school. While there were some changes due to Covid restrictions, it felt very normal. We attended the community dinner at Christ the King, featuring beef products from Easton Station Farms. The food and company were fabulous. And just the other day a wedding invitation arrived. I've already booked our hotel and bought a dress. Our family is entering this summer season fully vaccinated and healthy. We are beyond grateful.

Despite the good news, some people are just behaving badly. Mass transit still requires people to wear masks while on planes and trains, which has certain people up in arms. Now I am not sure why, if anything this last year reminded me how germey we are as humans. The fact that we had to be reminded to cover our coughs and wash our hands still leaves my mind boggled. These are lessons I

do with my preschool students, and yet there are grown adults who don't think they need to wash their hands after toileting or before they eat. Now pack us all into a tiny, crowded train or plane, where we breathe the same air and touch the same surfaces as Mr. Toilet Hands. Yuck.

I just don't understand the reluctance to wear a mask when we are in close quarters with others. I, for one, loved not being sick with coughs and colds all winter. I loved not having to smell stinky breath other than my own. I loved feeling incognito when at the market. I get that wearing a mask at all times isn't always convenient or comfortable. I teach and still must wear a mask all day long at work. But I would not compare my minor discomfort to, say, prisoners of war or the Holocaust. But some people are angry and feel their rights are at

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risk. And to let everyone know how strongly they feel about mask mandates, they storm the cockpits of airplanes, throw hands with the flight attendants, or try to open the emergency exit while in flight. Maybe they watched too many Looney Tunes as a child, but nothing good will come of opening an emergency exit at 30,000 feet. You will not pull a Bugs Bunny and float safely to the

ground.

All this has me a little concerned as the wedding I am attending later this summer is out of town. I will have to get on a plane for the first time in a couple of years. As an anxious flyer, I will already be masking up and sanitizing all surfaces. Yes, I'm vaccinated against Covid-19, but that doesn't make me bulletproof. There are so many other illnesses and germs that I just would rather not take the chance. I also want to protect others from any illness or germs I may be carrying, I do work with tiny humans who are known to be germ vectors. When I think of people in countries whose rights have been forcibly removed, I just can not get behind mask-wearing in the same category. I consider wearing a mask a kindness to our fellow humans.

Hopefully, as more venues and events open with minimal to no restriction, people will be able to settle down and get back to normal. In the meantime, take it easy. Don't scream at the 16-year-old kid who asks you to wear a mask. Be understanding, look out for others, don't take things personally, and wash your darn hands.

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



Mission accomplished

Comfort Food Community achieved their goal of raising \$20,000 for the annual Give Hunger the Boot fundraising campaign. The success of Give Hunger the Boot can be attributed to campaign events including a BBQ Chicken Dinner at the Cossayuna Fire House and a community-wide Coin Drop raising over \$7,000, corporate sponsors of Give Hunger the Boot, contributions made to GHTB boots and jars at local businesses, and donations from CFC supporters near and far.

Comfort Food Community would like to give a special 'thank you' to those involved in this year's campaign: Cossayuna, Middle Falls & Greenwich Fire Departments, Pat Donahue for his continued dedication to GHTB, CFC corporate sponsors, Greenwich Boy Scout Troop 27, local businesses



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Ideas for Argyle, a community conversation

Haleigh Eustis
Journal & Press

June 15, 2021, marked the Village of Argyle's first Community Conversation. The event was led by Argyle's library director, Faith St. John. She was joined by approximately twenty community members who gathered together to speak of the village with concerns and ideas. Conversations focused solely on the betterment of the village for everyone, and what can be done to make these goals a possibility. Being that this conversation event was the first of Argyle's, St. John decided to address challenges first, and then possible solutions. The conversation focused on four pressing topics: the village water system, the abandoned IGA, the lack of restaurants and grocery stores, and the limited space in the village for entertainment.

The Village of Argyle has been dealing with negative impacts from their water system for years, and this topic seemed to be most pressing among the participants. Unfortunately for the village, the water system was placed in Argyle before the Health Department had specific standards and requirements to uphold. For years, Argyle has found it difficult to maintain these regulations due to the price of the upgrades. Wes Clark (village mayor) explained that the only

way the updates could be made is with assistance towards the cost. The village has taken plenty of initiatives to apply for grants or federal assistance, but towns, villages, and cities are now based on a point system that decides priority. Despite the DEC having the programs to assist with the cost of water system upgrades, the village remains ineligible for this necessary aid. According to the DEC point system, due to Argyle's smaller population, this system of priority frequently neglects many small towns and villages. These point systems usually support areas like Lake George, which is a large and popular water mass and has quite a dense population as opposed to Argyle. The village has faced push-back after push-back, and Clark went as far as creating a consent order along with an engineer report, which should have furthered the aid of a new system, but fell short. Through these difficulties, the village folk had a bit to contribute to the topic. Many mentioned the company Lamont Engineer Services, explaining that they have the potential to consult with the village for free, as they've done with other small towns/villages. Lamont focuses on resolving issues, either small or large, and offers guidance to further face issues

that are occurring in struggling towns, villages, or cities. Along with Lamont Engineers, the idea of contacting the new environmental director of the Lake George area for aid was suggested. Getting in touch with the environmental director, who may have

more connections than Argyle, may help open new doors that weren't discussed previously.

As the conversation shifted, talk of the abandoned IGA resurfaced. Unfortunately, there isn't much the village can do to fix the IGA issue immediately. It's a privately owned building that hasn't been renovated for years. The current owner still hasn't spoken further about what his plans are for the IGA's future. The villagers mentioned a possible GoFundMe page to buy over the property, and or the idea of the village buying the IGA and renovating it as well. Being that the building is out of the village's budget, funding would be necessary in order to see that happen.

'Mentioned was a possible GoFundMe page to buy the abandoned IGA property, and the village renovating it.'

Until the building is bought, or the owner decides to renovate it, the IGA will remain unused in the village.

For the last topics discussed among the group, village folk were concerned about the lack of entertainment spaces and restaurants/grocery stores in town. The village is quite small, and a few individuals voiced their concerns saying that there aren't a lot of recreational areas (such as parks or trails) in Argyle. Chatter



about a possible upcoming brewery in the village was mentioned, but for now, there is no further news on the topic. As for restaurants, the village folk seemed to enjoy the possible idea of weekly food truck nights; combining weekly food truck nights at the farmers market was tossed around during the conversation. A way to combine a restaurant replacement, while also encouraging people to buy local produce and get out of the house seemed to entice everyone. The farmers market can't act as a fully functional grocery store, but it's an easy way of buying fresh produce and other goodies while supporting local farms and shops. Though there aren't many new places to create full parks, the new farmer's market seemed to be well received.

Faith St. John hopes there will be more Community Conversations in the near future. To keep up to date with village news and the possibility of future meetings (which will be over Zoom for the time being), head over to Argyle Library's Facebook page. If you're a member of the village, or just want to sit in for a conversation, bring your ideas to the next meeting!

Visit @argylefreelibrary for updates!



Some places to see fireworks this summer

Kaylee Johnson
Journal & Press

With Fourth of July right around the corner, Greenwich and surrounding towns are celebrating freedom and the Fourth in all sorts of bright and booming ways! This year marks an extra special and celebratory Fourth, as we can gather as a community once again, with mask and social distancing guidelines finally lifting fully, after more than a year of no public gatherings. Hopefully, this summer of regained socialization and activities will make up for the adversity we faced during quarantine. While it was a deeply difficult period, the Greenwich community pulled through and came together!

There is no better way celebrate the holiday than with a good old fashioned American firework show, especially after having to watch virtual streams for so long! Here are all of the local fireworks shows that you can attend in our area to ring in summer break and the Fourth:

1. Washington County Fairgrounds: Last year the Fourth of July fireworks show was cancelled at Washington County Fairgrounds due to strict COVID-19 regulations, but this year the show will go on! The annual show that used to happen at the Greenwich Elks Lodge will happen

at the spacious fairgrounds from now on, and include food trucks galore and lots of room to sprawl out! Spectators are asked to enter the fairgrounds on Route 29 and find a parking spot in the lot. Feel free to bring chairs and blankets, so that you can the show with maximum comfort!

2. The Turning Point Parade and Festival: After a COVID-19 induced hiatus, the legendary Schuylerville Turning Point Festival will go on! This year the theme is "Grand Marshalls." It will start at Fort Hardy Park (August 1st) with carnival games and food trucks and end with a parade in Schuylerville (August 2nd)! The wild parade is one of the largest in Upstate, NY and is beloved by so many in the area! Catch a dazzling fireworks show over Schuylerville at 9 p.m. on August 1st at the park. More information about vendors and games will be released closer to the event date, but we surely hope to see you all there!

3. Brown's Beach: If you would like to see a beautiful firework display over the Saratoga Lake, check out the events at Browns Beach in Stillwater on July 3rd at 9:15 p.m. Please keep in mind that there are a limited amount of parking spots available and carpooling is highly recommended for this show in particular. Admission is free of cost and all are invited!

4. East Field: For those of you that are music connoisseurs, enjoy classic fireworks alongside a lovely concert put on by the Glens Falls Symphony! You can catch this show at East Field in Glens Falls on July 24th, a few weeks after the holiday! More information about the event and the guidelines it will follow will be released closer to the date.



5. Schaghticoke: We all know that Schaghticoke is bustling during the summer with the annual fair and circus, but did you also know that they put on a fabulous Fourth of July firework show and party? Between 4 and 10 p.m. on July 4th, you can attend the Independence Day Bash in Schaghticoke on Brott Lane. There will be games, competitions and fireworks for the public!

6. Lake George: This Fourth, play in an arcade, eat a Hawaiian shaved ice and catch some rays in famous summer tourism hotspot, Lake George. Every year the village puts on a sparkling firework show over the water at Shepard Park, right in the center of all the action! The show will begin at 9:30 p.m., but we recommend arriving early to get a great view and legal parking spot! Lake George and Saratoga Springs alike are very popular amongst downstate people this time of year.

The Journal and Press team wishes you and your family a patriotic, joyful holiday. Enjoy this stunning return to normalcy and warm sunshine over Washington County! So pull your families together, turn on the grill and get blankets ready for the fireworks show! This Fourth you can celebrate our country and the fact that you get to celebrate the holiday alongside community members!

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Middle Falls Route 29 bridge gets its due

Darren Johnson

Journal & Press

On June 23, a small dedication ceremony led by Lorraine Ballard of the Battenkill Conservancy was held at the site of a new New York State DOT bridge on Route 29 in Middle Falls. The bridge is unnamed and looks similar to the bridge that had been in its previous place, but obviously is much better structurally and scenically.

There had been controversy last year over whether or not it should have a walkway, but, alas, it does – this time the walkway is on the other side of the road, to the west overlooking a beautiful and rocky Battenkill River view below. The Town of Greenwich did not want the walkway, as they had felt it was an unnecessary expense and would cost more to maintain during winter months, but the Conservancy and other entities fought for keeping the walkway.

“As part of the project, the Department added a new sidewalk along a 0.1-mile stretch of Route 29, including on the bridge, to boost walkability between the river and the hamlet of Middle Falls,” the DOT said in a press release. The bridge replacement construction took up much of last year and cost \$4.7 million.

DOT representatives were joined by Easton Supervisor Dan Shaw, as the bridge is in parts of Easton and Greenwich; Middle Falls fire chief Jerry Squires; assemblyperson Carrie Woerner, and Erik Bergman, Director of Operations for Boralex, the renewable energy company that maintains a hydroelectric dam here and will also increase its responsibility for landscaping and other grounds maintenance. The area also includes a walking trail, kayak launch site and picnic area. “We live here, we pay our taxes here. It’s our town, too,” Bergen said. “We’re happy to do our share.”

DOT Commissioner Marie Therese Dominguez said in a statement: “This new bridge over the Battenkill will

enhance the reliability of this connection between the towns of Greenwich and Easton along a critical state route. Additionally, the new sidewalk will provide access for residents and visitors from the hamlet of Middle Falls to fishing, canoeing and kayaking opportunities along the Battenkill, while a wider shoulder will allow cyclists to travel across the bridge more easily. We appreciate the patience and cooperation of residents from both towns and the Battenkill Conservancy throughout this project, and we are confident that residents and visitors will be pleased with these enhancements and hope many will enjoy the safe use of the bridge and recreation access for years to come.”

The new bridge features a 14-foot-wide southbound shared-use lane, an 11-foot-wide northbound lane and an 8-foot wide shoulder on the northbound side to provide enhanced access for bicyclists.

The new \$4.7 million, single-span, multi-girder bridge has an expected service life of 75 years, replacing a structure that was built in 1978. The bridge was replaced in stages in 2020, with one half of the bridge length replaced at a time, to minimize impacts to traffic. This spring, DOT completed drainage work, added the sidewalk and curbing, and repaved the stretch of Route 29 between the corner of Fiddlers Elbow Road and the bridge.

Shaw praised the ability of the various jurisdictions to work together to get the bridge built: “I’ve seen a lot of bureaucracy over the years, but what I’ve seen around this project is the responsiveness of our elected officials, Carrie Woerner and the DOT, who really cut through the red tape to get this done. I’m really impressed with the DOT.”

Squires agreed that the DOT handled the whole process well, as his company’s emergency vehicles were able to easily pass through, even during the long construction phase.

Ballard, who had been a vocal pro-



ponent of adding the sidewalk, stated: “It’s not just for fishermen and kayakers – it’s for people who want to enjoy the beautiful view. It’s for businesses

that want to use it. ... The bridge is going to be here for 75 years, and now we have a beautiful gateway to our area.”

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Outdoors concert in Salem

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Bring a chair, blanket and pack a picnic basket if you wish. Or Clever Cleaver, a food truck with many offerings, will be available by the Battenkill Kitchen entrance for purchase.

The Bluebillies don't just sing Country songs; they embody them, performing their unique blend of country, bluegrass, and folk music with traditional style, sound, and spirit. Husband and wife team Mark and Melody Guarino have been singing together since 1984 when they first made it their mission to help revive and preserve the rich heritage of this great and uniquely American art form. With the addition of the Frank Orsini on fiddle and guitarist Greg Bucking, The Bluebillies were complete and perform together with all the joy and simpatico that only a "family" band can produce. The Bluebillies produce a series of traveling Old-time Gospel Music Revues each season and also host their own gospel music



open mic each summer.

This is the first, of what we hope to be many "Music on the Courthouse Green" events. This concert was made possible by the generous donation of the Hunter Family in honor of Barbara Hunter. The Courthouse Green is part of the Historic Salem Courthouse Complex and is located at 58 East Broadway, Salem. For more information call 518-854-7053.



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Cows and lightning

Kaylee Johnson
Journal & Press

Here are some snippets from past editions of The Journal & Press from early July's decades ago:

110 Years Ago

July 05, 1911

Nowadays, if a woman forms the habits of talking too loud and too long or insists upon saying unpleasant things in wrong places and at wrong seasons, there are several things which may happen to her. If she is a person of some social standing, her husband may get a divorce, or if she belongs in one of the lower strata, he may leave her without that little formality. If she makes life too unbearable for the neighbors, she may possibly be arrested or fined...No such claim could have been made in the past, say between the fifteenth and eighteenth centuries, when far more rigid views prevailed on the subject of feminine self repression!

100 Years Ago

July 06, 1921

Three persons were instantly killed and a fourth received serious injuries in a railroad crossing acci-

dent at Middle Granville Friday. The automobile in which they were riding was struck by a freight car, after it stalled on the crossing.

The dead are:

Mr. and Mrs. George McCotter of Middle Granville. Mr. McCotter was fifty-nine years of age and his wife sixty-one, Mrs. Florence Austin, aged seventy years, of Middle Granville.

80 Years Ago

July 02, 1941

Argyle is the only village in this vicinity that has announced plans for any special Fourth of July this year. The rest of the nearby communities are apparently just going to look on to see how the first noiseless, fireless Fourth works out. Argyle is going to work it out with an all day celebration that will include a parade in the morning, a program of athletic events, a ball game and other sports in the afternoon and a band concert in the evening. As the Greenwich High School band plays for the parade and furnishes the evening concert and a Greenwich softball team is booked for one of the main sports events of the day, this town will have a large share in Argyle's celebration!

70 Years Ago

July 11, 1951

Thursday of this week during the hours of 2 to 5:30 and from 7 to 9 p.m., residents of the town of Hebron will be x-rayed for free at East Hebron in Washington county's drive to find and eradicate tuberculosis. Friday, during the same hours, the Washington county Tuberculosis Association mobile x-ray unit will conduct its examination campaign at West Hebron .

60 Years Ago

July 12, 1961

Seven registered Angus cows and two calves were struck by lightning and killed Monday afternoon during a heavy thunderstorm which struck in this section. The cattle were owned by Earl Norton and pastured on his farm on Route 40, south of Middle Falls.

After the thunderstorm Monday, Mr. Norton went to the field some distance from his house to check on the cows and found the nine cows and calves lying in a space about as big as a room, near a grove of trees.

40 Years ago

July 09, 1981

A 1968 green Volkswagen bug was pulled from approximately ten feet of water in Dead Pond in the town of

Jackson Monday morning after state troopers spotted car tracks going into the lake and an oil slick while patrolling around 6 a.m. that morning. The car was found unoccupied as troopers hoped Dead Pond would not live up to its name

State police drivers who were enroute to the scene were called off as John Peterson of John's Automotive volunteered to dive into the water and hook a cable to the car. Mr. Peterson's flat-bed truck and winch were used to pull the vehicle from the pond and transport it to the car lot.

30 Years Ago

July 11, 1991

Everyone loves a parade and everyone loves Salem's Fourth of July parade. There is good reason for that. Salem has been producing great July 4th parades for more than 45 years. No community around can stand with Salem in that department!

The parade picked up the march promptly at 5 p.m. in front of a crowd of about 5,000 and more than an hour later the end was not in sight. The reviewing stand in front of the Proudfit hall was once again the place where the judges had to make the tough decisions on picking the winners. This year, the theme was "Freedom."

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Out and About

The streets are alive again

Sara Idleman
Journal & Press

None of us will forget 2020 and the COVID pandemic. On March 7, 2020, a state of emergency was declared in New York State. By March 20, a statewide stay-at-home order was declared. We entered a world none of us ever expected. There is no reason to go into details here. The memories will stay with us forever.

On Tuesday April 7, 2020 at 11 am I decided to walk to Main Street. On a normal weekday morning, the shops would be open, the Post Office busy and customers would be stopping for lunch at Lynne's Café, the Village Café or Just Meats. Kids would have walked to school earlier in the day and with the assistance of crossing guards walk safely across Main Street at Washington Square. On that particular Tuesday, however, Main Street was a ghost town. No cars, no people, empty shops. It was eerie. I was reminded of scenes from movies depicting the morning after an attack of some sort. As a matter of fact, we were attacked. COVID was a reality. The news went from bad to worse and the shut down lasted far longer than we expected it would. It has only been recently that we have returned to some form of normalcy. Many, however, have experienced varying degrees of trauma, some more, some less, from the COVID experience.

As I stood on Main Street that day, it occurred to me that when the stay-at-home order was lifted, we should celebrate with a town wide event. We would gather with friends and neighbors, shop, relax, eat in the restaurants and enjoy the company of others.

Thanks to the Greater Greenwich Chamber of Commerce, we did just that. I like to think of the recent street fair as a celebration of our community. Unable to organize the full-scale Whipple City Festival event, the Chamber opted for a street fair. It was the perfect alternative to what is normally a remarkably busy

festival weekend in the village; an opportunity for shops, restaurants, community organizations and businesspeople to hawk their wares. What the Chamber plans for Whipple City Festival weekend in 2022 remains to be seen. One thing is sure. A street fair on Main Street is a special kind of celebration.

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.



Greenwich on April 7, 2020 –si photos



And scenes from the Whipple City Festival 2021



Library grand reopening reception

Darren Johnson
Journal & Press

A grand reopening ceremony for the Greenwich Free Library took place on June 26, led by board president Jim Nolan, library director Annie Miller and assemblyperson Carrie Woerner, who helped secure funding for the project.

The library kept the work local, including construction of the modular circulation desk, end panels for the stacks and the wood walls by Trevett Millworks' Mark, Luke and Carl Anderson. The wood is all reclaimed and antique materials (recycled white oak and barnwood from a local barn for accents). The library partnered with local architect Lisa Hayes of Butler Rowland and Mays, Trevett Millworks and Rulyn Graves' firm, R. Design Resources of Greenwich. Mays and her husband, Paul, are library specialists and Greenwich residents. Approximately 3,500 square feet was renovated.

So what's new? "So much! We saved some furniture and equipment, most of the shelving is reused but just about everything else is new. Flooring, furniture paint etc., were all in need of refreshing after 15 years of public use," Miller said.

"The space has been reconfigured to bring in more natural light.

We added a window that looks out on the Town building. Moving the children's room to the front of the building and keeping all the shelving and furniture low, allows more natural light into the building and gives us a lovely view of our front garden. We have converted to LED lighting to save energy."

Miller adds:

"We have used walls that are opaque to between 4 and 5 feet and then glass to the ceiling and doors with large glass panels to make it possible to control noise from the children's room and into the quiet area.

"We created a teen space that also has a lot of glass and a door that closes, so older kids can be their normal, somewhat noisy, selves without disturbing the rest of the patrons. We have great kids in this town and we want to be able to welcome them to a place they feel comfortable spending time in.

"We have spread the public computers out to allow for more privacy and elbow room. We have a couple of stations in the quiet room for those who really need to concentrate.

"Our new window overlooks the driveway, so we chose a sash style that will allow us to provide drive-up or walk-up services if/when the need arises."



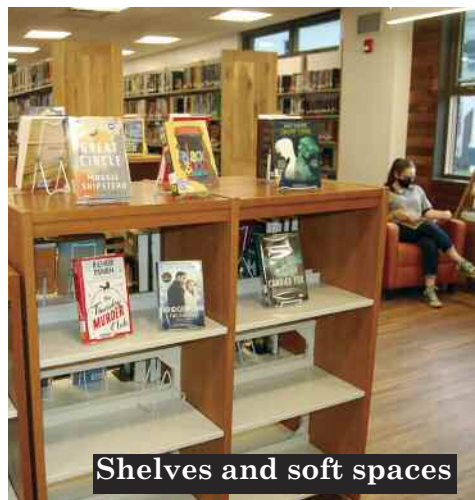
Jim Nolan, Annie Miller and Carrie Woerner -dj photos



The view



The new desk



Shelves and soft spaces



Stacks

40 years later, I will be the most liked student in my high school

Greg Schwem

Special to Journal & Press

I recently contracted a social media manager, which is a business-y phrase for “paying somebody to make me more popular.”

Jeremy's duties were clear: Figure out how to increase exposure for my streaming television show, “A Comedian Crashes Your Pad,” by getting me more YouTube views, more Instagram followers and “likes.”

As he repeatedly explained, the way to achieve higher numbers is by posting content as often as possible and engaging with viewers regardless of their opinions. In other words,

if they comment, “This show sucks and should be removed from YouTube,” I should reply, “Thank you for stopping by. Have you checked out my Instagram page?”

The plan worked, as my numbers quickly increased. But maybe I should have used the “Audrey Nicole Francisquini” strategy instead.

Francisquini, 28, of Miami, was recently arrested for allegedly entering American Senior High School in Hialeah, Florida, and posing as a student solely to hand out pamphlets promoting her Instagram page. A Miami-Dade police report said Francisquini carried a skateboard and a painting as she roamed the halls,

arousing suspicion after she continued doing so while classes were in session.

Francisquini was charged with multiple offenses after being identified, ironically, through her Instagram account. She is smiling in her mug shot and, yes, at first glance, she does resemble a high school student.

At 58 years old, I'd turn to my friend Kevin Haney for help in pulling off the high school look. Haney, who won an Oscar for his makeup expertise in “Driving Miss Daisy,” once transformed me into Bill Gates for a series of comedy shows. Yes, the process took four hours and required me to wear multiple layers of latex that made me scratch and sneeze, but the results were uncanny.

I'd choose my alma mater, Prospect High School in Mount Prospect, Illinois, for my ruse. Might as well pick a school where I'm familiar with the terrain, right? As long as the principal's office is in the same location, I'll know which area to avoid.

I don't own a skateboard, nor do I paint, but I'm sure one of my high school tennis rackets is somewhere in my basement. I'll carry that in one hand while holding my iPhone in the other. I'll stick AirPods in my ears. Oh, and I'll dress in baggy shorts, the preferred attire of high school males, even if the temperature is minus 20. Don't believe me? You haven't picked up a kid from school in January.

Now I just have to convince the Prospect student body to follow me on Instagram before I start sweating through my latex. Jeremy said one popular strategy is to conduct a giveaway; provide a prize to one lucky follower. But what do high school students want? A Chipotle gift card? A new pair of shorts? Bitcoin? I'll worry about that later.

First, I need to find students. Should I crash soccer practice? Nah, can't keep up. What about the marching band? Lots of potential followers there. I could slap my pamphlets on tuba cases and music stands while band members went through their paces.

From there I'll mosey over to the drama club and tell all the members that, in exchange for a “like,” I'll consider them for roles in an upcoming episode. Note that I'll say, “consider.” Might as well teach these kids at an early age that, in show business, nothing is guaranteed.

If I continue to avoid school security, I'll find the computer club. Perhaps one of those kids can write an algorithm guaranteed to get me even MORE followers. I'm not sure what I'd offer in return. My guess is that every member of a high school computer club is already a Bitcoin billionaire.

As I write this column, Francisquini's Instagram account, although now private, has 3,526 followers, considerably more than mine. No word on how many she had when she began her alleged ruse, but a message on her profile says, “Video Explanation coming. Stay tuned.” I followed her just for that.

I'm sure her explanation will include an announcement of a Kickstarter campaign. For legal fees.

Greg Schwem is a corporate stand-up comedian and author of “Text Me If You're Breathing: Observations, Frustrations and Life Lessons From a Low-Tech Dad” and “The Road To Success Goes Through the Salad Bar: A Pile of BS From a Corporate Comedian,” available on Amazon.com. Visit Greg on the web at www.gregschwem.com.





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Progress on the village/town BOA grant

Pam Fuller
and **Norabelle Greenberger**
Journal & Press

The first public event for the Village/Town collaborative BOA (Brownfields Opportunity Area) grant happened at Whipple City Days this past Saturday, June 19th. The BOA committee and consultants have made a lot of progress on the work, and they took the opportunity of Whipple City Days to share the work with members of the community and ask for their visions for revitalization and smart use of properties in the study area. The study area is specifically defined as the central section of the Village on Route 372, through the downtown business area, and out through the center of the Village to the business corridor of the Town and the traffic circle area on Route 29. (Refer



Norabelle Greenberger

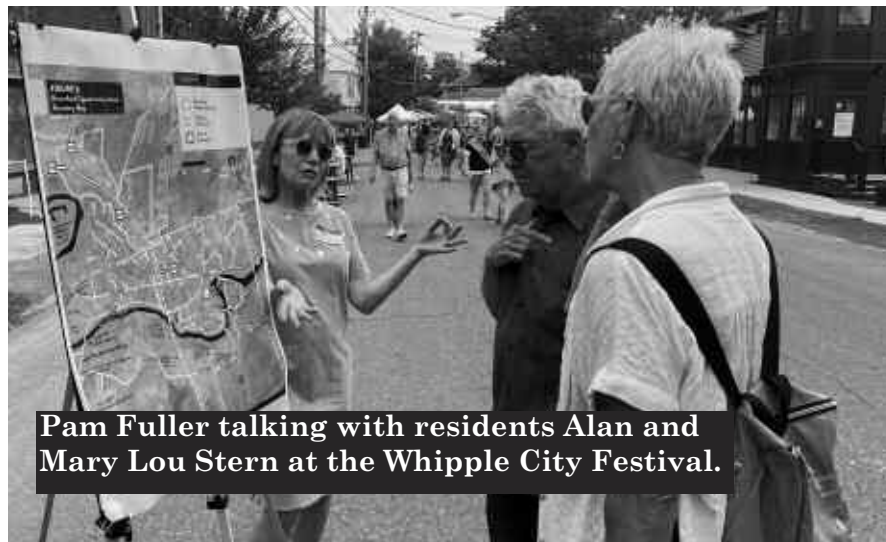
to the attached map.)

Over 100 people stopped in at the booth, examined the maps, listened to descriptions of the grant work, and voiced their ideas. They shared their visions for the overall study area, as well as potential programming for the Dunbarton/Golden Fleece site. Everyone seemed very excited about the project and about the future of Greenwich!

The Chazen Companies, on behalf of the BOA committee, recently released a visioning survey so people can get their own ideas into the mix. The survey can be completed online or on paper. The link for the online survey is www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZF7CK8D. Paper copies of the survey are available at the library. Response to the survey has been excellent, with over 100 responses to date. The BOA goal is to get as many responses as possible so decisions can be made based on valid representation of the community. The survey will remain open until July 15th, after which the BOA committee will compile the results and release them.

The public process could begin now because the preliminary survey/inventory of the study area is complete and ready for release. Some interesting findings came from that survey. First, data shows that the population in the Village of Greenwich grew by 13% in the last decade, making our community unique among the other villages and towns surrounding the Village of Greenwich, who have lost population. And the median age decreased in both the Village and the Town of Greenwich, down to 35.8 for the Village and 39.9 for the Town. This finding again makes us unique in Washington County. The median age for Washington County is 44.2, an increase from 41.2 since 2010.

The Village has become more affluent, too! The median household income in the Village has grown at an average annual rate of 3% (since 2010) while the median household income in the Town has decreased slightly (-0.3%) over that same period, and that of the County



Pam Fuller talking with residents Alan and Mary Lou Stern at the Whipple City Festival.

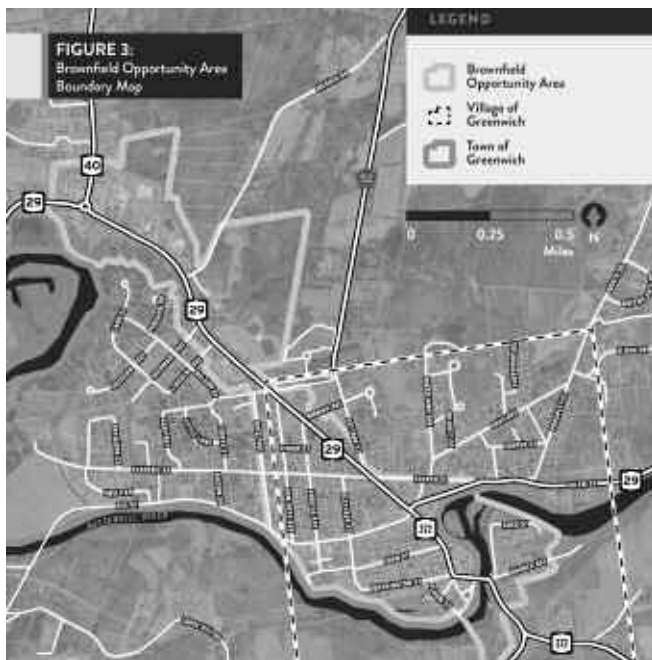
has remained relatively unchanged (increasing by just 0.2%).

Many other interesting facts and analysis can be found in the Greenwich Revitalization Plan: Inventory & Analysis. The report is posted on the Village of Greenwich website, at www.villageofgreenwich.org.

The BOA grant builds on work done over the past couple of decades: the 2010 Village of Greenwich Visioning Plan, the 2004 Town of Greenwich Comprehensive Plan, and the 2018 Streetscape Plan for Greenwich. The BOA grant work allows conducting deeper evaluation and planning that will put the Village and Town in a position to seek funding to implement approved plans.

The next steps in the BOA process will include compiling the results of the survey, continuing to work on further studies and analyses, and then, working with the decisions that come out of the committee work, developing a set of recommendations. Those preliminary recommendations are expected to be developed by the fall. The next public event will be planned then to review and refine draft ideas and recommendations.

Pam Fuller is Mayor of the Village of Greenwich. Norabelle Greenberger is a Senior Planner with the Chazen Companies.



Iona May McLeland, 97

Iona May McLeland, 97, of Greenwich, New York, beloved mother of Jana Vaye McLeland of Shushan, New York, and Karyn Ann Sobing of Cambridge, New York, passed away peacefully at home on June 3, 2021 with her daughters by her side.

She was born on a farm in Superior, Colorado on March 19, 1924 to Leon Louis Wattelet and Louise Mary (LeComte) Wattelet. During World War II she worked at a defense plant making bullets. After marriage she was a telephone operator in Boulder, Colorado. In the days before color photographs she colored by hand the black and white photos taken by her husband who was a professional photographer. She enjoyed fishing, picnicking, and the beauty of the Rocky Mountains until marriage took her from her beloved Colorado to Syracuse, New York and then in 1957 to Clearwater, Florida where she lived for forty years. There she was employed by Montgomery Ward as a cashier and then a staffer in Human Resources, QVC, the U.S. Census, and Bank of America (formerly Bank of Clearwater), retiring as a loan clerk.

She loved the natural beauty and wildlife of Florida, enjoying collecting shells on the beach with which she created dioramas and growing orchids and bromeliads on her porch. Her love of organ music, ignited by her older brother, led her to take lessons with the renowned the-

atre organist Terry Charles, who became a dear friend. In 1998 she relocated to Greenwich, New York to be near her daughters. She continued her love of birdwatching and found gardening with native plants to be rewarding. She loved to cook for family and friends, making wonderful meals based on her French heritage. A person of great curiosity and many talents, she was generous and thoughtful and will be dearly missed by family and friends.

She is survived by daughters Jana Vaye McLeland and Karyn Ann Sobing (Michael), niece Bunny (Barry) Haycock of Herriman, Utah, and Robert Lawrence, husband of niece Velma Lee Lawrence.

She is predeceased by her brother Raymond Wattelet and sister-in-law Elly Wattelet, her sister Hazel Allen and brother-in-law Gail Allen, nieces Judy Stockett and Velma Lee Lawrence, ex-husband Hubert Leon McLeland, and beloved dog Jack and constant kitty companion Pepper.

Her family is grateful for the Fort Hudson NHTD program which provided her very caring aides, especially Judy Shaw, Karen Ebbert, and Trudy Bongiovi, as well as nurses and staff who made it possible for her to remain in her home. Her family also appreciates the support and care of the Greenwich/Salem/Cambridge Family Health Centers.

Memorial donations may be made to the



Easton-Greenwich Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 84 Greenwich, NY 12834, which provided her assistance on several occasions.

To offer condolences to the family, please visit www.gariepyfuneralhomes.com

Arrangements are with the Ackley, Ross & Garipey Funeral Home in Cambridge.

James Martin, 83

James Alexander Martin was born July 6, 1937, in Chicago, Illinois, to Alex Riggs Martin and Laura Goodrich Martin. He died Friday, June 4, 2021, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, at the age of 83 years. James completed his secondary education in Yonkers, New York, and was a graduate of Forrest Hills High School. He was a veteran of the armed forces having served his country honorably for 6 years with the United States Army. James was married February 10, 1961, in Yonkers, New York, to Joan E. Clark. He had worked as a salesman for Campbell Soup, Lipton, and U.S. Steel until he moved to upstate New York in 1964 and created a family farm raising pigs and Angus cattle while

harvesting hay, corn, and soybeans. He spent much of his life as a farmer and rancher, first in Easton, New York, and then moving to Mason, Oklahoma in 1983 to raise Beefmaster cattle on a ranch of over 220 acres called Panther Ledge. He enjoyed a variety of pastimes but loved to spend time taking care of the land, his cattle and fishing. Most important in his life was his wife and family. Those



he leaves behind who hold many cherished memories include:

His loving and devoted wife for over 60 years: Joan. Children: Brandon Martin, Beth Martin-Cavosie and Jennifer Martin-Koscelny; Grandchildren: Michele Kilmartin, Katie Koscelny-Wilburn and Sam Koscelny; Great .grandson: Daniel John Kilmartin III

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, David Martin.

Private family disposition will be held at a later date. Arrangements and services were entrusted to Mowery Funeral Service of Owasso, OK. To leave condolences, visit www.moweryfs.com.

Library back to 'normal'

The Easton Library is now at Service Level D: Normal Operations. The building is open for full browsing, computer use, research, group meetings and programs. The library has five computers open for use; open wi-fi inside and outside the building; printing, scanning, and Fax services; and a Notary Public is available upon appointment. The library has a wide range of movies, audio-books, fiction and non-fiction print to borrow. There are also two iPads and a ukulele for loan. Easton houses a wonderful local reference collection from Quakers to one-room

school houses.

The mahjong group has returned to play on Wednesday afternoons at 1:00 PM. The library expects other groups coming back and beginning some new ones. Continuing to follow the NYS guidelines, all unvaccinated individuals must wear masks. Vaccinated staff and patrons will have the option of mask wearing. Social distancing seating will also be available for patrons who desire it. "We are pleased to welcome everyone back into the library and to provide a comfortable environment for all,"



said director Jennifer DeCarlo.

Visit easton.sals.edu for the latest information that is occurring in the library, and search the SALS Database and order your next good read.

Brophy picks college

Greenwich CSD's all-time leading girls' hoops scorer Molly Brophy will attend Saint Michael's College in Colchester, VT. Coach Shannon Bollhardt said of the 5-foot-9 guard: "Molly brings a high level of athleticism to the program. She is a tenacious defender with the ability to get in passing lanes while also making things happen on the offensive end with her ability to attack the rim. Molly is a committed rebounder on both ends of the floor and is highly unselfish. She had an incredible high school run, leading Greenwich Central as the all-time leading scorer, and we look forward to her bringing that same level to our program."



Local history cruises

Hudson Crossing Park and Mohawk Maiden Cruises announced that they will offer free local history cruises this summer on an authentic chain-driven sternwheel paddleboat.

The weekend cruises — which will take place on July 24 and August 28 beginning at 2 p.m. — are sponsored by The Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor and the NYS Canal Corporation.

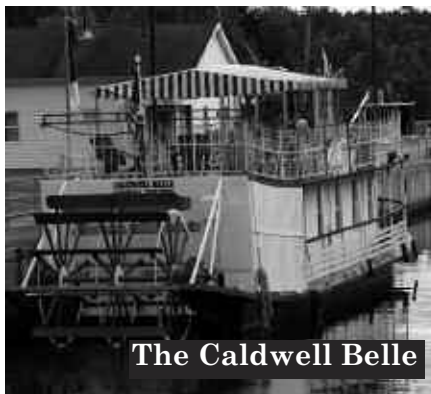
The cruises will feature history presentations from Hudson Crossing Park historians

as the Caldwell Belle paddleboat meanders through the picturesque Champlain Canal. Each cruise is limited to 20 participants and masks are required.

Reservations can be made at mohawkmaidencruises.com/calendar.html. The boat launches from Lock C5 in Schuylerville, adjacent to Hudson Crossing Park.

For more information on the cruises, call 518-350-7275 (PARK) or go to HudsonCrossingPark.org. The website also

includes information on additional fee-based history cruises, which help with the park's ongoing fundraising efforts.



The Caldwell Belle

Legal Notice

The bond resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted on the 14th day of June, 2021, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the Greenwich Central School District is not authorized to expend money or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of publication of this notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

A complete copy of the bond resolution summarized herewith is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Office of the School District Clerk of the School District for a period of twenty days from the date of publication of this Notice.

District Clerk

BOND RESOLUTION DATED JUNE 14, 2021 OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE GREENWICH CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AUTHORIZING NOT TO EXCEED \$239,250 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF SERIAL GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO FINANCE THE COST OF THE ACQUISITION OF SCHOOL BUSES AT AN ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST OF \$245,750, LEVY OF TAX IN ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS IN PAYMENT THEREOF, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT STATE AID RECEIVED, THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH SUM FOR SUCH PURPOSE, AND DETERMINING OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

Class of objects or purposes:
Acquisition of school buses

Maximum Estimated Cost:
\$245,750

Period of probable usefulness:
Five (5) years

Amount of obligations to be issued:
\$239,250

Legal Notice

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Washington County Local Development Corporation is seeking proposals for separate Audit and Accounting Services for a five-year period beginning with the fiscal year ending December 31, 2021. Requests for Proposals for Audit and/or Accounting Services are also available upon request from Deanna Derway, Executive Director, Washington County LDC, 383 Broadway, Fort Edward, NY 12828 – (518) 746-2295 – [dderway2@washingtoncount-](mailto:dderway2@washingtoncountyny.gov)

tyny.gov. The RFP's can also be downloaded from the WCLDC website at the following address: <https://www.wcldc.org/949/Online-Forms>

Proposals must be received on or before 4:00 PM on Friday, September 3, 2021. The WCLDC strongly encourages Minority and Women Business Enterprises (MBE/WBE) and section 3-eligible businesses to submit their qualifications.

Foote named Ag Educator of the Year

Greenwich High School Agricultural Science teacher, Betsy Foote, was recently named the New York Ag Educator of the Year. This award was sponsored by the NYS Farm Bureau, Nationwide Insurance and the New York State FFA Association. There were more than 350 NYS agriculture teachers eligible for this award. Foote was one of the 11 Regional winners across the state and was selected to receive the inaugural Golden Owl trophy and a \$3,000 cash award.

Betsy Foote was nominated by past and present agriculture students from both Hartford Central School and Greenwich Central School. Some of her biggest achievements include growing the Greenwich Agricultural program to include more than 60% of the high school population, securing more than \$600,000 in grants to benefit Greenwich and area agriculture programs, having six of her past students become Agriculture Teachers, receiving the Hon-

orary American Degree, and being recognized as an Advisor to a National FFA Officer.

As she completes her 33rd year of teaching she reflects on the students who were once active in her classes and went on to be dairy farmers, veterinarians, veterinary technicians, doctors, nurses, food scientists, lawyers, teachers, technicians, loan officers, business managers and many other valuable careers. Foote says her teaching style is providing opportunities for students and encouraging them to take advantage of those opportunities. One of those students, Tricia Jordan, pursued Food Science after traveling to the National FFA Convention and being introduced to Clemson University. Tricia Jordan's nomination said, "Mrs. Foote is truly the reason I am where I am today- and I know hundreds of other people will say the same. She pushed me to try things out of my comfort

zone and was the reason and motivation behind me becoming a NYS FFA Officer. Students may only have Mrs. Foote for forty minutes a day, for one class or many, but then you're truly stuck with her for life!! She becomes a life supporter and encourager and a person you can go to no matter what – forever. She's the best educator and advisor," said former student Tricia Jordan.



Women's circle forming

A new monthly women's circle will begin on Friday, July 16 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Parish Hall of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 143 Main Street, Greenwich. The group's focus will be: "What Fire Burns Within You?" Offered on a sliding scale of \$15-25/woman. This circle is not affiliated with any specific religion. Facilitated by Teresa King. She has been facilitating circles and workshops for 24 years. To reserve your space or if you have questions, contact her at teresaking1@live.com or at thelargerpicture.com.

Greenwich Future Business winners

Winners receive plaques! May the NYS FBLA or Future Business Leaders of America organization held their virtual State Leadership Competition. Hundreds of students across New York took virtual tests and competed via Google Meets and Zoom in categories from Public Speaking to Client Services. Please congratulate these students from Greenwich on their accomplishments. Teagan and Maeve also competed in FBLA Nationals online the first week in June - results will be announced next week at the virtual FBLA National Competition clos-

ing ceremony and awards ceremony. Congrats to all!

Pictured are the winners with their recently received plaques from the state organization are as follows:

Maeve Kelleher (left) 2nd Place – Introduction to Business Communication.

Teagan Wright (middle) – 5th

place – Advertising and 3rd place – Introduction to Business.

place – Accounting. Abby also is an FBLA graduating senior.

Abby Sovia (right) – 5th



Cemetery gets funding for repairs

The Board of Trustees of Woodland Cemetery, a not-for-profit historic cemetery located on 40+ acres in the Village of Cambridge, New York, announces that it has received a grant from the Division of Cemeteries for the State of New York, Department of State for repair of monuments or other markers not owned by the cemetery corporation that have fallen into disrepair or dilapidation so as to create a dangerous condition. The reimbursement program that the State offers makes available money from the Vandalism Fund that it collects from all cemeteries as insurance premiums, and Woodlands has identified 20 such monuments which are leaning off-

plumb -- all dating back to the 1800's except for one dated 1913.

Robert Wright, president of the BOD, reports, "Last year, we were fortunate to conduct a walk-through of the grounds with Leonard Breen, the field representative for the State Cemetery Board. He pointed out a number of tall leaning monuments that he considered dangerous and encouraged us to apply for funding, as do many cemeteries, such as Troy Oakwood, which apply on a regular basis to straighten tall monuments. Thankfully, we were in line to do the same and extremely grateful to get this approval."

"We completed all requirements, received bids and have selected

Richard Wirmusky, the current superintendent of maintenance at Woodlands, to provide the repairs," says Wright. "Each monument will be repaired by removal from the original base, removal of the old base, pouring of a new base and replacement of the monument to the new base. All foundations will be level conforming with the grade where the monument rests, and we will receive a 10-year warranty in writing from Wirmusky specifying the depth of foundations and sealing of monuments.

The Association is seeking the participation of additional volunteers to serve on the board or committees. If you are interested please contact us



via e-mail at: contact@woodland-scemetery.org or call 518-677-3515.

Bob Best Scholarship

Salem Washington Academy senior Brendan Lee was selected as the recipient of the "Bob Best Scholarship" awarded by the Saratoga Builders Association. Inc. Saratoga Builders Association awards scholarships annually to high school seniors or college students planning to pursue a career in the construction industry.



Brendan is enrolled in the WSWHE BOCES construction trades programs at the F. Donald Myers Education Center. He recently earned the state champion title at the SkillsUSA Competition in the carpentry division that was held virtually, and will compete in the national competition, which will also be held virtually from June 24-28. Brendan plans to join the electrical union after graduation. He is the son of Eric Lee and Nicole Carpino-Lee of Salem

Fair wants crafty entries

Entries are now open for the 2021 Washington County Fair! During the pandemic, did you take up a new crafting hobby? Do you think your sourdough loaf is the best? Share your talents with the community by entering your items into the Washington County Fair!

Every year the fairgrounds host the best that the county has to offer throughout the grounds. This year organizers are taking it a step further with their Pride in Washington County Classes. Located throughout the OPEN division, you will find classes that celebrate all things Washington County – including a photo that captures the County in the early morning light or a recipe that celebrates the bounty that the area has to offer.

Want to work with a group? New this year is the round hay bale decorating contest – get your friends together to decorate a Round Haybale to create a selfie spot for the 2021 Fairgrounds

Entries are due to the Entry Office – postmarked by July 28th, Hand-Delivered by Friday, July 30th, and Submitted Online by midnight August 2nd. This year the Fair is NOT printing Fair Books but will have them available online to be viewed, downloaded, and printed. Please call the Fair Office for assistance with your Fair Entry Process at 518-692-2464. The Washington County Fair runs August 23rd - 29th, 2021; Fair Passes and Advanced Ride Tickets are now available online and in the Fair Office.

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Greater Greenwich Chamber of Commerce Events

Lace up your running/walking shoes

The annual Whipple City 5K & 10K has been announced by the Greater Greenwich Chamber of Commerce for Saturday, August 14, 2021. The races are family-oriented events that take you through the beautiful village and farmland of Greenwich, New York.

The races will begin promptly at 8:00am in front of Greenwich Central Middle School on Gray Avenue. Packet pick-up and same-day registration available starting at 6:45am. The 5K is a gentle upslope out and a quick downslope back, starting and ending in front of the school. The 10K follows the 5K course and then continues through the beautiful countryside over rolling hills. Following the 5K, at approximately 9:00am, children under the age of 12 will participate in the Kids 1K Fun Run.



Interested participants should visit greenwichchamber.org/whipplecity5k to register online or download a form to mail-in or drop off. Paper registration forms can also be picked up at the Greater Greenwich Chamber of Commerce office at 6 Academy Street.

5K registrations received prior to Thursday, July 31 are \$25 per individual; registrations after July 31 are \$30. Same day registration on August 14 is \$35. 10K registrations received prior to Thursday, July 31 are \$35 per individual; registrations after July 31 are \$40. Same day registration on August 14 is \$45. Kids 1K Fun Run registration is \$5 per child.

Water and light refreshments will be provided after the races. Adults registered by July 31 will receive a Whipple City 5K & 10K event t-shirt.

First place overall male and female runners of the 5K and 10K will receive a decoy trophy from Dux' Dexes Decoy Co. Ribbons will be given for top three male and female finishers in their age group. All participants in the Kids 1K Fun Run will receive ribbons.

A portion of the race proceeds go to support the Greater Greenwich Chamber of Commerce Scholarship awarded to a Greenwich Central School graduating senior pursuing a business program at a New York State school of higher education.

More information and updates can be found online at greenwichchamber.org/whipplecity5k.



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Special to Journal & Press

The government response to the pandemic recession has allowed Americans to stay afloat, and in some cases, to save. Additionally, borrowers were able to take advantage of low interest rates to refinance mortgages, and consolidate and lower interest rates on auto and credit card balances. With the federal student loan program in forbearance until September 30, many of the 1.7 million with education debt have been focusing on paying down other debt. But as the economy opens up and more people return to work, there is likely to be an increase in Americans' appetite to return to their borrowing ways. Lest you think this is going to be a screed about the perils of doing so, read on!

While debt run amok can be dangerous, using credit to your advantage is a smart way to manage your personal life. In fact, the idea of making pur-

chases "on credit" goes back to as early as the 19th century. It took a while for credit to catch on: according to government data, in 1970, just 16% of U.S. families reported having at least one general purpose credit card. By 1983, that percentage soared to 43%, by 1989, it was at 56%, and today, it's an astonishing 79%.

For the 21% who do not have a credit card, the issue may not be a lack of desire to borrow, but an inability to qualify. A 2019 Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection report found that more than one in five US adults don't have the all-important credit score, which helps financial institutions determine whether to lend, either because they have not established enough credit or the credit that they have established is too old or stale to be reliable.

That may be about to change. To help those who are financially responsible, but have been shut out of the credit system, some of the nation's major banks have come together as part of a government-backed plan to cast a wider net to help more people establish credit records and take advantage of still low interest rates. In tandem with the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency - a bureau within the U.S. Department of the Treasury, banks like JP Morgan Chase and Wells Fargo are offering credit cards to individuals without credit cards, using bank account data and other data to determine whether or not a person is eligible for a credit card.

Perhaps this is the moment when you think: "Wait, isn't this how we got into trouble in the financial crisis of 2008 and the Great Recession of 2009?" While some of the excesses of that era

are still with us, shunning credit is not the answer. While it may seem counterintuitive, it is important to establish a credit record, because chances are, you will need to borrow money at some point in the future, maybe for a car or to buy a home. Those who have solid credit histories and demonstrate that they can pay their bills on time, usually end up with higher credit scores and as a result, will often get the cheapest interest rates when they borrow.

Of course, before you sign on the dotted line for any loan or credit card agreement, you should know the payment rules, the fees, and interest rates that you will incur, especially if your financial life turns south. Remember, the most important factor in any credit score is paying your bills on time -- do not be late! The best way to manage this is to establish automatic payments through your bank.

One more warning. As Americans rev up their engines to spend - 44% of adults say they are willing to take on debt for discretionary purchases in the second half of 2021, according to creditcards.com -- I would be remiss if I didn't channel my inner buzzkill and remind you that credit card interest rates average almost 16%. That's a pretty expensive way to finance your post-pandemic splurge!

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and into summer. Some donors will get a limited edition Red Cross T-shirt (while supplies last).

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Greenwich

8/3/2021: 1-6 p.m., BPOE 2223, 130 Bulson Rd.

The state of local newspapers

Darren Johnson
Journal & Press

About a decade ago, I attempted to start a Schuylerville newspaper, and printed five issues. It looked like this newspaper, with similar types of stories, but was a free paper. The readers enjoyed it well enough, but I made a big miscalculation. I'd assumed local businesses would be on board, and a free paper needs advertising to survive, but they all cried poverty, and, maybe they were right, because very few of those businesses are around today. Though one could argue maybe if they did advertise more, they might have survived.

So when I took over this paper, I applied lessons learned from my previous newspaper highs and lows and came up with a model that, while modest, seems to be sustainable. The model includes real journalism to keep and grow subscriptions and newsstand sales, better layout to attract larger advertisers like banks and hospitals, stronger ties to the community and a non-partisan approach to increase trust and goodwill. I had to cut frequency from weekly to twice a month to save on printing and mailing costs, but added color and upped the page count to a consistent 32 pages to justify a \$2 cover price, in line with other local papers and, in my opinion, a bargain considering the amount of content and curation involved in each and every edition of *The Journal & Press*.

It's no secret newspapers everywhere are struggling, and the pandemic certainly did not help. Now, small businesses are having trouble finding workers at a rate they can afford; the problem is exacerbated by big corporate chains now paying \$18+; why would someone work for a small restaurant – or hometown newspaper – for less pay and a less

reliable schedule? As small business owners, we can't expect workers to want to support *our* dreams.

Having worked for a number of newspapers, and having studied and taught Journalism, and having started various publications of my own over time (my college paper *Campus News* is approaching its 12th birthday), I think I have a good grasp on what the local newspaper landscape is like now. Here are my observations.

The Post-Star

The only daily paper that covers Washington County with any regularity, I still subscribe to it, but notice only one other Post-Star newspaper tube left in my neighborhood of about 40 homes. The paper has dropped considerably in substance and quality since it won a Pulitzer in 2009; and in various opinion pieces, the staff brags about a digital future. But, that said, their site doesn't seem to be that well monetized, only with gimmicky network ads that pay pennies and weird paywalls, so I don't see this paper making that great leap to becoming online-only. Add in another problem: Former staffers leave and start their own blogs, further diverting traffic from the paper's site.

The Free Press

This is a Manchester paper that uses a bulk mail permit to saturate whole zip codes, but there's no real news in it. They get the same press releases all the other papers get, but that's all the Free Press publishes. They may put a press release about a school play on the cover, while I would place such a piece on page 27 (and I'd copy edit it). However, they are an ad vehicle, taking ads away from newspapers that are actually trying to live up to a mission of help-



A rack at the Greenwich library

ing the community by analyzing and disseminating real and useful information.

The Eagle

Based in Cambridge, this paper is most similar in mission to *The Journal & Press*, and I have no problems with it. We all should subscribe to multiple papers because no one paper can cover everything. The *Eagle* comes out weekly and has a \$1 cover price; I'd estimate that mostly covers the cost to print and mail. Considered a Republican paper, the *Eagle* gets most of the area's legal ads, as this is a Republican county. A bit unfair, as we're not a Democratic paper by any means (I'm an independent), but legal ads can sustain a small paper with that business model. This is part of the reason why I changed *The Journal & Press's* business model – I knew the legal ads would be gone. Also, doing a weekly can be tiring – you don't have time to flesh out the bigger picture. Everything becomes a rush. But they have a good formula and sell many more units than we do, so God Bless them!

The Hill Country Observer

This paper is an odd bird. It's a free monthly, which comes out 10

times a year, and is only in black-and-white, usually with one main, sweeping regional "trend" story. It is given out via racks in grocery store vestibules, and the racks are often replenished mid-month with the same edition. I wonder if some people just grab several papers a month, each time the rack is replenished. They don't have much of a digital presence, and I've never heard a person say, "Hey, did you see that story in *The Hill Country Observer*?" They have cornered the market on the business card style ads that normally would be in this paper or *The Eagle*.

In any case, we're lucky to have so many choices. A region without a newspaper has no one recording its history, and no one looking out for its residents. Our parents and grandparents supported newspapers – and now we are benefitting from these great archives. We should do the same, for our children to have a record of this region – to tell them that this point in time matters. A newspaper can create a sense of place; for yesterday, today and tomorrow.

Contact *Darren Johnson* at editor@journalandpress.com.



Got returning-to-work trauma?

Daneen Skube

Special to Journal & Press

Q: *I was upset when I had to suddenly take my work home and only work remotely. Now, I'm doing well and am surprised that I'm upset and worried about returning to work in-person. How I can best adjust to returning to my office?*

A: You're in good company if you're feeling somewhat traumatized by the prospect of returning to in-office work. We're all creatures of habit, and once we adjust to something, we resist yet another change.

Psychological researchers have discovered that even positive changes like a better job, new baby or new marriage are extremely stressful. Being upset by change doesn't mean you're weaker than everyone else – instead it is proof you're human.

Research on change breaks the concept into three categories: too little change/challenge, just right change/challenge (the “Goldilocks” zone), and too much change/challenge. Interestingly, if we have too little change in our lives, we get bored and stagnant – and that is also stressful.

Since your company is discussing a return to offices, look closely at the timeline and details. Make a list of all the things you now enjoy about working from home. Make small changes now to find out how you can still enjoy these new habits while working more from your office.

A significant positive change of the pandemic is the flexibility employers will have about work from home. If your job worked well remotely during the pandemic, it isn't too early to start selling your manager on allowing at least part of your job to continue remotely.

Make sure you talk to your manager about their perceptions on critical in-person events in your office. When you propose continuing remote work, you must factor in your manager's priority for in-person events or they will simply turn you down.

When you list the benefits you discovered in working from home, think creatively about how to continue them in office. One of my clients dropped 50 pounds by turning most remote work meetings into walking opportunities. He's installing a walking desk in his in-person office so he can continue with his health improvement program.

The more you criticize yourself by thinking you're a wimp because you're upset about returning to your office, the harder your adjustment will be. We cannot fight ourselves and problem-solve creatively in the outside world at the same time.

Consider carefully how to do as much preparation as you can now so you keep yourself in that Goldilocks change zone. Don't wait until the last minute trying to ignore that you'll eventually have to return to some amount of in-person work.

What you want to aim for is that Goldilocks zone where you don't have to adjust to big change, so plan in advance the small steps you can take for an optimum return to your office.

The last word(s)

Q: *I graduated from college a few years ago and have been trying to learn a lot of new skills in my current job. I succeed about 50% of the time. Do you think my failures will end up defining me as I start out my career?*

A: No, as Samuel Barclay Beckett, Irish novelist, playwright, and poet advised, “try again, fail again, fail better.” By being brave enough to fail with enthusiasm, we put ourselves in the optimum position to learn more and faster than anyone else around us!

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.interpersonaledge.com or 1420 NW Gilman Blvd., #2845, Issaquah, WA 98027. Sorry, no personal replies.



Girls hoops clinic via SUNY ADK

SUNY Adirondack's Girls Basketball Clinic runs July 19 to 22 for girls entering grades 5 through 12 — is hosted by the college's head women's basketball coach, Cornelius Tavarres, and members of the women's team.

“This is a great opportunity for girls interested in the sport to learn from college-level athletes and improve their game,” said Julie Clark, assistant director of Athletics at SUNY Adirondack. “Our players, too, get a lot out of this, teaching skills they've mastered and sharing the sport they love with the next generation of college players.”

The young women are led by Tavarres, who signed on at SUNY Adirondack in 2020, after a decade of coaching. Tavarres is founder of

Adirondack Shock AAU basketball. He has coached AAU since 2009, coached at Corinth Central School, was assistant coach at Skidmore College and head coach at Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, where he earned Coach of the Year honors.

“You won't find a more dedicated person, invested in developing every aspect of a player's skills, on and off the court,” said Zach Schwan, director of SUNY Adirondack Athletics. “This is a great opportunity for young players to learn a lot in a short time and have a lot of fun doing it.”

The clinic runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Players will be grouped based on age (with some adjustments for experience). Participants will focus on fundamentals while receiving personal attention

in passing, shooting, dribbling, rebounding and defense.

Players should expect to participate in fun activities and competition daily, while also sitting in on discussions about nutrition and off-court activities that will benefit their play. Each should bring lunch and snacks.

The clinic, which includes a T-shirt, costs \$225, with a \$25 discount for each sibling in an immediate family. To register, visit sunyadktimberwolves.com.



RC churches update

The Battenkill Cluster's weekend Mass schedule is: Holy Cross on Sunday at 8:15 AM, Immaculate Conception, Saturday at 4 PM and Sunday at 10 AM, St. Patrick's, at 11:30 AM, St. Joseph's on Sunday at 10 AM, and Notre Dame-Visitation, Saturday at 4 PM and Sunday at 11:15 AM. Fr. Ed Kacerguis continues celebrating Mass for YouTube at www.tinyurl.com/SJG-liturgies.

The area Catholic Churches will begin celebrating weekday Mass starting in July. The schedule is: Be-

ginning Mondays, July 12 at Immaculate Conception, Tuesdays, beginning July 5 for Holy Cross, and at St. Patrick's, on Wednesdays, beginning July 6. All daily Masses are at 9 AM.

Effective July 1, The Diocese of Albany has changed the suggested donation for Mass intentions to \$15.

Sr. Gussie's new address is: Sr. Augusta Ann Burgess, CSJ, Parkland at Shaker Pointe, 365 Watervliet-Shaker Road, Watervliet, NY 12182.

Hey, kids, build an app

Congresswoman Elise Stefanik has announced that the Congressional App Challenge began June 24th. The Congressional App Challenge is open to all students regardless of coding experience and provides an opportunity for young people interested in computer science to design, create, and showcase an original app while giving them the chance to learn valuable technical skills. Students can participate as individuals or as teams of up to four. "I have witnessed firsthand the creativity and talent of students throughout the North Country and I am excited to announce this opportunity for those who are interested in

coding and app design," said Congresswoman Stefanik. "The winning app will be proudly displayed in the United States Capitol for one year. I encourage all middle and high school students to submit their projects – I look forward to seeing what you all create!"

To learn more about the app contest, scan the QR code to the right.



Legal Notice

Town of Easton Democratic Party Caucus

The Democratic Party Caucus for the Town of Easton will be held in the parking area adjacent to Burton Hall, 1071 State Route 40, Greenwich, NY 12834 on Thursday, July 8, 2021 at 7:00pm.

The purpose of the caucus is to nominate candidates for the following Town of Easton offices:

Office	Term
Supervisor	2-year term
Town Council	4-year term (2 positions)
Town Justice	4-year term
Town Clerk	2-year term

Superintendent of Highways 2-year term
Assessor 4-year term

Only enrolled Democrats are entitled to vote at the caucus, and no write-in or floor nominations will be accepted at the caucus.

Those wishing to seek the above office, must submit a letter of intent or email to the Easton Democratic Town Chairman, postmarked or emailed by Tuesday, July 6, 2021.

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History Happened Here

The life and contributions of Asa Fitch, Sr.

Jim Nolan
Journal & Press

Asa Fitch, Sr. made many contributions to Salem and the surrounding areas. Over the course of his life, he was a soldier, doctor, justice of the peace, judge, congressman, and church leader.

Asa Fitch was born in Groton, Connecticut on November 10, 1765. Since there were no schools in that area, his father, Peletiah, home schooled him. Peletiah was a medical doctor, justice of the peace, and surveyor. When Asa was sixteen years old, he enlisted in the colonial army and helped guard the northern frontier from British incursions from Canada during the last stages of the Revolutionary War.

At the close of the war, he commenced the study of medicine.

Initially he studied with his father but finished his studies working with Dr. Philip Smith of Easton. In 1788 he started his professional medical practice in Duanesburg, NY. On January 27, 1791, he married Abigail Martin of Salem.

After residing and practicing medicine in Duanesburg for seven years, Fitch moved to Salem and purchased his father-in-law's mill property and farm located at a place now known as Fitch's Point (on present day Route 29). Here he established an extensive medical practice. He rode as many as eight miles in any direction to see his patients. Physicians in neighboring towns soon called on him for consultations.



Few physicians of the day had as large a medical library and anatomical museum as Fitch had. A large number of aspiring medical students obtained professional instruction from him.

In 1806, at a meeting of medical doctors in Albany, Fitch was selected chairman of a committee to obtain Legislative recognition of medical societies established around the state. The committee's work resulted in the passage of a general law for the incorporation of the State and county medical societies. Fitch soon after became president of the county medical society and remained so for 20 years.

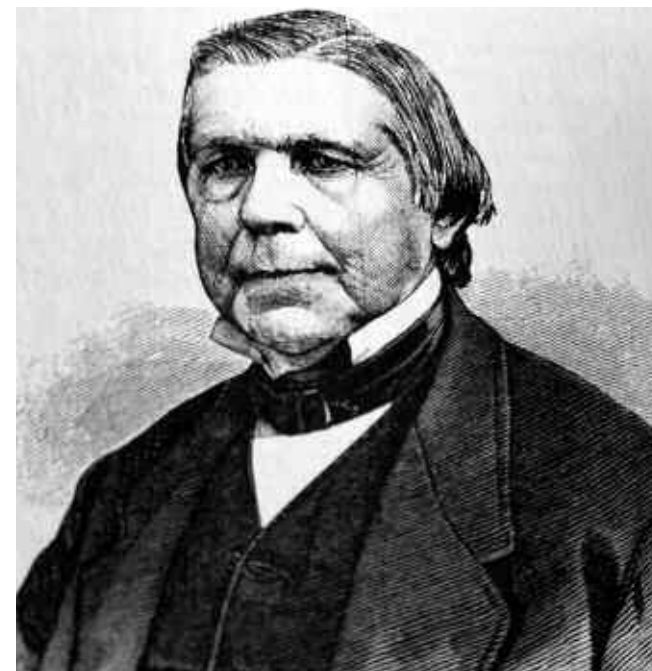
In 1799 he was appointed Justice of the Peace. After serving in this position for eleven years, he was made county judge. Soon after becoming county judge, Fitch was elected to Congress. He took his seat in the House of Representatives on November 4, 1811.

During his time in Congress, he participated in the vote as to whether to go to war with Great Britain. He voted in the negative. Congress passed the legislation and the War of 1812 commenced.

His long absence from home during his two year term proved detrimental to his business interests so he declined re-nomination to a second term. After returning home, he was reappointed a county judge and served in this capacity for fifteen years.

In 1816 he experienced the greatest heartbreak of his life when his eldest son, Martin passed

'In 1816, he experienced his greatest heartbreak: His son's death.'



away. Martin had graduated from Middlebury College, studied medicine with his father and surgery with noted surgeons in New York City. Fitch had long hoped his son would succeed him in the Salem medical practice.

Elected in 1919 an elder of the Presbyterian Church, he became one of the most prominent members of the Troy Presbytery. Fitch was also elected president of the first county agricultural society and was active in the State Temperance Society.

Asa Fitch died on August 24, 1843 at the ripe old age of 77. The eldest of his remaining sons, Asa Fitch, Jr., carried on the medical practice his father had established but also reached great heights of fame in other areas. Stay tuned for Asa Fitch, Jr.'s story next issue.

Dinos in motion

Universal Presentation Hall presents Dinosaurs in Motion, a new, interactive, engaging STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Mathematics) exhibition for 84 days this summer and early fall.

Dinosaurs in Motion engages and educates the visitors of all ages by using 14 fully interactive, recycled life-size metal dinosaur sculptures inspired by actual fossils. It is on exhibit from July 25-Oct. 15 at UPH. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$15 youth, and are now on sale at universalpreservationhall.org.

Dinosaurs in Motion is an amazing blend of science, art and innovation. The life-sized metal sculptures captivate visitors while their exposed mechanics illustrate science and technology principles in a fun and engaging way. The exhibition weaves the science, art and innovation themes throughout and touches on each of these educational topics at each sculpture.

The art portions highlight sketching, drawing, and sculpting; the science segments explore kinetics, biomechanics, and robotics; and the innovation areas encourage observing and experimenting.

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



Going down the rabbit hole

Cody Fitzgerald
Journal & Press

Merely a day after I received my high school diploma, you would think that I'd be beyond my wild, outlandish thoughts and writings, but I think that would be a disservice to all of you if I stopped. This is more important today than ever, because I feel as though I have cracked a case far beyond any McDonaldland critical analysis I could ever make. Before I graduated, I received a letter from Elise Stefanik along with the rest of my class, and I couldn't help to think there was much more than meets the eye. Allow me to explain.

I did some deeper thinking and realized that Elise Stefanik was born in 1984, and is also a heavy shoe lick of Donald Trump. Well, what's a book that Trump supporters quote to say they're being oppressed despite never reading it?

George Orwell's "1984." Is Elise Stefanik a part of Big Brother, watching over our every move and controlling our thoughts and feelings? I'd say yes if I thought she could read, but that's a stretch. I do think, however, this theory goes deeper than that.

George Orwell also wrote "Animal Farm," and isn't that a coincidence given that we live in farm country, where Elise Stefanik is from? Do you see where I'm going with this? What's another word for farm? Ranch. Who sends people to the ranch? Dr. Phil.

Dr. Phil (next to exploiting people and profiting off of their familial issues) is most known for his moustache. Who else has one of Hollywood's best moustaches and works with families? Steve Harvey.

Steve Harvey you say? Steve Harvey who acted in Chris Stokes' 2004 film, "You Got Served?" Where else do you get served? McDonald's, maybe?

McDonald's is known for boasting their "over 99 billion served" slogan, but who else has over 99 billion? Jeff Bezos. When you think of Jeff Bezos, who do you think of? That's right, Satan. Satan is a religious figure. Who else is religious? Chick-Fil-A.

Chick-Fil-A, making

several donations to homophobic organizations, is a garbage company. Garbage company? Someone who makes garbage bags? Glad. Glad is an emotion. What deals with emotions? Pixar's 2015 film, "Inside Out." Who acts in this film? Bill Hader.

'Who else has deals with candy and children? Willy Wonka.'

Bill Hader was on Saturday Night Live. Saturday? In Sweden, Saturday is the only day where most children are allowed to eat candy (look it up). Who else has deals with candy and children? Willy Wonka. Willy Wonka has a factory. Who else has a factory? Stewart's.

Is Elise Stefanik working with Stewart's to plan a 1984-esque takeover of Upstate New York? I can't say no.

For legal reasons, this was a joke. Don't sue me, Stewart's. For Elise, keep your hands out of our big moment.

Cody Fitzgerald is a 2021 Schuylerville High School grad 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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Home Made Theater

"New Jerusalem," Home Made Theater's limited-run production about the real-life Dutch philosopher Baruch Spinoza, will be performed twice at Saratoga Springs' Congregation Shaara Tfilla on Sunday, July 25, and twice at Clifton Park's Congregation Beth Shalom on Sunday, August 1. The production will also be streamed on a date to be determined.

Written by playwright David Ives, New Jerusalem is based on actual events that occurred at Talmud Torah Congregation on July 27, 1656. Visit homemadetheater.org for details and tickets.

Castleton University Upward Bound Congratulations Class of 2021!



Our Seniors are headed to: Castleton University, CCV, University of Southern Maine, UVM, NVU -Johnson, Pennsylvania State, West Liberty University, Husson University, SUNY Plattsburgh, SUNY ACC, SUNY Buffalo, SUNY College at Brockport, and College of St. Rose.

Letter of intent

Salem Washington Academy senior Mackenzie Braymer recently signed a letter of intent to play for the SUNY Adirondack Timberwolves womens' soccer team. She has already been taking college courses at SUNY Adirondack throughout her senior year, as she is pursuing a degree in criminal justice. Mackenzie played soccer for five years, with the last two on the varsity team playing defense. She also participated in Spanish club, math club, and mock trial.

Mackenzie is the daughter of Sandi and Tim Braymer.



Reading and dancing with Easton Library

The Easton Library will be releasing three family-oriented "Drum, Dance and Sing!" videos throughout the Summer, created by Guinean master drummer, dancer and choreographer M'Bemba Bangoura. Wednesday, July 7 will be the release date for the first video in the group. The "Drum, Dance and Sing!" video will be located at Easton Library's

website: easton.sals.edu or at the Easton Library Facebook page.

Anyone without internet services may watch the video in the meeting room on July 7 at 2:00 PM. Please call the library before coming to reserve a spot!

Families with children in grades PreK through 6th are invited to sign up for the Summer Reading Program. Participation in the "Tails and Tales" Summer Reading Program includes visiting the library to check out books, keep track of what is read on a book log, and stay in touch with the library or director about what is read for accountability and periodic drawings.

Have fun watching the videos, share a short clip of you and your family playing something that M'Bemba taught and enter the raffle to win a djembe! You must be a Summer Reading Program Participant to enter the

drawing. Please see the contest rules on the website.

M'Bemba started playing the djembe (West African hand drum) when he was just 7 years old and started playing professionally at age 14. Today, almost 60 years later, his dedication to this music has taken him to the far reaches of our world and introduced him to thousands of other musicians, artists and dancers.

For centuries, the history, beliefs and folklore of West African communities have been kept alive through the tradition of music and oral storytelling. Stories have been passed through the ages by Griots, who are musicians, poets and historians. The music, the movements and even the instruments themselves tell the stories.

Please contact direc-

tor Jennifer DeCarlo at jdecarlo@sals.edu or Easton Library at (518) 692-2253 with questions about the Summer Reading Program. Funding for this Summer Reading Program is supported by the Stewart's Holiday Match. The Friends of Easton library are responsible for the Djembe donation.



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A great act of sportmanship

Evan Felicetti
Journal & Press

One of the great unifying aspects of sports is that when a player suffers an injury, they often receive support not only from their own team, but from the opposition as well. It is a tradition of camaraderie that stretches far back into time, and thankfully continues today at many levels. Last month, one such varsity baseball game between Greenwich and Mechanicville proved that this time-honored tradition is indeed still alive.

On May 19th, Greenwich Varsity hosted Mechanicville for a regular season game. The game eventually ended with Greenwich winning in extras, with a walk-off home run by Aidan McPhail shattering the 1-1 score. But earlier in the game, a devastating injury struck Mechanicville. Freshman third baseman Colin Richardson from Mechanicville stepped up to the plate against Greenwich pitcher Jesse Kuzmich. With a runner on first, Richardson hit a powerful ground ball into the infield. Greenwich executed the double play like countless others, but this play was far from routine. With about five feet to go before reaching first, Colin fell to the ground. From that first moment, it was clear that he was in agonizing pain.

With everyone still in shock, both head coaches, including Coach Quentin Jensen of Greenwich, rushed over to attend to Colin, getting to his level to evaluate. They both did their best to keep him steady, as any slight motion was causing tremendous pain. On what was an extremely sunny and bright day, Coach Jensen did his best to simply block the sun from beaming on Colin; doing anything to keep the young man comfortable.

But Jensen wasn't the only

member of the Witches to lend a hand. Several Greenwich players also ran up to the school to grab ice for Colin, while someone else on the field dialed 911. Colin explained how the pain was in his hip. As it turns out, it was a tear in his Sartorius muscle. The Sartorius is a very important leg muscle that is located on the front of the thighs, and runs from the hipbone to below the knee.

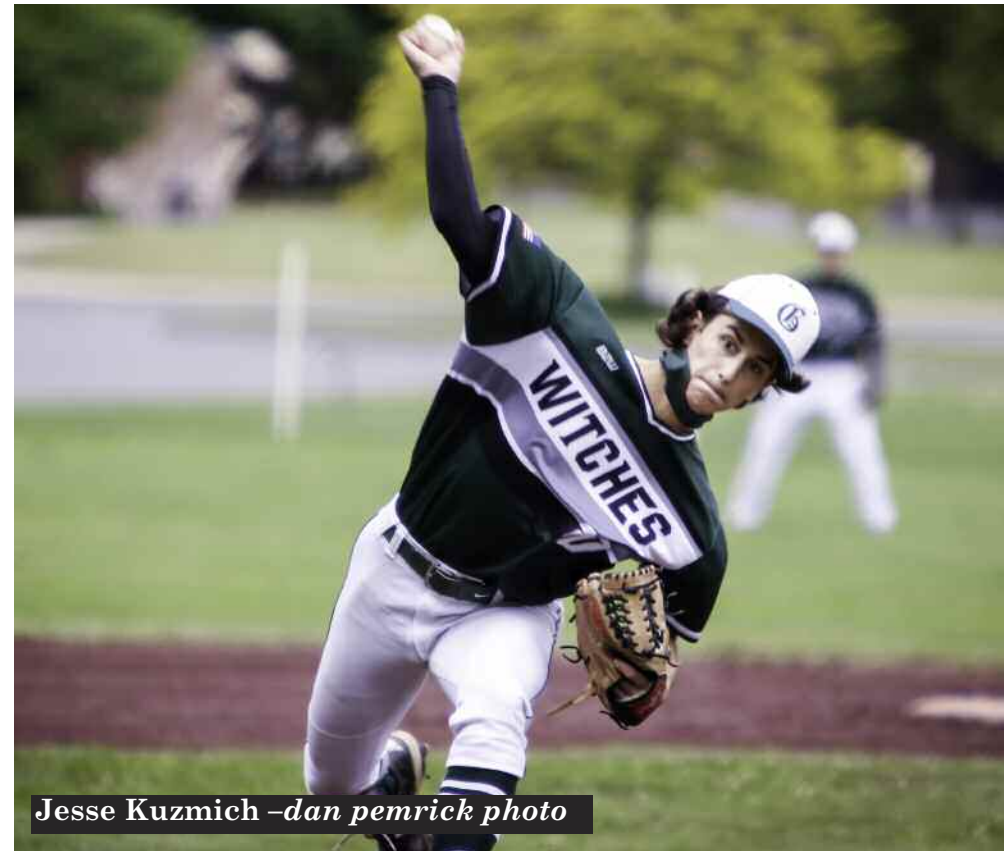
As a sign of respect and solidarity, both coaches asked their teams to take a knee, and do everything they could to keep Colin in good spirits, amidst the tremendous pain. Once a medical crew arrived, Colin was lifted onto a stretcher, and was met with a standing ovation from both teams, as well as the crowd. At that moment, everyone was on Colin's team, regardless of what uniform they wore.

After the game, the players from Greenwich spoke in detail about what had happened, and how they wanted to do something special for Colin. It was such an unfortunate injury, especially considering that it was Colin's first Varsity game,

'Greenwich executed the double play, but this play was far from routine.'

and that he had a great at-bat, with a hard-hit ball against one of the best players in the league. The Witches decided that they would all autograph a baseball for Colin, and all chipped in to get him a gift card to his favorite restaurant, Chipotle.

Flash forward just a few weeks to June 5th, and Greenwich faced off against Mechanicville once more, at Mechanicville High School. However, in this meeting the league championship was on



Jesse Kuzmich –dan pemrick photo

the line. Before the game, the Witches were able to present both the ball, as well as the gift card, to Colin personally. Colin, who is currently using crutches to help get around, is making a great recovery, and hopes to be back on the diamond soon enough. Mechanicville ended up taking home the victory that day, in a game that also went into extras.

Not only did Colin appreciate the kindness, but Mechanicville parents were very receptive as well. Several parents ended up sending Greenwich Athletics a donation, as a way of saying thank you for all of the kindness, generosity, and sportsmanship demonstrated by the Witches. Since the end of the season, several members of the Greenwich Varsity team have continued to chat back and forth with Colin on social media, cheering him up and

wishing him a speedy recovery.

Overall, it was a good season for Greenwich, with a 12-4 record being the final result. The team won a game in sectionals, and of course played in the league championship against Mechanicville. The results of the season were pretty good overall, especially considering that the team was made up of primarily 8th, 9th, and 10th graders. Only a small portion of the team were upperclassmen. But the future for this team looks very bright, as all the non-seniors from this year's team have expressed the intention to play again next year, building on all of the skills learned this season.

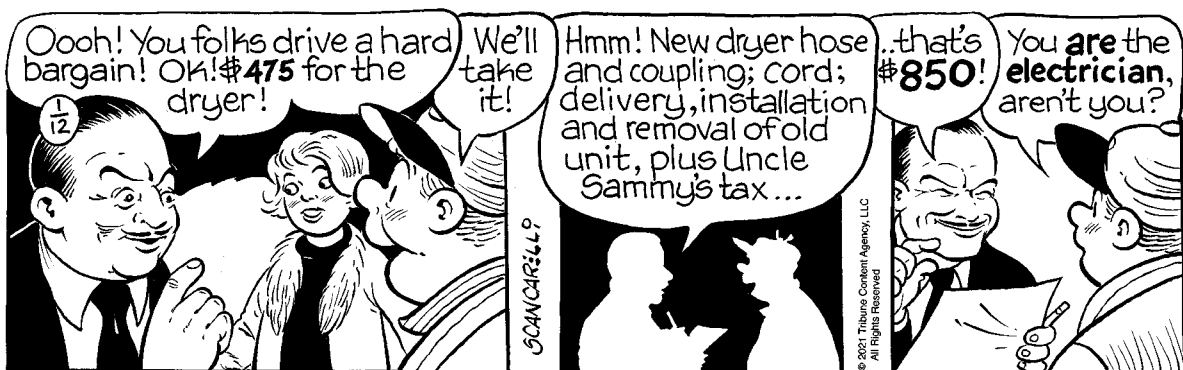
One thing is for certain, however. No matter what happens on the scoreboard, the sportsmanship that this team has demonstrated this year makes them winners in every sense of the word. Best of luck to all the graduating Seniors.

The Funny Page

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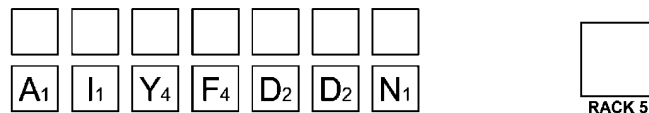
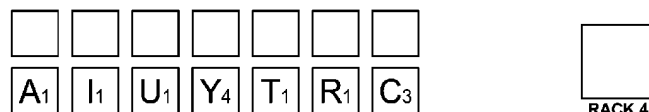
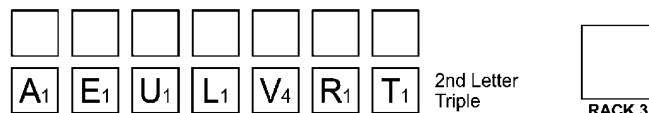
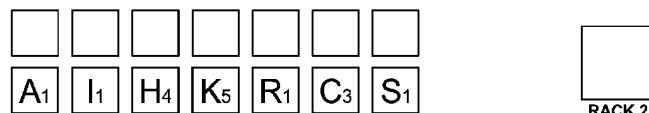
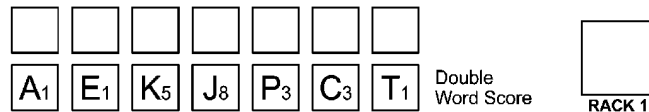


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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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

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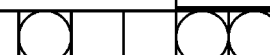
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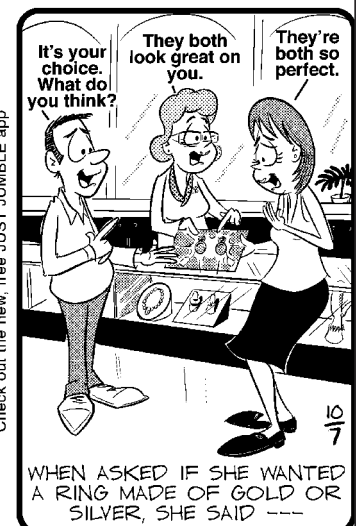


Answer here:



“ ”

Check out the new, free JUMBLE app



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



Puzzle
Answers
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Fort Salem's 'The Next Normal'

Fort Salem Theater is excited to announce their 2021 cast and creative team of *Next To Normal*, opening July 23 and running through August 1. This will be the second musical of the season, following an extended run of *The Marvelous Wonderettes*, which reopened the theater under new management on June 18 (and closed June 27).

Performances are Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30PM, and Sundays at 2:00PM. All performances are on the Fort Salem Theater mainstage, located at 11 E Broadway, Salem NY 12090. Tickets range from \$22-\$30 and can be purchased at www.FortSalem.com.

Hailed as "brave and breathtaking" by The New York Times, *Next to Normal* is a contemporary Broadway musical and winner of the Pulitzer Prize for Drama in 2010, becoming only the eighth musical to ever receive the award. Written by Tom Kitt and Brian Yorkey, *Next to Normal* brings to the stage a typical Ameri-

can family as they cope with loss and the unpredictability of a mother's deep struggles with mental health. In addition to the show's Pulitzer Prize, the original New York City production received 11 Tony Award nominations (winning 4), plus numerous accolades from the Drama League Awards, Drama Desk Awards, Outer Critics Circle Awards and The Lucille Lortel Awards.

The cast is led by guest artist Rebecca Paige as Diana. Paige has appeared across the country in *The Man of La Mancha* (Aldonza), *Jekyll & Hyde* (Lucy – Column Award Nomination), *Oklahoma!* (Ado Annie) and *Evita* (Eva Peron – Column Award Nomination).

She appears opposite Sam Luke as Dan, Kallie Ann Tarkleson (Fort Salem Theater's *The Marvelous Wonderettes*) as Natalie, Noah Casner as Gabe, Noah Heimbach as Henry, and Marc Christopher as Dr.

Madden/Dr. Fine. Fort Salem Theater Executive and Artistic Director Kyle West will direct the musical, with guest artist John Norine Jr. serving as both Music Director and Technical Director. Both creative team members have participated in COVID Compliance Officer training programs to ensure a safe environment for rehearsals and performances. All cast and creative team members are fully vaccinated and will have an increased distance from the audience when singing.



Kallie Ann Tarkleson



Rebecca Paige

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Cambridge Crossword

(solution page 24)

Across

- 1 Poets
6 Ocean breaker
10 Former Iranian ruler
14 From another planet
15 Golfer's club selection
16 Golfer's target
17 What the star gets on a marquee
19 Express checkout lane unit
20 "___ Haw"
21 Contemptuous manner, in slang
22 "Pet" annoyance
23 Dejected
26 Wrap tightly, as in bandages
30 Poker holding
31 Charged atoms
32 Madame of physics
34 Guy's partner
37 Level of optimal accomplishment
41 Bygone jet, briefly
42 Act with passion

- 43 Caution
44 Song at the Met
45 Like most peanuts
47 Meeting of world leaders
52 Name on rented trailers
53 Lane with a nose for news
54 Pasta suffix
57 Dirt road grooves
58 Honorable ... and like the starts of 17-, 23-, 37- and 47-Across
61 Emancipated
62 Pigmented eye layer
63 Watchdog warning
64 Part of NIMBY
65 Swiss capital
66 Foul, weather-wise

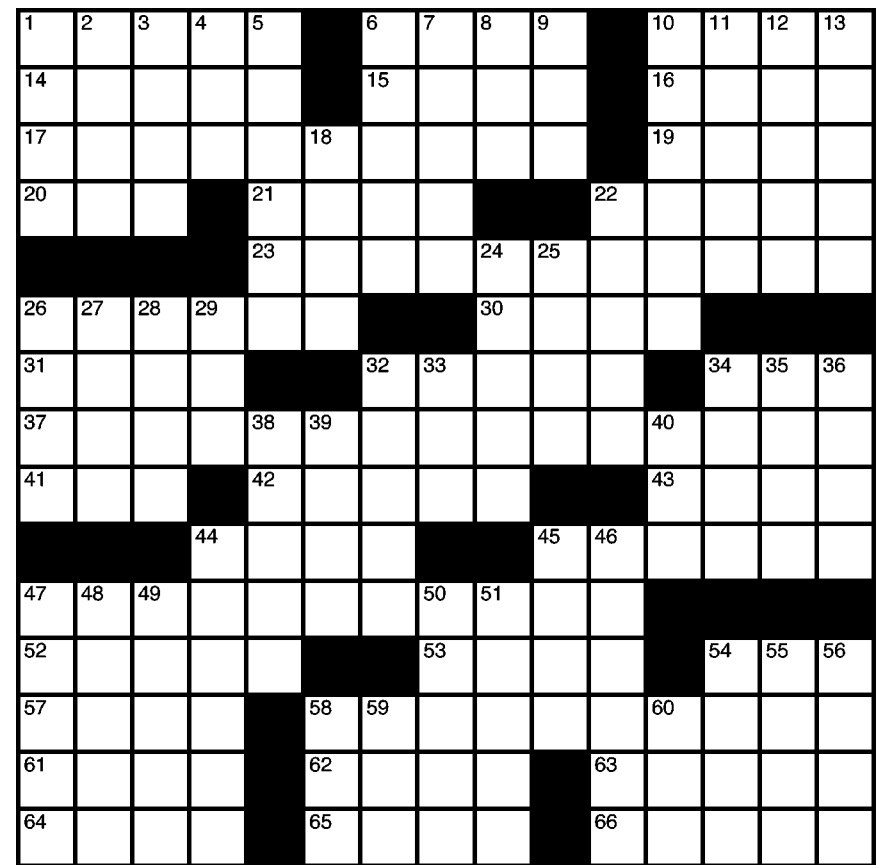
Down

- 1 It's drawn in a tub
2 Natural skin soother
3 Unlike green tomatoes

- 4 Star of the ball
5 Tattletale
6 Witty Oscar
7 Astrological Ram
8 Maria ___ Trapp
9 Subj. with grammar
10 Handheld riot gear
11 Marriott facility
12 Advil competitor
13 Macho guys
18 Tempt
22 "The Hunger Games" nation
24 Severe pang
25 Carnival
26 Drinks that make a drink last
27 Troubles
28 Vet sch. course
29 Disdainful click
32 Zagreb native
33 N.Y.-based educators' union
34 Insect in a dusk swarm
35 Realtor's lot unit
36 Allow to borrow
38 Danger

- 39 Give out
40 Tapered tool
44 Tickled
45 Less than 1%?
46 Give, as homework
47 Like the beach during a storm
48 "Star Trek" lieutenant
49 Alma ___
50 Rags-to-riches author Horatio
51 Lindsay who played Liz in "Liz & Dick"
54 Wedding promises
55 Mature eft
56 Relaxed way to sit by
58 O'Hare, for United Airlines
59 "___ been thinking ..."
60 Org. promoting hunter safety

ANSWERS ON PAGE 26.



Word Find

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

Find these words that are associated with graduation.

Achieve
Caps
Ceremony

Dean
Degree
Doctorate
Gifts
Goals
Goodbyes
Gown
Graduation

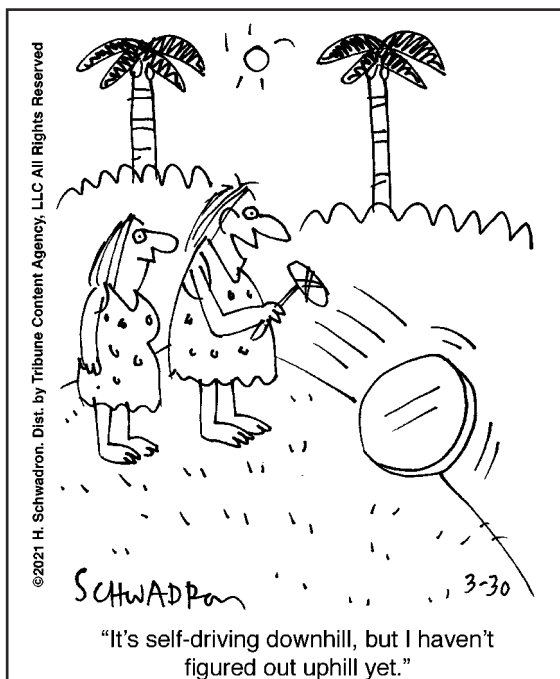
Honors
Majors
Masters
Medicine
Nursing
Photos
Podium
Professor

Proud
Ring
Robe
Roses
Speeches
Stage
Student
Tassel

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

9 to 5 by Harley Schwadron

Fast Facts



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Fireworks injuries

9,300 Number of serious fireworks injuries in the U.S. each year.

4 Average number of deaths in the U.S. annually due to fireworks

40 Percent of injuries caused by illegal fireworks

400 Number of Americans who lose sight in one or both eyes due to fireworks.

Most injured body parts

14%
Eyes

6%
Arms

17%
Legs

53%
of all injuries were burns

31%
Hands and fingers

22%
Heads, faces and ears

10%
Trunk and other

Source: Consumer Product Safety Commission
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Cancel Culture, '71 style

Lance Allen Wang
Journal & Press

“Hey Rosita! I hafta go shopping downtown for my mother!

“She needs some tortillas and cheelee peppers!”

—Mel Blanc voiceover in Pat Boone’s “Speedy Gonzales” (1962)

Long before today’s complaints of “cancel culture,” the Frito Bandito, the mascot for Fritos corn chips, became a target of groups opposed to racist stereotypes. He survived for a turbulent five years on the untamed advertising frontier. For those of you of a certain age, this is a trip down memory lane. To my millennial and beyond readers, well, if you dig enough through the past, you begin to find shadows of the present.

In post-World War II cinema, the era of “horse operas” and then “spaghetti westerns,” one standard character was the Mexican bandit. The “bandito” was usually male, gruff, mustachioed and unshaven, had a gold tooth, carried pistols, wore at least one bandoleer of ammunition across his chest, and was topped off by a big sombrero. Of course, he had a Hollywood-ized idea of a heavy Mexican accent. Some of the lines of the bandito would become cliché. One in particular was from 1948’s *The Treasure of the Sierra Madre*, which popular culture would condense to “Badges? We don’t need no stinking badges!” In film, it would be repeated in Mel Brooks’ 1974 comedy *Blazing Saddles*, and countless times until its most recent appearance in Spike Lee’s 2020 war film, *Da 5 Bloods*.

By 1967, the Mexican bandit stereotype had become part of popular culture to such a degree that Frito-Lay’s advertising agency came up with the Frito Bandito. This was a big client, and a big client got the best. The agency got Tex Avery, an animator and director of animated features to create the Bandito (his most famous creation was a slow-talking dog known as “Droopy Dog”). The character was voiced by Mel Blanc, famous for voicing Bugs Bunny, Daffy Duck, Porky Pig, Barney Rubble, and Mr. Spacely, George Jetson’s boss.

To the tune of a traditional Mexican song named

“Cielito Lindo,” the Bandito would sing:

“Ay, ay, ay, ay! Oh, I am dee Frito Bandito!

“I love Fritos corn chips, I love them I do!

“I want Fritos corn chips, I’ll get them from you!”

“Ay, ay, ay, ay! Oh, I am dee Frito Bandito!

“Give me Fritos corn chips and I’ll be your friend.

“The Frito Bandito you must not offend!”

After the appearance of the Frito Bandito, Mexican-American advocacy groups began protesting the Bandito for drawing on negative stereotypes. In response, the advertising agency changed the menacing look of the Bandito - the gold tooth was removed, the beard stubble was gone, and the menacing eyes were replaced with cutesy non-threatening dots. He was no longer going to steal corn chips at gunpoint and following the 1968 assassination of Robert Kennedy, the pistols were forever holstered. No, the “new” Bandito was not going to shoot you in the head for your corn chips - instead he relied on deception and trickery. He was no longer violent, he was merely devious.

This did not diminish the protests from Mexican-American advocacy organizations such as the National Mexican-American Anti-Defamation Committee (NMAADC) and the Involvement of Mexican-Americans in Gainful Endeavors (IMAGE). Frito-Lay, on the other hand, surveyed Mexican Americans about the mascot and claimed that 85 percent of people with Mexican descent were okay with the character and only eight percent were offended. Said Frito-Lay, “... any time we find we’re offending a substantial group of Mexican-Americans, we’ll be the first to take the Frito Bandito off the air.”

Despite their cloaking themselves in the survey results, Frito-Lay began getting increasingly negative publicity. In December 1969, *Newsweek* wrote, “Frito-Lay has been as touchy as a sunburned Chihuahua about its chubby Mexican thief.” William Raspberry, *Washington Post* columnist, made the point more directly – “The point is that the ethnic stereotypes, bad enough no matter who they depict, are intolerable when they pick on people who are daily victims of American racism.



The Bandito

And if the point had escaped those who created the Frito Bandito ads, the complaints from Mexican-Americans have removed whatever innocence there may have been.”

“Cancel culture” is just the latest name for what has been done by the right and left for years. In its execution, it is capitalism in its purest form. Just as the creation of the Frito Bandito was a business decision, its withdrawal was also a business decision. Finding a less than receptive ear at Frito-Lay, NMAADC and IMAGE began protesting television stations, getting major television stations in Los Angeles and San Francisco to stop airing the advertisements. Within a year, Frito-Lay was no longer airing the advertisements in the three states due to protests – California, Oregon, and Washington. As protesting groups were lobbying the Federal Communications Commission for equal time on the airwaves to reinforce positive images of Mexican-Americans, Frito-Lay finally ended the advertising campaign in 1971.

The point of my bringing this story up? To remind us that “there is nothing new under the sun.” Cancel culture is nothing new, mascot representation of a minority (yet created entirely by and adopted by the majority) is nothing new, and the use of capitalism as a bludgeon is nothing new. Before we seek solutions for problems that we think are new, we have history as a guide. Not always an answer key, but a guide.

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Answers

Boggle: CYAN BLUE GRAY MAUVE FUCHSIA CRIMSON

Jumble: ABOVE HEFTY ADRIFT WICKER

Final Jumble:
EITHER "ORE"

Salem Sudoku

(solution below)

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Boggle BrainBusters!

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WOIS
GOKE
AGLM

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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?
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Answers to Last Sunday's Boggle BrainBusters:
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Salem Courthouse Community Garden

Thanks to so many individuals, the Community Garden has doubled in size from last year and will serve as a place for community members to grow food and flowers, as well as providing fresh produce to the local Food Pantry. All available plots have been rented by individuals or families or sponsored by local organizations or businesses. Many thanks to the Salem Chamber of Commerce, Laura's Garden, the law practice of Don McPhee, the Rotary Club, Borador Animal Hospital, Glens Falls National Bank, and Joyce Getty for sponsoring plots.

With the help of Amy Maxwell's high school students, cardboard and chips from the town have been laid on most of the pathways. Cameron Braymer, Alexandria Cary, Taylor Cary, Kathryn Sweenor, Reid Thetford, Maegan Wood, Zachary Zangel, Leanna Barker, Kyle Bink, Jasmyne Cary, Jadrian Choudhury, Sierra Cobart, Isabelle Harriman-Russell, Joshua Harrington, Ethan Hickland, David Miller and Zachariah Miller provided labor on

even some 90 degree days! They were joined by Joseph Cary, Matthew Gardner, Carl George, Alyce Harrington, Mya Kennedy, Samantha Keys, Brittney McFarland, Eli Thetford, Brady Moffitt, Reid Thetford, Bryana Vigil, and Bruce Waite. Students also started vegetable and flower plants that were used in the garden.

All of the plots have been planted. This could not have been accomplished without an amazing Planting Day held on June 10th. All fourth graders and their energetic teachers, Mary Skelly, Cindy Rogers and Tina Luke-Byk, as well as Ms. Maxwell, Gerry & Priscilla Cutler, Sue Keyes, Herb Perkins, and Sue Clary, took part in the event.

All of the plants in the food pantry garden were donated. The group sends "many thanks to Laura and Peter Dunham, Zena Pesta, the Southerlands, and Braydon's Garden, as well as Salem Central School."

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Scenes from the Whipple City Festival



Greenwich's Whipple City Festival, sponsored by the Greater Greenwich Chamber of Commerce, was back after a year off, one day only, closing down Main Street in the Village on Saturday, June 19. Dozens of vendors and informational tents lined sidewalks as hundreds of people attended. *Photos by Darren Johnson.*

