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Ticked Off

Kate Sausville
Journal & Press

Summer is in full swing, and we have been enjoying it. Vacations, concerts, parties, meeting up with friends, and being out in the warmer weather are some of the favorite rituals of summertime. Our neighborhood had its annual Independence Day party, after a hiatus last year. It was such a nice time, and then we got to watch the amazing fireworks show put on by The Fort Miller Company. Hand's Farm Stand started advertising their sweet corn early this year, which excited more than a few people. BJ's Farm Stand is open at the corner by Aubuchon's as well. Even more exciting, Wallie's has finally opened to much fanfare.

The weather has not been very cooperative, to say the least. If you feel like it has been raining every day, you are not wrong. The Albany International Airport has measured 5.17 inches of rain at the beginning of July, which is 3 inches above average. Some areas of Rensselaer County had 5 inches of rain in one day, causing heavy flooding and property damage. It is a stark contrast to areas in the western half of the country that are suffering from serious droughts. I have often wondered why we can't figure out a way to get our excess water out west, something similar to the great Roman aqueducts. Surely there is an engi-



neer who could manage this.

Despite the weather, we have been out and about. My husband, an avid golfer, has been getting in as many rounds as he can between the storms. He recently turned 50 and has been trying to get the most out of his old age. A couple of weeks ago he started feeling a bit off. Fever, chills, and headache. This was something of an aberration. I am not sure if his immune system is due to his almost 30 years in the classroom, the man is never sick. He is usually the last man standing when the rest of the family gets sick, the one ferrying saltines, ginger ale, and cold packs to the patients. To make up for lost time, not only was he sick, but it necessitated a trip to the Emergency Department. Go big or go home, I guess. We spent a very long night in the ER, but eventually, he was diagnosed with anaplasmosis, a tick-borne illness. The doctor said he has seen a large increase in these cases throughout the spring and summer.

Anaplasmosis is caused by a bite from an infected tick. The bite is usually painless and often people are not aware they have been bitten. My husband is usually careful to check after being outdoors, but he never saw a tick. Anaplasmosis can cause issues if the person has underlying health conditions, so if you are feeling off check with your doctor. Thankfully, this was caught

early and with antibiotics, my husband is on the mend. He made sure to pack more bug spray (with DEET) in his golf bag and use it. I suggested that rather than search the woods for his lost golf ball, he just takes a mulligan and grabs a new one from the bag. I don't think he appreciated that last tip.

There are a plethora of tick-borne illnesses, and while Lyme disease is common in this area, it is only one of the many illnesses caused by ticks. Babesiosis is another tick-borne illness common to this area. A neighbor was not aware he had it until he tried donating blood. He had been ill with fever and chills on and off but did not think much of it. Because this illness destroys red blood cells, it can be fatal to those with a weakened immune system, and it can be transmitted through donated blood. He was disappointed to find out he can not donate blood for two years due to this illness.

While I am not sure if it is the wet weather or just luck that is responsible for the increase in tick-borne illness, prevention is key. Wear long pants when out in the woods or fields. Use a good bug repellent with DEET. There have been studies with natural repellents that show the bugs are not put off by them. Spray the repellent on shoes and clothing, not bare skin. Check yourself after coming in from outside, and check children and pets carefully. Dogs can become ill as well from infected ticks, so make sure you talk to your veterinarian about prevention for them.

I am hopeful we learned our lesson and can remain healthy for the rest of the summer. There is so much going on and we don't want to miss it.

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



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And yet, another anonymous letter

Darren Johnson
Journal & Press

In late July, another anonymous letter hit area households. This one asks Village of Greenwich residents if their taxes are too high, and suggests dissolving the village is the answer.

The letter had no return address and was postmarked from Albany on July 16 with first-class flag stamps and customized computer printed labels naming the homeowner(s) at each address on blank white envelopes. Inside was a letter-sized page of type telling residents how a village could be dissolved (via citizen-initiated petition or village trustee vote and then public referendum vote) and the benefits of dissolution (the Town of Greenwich, which would absorb the village, would get a Citizen Empowerment Tax Credit (CETC) from the state, which has provisions in the law to incentivize village dissolution. The amount of Greenwich's CETC would be over \$200,000 a year, the bulk of which is to be used for property tax relief, according to the law. The second page of the letter compares the village budget to the town budget, line by line, perhaps to demonstrate how there's a good deal of duplication of services and personnel, while village residents pay higher taxes.

During the past winter, an anonymous letter-sized postcard had been bulk mailed to all town residents. It noted the benefits of eliminating the elected town highway superintendent position and replacing it with an appointed DPW director. Many felt that mailing backfired, as, after, angry residents

attended a town board meeting en masse in support of keeping the highway position elected.

The more recent letter is similar not only in its covert nature, but also in that it uses default Microsoft Office fonts without any design flair. Considering there are over 700 taxable properties in the village, and that first class stamps are presently 55 cents, even if the mailing list were culled for duplication, the mailing cost was at least \$400 to execute.

In 2014, a petition-led attempt at dissolving the village was defeated in a public vote, 281-203. Savings touted at the time were approximately \$700 per year for village taxpayers for a house assessed at \$100,000.

"My feeling is that Village of Greenwich citizens have the right to raise the issue of dissolution, either through a citizen-initiated petition or through convincing the Village Board to pass a resolution to conduct a dissolution study," said Village of Greenwich Mayor Pam Fuller. "The village used the first method last time, and it's fairly short so doesn't give a chance to really study the issue in depth. No one on the Village Board has raised the issue, so I don't believe that any of the trustees are promoting it. No citizen has come to a meeting or talked to me about the issue."

The village would have



to give up its shared agreement with Cambridge for police protection (the town contracts with state police, and the county sheriffs also have jurisdiction).

"Our recent survey of police

'If a village has an active board, I would not dissolve.'

processes revealed that a majority of people who answered the survey and who participated in the process were in favor of the police and the department," Fuller added. "This is one reason that I don't think a dissolution referendum would pass."

Since 2014, the village has found some advantages to being autonomous, including being able to apply for grants to revitalize Main Street and reclaim brownfields. If

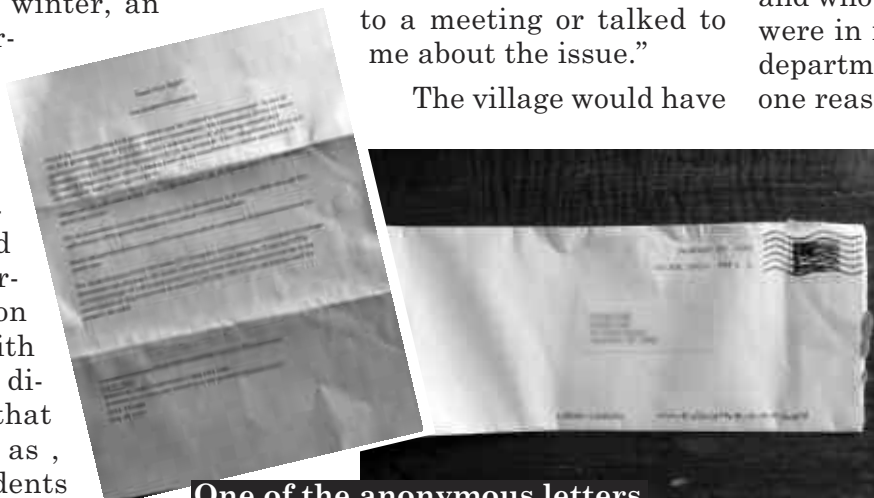
the village were to dissolve, the town would administer tax revenues. New revenue streams currently split between the town and village include federal pandemic stimulus funding and, if a marijuana dispensary is approved in the village, as soon may be allowed by law, significant local sales tax revenues from pot.

"Because of the fact that anyone in the village has the right to raise the issue and no one has, I think the anonymous letter likely came from someone who lives outside the village," Fuller said.

Conversely, in 2014, Village of Salem voters went the petition route and were successful at dissolution. The vote to dissolve was convincing: 192 to 49.

Current Salem Town Supervisor Evera Sue Clary said the town now gets about \$133,000 a year in CETC money from the state; people who live in the former village have seen property tax decreases while

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One of the anonymous letters

Salem CSD's interim; searches for leader

Darren Johnson
Journal & Press

The Salem CSD Board of Education abruptly parted ways with the district's superintendent on July 17 with a carefully worded release stating, "The Salem Central School District Board of Education and Superintendent of Schools David Glover have made a mutual decision to enter into a formal agreement to part ways. The Board determined that this agreement is in the best long term interest of the district."

No one is saying the exact reason for the breakup, but Glover likely won't be able to find a new superintendent position this coming academic year – as the hiring season has passed – so the district will be on the hook for his approximately \$140,000 a year pay plus benefits.

"They were in a spot where they realized the working relationship wasn't in the best interest of all involved, so they parted ways," said WSWHE BOCES Superintendent James Dexter. His organization oversees such high level position transfers.

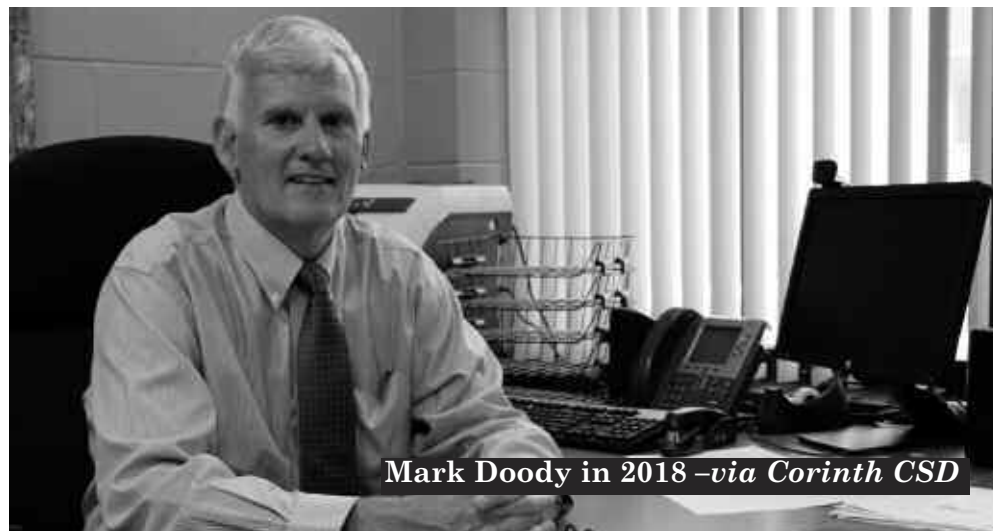
Dexter explained there is a "su-

perintendent season," when districts recruit leaders. This happens over the winter with new positions beginning usually July 1. "The agreement speaks to [Glover] looking for a comparable job, so I expect Dave would be looking for a new position in the near future."

Longtime administrator Mark Doody of Hudson Falls will make the commute to Salem and serve as Interim Superintendent and earn \$575 per day. It is expected he will serve out the whole 2021-22 academic year. He doesn't require benefits because he gets those through the New York State Retirement System.

In a letter to the Salem CSD community, Doody wrote: "I will draw on my over 30 years of experience as a school administrator. I spent twenty years of my career in the Hudson Falls Central School District in the roles of High School Principal from 1995 to 2002, and then School Superintendent from 2002 until retiring in 2015. Since this time, I have held Interim Superintendent positions in Granville and Voorheesville."

Doody has already started work in Salem. "I'm very impressed with the staff here," he said. "They are very



knowledgeable and committed to the students. I'm looking forward to a great year."

Doody said he is not interested in being the permanent superintendent; he expects to serve out the year and help with the transition to the district having new leadership by next summer.

Salem CSD is expected to go full-live this year, though whether or not masks will be required is to be determined. There's also a significant capital project going on, impacting the whole building. "That will be a challenge, getting the building ready for school," Doody said. "But I've done it

before."

He noted that coming back from the pandemic year will also be a challenge: "Just the concept of opening the school on a full-time basis is something we look forward to."

Doody said he's been well-acquainted with Salem, considering he has spent the bulk of his career in Washington County. A husband, parent and grandparent, he added, "Much of my perspective as an educator now comes from seeing my four-year-old granddaughter, who is about to enter school. I'm as excited about public school education now as I've ever been."

Anonymous (cont.)

town residents haven't had much of an effect. She noted, with dissolution, only village residents have a vote – not the town voters, even though it's the town that will have to absorb the village.

Special districts may need to be created for former village residents, such as water, lighting and possibly sidewalks, which would require separate fees for them.

Clary said that the CETC money hasn't really been a game-changer. "Towns are not rolling in money, and they can only raise taxes a certain amount every year," she said, noting that the

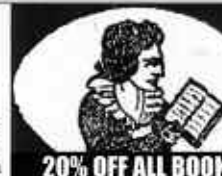
state has yet to implement showing savings from the dissolution on tax bills.

There were some hiccups with consolidation of the town and village, such as workman's comp issues and how to handle traffic court decisions; also the fiscal years are different between the two entities. Still, she said, residents have gotten used to the fact that there no longer is a village. "It's a lot, but I think the Town of Salem did the best we could. I think we're doing well now."

Clary added that the tell-tale sign that a village should consider dissolution is if it is hav-

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ing trouble finding people to run for elective office.

"If a village has an active board, if that's working, I would not dissolve, no," the supervisor said.

Planning to improve Salem streetscapes

Haleigh Eustis
Journal & Press

Upstate New York is known for its vast numbers of beautiful mountain ranges, and endless amounts of lakes, and water masses. Nestled within the beautiful scenery, towns and villages are home to many individuals. The town of Salem is home to approximately two-thousand hardworking people. Though small, the community is lively, and their historical roots can lead to an interesting and exciting conversation. The town stays active with communication through their various social media outlets, which are updated frequently. The people of Salem are more than willing to share news with each other, as many share excitement about new projects approaching. Recently, Salem has announced that there will be various updates to the town's streetscape.

To learn more about this project, I contacted Jack Mance, the overseer for this endeavor. He explained that the proposed project will benefit and build upon multiple areas, and business in town. Salem will be receiving funding for their work thanks to the Adirondack/Glens

Falls Transportation Council (AGFTC). Partnering up with the Chazen Companies to complete the town's work, Salem has announced the upcoming community trail that will be located near the school. Jack stated that these efforts go beyond a trail, and will focus on bicycle streetscape, and strengthening their main street as well.

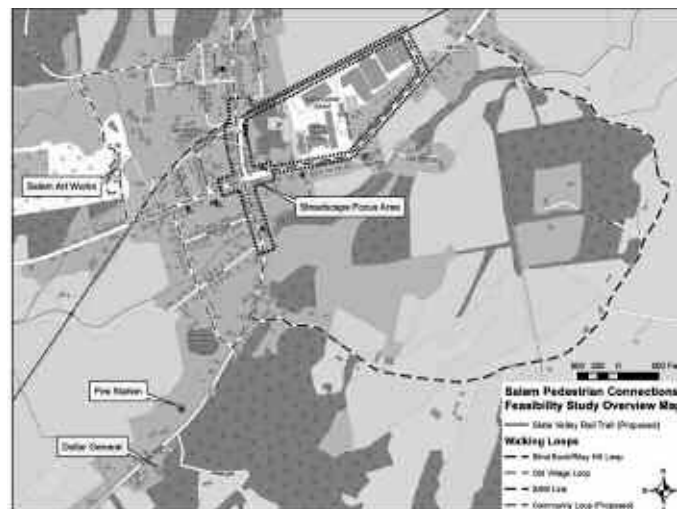
Jack went on to explain that their goal in the coming months is to strengthen the Salem Main Street Renaissance Plan, which focuses on developing an ideal main street. This vision has further evolved thanks to monthly town meetings, and public workshops to include the people of Salem and their voices. A

'Though small, the community is lively.'

"Vision Statement," focusing on the weaknesses, strengths, ideas and possible threats, was created and has been worked towards since the start of the plan in 2017. Jack explained that Salem is also working towards supporting their Slate Valley Rail Trail Feasibility, which was created in 2018, and discusses the creation and improvement of recre-

ational trails in towns and villages. Being that Salem is so richly historic, the idea of more trails was taken quite well, and has become a center of attention for the town. Though there are many principles that go into creating a trail, the A/GFTC has decided that it's time to focus their attention on this idea. Other than the trail, businesses located in Salem will be receiving love from this project. Salem Art Works, the Dollar General and the Fire Department will also be a focus as the A/GFTC will work on bettering their amenities.

When asked about cost, Jack explained that this will not cost the local community. He is assured that the team at Chazen is working along with "town officials, Washington County Planning staff, local stakeholders, and NYSDOT" to make this project a possibility -- nothing will come out of the town folks' pocket. Jack hopes there will be vigorous public effort from the



town to aid these projects, in order to complete them within the expected months. And based on the positive reaction from the people of Salem, there is nothing but an overflow of support.

Salem has been shown endless support for these upcoming projects, while the town's website and Facebook are consistently up to date with news pertaining to the betterment of Salem. Thank you to Jack Mance and Norabelle Greenberger for all the information provided about Chazen Companies and A/GFTC!



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'Nietzsche!' staged reading

Hebron residents Kimerer LaMothe and Geoffrey Gee will present a reading of their new musical at the Fort Salem Theater on Aug. 21 at 7 p.m.

"Nietzsche! The Musical" traces the tangled, passionate relationships that shaped the life and legacy of one of the most influential philosophers in the western world: Friedrich Nietzsche (1844-1900). While many people are familiar with the name "Nietzsche," few know about the two women who helped make him who he was: Lou Salomé, the woman he wanted as his wife, and his sister Elisabeth, who married an anti-Semitic Christian activist and moved to Paraguay to found a colony for the pure German race. Nietzsche's love for both of these women brought him face to face with challenges that threatened to destroy him. Yet time and again, he reached for a way to love life – all of it. His story of struggle and affirmation carries relevance for our time.

In writing "Nietzsche!," Kimerer LaMothe, PhD (book, lyrics, melodies) draws on over 30 years of research into Nietzsche's life and work. She is a dancer, philosopher, and award-winning author of six books and two musicals. Her second book, "Nietzsche's Dancers" (Palgrave Macmillan, 2006), of-

fers the only comprehensive analysis of dance imagery in Nietzsche's writing. As LaMothe confirms, "The more I learn about Nietzsche, the more convinced I am that the best way to communicate the primary thrust of his life-affirming philosophy is through music and dance."

Composer Geoffrey Gee has written an engaging score for this musical, featuring a range of styles from pop to classical jazz. Gee states, "Kimerer's melodies and lyrics are inspiring, funny, poignant, and chock-full of meaning. My role is to build a musical world in which they can communicate directly into the hearts of the audience."

The cast is led by Jordan LaMothe as Nietzsche, Erin Kennedy as Lou Salomé, and Hannah Grundemann as Elisabeth; and including Fort Salem Theater veteran Sue Caputo, and local artists Chris Giannitti, Michael Gallagher, and Dan Slavin. "Nietzsche!" also features live musical accompaniment. Gee will lead a trio, with Sam McVicker from Dorset, VT on drums, Kai LaMothe on bass and guitar, and Gee on keyboards.

LaMothe affirms this musical is for everyone: "If you know nothing



Kimerer LaMothe and Geoffrey Gee –*kai lamothe*

about Nietzsche, his story will move you. If you know a little about Nietzsche, you'll come away with a new perspective. If you know a lot about Nietzsche, please engage us in a long conversation about his work and its relevance for our time. Our hope is that you leave the show with a sense of what we find at the heart of his philosophy: a resounding love for life."

The reading will be performed one night only. Q&A to follow. FREE. Unvaccinated audience members will be asked to wear masks. Reservations required via www.fortsalem.com/nietzsche.



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Gambling equipment seized

Kaylee Johnson
Journal & Press

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

110 Years Ago August 9, 1911

Mrs. Robert H. Elder, one of the party of suffragists who recently toured the state and held a series of meetings, spending an afternoon and evening in Greenwich on the trip, has been interviewed by newspapers since her return to her home in Brooklyn.

In one of her interviews she said, "It was a wonderful trip! The weatherman must be a suffragist, as we only had two rainstorms in more than three weeks, and only one late train and no breakdowns!"

100 Years Ago August 10, 1921

The destructive rain and electric storms that visited this section of the state last Thursday afternoon and again Sunday about noon, seemed to jump this immediate locality and spend their fury a few miles north and south. The clouds gathered slowly Thursday and the electrical display was continuous, but before it broke here the direction of the wind changed enough to send the main part of the storm in other directions. In Glens Falls and Hudson Falls the rainfall was tremendous, and in the vicinity of Williamstown, the wind and lightning did more damage than any storm in years.

80 Years Ago August 13, 1941

Private Jeremiah R. Iannucci, 18,

of Fort Edward, who enlisted in the United States army two weeks ago, died last Tuesday at Fort Clayton, Panama Canal Zone, of traumatic dissection incurred when a train ran over his body.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Iannucci of Fort Edward, were notified of his death by the office adjutant general in Washington, D.C.

Young Iannucci, who enlisted at Governor's Island, was well known in athletic circles. He was a member of the Fort Edward high school championship basketball team last winter and of baseball and football teams in this area.

70 Years Ago August 15, 1951

In two separate raids on the Saunders Van Service warehouse in Saratoga Springs, some \$50,000 worth of gambling equipment has been seized by police officials on the staff of Special Prosecutor John M. Minton, who is investigating gambling and crime in Saratoga County.

The first of last week, 107 boxes of gambling equipment were seized in a special room in the storehouse and taken to Ballston Spa, where the investigation is being made. Two days later another raid on the same warehouse yielded another large amount of equipment, including roulette wheels, crap tables, as well as other items used in gambling houses.

60 Years Ago August 9, 1961

A baseball game the likes of which Greenwich hasn't seen many a day, will be played Sunday at 1:30 p.m. at the Babe Ruth diamond at the G.C.S. athletic field when the Village Slug-

gers take on the Town Pluggers in a seven-inning contest.

The Sluggers and Pluggers are newly formed teams, and though they may not have much practice, they are well versed in the theory of the game, and in telling folks how, for these two teams are made up of the coaches and managers of the Little Fellows League.

40 Years Ago August 6, 1981

Come September, fourth graders in Greenwich and Whitehall schools will be learning about local history through kits devised by a group of county residents.

Washington County Employment and Training supplied operating funds and staff salaries for the project, which also included a historic resources survey. Sally Brillon of Hebron headed the project.

The Greenwich learning kit was unveiled last week at the Rural Historic Project Headquarters in Hudson Falls...Geography, politics, history, economics and social matters are covered in the kit. Topics include histories of children in Easton and Greenwich, sketches of famous people in the community, the 1790 census of Greenwich and Easton, historical photographs, information on mills and more!

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30 Years Ago August 8, 1991

The Annual Harvest Day sponsored by Shushan Covered Bridge association will be held on Saturday, August 10 on Dobbin Hill Road in Shushan. The festivities will start with a delicious pancake breakfast served from 9 a.m. until they are gone. There will be harvesting of oats and the cutting of corn as well as antique cars on display, old engines and crafts. It will be a fun day for young and old alike!

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Local schoolhouse to be featured on HGTV

Kaylee Johnson
Journal & Press

Greenwich will have its time to shine on HGTV! While road tripping around beautiful and deeply historic Upstate New York, hosts of the television series “Cheap Old Houses,” Ethan and Elizabeth Finkelstein, stopped in Greenwich to pay homage to an old schoolhouse converted into an Airbnb rental. They also made stops in Amsterdam and Fort Plain to tour stunning mid-century Victorian architecture.

Like other popular series on HGTV, “Cheap Old Houses” hosts do not buy or renovate the houses they visit. Instead, they just pay homage to cheaply bought houses that have been beautifully transformed. Elizabeth and Ethan make a point to speak to the homeowners and acknowl-



edge all of the work that goes into turning a pile of scattered wood into a prideful home.

Our neck of the woods has a lot of history. Perhaps some of our readers or reader’s parents even attended the schoolhouse in the upcoming episode of “Cheap Old Houses.” These days, the small, charming school, originally built in 1850, is owned by Jill and Rick Tefft, a daughter and father who have taken the restoration on as a passion project.

They bought the house for only \$15,000 when it was in disarray, and ended up spending about \$85,000 on restorations. In the process of bringing vitality back to the historic building Jill found out from her father, Rick, that her grandfather had attended the schoolhouse as a young boy. They even found a drawing he made in the process of clearing out the space. Jill and Rick are the perfect owners for this schoolhouse, because they have both hometown and family ties – the before and after photos of the house show just how much meticulous love and labor went into the preservation and decorating of the modern day Greenwich schoolhouse.

Jill and Rick focused heavily on keeping the feel of an old schoolhouse alive. They did this by keeping the old green chalkboards, using wood with carved names and dates to make a trendy kitchen island and of course, a picture of Rick’s father and Jill’s grandfather as a student over the fireplace.

It costs \$179/night to experience what is labeled as “Gramp’s Old School” on Airbnb. With



nearly all 5-star ratings, Jill is an excellent host and will gladly fill you in on the history of the house. You can catch Jill and Rick’s “Cheap Old Houses” episode, “Time Warp in Upstate New York,” on HGTV on August 9th at 9 p.m. The Greenwich stop is midway through this episode. It is great to see Greenwich being recognized for its historic ties and rural beauty on television, and we hope to see even more publicity in the future!

Bird Trust fundraiser

Join Grassland Bird Trust (GBT) for a “Farm Feast for Grassland Birds,” hosted by Pleasant Valley Farm on August 1st, 2021. This farm-to-table dinner sponsored by Stewart’s Shops will feature a chef-prepared buffet of fresh, locally grown products from Pleasant Valley Farm, Mack Brook Farm, Hicks Orchard/Slyboro Ciderhouse, Battenkill Valley Creamery, Winney’s Blueberry Farm, and more – with fresh fish from Moby Ricks/PuraVida Fisheries!

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All funds raised from this event will support GBT’s work to preserve critical grassland habitat for endangered, threatened, and rapidly declining grassland birds. Learn more at www.grasslandbirdtrust.org or call GBT at 518-499-0012.

A trip to see Dinosaurs in Motion

Kaylee Johnson
Journal & Press

Recently, we had the pleasure of attending the Dinosaurs in Motion press event at Universal Preservation Hall in Downtown Saratoga Springs, located in the center of all of the action. As the name suggests, the exhibit is centered around dinosaurs, fossils and all things interactive. Upon entry, I quickly noticed how child-friendly the space is. While the outside of the building may confuse guests, as it is located in an old church, the space has been converted elegantly, and it is large enough to hold many families. As the dog days of summer approach, parents are looking for local activities to do with little ones that won't break the bank. Dinosaurs in Motion is the perfect educational daytrip experience for dinosaur lovers and parents alike!

As an elementary school teacher, I love seeing community events geared towards families that offer educational opportunities and hands-on learning! All of the stations at the Dinosaurs in Motion exhibit have buttons to press, levers to pull, fact sheets to read and paleontology videos to watch. While field trips might not be an option in the fall, as schools are slowly returning back to a state of normalcy after the pan-

demetic shutdown, it would be a wonderful place to take classes for a science project!

While I may not be a child, there is still a lot of grandeur and wonder in seeing large scale dinosaur replicas made from mostly recycled materials. There is also an artistic element to them, as there are many fine details on these replicas that make them so stunning to look at. For the children, the appeal of the exhibit is surely in the novelty of seeing dinosaurs, but for the parents, the art and labor behind putting together such eye-catching pieces can surely be appreciated.

‘There are two stories, both offering games and activities for children.’

In total, there are fourteen full size dinosaur sculptures in the exhibit, and one was too big for the Universal Preservation Hall, so they moved it to the Crossgates Mall in Albany. As stated in the press release, “The exhibition weaves the science, art and innovation themes throughout and touches on each of these educational topics at each sculpture.”

There are two stories of dinosaurs, both of them offering games and ac-



tivities for children. The second story even has a gift shop with many fun items and dinosaur stuffed animals.

As the locals know, Saratoga Springs has a lot of steeply priced events and activities for families during the summertime, as tourists rule the area. Luckily, this exhibit seems like it is geared toward people in the community who are looking for a wholesome way to spend time with their children. Children under three years old are free, normal child fare is \$15 and adult fare \$25.

You can visit the exhibit in Downtown Saratoga anytime until October 17th. While it may only take you an hour or so to walk through Dinosaurs in Motion, it is such a great experience for young children and will ignite their curiosity. Plus, it is centrally located in a wonderful summer city, with lots to do. You can make an entire day of it! It is also an excellent way to indulge in both

STEM and the fine arts, in a way that will entertain all age groups.

Please keep in mind that there is limited parking available at the Universal Preservation Hall, but there are many free parking garages nearby with plenty of spots available.

Arguably, our neck of the woods does not have enough traveling exhibits, instillations and museums, so it is also exciting when one comes to town, and it is family friendly. Hopefully, by supporting this one we can encourage other educational opportunities for our youth in the area.

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I'm no internet doctor and neither are you

Greg Schwem

Special to Journal & Press

I swore I would never self-diagnose myself on the internet.

But the pandemic made us all do weird stuff.

A random sneeze, a cough or a meal that touched our palates but elicited no reaction from our taste buds sent us scurrying to our browsers, hoping for the best but fearing the worst. Was that sneeze the result of something in the air or was it the first sign of a COVID-19 infection? Should we head to the ER now? Would there be a ventilator available just in case? Should we “get our affairs in order”?

Thankfully, I experienced no COVID-like symptoms prior to being

vaccinated in early February. But recent, and unexplained, lower back pain, coupled with a bizarre side effect, lead me to type the following into my Google search engine:

“My butt feels like it’s trying to FaceTime me.”

A frequent vibration coming from my lower right hip was the cause of the query. Multiple times daily, I found myself digging into my right pocket and pulling out my phone, only to discover nobody was trying to connect with me via phone, text or any other method. When the buzzing showed no signs of abating, I went online, mostly for assurance that others may have experienced the same symptoms and I wasn’t “patient zero.” The last thing I need in my life is an email from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention saying,

“Mr. Schwem, we are perplexed by your condition. As a precaution, we have ordered the entire country back into lockdown.”

My advice for anybody seeking online medical advice is to stick to sites that will only offer possible causes and solutions. Do NOT, under any circumstances, pose your query on sites that allow others to respond via the comments section. Choosing the latter will yield one of two results:

1. Verification that you are not alone
2. A plethora of diagnoses for your condition, ranging from “it’s probably nothing” to “you are most likely terminal.”

I quickly learned others had experienced “Phantom Cellphone Syndrome,” my self-titled term for my condition. They were more than willing to offer helpful advice like “That is so WEIRD. I have that too!” and “Been dealing with that for about a week. It’s driving me crazy!”

After reading more than 10 of these comments, I started feeling like I was on a dating site for people with hip tremors. I was looking for solutions, not compatibility. If I ever came upon someone having a heart attack, I would offer help. What I would not do is say, “You know, my uncle had a heart attack. It hurts, doesn’t it?” and walk away.

Those who were inclined to offer assistance theorized that I suffered from conditions ranging from prolonged cellphone use, to nerve issues to the beginning stages of Parkinson’s disease or multiple sclerosis. I noticed all the responses listed the direst outcome at the end, as in, “It’s most likely a pinched nerve, which is easily treatable. Then again, it could be multiple sclerosis.”

Eventually, common sense won out. I turned off the computer and turned to a chiropractic physician who has treated other family members. She said my condition was most



likely a combination of muscles, nerves and spasms, all working diabolically together to make my hip feel like an iPhone demonstration. She prescribed myriad stretching exercises which appear to be having positive effects. I’m still experiencing minor hip and back pain but at least I’ve stopped trying to answer my ass.

As I finish this column, I am scratching a small red bump on my left wrist. I was barbecuing on my patio last night so it’s most likely a mosquito bite and will disappear in a day or two.

Unless it’s West Nile virus. Or Eastern equine encephalitis. Or lymphatic filariasis malaria. Or...

I’m logging off now.

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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Final 'Drum, Dance and Sing' with library

The Easton Library will be releasing its third, and final family-

oriented "Drum, Dance and Sing!" video, created by Guinean master drummer, dancer and choreographer M'Bemba Bangoura on Wednesday, August 4. The "Drum, Dance and Sing!" video will be located at Easton Library's website: <https://easton.sals.edu> and at the Easton Library Facebook page.

Anyone without internet services may watch the video in the library meeting room on August 4 at 2:00 PM. Please call the library before coming to reserve a spot!

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 director Jennifer DeCarlo at jdecarlo@sals.edu or Easton Library at (518) 692-2253 with questions about the

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Five beautiful summer nature trails

Rio Riera Arbogast
Journal & Press

Summertime is ideal for exploring Washington County's beautiful and lightly traveled nature trails. Check out the selection below and get ready to dig out those hiking boots!

Thunder Mountain Recreation Area

North Road, Greenwich

A childhood favorite of many Greenwich residents, Thunder Mountain is a gem tucked away off of North Road. Residing on a 140 acre property owned by the village, the mountain's summit reaches 840 feet high in elevation. Thunder Mountain boasts two trails and a fire road leading up to a summit overlooking hilly Washington County farmland. A relatively gentle climb, with a sharper elevation toward its peak, it is home to a diverse variety of flora and fauna along the way. If you're not feeling up to scaling an incline, feel free to enjoy the pond located at its base, complete with a wide dock and picnic table. Or stroll around the mountain's circular flat pondside trail and rest at tables established on the opposite side. Keep your eyes out for a red metal gate which opens to the park's gravel road entrance along North Road.

Carters Pond Wildlife Management Area

County Route 49, Greenwich

Carters Pond is a designated New York State Bird Conservation Area featuring a lightly trafficked loop trail which curves around a small pond, stream and surrounding mildly hilly woodland. The trail is partially wheelchair accessible and passes through a variety

of habitats. This is a great place to spot wildlife, including birds, turtles, frogs and the occasional wild turkey. The pond itself is a peaceful body of water with lots of verdant vegetation, including abundant marsh, set amidst a backdrop of rolling farmland. In addition to its walking trails, the pond is an excellent location for canoeing, kayaking and bird watching on the water. If you're just looking to observe the view, check out the elevated viewing platform near the parking lot. This nature area has two parking lots, one leading to trails and the other to its boat launch.

Denton Sanctuary

US Route 4, Greenwich

The Denton Sanctuary is a 350-acre preserve protected by The Nature Conservancy located discreetly off of Route 4. Denton features varied terrain, including forest, swamp and swaths of lush fern. The Sanctuary's trail system begins at an open area featuring exposed rock once subject to shale mining. Due to its ecological foundation of shale ridges, the preserve's three trails follow terrain which gently ascends and descends. Burger Loop, indicated by yellow markers, covers 1.3 miles, while Miller's Mile Loop, tagged with orange markers, spans $\frac{2}{3}$ of a mile. A side extension, indicated by blue blazes, provides hikers with views of Van Atwerp Creek. Denton borders the nearby Hudson River, containing stretches of an abandoned canal and a former electric trolley line. The Sanctuary is home to several tree species, including red maple, white pine, pitch pine and scrub oak. There are also multiple animal families living on the land, including waterfowl, deer, beaver mink and partridge.



Thunder Mountain -rra

Hudson Crossing Park

County Road 42, Schuylerville

Hudson Cross Park is a multi-faceted 2 mile trail system bordered by the Hudson River and historic Champlain Canal Lock 5. The Riverwalk Sensory Trail, Eagle Point Trail and Hudson River Trail coalesce on Champlain Lock 5 Island. Trails are accessible for walking, running or biking and are open from dawn until dusk. They are family and leashed dog friendly, plus the park's campus also includes a family friendly play garden and picnic pavilion. There are several look out points with benches where one can relax by the river. Kayaks are available for rental on site as well. The park is also connected with the historic steel Dix Bridge, which joins Saratoga and Washington counties. It is also a crossing point for the 546-mile long New York State Canalway Trail, which follows the NYS Canal System and the 750-mile Empire State Trail. Keep your eye on the park's robust summer events calendar of outdoor community programming, including both entertainment and educational activities.

Lake Lauderdale County Park

2642 NY Route 22, Cambridge

Lake Lauderdale features four woodland trails of varying lengths over quiet, rolling terrain. These unassuming paths are lightly traveled, yet rich with natural beauty and lush greenery. As the trails pertain to the Lake Lauderdale County Park, you can cap off your trek through the forest next to the lake itself. Consider packing a picnic and lounging at the park's barbecue or beach area post-climb. The lake itself is also accessible for swimming and boating. Conveniently located between Cambridge and Salem, this is a gentle trail system established within a popular family-oriented destination.

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Boomerang Book Sale

The Friends of Greenwich Library are going to have a Boomerang Book Sale on Thursday, September 2, 2021, 4 – 7 p.m.

This will be the library's first post Covid event in our new and reimagined space in the downstairs of the Greenwich Library.

The library had just reopened prior to everything being shut down in March, 2020. Since that time everything has been on hold except for the entire library getting a makeover upstairs and a few books being donated to the Friends Room.

Organizers are excited about being able to offer their first Thursday Boomerang sale.

With a new plan in place, they are now accepting book donations once again. In an effort to offer quality books, the guidelines for donations are as follows:

Fiction (hardcover and paperback) no older than 10 years from copyright date, children's books, biographies, local authors/interest, cook-books.

Space is limited so the library is being selective with donations. Good, used books and CDs



are very much appreciated.

After eighteen months of inactivity, library staff say they are looking forward to seeing all their faithful customers, meeting new friends and getting books, CDs and music selections into patrons' hands.

New Easton digital service

The popular on-demand film streaming service hoopla digital is now available for free at Easton Library. Easton Library card holders can access over 920,000 titles (audio-books, eBooks, comics, movies and TV). Content can be streamed from any computer, television, mobile device or platform by downloading the hoopla digital app for iOS, Android, AppleTV, Chromecast or Roku.

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Bell Ringers to visit HCP 8/12

The Batten Kill Bell Ringers will be presenting a concert of handbell music on Thursday, August 12th at 6 p.m. at the pavilion at Hudson Crossing Park. Directed by Debi Craig, the group was created in 2017 as a community handbell choir and includes members Greenwich, Easton, and Victory.

The first post-pandemic concert that the group has been able to present, the musicians will be playing an assortment of patriotic, classical, sacred and folk music and will be joined on two selections by The Union Village Ringers, another community handbell choir also directed by Debi Craig.

Well known in the area for their free community concerts, the handbell choir has performed at The Danforth in Hoosick Falls, The Cambridge Guest Home, and for the Holiday Community Sing at Hebron United Presbyterian Church. Some members of this group have been playing together since 1978. Both groups rehearse at the Bottskill Baptist Church in Greenwich.

This event is free and open to the public, and attendees are encouraged to bring a lawn chair or picnic blanket. Donations to Hudson Crossing Park are gratefully accepted.

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@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.

7/16, 8/1, 8/16

Last gift from a dying friend

Jim Nolan
Journal & Press

Before I tell you about the last gift from a friend, I have to tell you about my friend, Lee. When I first met Lee at a business function, I became curious how he got into the business he was in and how that business worked. We arranged to have lunch together. Over lunch, he told me he had majored in chemistry in college and then served as an aviator in Vietnam.

After his military service, he worked for a chemical company for a few years and then graduated from Harvard Business School with an MBA. Following that, he started working at Citibank headquarters in NYC and was promoted several times.

At a workplace meeting, Lee voiced his opinion that a program Citibank was about to launch was misleading too consumers and he felt major changes should be made. After the meeting his boss approached him and stated "If you want to continue working here, keep those negative opinions to yourself."

After thinking about that encounter, Lee prepared a letter of resignation, packed up his desk, and left his job. On the way to the subway, he passed a picture frame store that had a Help Wanted sign in the window. Lee walked in and said he would like to apply for the job. The owner looked at Lee, dressed in a three piece business suit, and said "Why don't you come back tomorrow."

Lee did come back the next day and was hired. It turns out the owner was an expert picture framer who even wrote a book on picture framing. Lee learned all aspects of picture framing from the master. A second outlet opened in New Jersey and Lee was named to manager.

One day, a man came into the store and said he was building a mall in Clifton Park, NY and thought this kind of business would do well there. Lee asked the owner if he was interested and the owner said no. Lee thought about it, and decided he was interested in the opportunity to go out on his own. He moved to Clifton Park and opened a picture frame store in the newly built Clifton Country Mall.

The store did so well, he opened four more stores in area malls. Lee pioneered the practice of displaying framed pictures of cooperating artists' work and selling it in his stores. This says a lot about Lee's business acumen. However, Lee was

much more than a good businessman. We became fast friends and socialized frequently.

In March of 2010, Lee was diagnosed with terminal liver cancer. His was given 6 to 8 months to live and told to get his affairs in order. He started chemotherapy.

Around this same time, my wife and I discussed getting a dog. I had never had a dog but liked the prospect of having a pet and taking walks and playing with a dog. My wife was very encouraging. We settled on getting a black lab. We even selected a name, Laddie, the name of my father's childhood dog. However, I got cold feet. I convinced myself this was not the right time given how busy our work lives were.

In September 2010, I suffered a catastrophic injury in a bicycle accident. I broke my neck, severely injured my spinal cord, and became a quadriplegic. Shortly after surgery, I told my wife, "If I am capable of handling a dog after rehab, I want to get one." She quickly assented.

My friend Lee visited me shortly after I arrived at Sunnyview Rehabilitation Hospital. When Lee saw me, he was devastated. We talked for a while and my lunch was delivered. Instead of having an aid feed me, Lee offered to do so. Both of us being accomplished cooks, we joked about the food I was eating.

**'We said our goodbyes.
My dear friend Lee died
two weeks later.'**

Fast forward three months and I am still an inpatient but now allowed to take day visits outside of the hospital. Our first trip was for lunch. My wife told me that Lee would like me to visit him at his home on my next trip outside of the hospital. I had great trepidation knowing Lee was now on his second type of chemo and it was not working so well. I thought this visit was to say Goodbye.

We went to Lee's house on our second out of the hospital visit. Lee looked surprisingly happy. I was petting his two yellow labs when he walked into another room and came back with a black lab puppy. He placed the puppy in my lap. Lee said, "Meet Laddie. He is your new puppy."

The dread of thinking I was going to have to say Goodbye to my friend melted away in tears as I



Jim Nolan and Laddie

cradled Laddie in my lap. Lee said he would take care of the puppy and bring him to live with us after we got home and settled into a routine where I would be able to care for him.

On the way home from Lee's house, I asked my wife how this happened. Lee knew nothing of the conversations my wife and I had about getting a black lab. She told me Lee had called her and asked if she thought Jim would like a dog after he got settled back at home. My wife told Lee all about our conversations about getting a black lab, my hesitation, and how I expressed a desire to get a dog when I was able to get back home.

Lee told my wife that one of his yellow labs had fathered a litter and there was a black lab available. Lee talked to his doctor and asked if he thought he would be able to raise the puppy for 3 or 4 months. The doctor said "Go for it." Lee viewed this as his "End of life project."

Lee brought Laddie to visit me at the hospital. When I got home, my wife and I had a particularly difficult time adjusting to living in the house with my many challenges. As we worked through these challenges, Lee would call and tell me how great

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Bottskill Baptist

Bottskill Baptist Church of 26 Church Street, Greenwich, invites you to worship this summer. Each Sunday at 9:15 a.m., Pastor Sandra Spaulding has a new message based on bible stories learned during Vacation Bible School. This series will run through-out July and August, ending on September 5th. Information about the church is available on their webpage www.bottskillbaptist.org or their Facebook page. Upcoming topics include Moses on August 1, Abigail on August 8 and Joseph on August 15.



(cont.)

Laddie was doing. I wondered why he didn't visit and it was then that Mary told me Lee was on his third kind of chemo and it was not going well.

A date was arranged for Lee to bring Laddie to live with us. A car pulled up in the driveway and a man got out. He brought in a dog crate, dog leash and toys, and food. He went back out to help Lee into the house. Lee had lost significant weight and was moving very slowly. We talked for a while, said our good-byes, and he left. My dear friend Lee died two weeks later.

Laddie and I bonded right away. When I started taking short walks using a walker, Laddie would walk along side of me. It was as if he was there to steady me should I start to

waver. I felt as if it were Lee walking by my side, ready to help me if needed.

Laddie is now nearly 11 years old. He has been a great joy in my life. A dying friend's "end of life project" was an act of love.

I had the honor of speaking at Lee's memorial service. I told this story to those assembled. I ended with this; "They say God acts in mysterious ways. There was no mystery here."

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

Marshall House open 8/1

The historic Marshall House at 136 Route 4 North in Schuylerville, New York will be open on Sunday, August 1st as part of the Village's Turning Point Parade celebration. The house played an important role in the area's Revolutionary War history, serving as a field hospital for the British troops and the German soldiers who fought with them in the Saratoga campaign. The family of the German General Friedrich Riedesel had accompanied Burgoyne to the battlefield.

The Baroness Frederika Riedesel (as portrayed by Debbie Bailey) will greet visitors and tell the story of how she with her three children endured bombardment at the Marshall House during the American siege during the Battles of Saratoga in 1777. Visitors will be limited to groups of fifteen in



The Baroness

45 minute sessions at 2:30, 3:15, 4:00 and 4:45. There will be valet parking at the house. While admission is free, a donation of \$10 per person is suggested to further the educational outreach of The Marshall House. Registration is required. To register, go to the website at www.themarshallhouse.org and click on Special Event Sunday, August 1st on the home page. Or call (518) 587-9499.

Volunteers wanted for Tractor Parade

The Greater Greenwich Chamber of Commerce Holiday Lighted Tractor Parade Committee needs YOU to help make the Tractor Parade happen!

Planning for the 9th Annual Holiday Lighted Tractor Parade is on the way. This popular community event in Greenwich will take place November 20th but only with the help of our business owners and community members.

The first Tractor Parade committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 4th at 6:30pm at the Greenwich Chamber office at 6 Academy Street. Be involved in one of the most popular events in Washington County.

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Salem alumni reunion

On July 10, the Salem Alumni Association held a banquet at the Middle Falls Fire Company. President Bob Ceglowski welcomed those attending and recognized Richard McGuire, who graduated 82 years ago in 1939. Two attendees were celebrating 75 years since graduation. The classes of 1955, 1960, 1961, 1966, 1970, 1971, 1976 and 1990 were represented.

Alumni scholarships were awarded to Sarah McCauliffe and Logan Morris. SWA Alumni Association is currently supporting six scholarships, which provide \$1000/year for each student for four years. This program is supported by donations from former graduates.

Before attending the banquet, the four 1961 grads spent the day visiting people and places they had known 60 years ago. Two of them came from out-of-state: Maine and Utah.



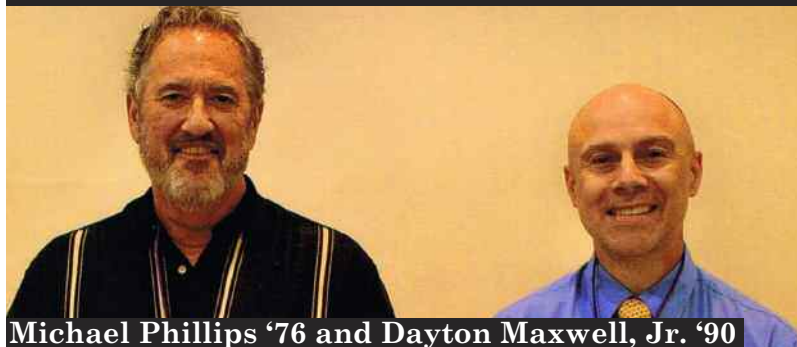
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'51 grads Barbara Carrolan Parrish, Gerald Lathrop, Janice Fleming MacQueen and Sylvia Kinne Ashton



'70 grads (front row): Rose Maddaleno Bates, Kathleen Braymer Kuber, Dorothy Patrick Coolidge; (back): James Sheldon, Tom Clark and Allen Smith.



Michael Phillips '76 and Dayton Maxwell, Jr. '90



(Front) Jane Clark Salisbury '47, Marion Lourie Sheldon '47, Fred Fleming '49; (back) Robert Lourie '49, Shirley Foster Hine '48 and Harold Sheldon '49.



'60 grads Jeff Pelton, Marian Mudgett Pelton and Jack Phillips



(Front) '66 grad Nancy Barden Williams and (back) '61 grads Tom Warner, Richard Marrazzo, Fred Olsen and Neal Rea



'71 grads (front) Deborah Hall, Tom Moore, Michele Gray Schaffer; (back) George Flint, Peter Dunigan and John McKeighan.



James Tyler '55

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How to spend money for rest of the year

Jill Schlesinger

Special to Journal & Press

As we enter a post-COVID time, you likely have your mind set on connecting with friends and family and having FUN. Although I have worn the moniker of Debbie Downer at times, I promise to incorporate your need to unleash the pent-up spending that has built up over the past 16 months. Like the intermission of a show, you don't want to overdo it, or else you might miss the second act. Use these six tips to strike a balance between deserving some fun and being responsible.

1. Spend mindfully: The pandemic caused the savings rate to spike, leaving consumers with more than \$2 trillion of excess savings. Before you party, cover your basics. These are the basics, "Jill's Big Three:" Establish an emergency reserve fund of 6-12 months of living expenses,

pay down consumer debt and maximize your retirement plan contributions. With those tasks ticked off your list, allocate a portion of your savings to your post-COVID splurge.

2. Prepare to repay student loans or any other debt: Throughout the pandemic, many lenders provided borrowers with flexibility and in some cases, forbearance for loans. Many of those programs are concluding at the end of September, which means you need a plan of action. Start by creating a list of outstanding debt and put the highest interest rate debt at the top, followed by other loans, in descending order. Attack the highest interest loan first and once you whittle it down, shift the money toward the next highest one. To manage the process, establish automatic payments, even for a small amount, to help avoid or minimize penalties and fees.

3. Refinance your mortgage: If you missed the refinancing boat because your income was too low or you were laid off, you may want to try again. The government has introduced new programs, with looser requirements and lower fees that target low-income borrowers. The new products could allow some 2 million homeowners to save an average of \$100-\$250 each month.

4. Address the elephant in the room: A year ago, I noted that the pandemic "made conversations about illness and death a necessity." If you have yet to overcome your fear and anxiety associated with this tough task, please use this time to create (or update) a will, a health care proxy, which allows you to appoint someone to make health care decisions on

your behalf if you lose the ability to do so; and a durable power of attorney, which allows you to appoint someone to act as your financial agent in a variety of circumstances.

5. Review your insurance coverage: Homeowners, don't wait for a natural disaster to occur before you review your policy. The three biggest mistakes are: 1) under-insuring; 2) shopping for price only and not comparing apples to apples; and 3) not reading policy details. For auto if you have an old car worth under \$5,000, eliminate collision and comprehensive coverage and increase deductibles. As for life insurance your needs often decline as you age, so you may be able to get rid of an old policy or consider replacing an expensive permanent life policy with a cheaper term one.

6. Re-calibrate your investments: Did you start using an app to learn about investing? Did you make a pile of money in GameStop or Bitcoin? Has your company stock soared in value? If so, don't squander those profits, because they can evaporate before your eyes. Midyear is the perfect time for long-term investors to re-balance accounts so that allocations remain in check. If you want to maintain a "fun money" account, be sure to keep the amount to 5% to 10% of your total invested assets.

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out August will also receive a free 4-month subscription offer to Apple Music by email (new subscribers only). More details are available at RedCrossBlood.org/FeelTheBeat.

Upcoming blood donation events: Greenwich

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

Granville

8/13/2021: 1-6 p.m., American Legion, 10 Columbus St.

Hartford

8/9/2021: 12-6 p.m., Hartford Fire Department, Rt 149 and Rt 40

Main St. Business District planning continues

Pam Fuller
Journal & Press

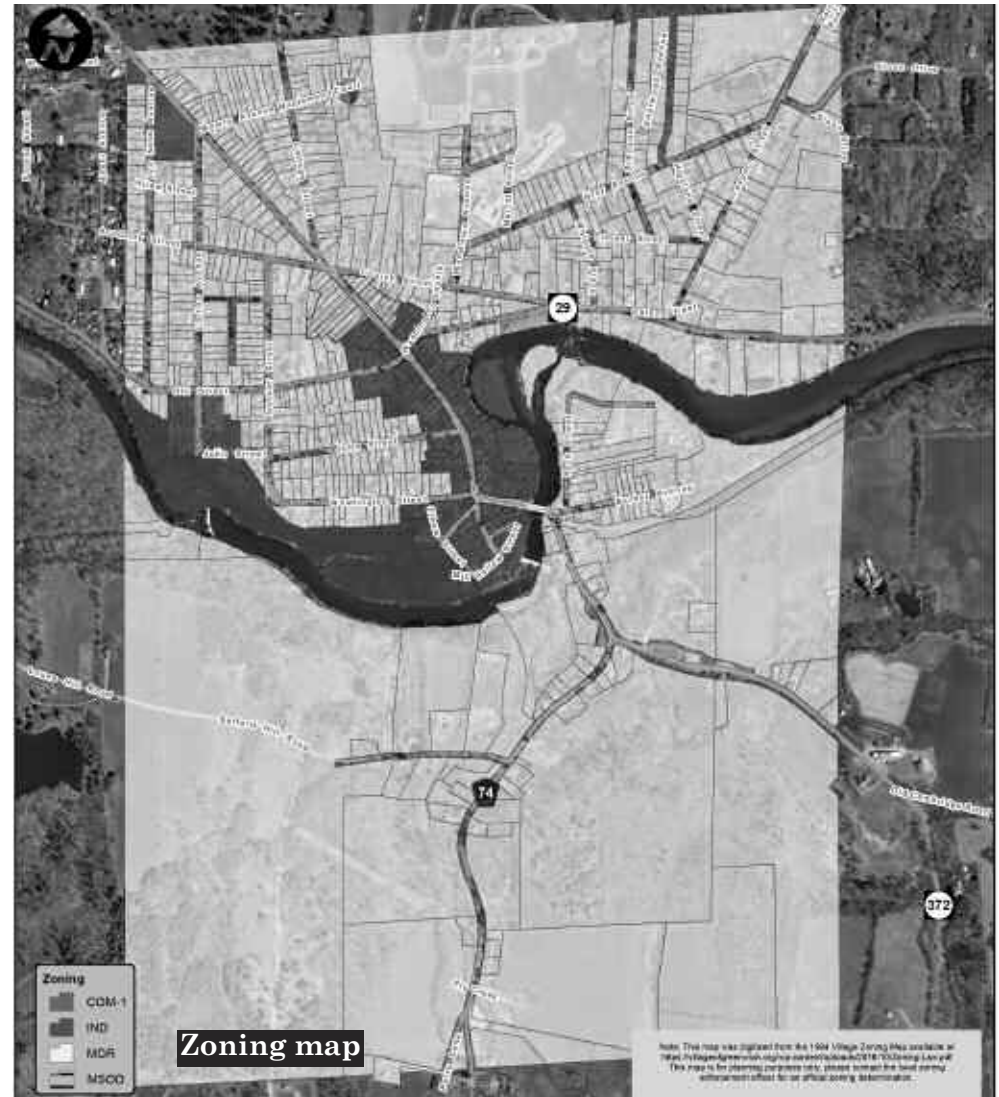
Members of the Greenwich community are invited to come to an open house on Friday, August 13th hosted by the Village of Greenwich and the Chazen Companies, where we will present the details of the proposed zoning updates for the downtown business district. The open house will take place at Argyle Brewing Company on Main Street in Greenwich. (A really fun place to attend a meeting!)

The Zoning Update Project is the result of a grant that the Village received from the Adirondack Glens Falls Transportation Council, building on the previous grant through which the plan for the Downtown Streetscape was developed. We have that streetscape plan in place so we can be prepared to implement it after the new water main pipes have been installed in the business district. During the work on the streetscape plan in 2019 it became obvious that some zoning updates are needed in the business district. We are working with the Chazen Companies on this new grant, as we did for the streetscape. A steering committee was formed, made up of Village Board members, residents of the community, and Chazen representatives. The committee has been meeting and working during 2020

and 2021.

For the 2019 Greenwich Streetscape plan, we knew we would have an opportunity in the next couple of years to make much needed improvements in the downtown business district since the water project is going to involve digging up the area to install new water main pipes. The plan was to enhance the pedestrian experience in the downtown business district, as well as address the parking issues. The recommendations of the study were to upgrade the sidewalks including following ADA requirements, implement a series of actions to address the perceived lack of parking, encourage use of more evenly distributed spaces, address traffic issues at targeted locations, and add new signage that will guide visitors to businesses downtown.

In order to put the Streetscape Plan in place, we will need some adjustments to our Zoning Ordinance, which hasn't been updated since 1995. In March 2021, Chazen representatives reached out to key Village Main Street business owners, many of whom they had interviewed earlier for the Streetscape planning. These businesses were chosen based on their types and some of their unique needs. Chazen representatives asked questions of owners based on the goal of putting



the zoning pieces in place that will allow the 2019 plans to move forward. The goals of the Zoning Code update are parking planning, site access, and landscaping.

Key features of the proposed changes to Village zoning code, which will be explained further at the August 13th meeting, are the designation of the Downtown Main Street Overlay District. This district will have specific rules applied to it, and new development will be required to undergo a Site Plan Review process. The committee Goals for the district will be to preserve the mixed use that is currently in place, enhance the visual

character of the area, improve the physical comfort of pedestrians, and encourage shared parking as well as confirming that adequate parking is planned for new projects.

The meeting at Argyle Brewing Company will give members of the public who have not been involved with the committee work an opportunity to see the work and give their opinions about it.

Pam Fuller is Mayor of the Village of Greenwich.



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There's a social revolution at work

Daneen Skube

Special to Journal & Press

Q: *I scan the news and it seems more people than ever are resorting to out of the blue violence. I have a job where I interact a lot with the public and am going to work scared. Are there tools you offer for those of us that work extensively with the public and would like to avoid being the target of violence?*

A: Yes, if you want to make it less likely you will be a target of random violence you need to check your ego at the door. Give up needing to be right, power struggles, and demanding understanding or validation from your customers. A customer that is unstable and feels invalidated is much more likely to be a perpetrator of violence at their perceived offender.

You're correct that all over our country random violence is increasing. The problem isn't just that we have access to guns. The problem is that we have a mental health crisis that has been brewing with little relief throughout the pandemic. Mentally unstable people with access to guns are a deadly combination.

Some news events about violence describes attacks that are entirely unprovoked. Like a young mother pumping gas that was beaten up by a stranger. The only thing this woman could have done is to be situationally aware that a weird stranger was approaching her. Dropping the gas pump, jumping into her car, and locking it would

have seemed strange but kept her safe.

Any time we're out in public we should be extremely situationally aware. Staring at our phones, listening to music or daydreaming means people that are ill have more room to do us harm. You always want to listen to your gut in public. If anything seems off it is better to leave, or make yourself safe even if you look foolish to others.

When experts evaluate violent events they notice many people would have avoided harm just by creating space between themselves and the attacker, going into a public space, or taking evasive action. You'll get over looking foolish. You may not get over an attack by an unstable person.

Other than unprovoked attacks the most common variable in workplace violence is when we chose to engage in a power struggle. Insulting anyone, demanding compliance, or criticizing customers are not smart actions. If you are engaged with someone in an escalating situation, you're better off paraphrasing their concerns and providing understanding.

Again your gut instincts are your survival instincts. If a customer is escalating and you sense they are mentally unstable, use any excuse necessary to calm them down. Retreat to a safe place and consult with your management. Any manager would rather have a heads up that a customer may be a potential threat than have a crisis unfold.

Some phrases that are helpful when someone is mentally ill include: "You may be right," "I see your point," or "You have every right to be upset." Most mentally ill people are less likely to attack someone that behaves like an ally than someone that acts like an adversary.

In dealing with the public do not assume that everyone you encounter has the same level of mental health as you. In the short run, your ego may take a beating when you feel you are right and you decline an argument but your body will be safer.

The last word(s)

Q: *I think my boss is out to get me. Should I confront him about his lack of support?*

A: No, if you confront him about being your enemy he will live up to your accusation. Instead use every opportunity to deliver performance that makes him look good and polish your resume if this doesn't work.

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.



Susan B. Anthony talk in E. Hebron

The Hebron Preservation Society invites you to a presentation on Susan B. Anthony: "Through Susan's Eyes" at the East Hebron Presbyterian Church, 6559 Route 22, East Hebron, on Wed., Aug. 18 at 6:30 p.m.

This lecture is a retrospective on the nineteen years Susan B Anthony's family lived in the hamlet of Battenville in the Town of Greenwich on the Batten Kill. The area is a virtual history book of the Anthony family but, until recently, there was not an historic marker anywhere. Many of the events that formed Susan's thoughts about women's suffrage were developed in this little settlement during her childhood and young adulthood.

Included will be the influence on Susan's life

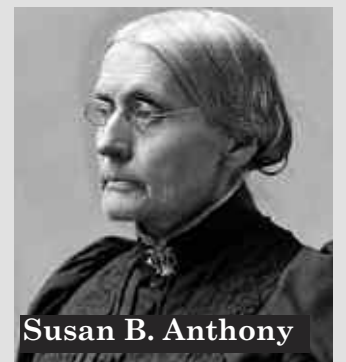
by her Quaker heritage from the Anthony family. Daniel Anthony and his family were a part of the Quaker friends in Adams, Massachusetts before their move to Battenville in 1826, when Susan was just six years old. Susan's mother, Lucy Anthony, remained a Baptist throughout her life even though she attended the Quaker meetings with her husband and the children.

Debi Craig and Sandy McReynolds will present a PowerPoint presentation focusing on the numerous sites in Greenwich, Easton, Jackson, and Cambridge, NY that involved the Anthony family, as well as photos of the newly restored outside of the Battenville house.

Craig is past president of the Washington County Historical Society and still serves as

chairperson for the Washington County History Fair and the Programming Committee. She is also president of the NorthStar Historical Project which promotes Underground Railroad history in the Easton/Greenwich area.

McReynolds is historian of the Gill Room in the Greenwich Free Library. She is also historian for the Town of Greenwich. Sandy is a member of the Easton-Greenwich Historical Association. She is currently the Regent for the Willard Mountain Chapter of the DAR. Sandy frequently leads walking tours of the historic district in Greenwich focusing on many different topics of local history.



Susan B. Anthony

Fundraiser for Melissa

There will be a benefit fundraiser for Melissa Craft on Sunday August 15, 2021 at the Salem Volunteer Fire Department located at 53 South Main Street, Salem, NY. Melissa, an RN at Saratoga Hospital had just battled a rare form of breast cancer and had just gone back to work only to be told that the cancer has now spread to her brain. Melissa will be traveling to Boston for further treatment.

The basket raffle will open at 10am and the drawings will start at 3pm. The auction will start at 5pm. The BBQ dinner will start at Noon and is take-outs only.

Dinner tickets are \$13.00 and are being sold at: Salem Hardware, A & J Agway or by contacting the following people via Facebook messenger/text or by calling: Steven Saunders at 518-321-9430, Maggie Dusha at 518-796-0993, Jennifer Johnson at 518-338-6541, Tonya Bounds at 518-338-6542, Kristi Wilson at 518-223-

2527, Aimee Austin (Saratoga Hospital) austin.aimee917@gmail.com, and or Jessica Bodkin at 518-812-1244. This dinner is by pre-sales and take-outs only.

Basket Raffle and or Auction items: If you would like to donate a basket or an item, please contact one of the above mentioned names.

Monetary donations can be mailed to: Melissa's aunt:

Maggie Dusha at 5 Wilson St. Greenwich, NY 12834.

Make all checks payable to Melissa Craft.



Melissa Craft

RC churches update

The Battenkill Cluster of Parishes Mass schedule is: Holy Cross, Salem, Sunday at 8:15 AM, and Tuesday at 9 AM; Immaculate Conception, Hoosick Falls, Saturday at 4 PM, Sunday at 10 AM, and Monday at 9 AM; St. Patrick's, Cambridge, Sunday at 11:30 AM, Wednesday at 9 AM; St. Joseph's, Greenwich, Sunday at 10 AM; Notre-Dame Visitation, Schuylerville, Saturday at 4 PM, and Sunday at 11:15 AM.

For current information please go

to www.battenkillcatholic.org. This includes information on Reconciliation, opportunities for Eucharistic Ministers. Readers and Greeters, and other spiritual information.

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.

Flower Farm visit

On Wednesday, August 4, the Slate Valley Garden Club will visit Tanner Hill Flower Farm 1 in Whitehall, NY. Tanner Hill Farm is an organic flower farm, growing perennial and annual flowers; it also has sustainable organic florist services and arrangements for any occasion. Members will meet at 10:30 am at the Masonic Center on County Route 24, Granville, to carpool to the Farm and should bring a bag lunch and a chair to sit on.

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Invasive species in Cossayuna Lake

On July 26, Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner joined a group of volunteers from the Cossayuna Lake Improvement Association (CLIA) on one of their scheduled Water Chestnut Pulls. Water Chestnuts are one of several invasive species that grow in the lake each year; the lake is also infested with milfoil, curlyleaf pondweed and recently zebra mussels have been spotted. In addition, algal blooms are often experienced in August due to nutrient run-off from local farms and roadways.

Volunteers spend 2-4 hours a

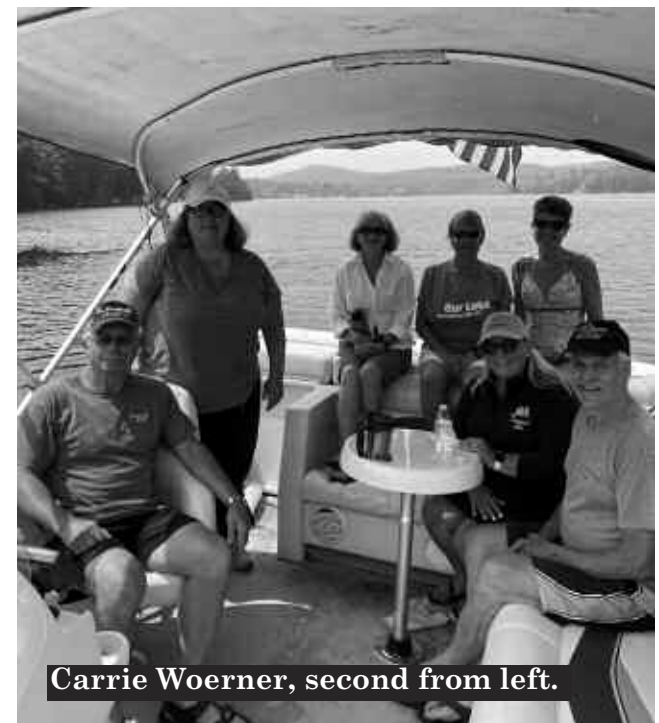
week pulling up water chestnuts and managing the weed harvesting and herbicide program. The members of the CLIA raise funds each year through memberships, donations and events to fund an extensive program to eradicate the invasive species and keep Cossayuna Lake clean and healthy for the residents, visitors and native species that enjoy the lake. The towns of Argyle and Greenwich also provide some funding. In this past year, however, the costs of the eradication program exceeded the monies raised, requiring them to draw down from reserves the CLIA had established to fund the future purchase of a new weed harvester when the current one must be replaced.

“I joined the volunteers today to learn about their efforts to address invasive species in the lake, and to highlight the need for support for these efforts at all levels of government,” said

Assemblywoman Woerner. “Cossayuna Lake is a recreation resource that draws people from far and wide to fish, to boat and to swim. It is a tourist destination that has an economic impact throughout the region. During the few hours that we were out on the lake on a Monday morning, we saw boat trailers arrive from Vermont, Kentucky, Florida and New York. Monies are included in the state budget and are available to units of local government, including Soil and Water Conservation Districts, to fund efforts like those the Cossayuna Lake Improvement Association struggles to privately fund each year.

“The DEC boat launch is heavily used by all of the boaters who visit the lake each year, and there needs to be a boat washing station and

better enforcement of the requirement that boaters ensure that they are neither bringing invasive species into the lake, nor taking them from the lake and introducing the invasives elsewhere. I will be working with DEC to upgrade the launch.”



Carrie Woerner, second from left.



Water chestnuts found!

HCP fishing contest

Hudson Crossing Park invites anglers of all ages to “Keepin’ It REEL,” a fun and family friendly fishing competition. Participants will fish on the Hudson from Schuylerville to Fort Edward from 8 - 11:30am on Sunday, August 8, 2021. All types of fish are accepted, and fish must be photographed while being measured and released unharmed. Participants can fish from shore, dock, or registered boat, and live and artificial bait, lures, and flies are accepted. Bowfishing and spearfishing are not allowed. Submit your top ten legal fish (with photos) and the top total accumulation wins.

Awards will be distributed at HCP’s pavilion at noon with plenty of opportunities to swap fishing stories with others, enjoy fishing demos and try beer tastings!

Registration is \$20 per person with proceeds supporting Hudson Crossing Park. All people on a boat must be registered and have a NYS license. 12 and under are free. Register at HudsonCrossingPark.org.

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The Bezos space predicament

Cody Fitzgerald
Journal & Press

As you might've heard, Jeff Bezos just spent \$5.5 billion dollars to fund the most pathetic space trip the world has ever seen. Hoping to impress the 40 million people living in poverty in America, Bezos lasted a whopping 4 minutes on an expedition that happened seemingly just to happen. Today, I'd like to highlight just how much \$5.5 BILLION dollars is, and talk about all the other options Bezos had with all that money, so let's go (sponsored by calculator.net)-

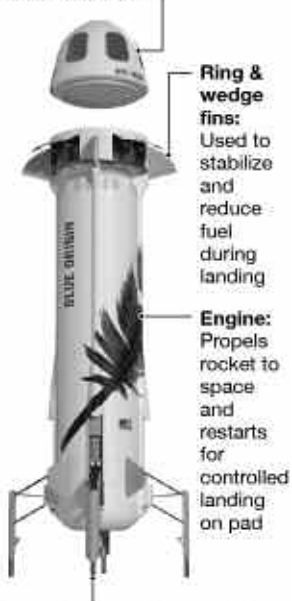
Bezos reaches space

The Amazon founder was accompanied by a hand-picked group: his brother, an 18-year-old from the Netherlands and an 82-year-old aviation pioneer from Texas — the youngest and oldest to ever fly in space.

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- Open a "Scrooge McDuck Museum"
- Build 36,000 homes for the homeless

- Undo Rand Paul's perm
- Provide insulin to 220,000,000 Americans (specifically Americans because in most other place insulin is priced reasonably)
- Buy at least one water bottle at Six Flags
- Purchase 1,803,278,688 chicken sandwiches at Chick-Fil-A
- Donate \$5.5 billion to an LGBTQ+ foundation out of guilt for eating at Chick-Fil-A
- Cover healthcare premiums for 474,874
- Visit every Dollar General in the world
- Pay Eric Clapton to perform 5.5 billion concerts
- Provide a year of public transportation for 6,485,849
- Pay his workers more than bare minimum and better their working conditions

- Pay off Stormy Daniels
- Be a decent person

To normal people like you and I, \$5.5 BILLION dollars might not seem like much. You might say if someone offered you FIVE POINT FIVE BILLION dollars you'd probably just shrug it off because it's really not going to change that much. I hope today you can see that 5 P O I N T 5 B I L L I O N can do quite a bit.

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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Greater Greenwich Chamber of Commerce Events

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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.

The GGCC wishes to thank its sponsors for supporting this year's event, including The Fort Miller Group, Greenwich Ford, The Greenwich Journal & Salem Press, Trustco Bank, Bare Soul Massage, Battenkill Motors, Comfort Food Community, Dux' Dexes Decoy Co., and Flynn Bros. Funeral Home.

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



Scan to register.

Buell Strong Fundraiser

Sunday, August 15
Greenwich Elks Club
1 to 5 p.m.

Brian Buell was born and raised in Greenwich. He has served as a volunteer firefighter with the Greenwich Fire Department for 30 years and been the Deputy Chief for the past 6 years. Brian has also worked for the Village of Greenwich Department of Public Works for the past 15 years. Brian was recently diagnosed with esophageal cancer and has started the arduous journey of appointments and treatments to fight this disease. Brian and his wife, Carrie, have a long road ahead of them to win this battle, but with the support of family, friends and our wonderful community, we know that he will come out of this stronger than ever.

The event will include a live concert by the NY Lounge Lizards, an auction, basket raffle and 50/50. In addition, there will be a meal available beginning at 2:00. Dinner tickets are \$20 and must be purchased in advance and presented at the door.

An account, The Buell Strong, has been opened at TD Bank for monetary donations.. Please contact Mike White at 518-441-5690 or Allison Dwyer at 518-812-6017 for food reservations, ways to donate and more information.



A chat with Salem's Mackenzie Braymer

Evan Felicetti
Journal & Press

An Interview with Salem's Mackenzie Braymer
By Evan Felicetti

Last week, I had the pleasure of chatting with recently graduated Salem Senior, Mackenzie Braymer. Mackenzie, who has been playing soccer since she was young, signed a letter of intent back on June 11th to play soccer for the SUNY Adirondack Timberwolves. We congratulate Mackenzie on her recent graduation, and wish her the best of luck in her collegiate career. Below are some of the highlights of our conversation.

EF: *What first drew you to soccer?*

MB: When I was younger, soccer was a way for me to make friends, because a lot of my friends at the time played. I played other sports as well, but I really grew to love soccer more than any of the other sports. While I'm not the biggest fan of running in general, I always liked the running associated with soccer, and grew to really like many of the dribbling and ball handling techniques used to fake out and trick opponents.

EF: *If you had to pick one signature moment from your varsity career with Salem, what would it be?*

MB: It is hard to pick only one specific moment, however the moments that I was proudest of were whenever I did goal kicks. I was generally able to kick the ball pretty far, and goal kicks can be challenging because you must cover the whole field with your kick. This can be a hard skill to master.



MacKenzie Braymer signs her letter of intent



Salem soccer seniors

EF: *How did COVID-19 affect your senior season?*

MB: Covid affected our season in a very impactful way. Our season didn't start until March, which is very late for soccer. In addition, my team ended up not playing for over a year because of restrictions, and a lot of our initial practices were not where they normally would be. We were practicing outside on pavement, or in school gym, and always had to share with other sports because of limited space. In the beginning of the season, we were not allowed to use any of the fields because they were not ready yet. However, my teammates and I made the most out of the experience.

EF: *What are you looking forward to most playing at SUNY Adirondack?*

MB: I'm looking forward to making new friends, experiencing a new school, and continuing to play soccer. Our soccer schedule for this upcoming season is almost set in stone, and we have a lot of games in different places. I'm also excited to learn new skills, and work with new coaches. My new teammates seem really nice, and are very athletic. Our first official scrimmage is on August 21st.

Academically, I plan to major in criminal justice. Three other people on my soccer team are also criminal justice majors,

which should be great. While I still have a lot to figure out regarding what I would like to do for my future career, I definitely know that I would like to go as far as I can in soccer, and certainly that I would like to play all 4 years of college.

EF: *Will your preparation be different in college?*

MB: My preparation certainly will be different compared to high school varsity. For example, we have already started doing practices two days a week for the upcoming season, and it is not even the preseason yet. A lot of my summer has been spent playing soccer, which is different than high school varsity, where the practices begin in late August.

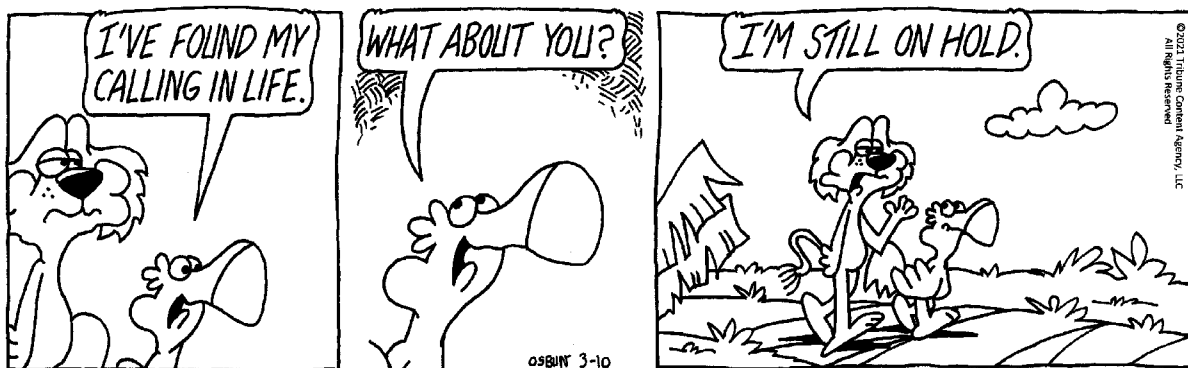
EF: *Finally, do you have any advice that you can give to other high school athletes?*

MB: I have two big pieces of advice. Number one is to not quit your sport. I knew a lot of classmates who quit their sport, and eventually regretted it. Sports are a great way to make a lot of friends and stay physically active. Also, you don't know where a sport might take you. You may not think that you are that great, but a college might still be interested in bringing you on board their team.

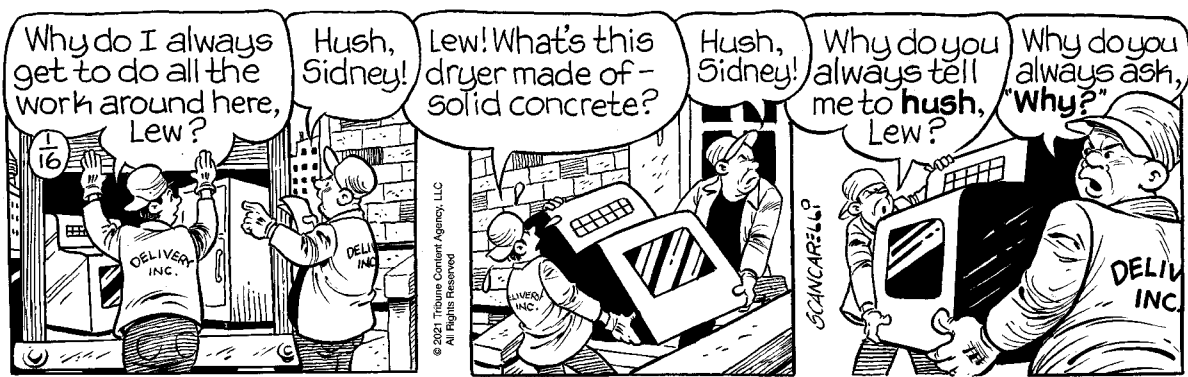
My second piece of advice is to always play your best and have fun. This is a key thing to any sport. If you are not having fun, you aren't going to be motivated into wanting to perform well.

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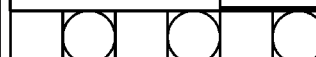
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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



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



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Obituary

Eric Leroy Edgerly, 65

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Eric Leroy Edgerly.

Left to cherish his memory include his mother, Thelma Edgerly; life partner Lynn Edgerly; his eldest daughter Sadie (Dan) Batchelder and their three sons Caeden, George and Killian, youngest daughter Tawn (Jake) Malison and their three children Reilly, Deklin and Lennon.

Each of his grandchildren have inherited traits of which "Poppy" was so proud of. Caeden acquired his sense of humor, George his mechanical abilities, Killian his love of fishing, Reilly has Poppy's steadfastness and Groundedness, Deklin his charm and Lennon his musical abilities. There was nothing "Poppy" loved more than spending time with his kids and grandkids, always cheering them on in their sporting endeavors and supporting their dreams and adventures.

Eric graduated from Local 38 Trade school in San Francisco, CA in 1977. He also got his associates de-

gree from Blackstone School of Law in paralegal studies. Eric was a jack of all trades and "master of some". There was nothing he could not build or fix. His greatest mastery was being a self-taught drummer since the age of 13. He played with friends throughout his life, and the past four years he enjoyed playing with the "Lakesiders" of Cossayuna.

He was a man of eclectic tastes and passions. His passions included, boating, fishing, traveling, "good food, good times and good friends". Last year he placed in the top 10 in the Lake Champlain Father's Day Tournament with his good friend Bill Allen.

Additional extended family left to cherish his memory are his brother Ernie (Kim) Edgerly; niece Lynn (Mike) McDonald and her family; brothers-in-law Gary (Margaret) Dixson and Glenn (Kim) Dixson; mother-in-law Betty Dixson; numerous nieces and nephews.

He was lucky to spend some time

with his nephew Ernie Edgerly who took him out fishing in the boat.

He was predeceased by his father Ernest Edgerly; brother Eddie Edgerly; granddaughter Gracie Batchelder and father-in-law Glenn Dixon.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network at www.pancan.org.

The family would like to thank Saratoga Community Hospice for their support, and Saratoga Hospital Oncology. Special thankyou to Lynn McDonald for her guidance, love, and support.

At Eric's request Funeral services will be private at the convenience of the family.



"Since before time, I have been free. Birth and death are only doors through which we pass. Sacred thresholds on our journey."

Online condolences and messages to the family may be made at www.flynnbrosinc.com.

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Cambridge Crossword

(solution page 24)

Across

- 1 Story like "Roots"
 5 K9 Advantix II targets
 10 Dance that tells a story
 14 Capturing device
 15 Cuba ___: rum cocktail
 16 Former Lacoste partner in sportswear
 17 Taj Mahal city
 18 5,000 feet, roughly
 20 Providing post-bath garb to red-breasted singers?
 22 Keep a roomie awake, maybe
 23 Letters before an alias
 24 Window sticker
 28 Surg. areas
 30 Chocolate-filled cookie
 31 Doing poorly in baking class?
 36 Became the champ
 37 Farm bleaters
 38 Like many SSA

Down

- 39 Growing dried grapes?
 44 Mischievous doings
 45 Jaguar XK-E, e.g.
 46 Tomato concentrate
 47 Hope/Crosby film destination
 50 Make roar, as an engine
 54 Recording easy putts?
 57 "That's slightly inaccurate"
 60 Bluesy James
 61 Put one ___ on: fool
 62 Gadget used on an apple
 63 Ace, as a test
 64 High roller's rolls
 65 The ones over there
 66 Abound (with)

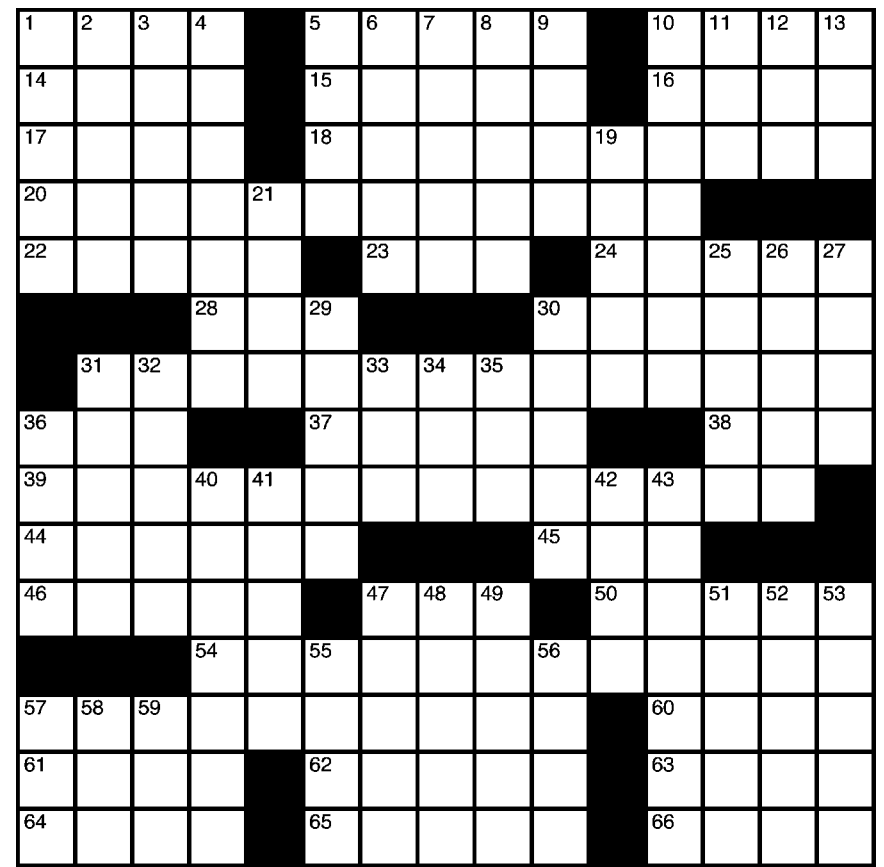
Across

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 4 Two that match, as socks
 5 Flier on a pole
 6 Heavenly scales
 7 Kindle download
 8 Dutch-speaking Caribbean island
 9 Alien-seeking org.
 10 "And he ... HE ___! ... The Grinch carved the roast-beast!"
 11 Israeli weapon
 12 Enthusiastic online "Ha-ha!"
 13 Beverage suffix
 19 "___ I don't?": challenging words
 21 Foam-based ball
 25 Piled-stones memorial
 26 Authors Rice and Tyler
 27 Suffered defeat
 29 6-Down and 11 others
 30 Beethoven's love
 31 Polynesian Disney princess
 32 Watts and volts
 33 Rich holiday drink

Down

- 34 Long-nosed fish
 35 L.A. commuter org.
 36 Rolled-up sandwich
 40 Paid tot minders
 41 Mountaineer's tool
 42 Lee whom nobody doesn't like
 43 Sinner's atonement words
 47 Copier brand
 48 MC's opening words
 49 Looks unto-wardly toward
 51 Curriculum ___: résumé
 52 Loosen, as a knot
 53 Song of worship
 55 Treaty
 56 Spare in a Brit's boot
 57 Currently
 58 Egg cells
 59 Talking stuffed bear of film

ANSWERS ON PAGE 26.



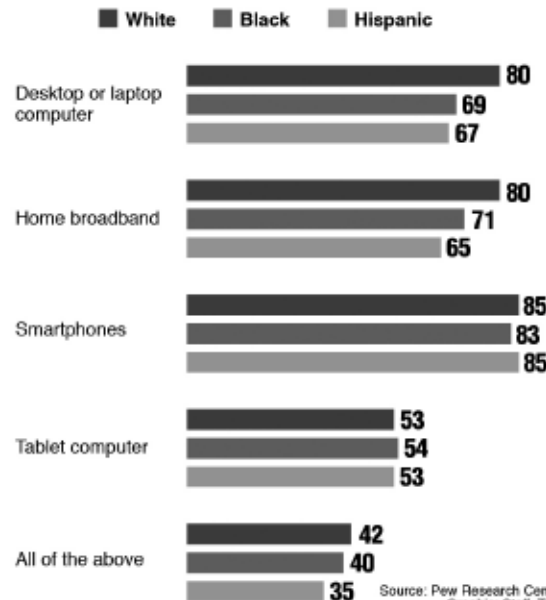
9 to 5 by Harley Schwadron



Fast Facts

Technology ownership by race

% of U.S. adults who say they have the following



Source: Pew Research Center Graphic: Staff, TN5

Word Find

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

Find these words that are associated with being in study hall.

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



Turning the pages on the Trump presidency

Lance Allen Wang
Journal & Press

I'm usually not a fan of contemporary history – that is, I don't like books written in the present about the present. To attempt to look for patterns and meaning in history requires, almost by definition, time to elapse. Is there value in memoirs? Of course, there is. But I always approach them with caution – the motivations of the writers are sometimes suspect. Are they trying to whitewash history? Are they settling scores?

With all of this in mind, I've been watching the flow of books now being written about the last four years. The only books I read about the Trump administration were the ones written by Bob Woodward, a former US Navy officer and two-time Pulitzer Prize winning writer for the Washington Post. The respect he has earned over the years starting with his role in covering Watergate granted him unprecedented access. Like a filmmaker that lets the picture tell the story, he tends to let the participants tell the story for him. He does not finish their sentences with his own commentary. The participants provide the commentary.

I remember in the mid-1990s, Mr. Woodward's book "The Commanders" was on the Chief of Staff of the Army's recommended reading list for junior officers. It was also used in several courses I attended to show the tie between political ends and military means, strategy and tactics, and crisis versus deliberate planning and decision making. It followed President George H.W. Bush and his senior leadership from the invasion of Panama through the completion of Operation Desert Storm. While both of those military actions were relatively conventional, closer to the big battles that we envisioned against the Russians during the Cold War, Woodward's book helped show a generation of officers "what right looked like" when it came to taking a mission from the highest levels of government and turning it into coordinated action.

Woodward continued documenting our military and civilian leaders – he followed "The Commanders" with three volumes about President George W. Bush and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan (the first one of which, "Bush at War," I read at another military education

course), and others about the Clinton and Obama administrations. The ones about Iraq and Afghanistan showed that perhaps we were not prepared to translate our skill at planning big battles against conventional enemies into counterinsurgency, war fought in the shadows with no front line. It also showed our challenges, often self-created, in integrating the efforts of the military and Department of State.

In 2015, Woodward returned to writing about President Nixon, who he had cut his teeth writing about in the early 1970s. He spent 46 hours talking with Alexander Butterfield, a former Nixon aide who had disclosed the secret White House taping system which would become Nixon's undoing. However, the publisher's notes on the book, "The Last of the President's Men," helps set the table for the two books (and a third upcoming) about President Trump when they ask, "... how much do we know about those who are now seeking the Presidency in 2016? What really drives them? How do they really make decisions? Who do they surround themselves with? And what are their true political and personal values?" These are the questions that underpin books by Woodward.

Woodward does not point the lens at Trump just for the thrill of pointing out his eccentricities

'Perhaps we were not prepared to translate our skill against counterinsurgency.'

interest me. Rather, he points the lens PAST all of that, to the conventional notions of who a President is, and what we, as citizens, should expect of him or her.

I read both books by Woodward about the Trump Administration, "Fear" and "Rage." Woodward, because of his earned reputation as a journalist, had plenty of access to the White House and many of the key players, and while the President turned down the opportunity to speak to the writer for the first book, he provided hours of personal interviews both in person and by telephone for the second book. He's currently working on an as-yet-unnamed third book which covers the end of the Trump administration and the transition of power. I'm looking forward to its release.



I tend not to question Mr. Woodward's writing – his reputation precedes him, and I don't think anyone better understands Presidential decision-making and relationships with the military. That said, I also know that there are some who will say that his employer, the Washington Post, is a biased source as a Democrat-leaning newspaper. I do agree with this, but I also believe that Woodward's methods and willingness to stand back from his subjects and let them tell the story makes it irrelevant.

In the interest of balance though, I'm also eyeing a recent book by the Wall Street Journal's senior White House reporter, Michael C. Bender. Bender is a recipient of the Gerald R. Ford Foundation Journalism Prize for Distinguished Reporting on the Presidency. With these credentials and considering that the Wall Street Journal is Republican-leaning, I'm looking to give this a read. Bender's book, "Frankly, We Did Win This Election," was published on July 13.

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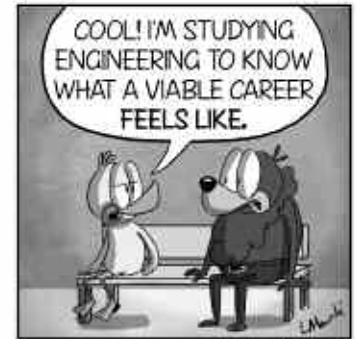
Jumble: RUMMY BLEND SPOTTY INDOOR
Final Jumble:
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Obituary

Charles Spigner, 84

Charles Dallas Spigner, 84, of Gansevoort NY passed away in his home on Thursday, July 8, 2021 following a battle with Leukemia.

Charlie was born in Troy, NY to Ernest and Carolyn Spigner, and grew up in Valley Falls NY.

Charlie was a 1954 Graduate of Hoosick Valley High School. Upon graduation he enlisted and spent 2 years in the US Army. Following his time in the Army, Charlie attended Hoosick Valley Community College, and the Junior College of Albany.

Charlie worked for Niagara Mohawk for 33 years, starting as lineman and retiring as a supervisor. During his time with Niagara Mohawk, Charlie was a product tester for LL Bean with a primary focus on extreme weather gear due to his job as a lineman.

After retirement, Charlie started Outdoor Adventures. He was known for his Semi-Annual going out of business sales which occurred 1-2 times per year. Charlie was an avid sportsman who enjoyed bird hunting and fishing. He also loved camping with his family, trips to Arizona, and the monthly "prayer" meetings (Poker). As Charlie grew older, he enjoyed shooting sports such as Sporting Clays, Trap, and Skeet. Charlie also enjoyed



shooting black birds for BJ's farm in Greenwich. He enjoyed traveling to Hidden Hollow in Friendsville, PA to visit and shoot with friends. Charlie was also the self-proclaimed CEO of the Weezer Geezer Shooting Friends.

Charlie was predeceased by his first wife Elizabeth "Betsy" (Price) Spigner; his parents Ernest and Carolyn; his sisters, Cynthia (Spigner) Richardson and Elaine Spigner.

Charlie is survived by his wife and partner of 38 years Sandra (Smith) Spigner; his sisters, Erlene (Paul) Woods and Flora (John) Collins; children, Daniel (Michele) Spigner, Andy (Aimee) Spigner, Scott Spigner, Chad (Denise) Sesselman, Ryan (Kelly) Sesselman, and Todd Sesselman; Grandchildren, Kiernan, Chloe, Emily, Lauren, Austin, Ben, Luke, Emma, Kole, Nick, Savannah, and a granddaughter expected in September.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Red Cross Blood Bank or a donation of blood and platelets to the Red Cross.

A memorial for family and friends was held on Friday July 23, 2021 at 2pm at the Granite Hill Lodge in Fort Ann.

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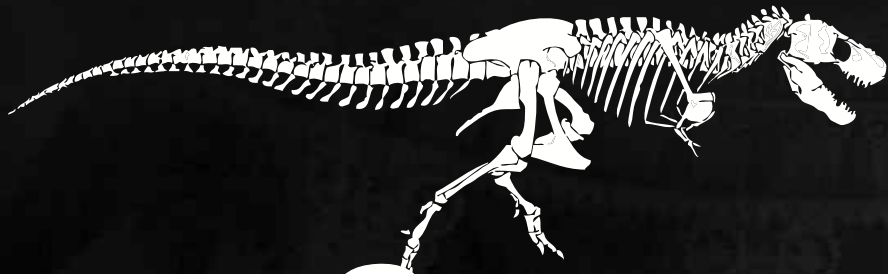
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