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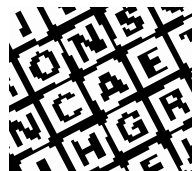
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Two villages' top cop

A mayor interviews Cambridge-Greenwich's Sgt. Robert Danko

Village of Greenwich Mayor Pam Fuller uses her usual column space to instead interview the leader of the police force that covers her municipality and neighboring Cambridge. Find out what duties the department can and cannot do and how Sgt. Robert Danko aims to keep both villages and their residents happy in this candid conversation that spans over two pages.

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-Pam Fuller photo

A real Daddy, daughter

SPOILER ALERT! In the musical, "Annie," the adorable orphan is *adopted* by Daddy Warbucks. But the performers playing the two main characters in a new Schuylerville Community Theater production are *biologically* related, too. Meet Trent and Delaney Sano; very musically talented ... and, happily, father and daughter.

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-Brian Haynes photo

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Petitioners decry school speeders

Darren Johnson
Journal & Press

Ronald Edsforth presented a petition with 21 signatures at the Village of Greenwich Board of Trustees meeting on Feb. 10, reminding them of their meeting from the fall, where they said they would look into traffic concerns on the streets near the schools, but action hasn't happened yet, he said.

Edsforth lives on Gray Avenue, which, along with Woodlawn Avenue and Whipple Place, see a lot of speeders entering the village, mostly commuters coming from North Road. He said his neighbors eagerly signed his petition, which asks the Village Board to:

- Purchase, install, and maintain a permanent electronic "Your Speed" sign placed

on Gray Avenue where the school speed limit begins.

- Put more frequent police patrols on Gray Avenue, especially during the hours when many children cross the street

- Paint a crosswalk on Gray Avenue at the Whipple Place intersection.

Previously, the board had worried about the cost of the electronic sign – approximately \$2000 was quoted – and the police department also said extra patrols are going to happen, but the frequency can be limited due to budget.

After the Feb. 10 meeting, Edsforth felt it went well.

"The crosswalk won't cost anything, and if they stop a few speeders, word will get around town quickly," he said.

"One of the board members



Gray Avenue

said that if they do this for our neighborhood, they'll have to do it for others, but I said that we're the only neighborhood with a school in it – and they agreed with that," he said.

"It's unsafe and the traffic is only getting worse. There hasn't been an accident yet, but it's only a matter of time; so we should do something now before there is one."

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This 'Annie' really is a family affair

Valerie Visaggio
Journal & Press

A dynamic family duo is making a name for themselves in the Schuylerville community. Trent and Delaney Sano will be starring in their fifth show together with a local production of "Annie."

Trent is not only the director of the show but also will be playing the role of Oliver Warbucks, also known as Daddy Warbucks. While Delaney will be starring in the Schuylerville Community Theater (SCT) production as Annie.

When this opportunity presented itself, it was a very easy decision for the Sano family.

"When we saw the auditions we said maybe let's go for it together; how fun would it be if we got these parts?" said Trent Sano.

The two of them went through the audition process, with Delaney beating out a heavy hand of competition. Twenty-seven girls auditioned for the part to lead as Annie, and Delaney won it.

Trent went on to share how the auditioning process was broken down: "After hearing from the 27 girls, it then was narrowed down to three or four girls, and it was a clear divide, then [SCT] called her and one other girl back the next day."

After being cast as Annie, Delaney shared not only her ex-

citement but her passion for wanting this role from an even younger age.

"When I started my voice lessons, songs like "Maybe" were my favorite to sing. This is my dream role, I've wanted it forever. I really feel like I've accomplished something," said eleven-year-old Delaney.

Although both Trent and Delaney were cast as leads, this did not lead to the decision being made for SCT to pick Trent as the director.

"The directing side came after the auditions; we were cast by the original director and he had to step down, and they asked me to take over everything," said Trent.

With Trent being both a director and having a lead role, he had to create a balance as to how he wanted this whole process to work.

'This is my dream role. I've wanted it forever.'

As for the cast, the chemistry has become stronger over the past few weeks while working together. With a meeting schedule of around three to four times a week and about two hours of rehearsal each time, they have spent a good amount of hours working together.



Delaney and Trent Sano rehearse as Annie and Daddy Warbucks. Lorraine Thompson accompanies. -vv photo

"These kids have been awesome and they've all meshed really well together," said Trent.

As for the Sanos' lives off stage, both Trent and Delaney have other responsibilities they also have to make time for. Trent takes time to direct and act while also sustaining a full-time job outside the theater. Trent is the Human Resources Director at Six Flags Great Escape Resort in Queensbury. As for Delaney, she attends Queensbury Middle School as a sixth grader. When it comes to her balancing her school and her life, it seems as though she has figured out a balance.

"It's a matter of getting home and just focusing on that school work before we have to drive all the way to Schuylerville, sometimes doing my homework in the car," said Delaney.

Despite this somewhat heavy workload of school and theater, Delaney is happy to be following in her father's footsteps. This family of actors, including Trent's son, Carter Sano, has

had their foot in the door of this acting community for quite some time. Trent grew up acting in plays that were part of the Home Made Theatre and Lake George Youth Theatre. Whereas now, Delaney has recently been a part of a few plays herself in both Homemade Theatre and Lake George Youth Theatre.

Having these roles in the theater together has really opened their eyes up as to how great of an opportunity working together has been.

"It's a good, quality time. You get caught up in a whirlwind of your day with work and school – that to have that dedicated time where really all you're doing is interacting, performing, singing, that's a really cool thing," said Trent.

"Annie" will be presented by Schuylerville Community Theater May 1-2 at 7:30 p.m. and May 3 at 2 p.m. All shows are at Schuylerville High School. SCT is now in its 40th year. Get tickets (\$18-20) at scttheater.org.



Greenwich Town Board has busy agenda

James Nolan
Journal & Press

The Greenwich Town Board held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 11. In attendance were Supervisor Don Ward and Councilmen Steve Patrick, Eric Whitehouse, Pat Donahue and Jeff Duxbury.

After the meeting was called to order at 7 p.m., the Board approved the January meeting minutes.

Kelly L. Kircher, Project Manager, NYSDOT, Region 1, updated the board on the Christie and Ferguson Road culvert/bridge replacements. She explained that the State is currently in the preliminary design phase. Bids are expected to be opened in January 2020.

Chief Mike White of the

Greenwich Fire Department made his annual report to the town board. He stated they have 50 members, 14 of whom are E.M.S. trained. In 2019 they made 294 calls. 116 calls were for fires and 178 were E.M.S. In addition, the department members completed 11,380 hours of training. The department also conducted a robust fire prevention program as well as a summer youth program.

Annie Miller, Director of the Greenwich Free Library, presented her semi-annual report to the board. The library is open 47 hours a week. There are two full time and five part time employees. In addition, they have 90 volunteers. Besides lending out books and providing access to eBooks and audiobooks, the library serves as a community space for a

myriad of community groups and age-related programming. Its three community rooms are frequently booked. With access to its own catalog and several external databases, patrons can request access to more than a million different items.

‘There is not much room for new projects.’

She closed by explaining that several construction projects have been completed or are in the planning stages. State library construction grants and generous donor matching monies have paid for these needed upgrades.

The town board reviewed several reports from town de-

partments and town committees. Of special note was the Town Supervisor’s report. Supervisor Ward stated that the town is providing the courtroom space for a lecture by Town Historian Sandy McReynolds in honor of the 200th anniversary of the birth of Susan B. Anthony. In addition to the lecture, there will be re-enactors. Additional events are planned for the coming months.

Supervisor Ward proceeded to give his “State of the Town” message. He started with an overview of the town’s financial condition. Instead of the usual line item review of the budget, Supervisor Ward chose to highlight mandatory and discretionary expenses. His conclusion after this review

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was that “There is not much room for new projects or programs or to even deal with current needs without increasing the budget or raising taxes.”

Supervisor Ward presented the historical relationship between the town’s budget and the property tax. He then stated his goals for the future are to:

- Stabilize the budget to reduce the property tax rate.
- Encourage economic development to reduce the tax burden on homeowners.
- Prioritize grant applications.
- Maximize use of current assets and property.

To accomplish these goals, Supervisor Ward stated he will propose two town committees to make recommendations to

the Town Board. These committees will be the Grant Application and Review Committee and the Real Property Management Committee. In addition, he will promote economic development and encourage new rental housing. The town board approved the creation of both committees.

During the public comments period, a question was raised about the replacement of the route 29 bridge over the Battenkill in Middle Falls. The question had to do with pedestrian traffic and specifically sidewalks. It is not clear exactly how pedestrians are to cross the bridge after reconstruction.

The town board made the following appointments:

- Board of Ethics, 1 year term: Christian Biddle.

- Planning Board, 3 year term: Don McKinley.

- Supervisor, Highway, and Planning Board Clerk: Joanna Messina.

- Town Justice, (due to retirement of Justice Blake) April 1 to December 31: Leo Flynn; there will be an election for Town Justice in November

‘Leo Flynn will serve as Town Justice starting April 1.’

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- The town board approved a \$100 per month rental agreement for space in the town hall rented to Comfort Food.

The town board approved the transfer of the supervisor salary budget item (the super-

visor is not taking a salary) to a budget item to purchase new computers for town offices.

The town attorney has written a proposed PILOT agreement for all solar power installations in the town. A public hearing will be held in March.

Since the contract for a public attorney will expire, the town board approved advertising for proposals for such services.

The meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

The Greenwich Town Board holds its monthly meetings at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month unless otherwise noted. Meetings are held at the Town Office located at 2 Academy Street, Greenwich. Contact the Town Clerk by 4 p.m. on the Thursday before each meeting, if you’d like to request to be on the agenda.



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Cambridge mayor announces senate run

Darren Johnson
Journal & Press

Village of Cambridge Mayor Carman Bogle made a surprise announcement earlier this month, declaring her intention to primary for the Republican line for the 45th Senate District, a seat currently held by long-time Senator Betty Little (R-Queensbury), who is retiring.

The 45th district is huge geographically, and includes all of Clinton, Essex, Franklin and Warren counties, and parts of St. Lawrence and Washington counties. Because the region skews majority Republican, the winner of the June 23 primary will be a heavy favorite to win the general election in November. Kimberly Davis, a Democ-

rat from Clinton County, has declared to run for her party.

Bogle, 40, has a couple of strikes against her – there hasn't been a GOP nominee from sparsely-populated Washington County in decades, and she's not the choice of the party establishment – that's veteran Assemblyman Dan Stec (R-Queensbury), who announced his run in December to much fanfare and has already received most county endorsements. Washington and St. Lawrence counties have yet to decide, and will pick their candidates Feb. 18 and 25, respectively.

"I'm not holding my breath for endorsements," the mayor said. "It's hard to get people sometimes to break away from the establishment, and I'm not

the establishment."

A third GOP candidate, Kevin Beary from Lawrence County, also declared in December. The candidates will need to gather 1000 signatures from party voters in the district from Feb. 25 to April 2 to qualify. Because of the odd date for the primary, turnout is expected to be low, so anything can happen.

Bogle understands that election magic well. In 2014, at the urging of some Cambridge residents, she ran a write-in campaign for trustee and actually won. Since, she won three elections for mayor. Bogle's current term doesn't end until 2021, so this senate run is a free pass.

"Most of the 45th district is rural, small towns, and I represent that. And Republican women are often under-represented in politics, but we're here," Bogle said. "My goal is to



Carman Bogle

give Republican voters an option. Competition is good."

There are only five female GOP senators in the state, compared to 14 Democrats, but Bogle isn't playing that card. "People shouldn't vote for me because I'm a woman; they

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Salem Catholic News

Holy Cross Catholic Church of Salem has Sunday Mass at 8:30 a.m. All children are welcome to attend the children's liturgy during Mass. The Bible study Genesis Part II begins February 17. More information can be found in the bulletin or at battenkill-catholic.org. The meeting with facilitator, Joyce Solimini went well and was a good start for examining how our parishioners might better be served moving forward. Collection counters are urgently needed in Holy Cross, (contact Eileen Dashnaw), and St. Patrick's, (contact St. Patrick's office).

Wed. Feb 26 is Ash Wednesday. Watch for the information about the Lenten Lunches that should be available soon.

Wings of Care of St. Patrick's and Holy Cross is a ministry of care for the elderly

and homebound and is in great need of volunteers. Some of the needs involve socialization or companionship, light housekeeping (vacuuming, dusting, laundry) and transportation. If you have an hour to give, please contact Sister Augusta Ann Burgess, CSJ at 677-2757 or at pastoralcare@battenkill-catholic.org.

An MS Support Group meets at Proudfit Hall in Salem on the 2nd Saturday of each month. Please call James Harmon if you have questions (518-791-4505). Donations to the food pantry are always welcomed and can be left inside the doors of the Church. Monetary donations help and checks can be made out to the Salem Food Pantry or given to Jeff or Lonnie or sent to PO Box 476, Salem, NY 12865.

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should vote for me because I'm a qualified candidate. ... But our party does need to encourage more women to run. And I also think we need younger voices; we're missing that youthful voice, and I best represent that voice."

Bogle said she understands "living paycheck to paycheck" and resilience and making a comeback. After her first husband passed, she went back to school and got a bachelor's in political science from Kaplan University in 2007. She has also served as constituent liaison in the office of Assemblyman Jake Ashby. She is remarried and has four children.

Her platform includes better addressing the opioid epidemic. "Our rural communities are really struggling to get a

grip on this problem," she said.

She also will address unfunded mandates from Albany, which adversely affect struggling rural towns upstate. "I especially know this as mayor of a small village."

And, while she said this is atypical for a Republican candidate, the environment is on her list of concerns. Water pollution, the use of plastic bags in stores and how products are packaged are issues she will address.

The recent ice storm also reinforced the need for better broadband and cell phone coverage in the district, Bogle said.

"I appreciate the steps the state has taken to address this issue, but there still are people living here without Internet and basic cell service," the mayor said. "If they don't have a landline, they can't get in touch with emergency services. It's dangerous and a risk to public safety."

School safety app

This month, Salem Central School District introduced a new communications app, Anonymous Alerts®, to students grades 6-12. Anonymous Alerts® empowers students to speak up on topics such as bullying, cyber-bullying, threats, family difficulties, self-harm or concern of others harming themselves, drug and alcohol abuse, depression, sexual harassment and other activities disruptive to the learning environment.

The system allows for 1-way or 2-way anonymous encrypted communications between submitters (students, parents or community members) and district administration and/or school staff. Users of the sys-

tem have the option to remain anonymous or reveal their identity when submitting a report. To use this new app, students, parents or other school personnel can simply visit the Salem CSD's website www.salemcasd.org and click the "Anonymous Alerts" button located in the upper right to submit a report. Principal Julie Adams emphasized to the students the implementation of this app does not replace or discourage students from seeking help from faculty or staff in person: "Our doors are always open to our students. This provides an additional way for students to reach out for help, especially on weekends and after school hours."

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Through Susan's Eyes: Her life in Washington County, 1826-1845

Debi Craig
Journal & Press

The tiny hamlet of Battenville (Town of Greenwich) sits on Route 29 right on the banks of the Batten Kill. It is so tiny that most people have driven through it before they even realized it. I admit I was one of those people, until a few years ago. I was always fascinated by the fact that Susan B Anthony's childhood home is there. (Many people who live in this area aren't even aware of that!) When I was a child, every time we drove past the house, my father, who was a history buff, would point out to me that I should never forget that Susan B Anthony had lived in that house. He told me it had always been a private home. I wondered why no one had made it into a museum or placed one of the blue and gold historic markers by the house. One risks life and limb to read the plaque set into the marble retaining wall in front of the house by the DAR. The wall is less than two feet from NYS Route 29. Neighbors placed a painted sign proclaiming the house's childhood resident. What most people don't know is that the entire settlement, as well as parts of the surrounding three towns (Jackson, Cambridge and Easton), is a virtual history book of how the Anthonys came to Battenville and the effect they had on the small community.

Across the Batten Kill (in the town of Jackson), from where the Anthony house is, stands Judge McLean's house. Judge John McLean invited Daniel Anthony to move to Battenville from Adams, Mass., in 1826 to run his mill. (It was a woolen mill originally, which was converted to manufacture cotton. Anthony was against slavery, so he re-

fused to purchase cotton grown in the south.)

The Anthonys even lived in the McLean house for a period of time. Susan was six years old when the family moved to Battenville. (She was born February 15, 1820, in Adams, Mass.) and she became friendly with Judge McLean's grandson Aaron. (Another McLean house is diagonally across the road from the Anthony home in the Greenwich side of the Batten Kill. This long, white clapboard house has a center hall and part of it was used in the filming of the movie "The Horse Whisperer" a number of years ago. There is a pantry in this house in which Aaron's handiwork is still evident in the form of a childish carving on the door of the pantry proclaiming "A. McLean 1808." In the back room of this same house, the walls are lined with old boxboard stenciled for delivery to the McLean Mill. In close proximity to this house are a number of small houses where the mill employees resided. One that has been torn down housed the Anthonys for a time before their brick house was completed in the early 1830s. Daniel Anthony brought craftsmen to Battenville to make the bricks for their new house on-site. Susan frequently helped her mother prepare meals for the workmen who were building their house.

Next door to the Anthony house on the east side is the Stoops Hotel, which has been restored so that those entering the building feel like they have stepped back in time over 200 years. This building would have been a hotel when the Anthonys moved to Battenville. Directly across the road from the Hotel is the foundation of Daniel An-



The sign in Battenville

thonys's store, which was built so that the workers could purchase supplies for their families at a reasonable price. The store was dismantled, the pieces were numbered, and it was moved to Falmouth, Mass., a number of years ago where it was used as an antique shop. Legend says that the coffee grinder from when the store was in Battenville was moved to Falmouth. The mill that stands across the road from the Anthony house is not the mill where Susan's father

'At one time part of the house was a schoolroom.'

worked. That mill burned in the 1870s. It is rumored that some of the bricks were reused for the mill which was rebuilt on the site. There appear to be burn marks on some of the bricks.

The Anthony house itself is very interesting. At one time, Daniel converted part of the house into a schoolroom because the local school teacher at the Battenville School across the Batten Kill on Rte. 61 told Susan that girls did not need to know

how to do long division. Supposedly, Susan said she was cold and went to stand by the wood stove while the boys had their lesson. And that is how she learned to do long division. She went home and told her father what had happened. It was at this time that he took his children out of that school. He also reportedly dispatched several young men for playing cards on the premises and they had to walk home to Valley Falls in the cold January night. Descendants of at least one of those young men still live in the area.

There is what might be a hiding place over a narrow hallway in the downstairs of the Anthony house. The ceiling of the hallway is at least 2 feet lower than the ceilings of the rooms on either side. If one steps into the closet, a large hiding place is evident over the hall ceiling. There is a possibility this was added later. There is also a niche in the wall where one can step and be undetected. There was no evidence of the Anthony's hiding fugitive slaves in Battenville (although they were active in the Underground Railroad after they moved to Rochester). However, it has been discovered that Daniel Anthony was a business partner of Dr.

The voice of the police department

Pam Fuller
Journal & Press

*I recently sat down with Sergeant **Bob Danko**, who is the senior officer and acting chief of the Cambridge-Greenwich Police Department, to talk about the Police Department, what it's like to lead it, and what he would like to see in the future.*

This conversation has been condensed and edited for clarity.

PF: *What was your previous experience before becoming the head of our Department?*

RD: In 2008 I was hired as a police officer by Chief Bell to work out of the Cambridge police department. I stayed for seven years; in 2015 I transferred to the Washington County Sheriff's office. I was a road deputy, covering all of Washington County. I worked the overnight shifts, and I was responsible for the entire county at night.

PF: *Why were you interested in the Sergeant position?*

RD: Well, when Chief passed away it was important to me to carry on his vision for the department. For me, at least, I wanted to keep his ideas and dreams intact—I mean, he treated everyone like family. And that was important to me—to continue his legacy.

PF: *What were the biggest challenges you encountered when you took over?*

RD: Initially I just wanted to

learn about everyone. I knew Mayor Bogle, because I had worked in Cambridge, but I didn't know you or your Board. It was important for me to establish relationships with the administrators of each Village. Let them know my goals and how I wanted to run things. And the next biggest task was learning how to do it, because I never had been in this kind of position, although I had some managerial experience in retail before I went into police work. That was the next phase, but the most important thing to me at first to establish good relationships with both Boards.

PF: *Did you take any training for the position?*

RD: New sergeants are required to take certain courses, and I did take those. But the department is so small that you are thrust into leadership anyway, learning to do things and figuring them out on your own.

'The position has changed since Bail Reform.'

PF: *The village shares the Sergeant position with the Village of Cambridge. How does that work?*

RD: Well it's changed since the Bail Reform that took place this year. I was always at a desk a lot anyway, but now with the demand of having the paperwork submitted to the District Attorney's office for our cases, I'm pretty much ping-ponging back and forth between our two offices. Prior to the changes I already split each day. I start off in Cambridge in the morning, and I am here in



Sgt. Bob Danko -pf photos

Greenwich in the afternoon.

PF: *Do you patrol?*

RD: For the most part I'm at my desk, but of course because of our size I fill in when I'm needed. We use part timers, who come in when they're needed, but if we have an open shift it tends to be the overnight, and I usually take those shifts.

PF: *Do we share other officers with Cambridge?*

RD: Greenwich has two full-time officers, and we have a

number of part-time officers. I can't give you an absolute number because it fluctuates, but we usually have four or five part-time officers on staff who move between the two villages. I structure our patrol to provide the maximum coverage by having officers working in each of the Villages move back and forth if they are needed. We are now consistently running with 24-hour coverage.

PF: *What range of issues do you cover?*

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Cambridge-Greenwich's top cop (cont.)

RD: Winter is slower, because everyone is indoors more. Summer is more active. We cover the same kinds of issues that happen in the County. Calls like everywhere else, but the difference is that being in a Village allows you to learn who you are dealing with. Eventually you learn your community, and I think that is a good thing. It gives us a chance to know the people. If an incident happens and a State Trooper or County Sheriff comes in to handle it, they don't know anything about the people or the situation; but if you're a Village officer, you may know the people from previous experiences. The officers know the family, they know what they might be going through. I think the people like the fact that they might know the officer who comes to the door, and we hope they have a degree of trust in us.

But to answer your question about the types of calls, we deal with everything, for example domestic issues. Apparently these are statistically higher in the Village. We have mental health complaints, larcenies, pretty much everything, but not in the frequency or volume of some other communities.

PF: *And then, of course, we have traffic issues. I don't have hard statistics, but anecdotally it seems that we have more traffic going through Greenwich in the past few years.*

RD: That's a dilemma I've been facing. Particularly certain streets have high volumes of traffic, and people notice. Here in Greenwich we purchased one of those automatic traffic signs that shows cars' speed as they go past, and that gives data, for example about Church Street. Church Street does get a lot of traffic. Essentially motorists are avoiding

the red light to get to Salem, and of course many cars go to the school. We have a pretty busy area, and we are a hub for traffic going in several directions.

I've always wondered why we don't have more red lights, for example in front of Stewart's. Route 29 is a state road, so we don't make those decisions, but we might want to lobby for that. We are dependent on the State for managing our state roads.

I definitely take it to heart when people come in with traffic complaints. I know Gray Avenue is one of those areas. I have been telling my guys to patrol there, and they have. The problem we run into is working to stay within our budget. Sometimes I can't have as much coverage as I would like. In this next budget I want to make sure I have an officer on traffic duty as often as possible. I have applied for grants, and I received one that was recently awarded, that will give us a little more money for traffic coverage.

PF: *I think that the speed sign is really effective and would like to find a way to get more of these. How much do they cost?*

RD: I kind of messed up because I purchased a solar speed sign, but I forgot to take into consideration how little sun we have. So sometimes it stops working at night. This next year we plan to add a backup battery to the sign and if we get more of them we will do the same. They run about \$2,000 each.

I had a really good interview with a Gray Avenue resident, and he feels that the signs are effective.

I think it would be ideal to have one at every entry to the Village. Some towns have a lot of them, and I do think they have an impact.

PF: *You mentioned paperwork. Who does that?*

RD: It's essentially the same paperwork that we've always had, to a large degree, but it has to be processed much faster. We are required to have all the paperwork up to the

'Too many chiefs and not enough officers can be bad. I don't think we need more chiefs.'

DA's office within 5 days of an arraignment. The arresting officer has to do most of the paperwork, the fingerprints and photos, and other forms. Then I have the job of checking all of them against the checklist from the DA's office, putting them on a thumb drive and then transmitting them all.

Some people feel that they don't always see us out on patrol, but often the officers are back in the office completing the required paperwork. We often have to pull officers off the road to complete the work for their cases.

Other departments have promoted one of their officers to handle all the discovery work. This person oversees the other officers to ensure that they've gotten all the required work done. Then when it gets to the person responsible to submitting, it is pretty much complete.

In our department, because of our size, this work falls to me. If something is missing, I call the arresting officer back in to complete it.

PF: *Do we need to have more personnel in our Department? Would the structure you describe work for us? If we had someone whose responsibility was to oversee all the reporting?*

RD: Too many chiefs and not enough officers can be bad. I don't think we need more chiefs. Right now, I appointed one of the senior part-time officers to Corporal level. He oversees the other part-time officers, and he can answer questions and mentor them when they need it. He isn't here all the time, but he can help keep the new people on track and supervise the people on duty. And he solves problems as they come up.

PF: *How does the Police Department interact with the Court?*

RD: I guess our interaction consists mostly of giving them something to do. (laughs) But seriously, we interact with the Court regularly, and sometimes we sit in court to have an officer present. Sometimes we give them supporting paperwork.

For traffic tickets, we always inform people about their right to have a trial. And if they want to have a traffic trial, we explain the steps they need to take. Essentially they plead not guilty, and then a court date is set. This is also true for criminal trials, of course.

PF: *What plans would you like to see put into place for the PD?*

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Two places where the British relented

James Nolan
Journal & Press

Located one mile south of Schuylerville on Route 4, the Saratoga Surrender Site memorializes British General John Burgoyne's surrender of his army to American General Horatio Gates after the Battles of Saratoga. Burgoyne offered his sword to Gates as a sign of surrender. Gates took the sword and then handed it back.

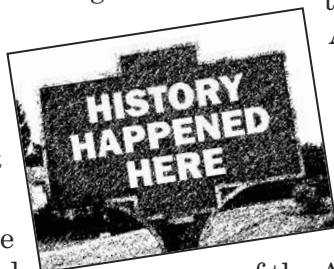
The rest of the British army laid down their arms at Ft. Hardy, an old French and Indian War fort in present day Schuylerville. This surrender altered world history and was a turning point in the Revolutionary War. It was the first time an entire British army surrendered on North American soil. This proved to be more than a military victory.

Benjamin Franklin had been in France as an American envoy. His charge was to convince the French King Louis XVI to openly support the American Declaration of Inde-

pendence and provide soldiers and additional military assistance to the American army. Franklin had been there almost a year and the king refused to receive him.

When Burgoyne surrendered, word reached Franklin and the French. The victory convinced the French that the Americans could win and so they recognized America as an independent nation and soon declared war on the British. Thus the phrase "Turning point of the American Revolution." Although the war would last four more years, we all know who won!

In collaboration with the Historic Hudson Hoosic Partnership and Open Space Institute, the Friends of the Saratoga Battlefield completed a fundraising campaign to construct a memorial plaza at the surrender site. The plaza was dedicated in 2019 and is now part of the Saratoga National Historic Park. It is located at 139 Schuylster Street.



Surrender Site and Fort Hardy -dj photos

Top cop (cont.)

RD: We can't please everyone, but I want both communities to be happy with us. We are a public service agency, and we're there for the public. We want to be there for concerns. We want the communities to feel they are getting the best out of us.

PF: What would you like the public to know?

RD: I have been planning to hold an open house and invite the public so they can come and meet all of us. Sometimes there are misunderstandings about what we can and cannot do, and if we talk about these things we can understand each other

better. I want to achieve good interactions and reach an open communication.

PF: So it sounds like you want the public to know that if they have an issue, they should get in touch with you. That you want people to reach out.

RD: Absolutely; please. It seems like we aren't in the building sometimes, but we are on duty. People think that if no one is in the building, then no one is on duty. But we aren't a big enough department to have a receptionist in the office. People are welcome to call the dispatch number and leave a message, and we will get back to them.

My message for the people who are unhappy is that we won't always have the answer you want, but please talk to us about

it. And if you have a bad interaction with one of the officers, please call me. We are doing what we can with what we have, and we are working harder for you.

We are striving for open lines of communication.

PF: Well, thank you so much for taking the time to talk with me. And thank you for the work you do!

Contact information: Cambridge-Greenwich Police Department, 6 Academy Street, Greenwich, NY (Village Hall). Dispatch number is 518-677-3044.

Pam Fuller is the Village of Greenwich's Mayor.



It's time I start carrying a purse

Greg Schwem
Special to Journal & Press

Excuse me, random female, may I borrow your purse?

I will return it momentarily; I just want to know how it feels to carry whatever you want throughout the day and evening without an unsightly protrusion in your back pocket; one that could easily cause your pants to drift south at inopportune moments.

It's what we men face when we carry a wallet.

I know, ladies, you look at wallets with jealousy. "Imagine," you say to yourselves, "being able to fit everything in that 5-by-4-inch bi-folded area and then hide it. No need to worry about whether the exterior matches our outfit and which hand feels more comfortable to carry it everywhere we go."

It's similar to my wife lamenting that I can be ready for an evening out in the time it takes to run a comb through my hair, while she spends an hour in front of the bathroom mirror surrounded by an army of tubes,

brushes and powders.

"Men have it so easy," she'll say, while I tap my foot and look at my watch, signaling we are already 15 minutes late.

But when it comes to the purse versus wallet choice, girls, YOU have it easy. You don't have to prioritize. Need to carry an extra credit card? The purse has room. A secondary form of identification? You could shove a passport into its inner confines, and nobody would know. If I'm asked to show anything other than a driver's license to the bank teller, the airport security employee or the hotel front desk clerk, I'm screwed.

Internet retailers seem well aware of my dilemma; each year around the holidays, I get bombarded with online ads from companies determined to solve my space issue. This year the winner was the Ridge, makers of a wallet it claims holds up to 12 cards and oodles of bills. The website also touts the most puzzling feature I've ever heard: "Expands to remain slim."

I fail to see how anything can expand yet remain slim. It cer-



tainly didn't happen to my body following Thanksgiving dinner, and I see little hope during the season of Christmas eating.

Still I excitedly forwarded the Ridge link to my wife, telling her I would like it under the tree this Christmas.

"I finished shopping for you months ago," she replied. "And haven't you tried these things before? You always go back to a regular wallet."

'As I peer in my wallet now, I see 15 cards.'

She's right. As I peer in my wallet now, I see 15 cards — three over the "expands to remain slim" Ridge wallet limit — and wonder how I could part with any of them. Sure, I could carry one credit card; but what if it gets declined while I'm Christmas shopping? That has already happened once, but an angry call to my credit card issuer proved the error was theirs, not mine.

My ATM card? It's a must, for I'm of the generation that occasionally prefers cash, as opposed to whipping out a credit card for a 99-cent cup of coffee. Then there's my transit card and my health insurance card. Sure, I could forego the latter but what

if, while taking the subway, I get mugged and require medical attention? See the dilemma?

Before long, I've convinced myself I'm not an ideal candidate for anything other than an old-fashioned wallet that includes plastic sleeves for inserting pictures of children. I'm proud to say all those photos have been moved to my iPhone. Just give me a minute while I feverishly swipe through my photos app to find a decent shot of my kids.

So, women, hand me your purses. Unlike wallets, they come in all shapes, sizes, colors and patterns. I'll pick one and will spend my time wondering what to carry, as opposed to what not to carry, when I leave the house each morning. I'll confidently march down the subway stairs knowing I have everything for the ride, including a transit card, my phone and maybe even a hard cover book to pass the time.

Plus, if need be, I'll have a weapon to swing at a subway mugger.

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Irwin plays Cambridge

Hear the Jason Irwin Solo Acoustic Show on Sunday, Feb. 16, 5 to 7 p.m. at the Argyle Brewing Company, 6 Broad St, Cambridge. All ages are welcome. Irwin has been a major contributor to the Northeastern New York music scene for two decades. He is well-known as a solo musician and the lead singer/guitarist of original rock band Phillips Head. He has worked on-air in rock radio for over 10 years, operates a mobile DJ business. Learn more at jasonirwinrock.com.



Small business owners meet monthly

Darren Johnson
Journal & Press

Schuylerville has both a Chamber of Commerce and a Small Business Association, the latter of which met the morning of Feb. 5 at Sweeney's Restaurant in the Village.

Organizer Chelsie Henderson, an Easton resident and owner of Rural South, a music studio on Broad Street in Schuylerville, describes the group: "The SSBA works closely with the local small business community, non-profits, the local government and residents. The volunteer organizers present ideas and advocate for small business and community interests with a direct link to and structural support by the Schuylerville Area Chamber of Commerce."

The February meeting had about 25 attendees, many of whom owned businesses locally, and some of whom worked for non-profits, such as Hudson Crossing Park. Some Schuylerville Area Chamber of Commerce members attended, though not all SSBA members are in the Chamber. A representative from the Southern Saratoga Chamber of Commerce also attended as well as field reps for companies looking for



business.

Henderson started the meeting with a list of suggestions for members when speaking such as "be courteous" and "be willing to change your perspective." The tips seemed to work, as the group was upbeat and attentive during the hour-long meeting.

The bulk of the meeting was a round-table discussion, where people gave up-

dates about their personal businesses and noted upcoming events, such as concerts and races.

The next meeting will be at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, March 4, at the new Bound by Fate Tap Room at 31 Ferry Street in Schuylerville. Newcomers are welcome.

Find them online at facebook.com/SchuylervilleSmallBusinessAssociation.

Brahms, Mozart – a cure for cabin fever

Daniel Shulman on piano, and Kaori Washiyama on violin, will present a concert of chamber music at the Hebron United Presbyterian Church, 3153 Route 30, West Hebron, on Sunday, March 1, beginning at 4 p.m. This annual "cabin fever" event will include masterworks of music for their two instruments together and solo. There will be important sonatas by Bach, Mozart, and Debussy, plus short piano works of Schubert, Schumann and Brahms.

In addition, local favorite, Lily Gallagher (**pictured**), another greatly talented pianist who will graduate

Salem High School this spring, will also participate. Join the group for this opportunity to uplift the spirit through beautiful music. A baby grand piano, and the resplendent acoustics and comfort of the church's sanctuary heighten the experience.

No admission fee. A free will donation is appreciated. More: 518-854-3729.



Yoga in W. Hebron

Yoga at the Hebron United Church will take place Saturdays Feb. 15 through April 4 starting at 9 a.m. You don't need to attend every week. Call 518-854-3729. Instructor Kaori Washiyama. The church is located at 3153 County Route 30, West Hebron. Free, but donations accepted. Dress comfortably and bring a yoga mat or towel. All welcome.

Dems to meet

The Washington County Democratic Committee will meet Wednesday, Feb. 19, at 7 p.m. at the Cossayuna Fire House, 21 Bunker Hill Road, Cossayuna. The meeting will include a petitioning workshop. For more information, contact Sara Idleman, WCDC chair, saraskiffidleman@gmail.com.

At their last meeting, the group endorsed four candidates for the 2020 elections at its meeting: Tedra Cobb for Congress in the New York 21 Congressional District, Kimberly Davis for State Senate in District 45, Claudia Braymer for State Assembly in District 114, and Carrie Woerner for reelection in Assembly District 113.

Travel: What's new in Great Britain

Rick Steves

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Britain, while engulfed in Brexit politics, is constantly investing in first-class projects to share its heritage - and, in so many ways, Britain's heritage is linked to our heritage. While many travelers are understandably curious about how Brexit is affecting tourists, from my experience it isn't. The only impact I've found is that the tourism industry seems to respect visitors more than ever. (And, for those who like to talk politics, the topic is a fascinating conversation starter.) Here's a rundown on the latest for travelers going to Britain in 2020:

The city of London has been busy upgrading its offerings. At Westminster Abbey, the latest addition is the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Galleries, which took over a balcony area that had been previously closed for 700 years. It offers fine views over the nave and a small museum with objects from royal coronations, funerals, and more. A timed-entry ticket is required to see the galleries; it's a good idea to buy this in advance (www.westminster-abbey.org).

Timed-entry tickets and advance reservations are becoming increasingly popular throughout Europe due to growing crowds. Besides the abbey, it's worth considering advance tickets, especially in peak season, for these London sights: Churchill War Rooms, Houses of Parliament, St. Paul's Cathedral, Tower of London, and the London Eye.

Several London sights have temporarily closed for renovations. The Orangery at Kensington Palace is undergoing a multi-year restoration; during this time, its famous tea service will be hosted at the equally elegant Kensington Palace Pavilion. The Courtauld Gallery, which

exhibits medieval to Post-Impressionist paintings, will remain closed until 2021. The Museum of the Home (formerly known as the Geffrye Museum), which covers the history of making, keeping, and being at home over the past 400 years, will reopen this summer.

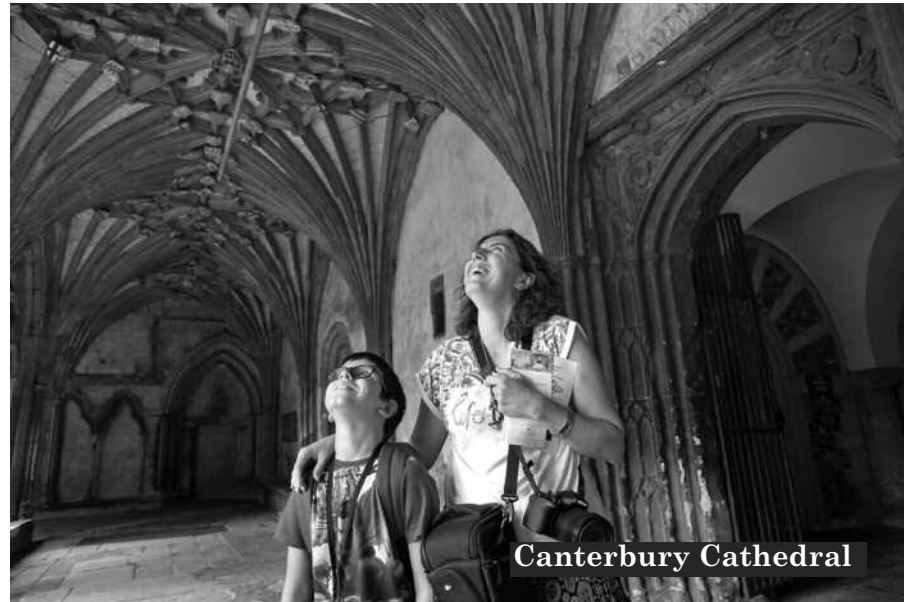
Improving transportation continues to be a focus in London. Travelers connecting London to Amsterdam can now do so by Eurostar train in four hours (three direct trains per day). However, travelers going in the other direction - Amsterdam to London - must change trains in Brussels for passport control (plans to eliminate this stopover have been delayed). Also, construction of the Elizabeth Line (a new train line also called Crossrail), promises to relieve congestion on some of London's main subway routes, while providing a faster public-transit option to Heathrow Airport, though its opening has been pushed back to 2021.

Elsewhere in England, several big sights are undergoing changes. At Canterbury Cathedral - the mother church of the worldwide Anglican Communion

'Several big sights are undergoing changes.'

- a new welcome center complex is set to open this spring.

Cornwall's dramatic Tintagel Castle, where King Arthur was supposedly born, now requires timed-entry tickets, which are best booked ahead at busy times. The castle also has a new steel footbridge that spans the chasm between the two parts of the castle (once joined by a natural land bridge that collapsed several centuries ago).



In England's idyllic Lake District, poet William Wordsworth's home - Dove Cottage - is currently closed for restoration. It will reopen as Wordsworth Grasmere this spring, marking his 250th birthday, with updated museum exhibits.

Scotland is also busy spiffing up its sights. The Scottish National Gallery in Edinburgh is currently undergoing a major renovation. A new main entrance recently opened, and construction on a bigger and better gallery space for its core collection of Scottish art is in the works.

Scotland's second city of Glasgow is working on improvements to its city center. For instance, Sauchiehall Street, a shopping street that cuts through the heart of the city, and a few surrounding streets have been revamped with wider sidewalks, more trees and seating, and improved bike lanes to make them more cycle- and pedestrian-friendly. To help cut back on traffic, parking and bus routes are being reduced on some streets.

Sauchiehall Street is also home to the historic Willow Tea Rooms, designed by architect Charles Rennie Mackintosh and opened in 1903. Closed for several years of restoration, it has now reopened as the Mackintosh

at the Willow and represents a replica of Mackintosh's original Art Nouveau tearoom. Visitors can eat or have tea at the Mackintosh, or pay to browse the exhibit about the history of this place.

An interesting aspect to Brexit is that many in Scotland seem determined to stay in the European Union (Scotland voted to remain in the EU in the 2016 referendum). As the UK leaves the EU, the issue of Scotland leaving Britain may be reignited. It's a good idea to read up on all of this before traveling to Scotland so you'll be able to keep up with potential pub mates.

In Britain, as anywhere in your travels, if you equip yourself with good information and then use it, you'll get more out of your vacation time and money. That's especially true in 2020.

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Free Masons lecture

Cambridge Valley Lodge #481, Free and Accepted Masons, will be hosting a free lecture open to the public on Monday, Feb. 24 at 7 p.m. The lecture will be held at the Lodge, located at 6 Coila Road in Cambridge. The lecture will be "Freemasonry, the Cornerstone to Civil Society. How our principles rebuild communities and countries." The lecture will be conducted by David Menegon, a member of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. He is also a decorated Army Colonel who served as a Civil Affairs Officer in Iraq, Bosnia, Cuba, Kosovo and Jordan.



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Uke, drums for all

At Rural South on Broad St. in Schuylerville at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 27, there will be a "Ukulele Meet Up" for ukulele enthusiasts of all ages and levels. The group is normally led by Joan Butler, this month it will be led by Chelsie Henderson. There is a \$5 suggested donation. All meet up donations go into a "Ukes for Kids" ukulele fund. Bring your uke and feel free to

share song ideas.

Sundays in March, Rural South will offer five beginning and intermediate level African drumming classes, starting at \$60-65/total at 6 and 7 p.m., respectively. Djembe and dunduns will be taught by Henderson and Wayne White. Drums available as needed.

To register, email music@ruralsoul.com or call 518-805-8263.

Some common sense advice at tax time

Jill Schlesinger
Special to Journal & Press

Tax season is open, which means there's another opportunity to: (a) vent about how much you hate this time of year, (b) complain about the complexity of the U.S. code, and (c) whine about your refund being lower than previous years, even though you know that a refund is just the return of the extra money that you paid Uncle Sam, on which he paid zero interest.

The Internal Revenue Service is hoping that this year's filing season will be less fraught than last year's, because the government has remained open (remember the 35-day shutdown of 2018-2019?) and it will be the second time that the American taxpayers will be filing under the new rules that emerged from the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, the most significant tax code overhaul in more than three decades.

The deadline to file 2019 tax returns and pay any tax owed is Wednesday, April 15, and the IRS expects that more than 150 million individual tax returns will be filed. The best way to prepare for this season is to grab last year's return as a guide and then to start organizing your documents (W-2s, 1099s, as well as bank, investment, mutual fund and mortgage company documents) in a file.

The IRS emphasizes that taxpayers may be paying for tax preparation services when there are free options available via the agency's Free File program. Any taxpayer earning \$69,000 or less (that's about 100 million Americans, according to the Free File alliance), can find one or more free commercial software products available by visiting [IRS.gov/freefile](https://www.irs.gov/freefile). Additionally, Free File is mobile enabled, which means that you can use your smart phone or tablet to do your taxes.

Some providers, including TurboTax and H&R Block, offer free federal and state tax preparation online.

The IRS also offers Free File Fillable Forms, available to anyone regardless of income. These forms are best suited for taxpayers experienced in preparing returns by hand and who need limited assistance. The IRS notes, "Filing electronically flags common errors and prompts taxpayers for missing information."

The agency is also trying to make sure that taxpayers are aware that the fraudsters will be out on the prowl again this tax season. Be on the lookout for, and tell all your relatives about, the following scams:

Email, text and social media phishing scams: These "official" notices appear to come from the IRS or state tax agencies, but the IRS doesn't initiate contact with taxpayers by email, text messages or social media channels to

request personal or financial information. If you receive anything suspicious, do not click on it. Forward it to phishing@irs.gov.

Letters or phone calls: Letters claiming to be from the IRS often demand payment of an overdue tax bill. If this seems sketchy, register at [IRS.gov](https://www.irs.gov) and check your account balance. And no, that's not the IRS calling with angry demands of payment and threats of jail or a lawsuit. The IRS does not make threatening phone calls, nor does the IRS request payment via gift cards or debit cards. Report fraudulent letters and telephone calls to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration at [TIGTA.gov](https://www.tigta.gov).

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How to plan your success

Daneen Skube
Special to Journal & Press

Q: Every new year I get inspired about seriously improving my work options, then I get discouraged, and then I get distracted. Is there a different way to approach goal setting that might actually create results by the time next year rolls around?

A: Yes, the technique I teach my clients I call the "Lazy Person's Guide to Success." The approach involves looking at the easiest, dumbest thing you can do today that gives you any traction on your goals.

Most of my clients paralyze themselves because they believe they must have grand goals. When my clients stare at these lofty goals like towering mountains lost in the mist, they get

overwhelmed and freeze.

The lazy person's guide means you stop worrying about impressing anyone else with ambitious aims. Instead you aim low and that is the right next step. We can scare ourselves and feel too inadequate for a lofty goal. We are less likely to be intimidated by doing something simple like online research.

Yes, making a list of dumb steps that you can do to move forward is nothing to brag about, but it will generate progress. A huge aspect of success is a willingness to add a half cup of water a day to the huge swimming pool career you'd like to swim in one day. In the long run you have created a huge reservoir of options.

So instead of peering off into some high misty hard to see

mountaintop, look down at the ground in front of you. Ideas will come to you. An important easy step most people overlook is just gathering data.

What we don't know can hurt us in career planning. Without data we make up obstacles that may not even be there. We fail to know what to do next. We also don't ask enough questions of people who know more than we do. The beauty and power of research is you have an excuse to get to know people who can start a new professional network. Most people who love what they do also love talking about what they do. Answering simple questions about their work is fun for them.

Keep in mind that data is neither good nor bad. Data just puts us in touch with reality in a way

that reality is our friend not our foe. If we are unwilling to do extensive research, we are setting up the conditions for failure through our ignorance.

Another critical skill is our willingness to try things to find out what works. Even if 99% of what we try fails, we keep learning. By the time we hit the 1% that works, that 1% achievement is generally founded upon the learning we did with all our failures. Remember each step you take each day will not be transformative, but when you look back at the end of 2020, you'll likely be quite satisfied at how far you've come!

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On teaching, and class inequality

Kaylee Johnson
Journal & Press

In a mahogany symposium one day before throwing hundreds of students into student teaching, my favorite doctor of education stood in front of her podium and said, “If you think of it as teaching students instead of student teaching, it will alter your entire mindset.” She was right, for inertia came too soon and the rawest part of my identity took a wax bath in selflessness and curriculum; unconditional positive regard and Maslow’s Hierarchy of Needs. Currently, I am student teaching in a low-needs suburban district in Saratoga Springs, basking in the smiles and creativity of my students as they tell me about “The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn,” and I reminisce about my discovery of Mark Twain as a little girl. But this is the first suburban district I have worked in, and the advantages that my current students have are very different than those of my past students in low socio-economic urban school districts.

The disparity between high and low socio-economic schools in Upstate New York is alarming, and in many ways, unethical. If you need proof go into a minimally funded elementary school and take a look at the outdated textbooks, lack of technology, stained chalkboards, under qualified teachers, absence of extracurricular activities and exciting field trips, and poor management of faculty and students.

Meanwhile, in the district where I am currently teaching, students are learning multiple languages, working with established scientists, using all types of innovative and engaging technology and applications that cater to individual learning needs, and have the best teachers who value collaboration and the notion of creating positive learning environments, because they have the motivation of a paycheck that chuckles at the paycheck given to the teachers in poorer districts. My current students are not any more worthy of these advantages than my past students, so why is it that they receive them? Should the location of one’s house or annual income bracket really affect the quality of their public education? Of course not, but politics have snaked their way through the schoolhouse window and a golden cow bell rings only for the se-



lect few.

Three months ago I taught a lesson on planets using no technology at a high needs socio-economic elementary school, with just a whiteboard and worksheets, and my students were engaged and deeply interested in the content, but only so much can be done with such few resources and support.

‘My past students at a poorer district would have loved these technologies.’

The same lesson was taught in my current classroom using laptops, iPads, and Smart-Board technology. The students were able to make PowerPoint presentations and explore the planets using three dimensional models and videos. My past students would have loved to delve further into the topic using computers, but that was not an option for them.

Educational inequality is a topic that’s not often talked about because most people like to believe that public schools are providing children with fair educations. But the word “fair” can take many forms. A fair education for a child with autism is not the same for a track and field star or a STEM genius. Fair is different for each student and when schools try to standardize cur-

riculum and instruction there is a notable decline in comprehension and passion for learning all around. This is the biggest issue I see in high needs socio-economic schools; there are not enough resources to help the students who need help the most. There is limited funding for the best AIS and speech services and oftentimes the faculty are burned out from working tirelessly without the compensation they deserve, so what’s left for the students who show up everyday ready to prosper except newspaper clippings and faded melodies?

Of course it is nice to see my current students attending drama club and using educational technology that I have never seen before, but it’s also sobering. There’s a school across the river with children who also like to play football at recess and read Judy Blume books, but they only have a chalkboard in their classroom, and all of their textbooks are twenty years old. The best teachers are adaptable and can make do with whatever is put in front of them, but the profession is much more enjoyable when resources and higher pay are provided. In fact, “making do” should be obliterated from the underground curriculum completely.

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Church News

Stories of redemption; First Fridays

Healing the Heart

The Coila Church invites you to “Healing the Heart,” a four-Sunday event in March.

The church said in a release:

“Have you ever held onto a dream only to have it ripped from your hands? Have those who were supposed to bring joy to your life brought disappointment and grief instead? Have you struggled to forgive others or even yourself for events in your past? Have you known a shattered and broken heart? There is hope, God will meet you where you are.”

Hear the stories of four ordinary people who’ve not only known those struggles, but also the healing for their wounded and broken hearts. Visit the first four Sundays in March, at 6 p.m. with a reception to follow. Speakers include: 2nd Lt. Alex Knecht (3/1), Judy Moffitt (3/8), Daniel Johnson (3/15) and national speaker, author, and podcast host Brittany Rust (3/22).

These events are open to the public, the church encourages you to bring a friend and come as you are. Coila Church is located at 93 State Route 372 in

Cambridge. For more information, call 518-677-8101.

First Fridays in Salem

Salem Area Churches invite all to attend brief ecumenical prayer services a 12 noon on the first Friday of each month.

Locations include:

March 6th – **Holy Cross Catholic Church**

April 3rd - **Shushan United Methodist Church**

May 1st – **Salem United Methodist Church**

June 5th – **St. Paul’s Episcopal Church**

July 3rd – **West Hebron United Methodist Church**

August 7th – **Salem Community Fellowship**

The group writes: “We come together as people of faith to pray for the needs of the world, our community, and for ourselves. We welcome all into our midst, both the believer and the seeker, and also those of other faiths or of no faith.”

More info? Call 518-854-3729.

The Environment

Winterfest at Hudson Crossing Park

Winter is no reason to stay indoors – in fact, it’s the perfect opportunity to go outside and have some fun during Hudson Crossing Park’s 4th Annual Winterfest on Sunday, February 23 from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. This year’s theme is “The Rise of Snowwalker,” and the public is invited to join Rebel Forces for lots of free, family-friendly winter activities.

Winterfest 2020 will offer visitors to the park the chance to watch a cold water rescue demonstration by the Schuylerville Fire Department on the Champlain Canal, enjoy “Return of the Sled-I” sledding, try their hand at “Empire STRIKES Back” snow bowling, and enter the Crazy Hat Head contest. There will be a snow sculpture contest and community art-making project with the creation of a bird seed mandala designed by Schuylerville Central School Senior Brook

Thomas. Families are invited to try their hand at winter tracking and cooking over an open fire, with plenty of hot chocolate and goodies on hand to snack on from the “Jabba the Hutt” bake sale. All funds raised from the bake sale go to Hudson Crossing Park, a not-for-profit organization.

“The communities and organizations along the Hudson River and Champlain Canal know that there are plenty of ways to enjoy these resources all year long,” Hudson Crossing Park Director Kate Morse says. “We are not just warm weather destinations. Winterfest celebrates the many ways to enjoy being outside during the winter, and with so many activities for all ages there really is something for everyone.”

Winterfest is free and open to the public, although donations are always gratefully ac-



A scene from a previous Winterfest

cepted.

Hudson Crossing Park is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, bi-county park located in Schuylerville, centered on Champlain Canal Lock 5 Island just outside of the village of Schuylerville on Historic Route 4. A unique

recreational and educational destination, the park is open every day year-round from dawn until dusk and is free of charge.

For more information visit www.HudsonCrossingPark.org.

Military talks

New York's military history will be highlighted in seven free talks being planned at the New York State Military Museum in Saratoga Springs in February, including:

Feb. 22, 2 p.m.: "Charles Johnson Post: A Soldier's Life in Art" – Local author and historian William Howard discusses the remarkable life and career of Charles Johnson Post, a journalist, artist, adventurer, and soldier with the 71st New York during the Spanish-American War whose paintings are now on display at the Museum.

Feb. 29, 2 p.m.: "Naval Camouflage Expert, Museum Director and Shipwreck Archaeologist: The Fascinating Life of Dr. Robert Bruce Inverarity" – Underwater archaeologist Joseph Zarzynski chronicles the life and career of Dr. Robert Inverarity from his days as a US Navy illustrator and camouflage specialist to his innovative maritime archaeological expeditions on Lake George.

The New York State Military Museum is located at 61 Lake Ave, in Saratoga Springs. Call 518-786-4581 to learn more.

Marketing the county

Washington County tourism officials announced today a new campaign focused on enhancing the collaborative spirit of local businesses as they relate to tourism in the county. "We are Washington County" will be a yearlong crusade to bring local businesses together to network, brainstorm, learn from and inspire each other to enhance their effectiveness in bringing more people to the rural county. The first gathering for this campaign will be a "Meeting of the Minds" held at RS Taylor & Sons Brewery in Salem on February 24 at 6pm.

Spearheaded by Washington County Tourism and Cornell Cooperative Extension of Washington County, this effort will offer networking and educational opportunities for anyone interested. To become part of this initiative, Washington County-based businesses should go to <https://washington-county.fun/tourismmeeting/> to register for the meeting or to sign up for news on the initiative.

"Together we are stronger," said Jessica Ziehm, Ag Marketing Educator with CCE Washington County. "This campaign will help unify the independent strengths found in the county, build on the success of existing businesses and mentor less established ones for the greater good of all businesses here in Washington County. It will be fun to see what we can accomplish when we all work together."



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Cambridge Crossword

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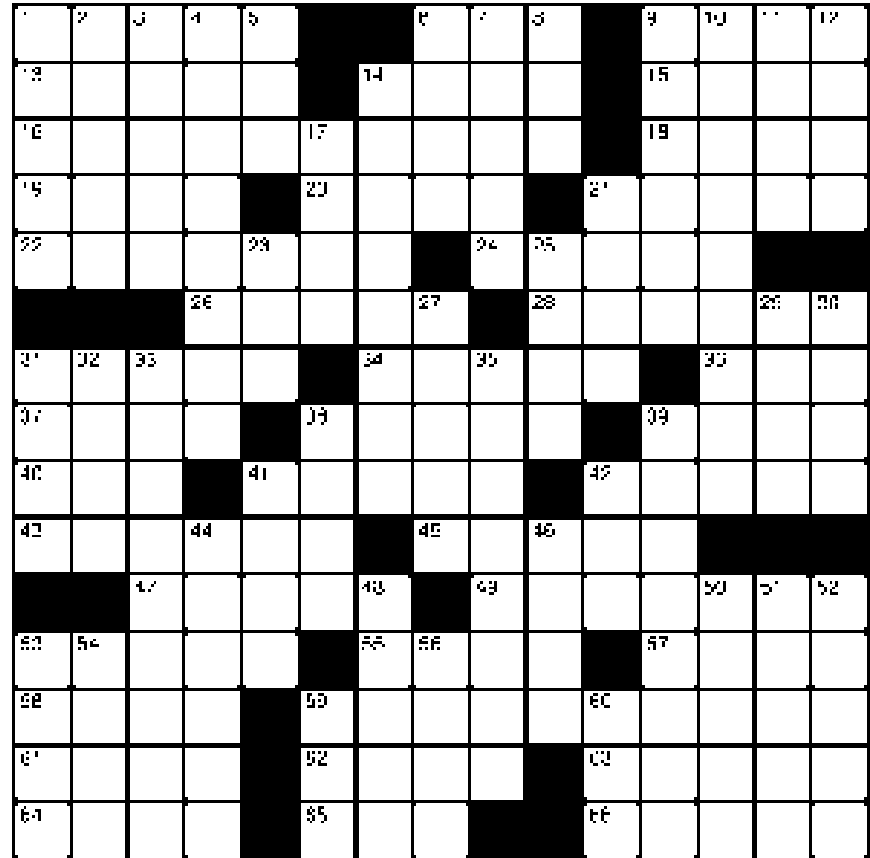
- 1 Welcomed at the door
- 6 "Shame on you!"
- 9 German trick-taking card game
- 13 St. Teresa's town
- 14 Use as a source
- 15 Egg on
- 16 Shade lighter than jade
- 18 Reckless act instigator
- 19 Witty Bombeck
- 20 Euros replaced them
- 21 Buffoons
- 22 Target Field, e.g.
- 24 Nowhere near cool
- 26 N.L. mascot whose head is a large baseball
- 28 Cracks up
- 31 Finnish telecommunications company
- 34 Lindsay of "Freaky Friday" (2003)
- 36 Bud's partner
- 37 Exclude from

- the list
- 38 Shrewd ... and a phonetic hint to this puzzle's four longest answers
- 39 Creatures of habit?
- 40 Like Mars, visually
- 41 Storybook elephant
- 42 Sneaks a look
- 43 Points of view
- 45 Sleeping giant
- 47 Actors memorize them
- 49 Riddle-ending question
- 53 Chew out
- 55 "Now it makes sense"
- 57 One-named supermodel
- 58 __ Scotia
- 59 London co-creator of the International Plant Names Index
- 61 Meryl's "it's Complicated" co-star
- 62 Chevy sub-compact
- 63 Pasta tubes
- 64 Skip a turn

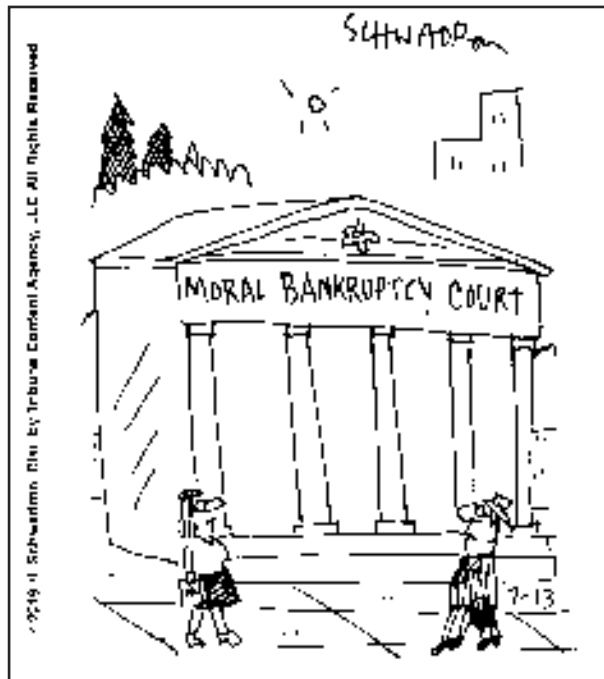
- 65 Headed up
- 66 Infuriated with

Down

- 1 Sushi bar brews
- 2 Prevent
- 3 Bedrock wife
- 4 Words starting a confession
- 5 Lawmaker's rejection
- 6 22-Across level
- 7 Energetic mount
- 8 He's a doll
- 9 Numbers game
- 10 Super-strong adhesive brand
- 11 Soil-related prefix
- 12 Pro shop bagful
- 14 Forensics facility
- 17 Feeling blue
- 21 Cereal component
- 23 Nest egg letters
- 25 Big name in facial scrubs
- 27 Forum robes
- 29 Traffic alert
- 30 Puzzle (out)
- 31 Screenwriter Ephron
- 32 It may be a bad sign
- 33 Extreme care
- 35 "Fasten your seatbelts"
- 38 Violin protector
- 39 "Swell suggestion!"
- 41 Calisthenics movement
- 42 After-school org.
- 44 Shrubs with lavender blooms
- 46 Perlman of "Cheers"
- 48 Colander cousin
- 50 Change, as a motion
- 51 Old Testament food
- 52 Illustrator's close-up
- 53 Easy-peasy task
- 54 Picnic soft drink
- 56 Neighbor of Nor.
- 59 __ Kan pet foods
- 60 Tach reading



9 to 5 by Harley Schwadron



Olde Saratoga Word Find

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

Find these words that are associated with food!

- Bagel
- Banana
- Cheesecake
- Chips

- Coffee
- Cookies
- Croissant
- Eggs
- Hamburger
- Hot Soup
- Hotdog
- Ice Cream

- Juice
- Meatloaf
- Muffin
- Omelet
- Pasta
- Pizza
- Ribs
- Rice

- Roast Beef
- Salad
- Salmon
- Sandwich
- Sausage
- Shrimp
- Tuna
- Vegan Wrap

- Waffle
- Yogurt

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

Salem Sudoku

(solution page 30)

			1	4				8
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	7	8						
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			4		8			
	9		7	1				4
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		3		4		2		
1			5	7				

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

Suffrage calendar, B. Anthony events

In celebration of the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th amendment granting women the right to vote, the Washington County Historical Society has created "Well-Behaved Women Can Make History!," a 2020 calendar honoring women's suffrage in Washington County.

The calendar features photographs of women from Washington County who were involved in the suffrage movement as well as photos of white and yellow suffrage floats from the flower parades at the Cambridge Fair in the late 1800s and early 1900s. Important dates relating to local women's suffrage, as well as those on the state and national levels, are featured throughout the calendar. If you like learning about local history and/or women's history, this calendar will of interest to you.

The calendar is now available in the Greenwich Free Library both upstairs at the main desk as well as in the Gill Room. It is also available in both the Greenwich and Easton Town Offices. Calendars can be purchased at the WCHS headquarters in The Wing-Northup House at 167 Broadway in Fort Edward and also at the Old Fort House. It is available at the Old Wilson Homestead in Hebron, the Bunker Hill Inn and at Battenkill Books in Cambridge. They can also be purchased on a website, www.wchs-ny.org. The cost of the calendar is \$10.70 (including tax). Please make checks out to the Washington County Historical Society.

There will be a number of activities sponsored by the Washington County Historical Society this year relating to women's suffrage. In celebration of Susan B

Anthony's 200th birthday (Feb 15, 2020), the first event will be "Through Susan's Eyes", a bus tour. This tour will take place on Sunday afternoon, May 31 from approximately 1 – 5 p.m and will visit sites that are directly related to the Anthony family in Greenwich (including the hamlet of Battenville), Easton, Jackson and Cambridge. Barbara Skiff will portray the young Susan and will tell her story at each of the sites we will be visiting. Some of the sites will include the Anthony house in Battenville, the Battenville Cemetery, Hubbard Hall and numerous other stops. There will be a wine and hard cider tasting, as well as cheeses made from local milk, at the last stop at Burton Hall in Easton, site of at least one rally hosted by Susan, as well as meetings of the Easton Political Equality Club. Also exhibits will be found on site including the Easton Political Equality Club and the Fort Edward Suffrage Club. Advance reservations are necessary. Tickets will be \$45 for non-members and \$40 for members if purchased prior to May 1. Tickets purchased after May 1 will be \$50 for non-members and \$45 for members. Other events will be posted in the near future. For more information about the tour, please call 518-854-3102.

There will be a concert of women's suffrage music at Hubbard Hall in Cambridge, where Susan had held a rally, on Sunday, November 1, 2020 at 2 p.m. entitled "Forward into Light". Free will-donations will be accepted. Information can be obtained by visiting our website or by calling 518-854-3102 or our headquarters 518-747-9108. We hope to see many of you there!

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Boggle BrainBusters!

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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L	Z	O	A	E
P	A	Z	C	K
L	P	D	A	H
A	S	T	E	B

INSTRUCTIONS: Find as many words as you can by finding letters up, down, side to side and corner-to-corner. Do not include the word "you" and do not use the same letter twice in a row. For example, "BATTLE" is not a word because it has two "L"s in a row.

BOGGLE POINT SCALE

- 3 letters = 1 point
- 4 letters = 2 points
- 5 letters = 3 points
- 6 letters = 4 points
- 7 letters = 5 points
- 8 letters = 6 points
- 9 letters = 7 points

YOUR BOGGLE RATING

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

Boggle BrainBusters Bonus
We put special brain-busting words into the puzzle grid. Can you find them?
Find SEVEN FIVE-, FIFTEEN- FOODS/THINGS TO EAT in the grid of letters. Write your answers below.

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Original 'Hamilton' cast on screen

Rebecca Rubin
Variety
Special to Journal & Press

Movie theaters aren't throwing away their shot to have "Hamilton" on the big screen. Disney is bringing a film of Lin-Manuel Miranda's musical sensation with the original Broadway cast to cinemas in North America on Oct. 15, 2021.

The movie version isn't an adaptation in the vein of Miranda's upcoming "In the Heights," but rather a "live capture" of a stage performance. It was shot at the Richard Rodgers Theatre in Manhattan before founding members began to depart the production.

"Lin-Manuel Miranda created an unforgettable theater experience and a true cultural phenomenon, and it was for good reason that 'Hamilton' was hailed as an astonishing work of art," Disney CEO and chairman Bob Iger said in a statement. "All who saw it with the original cast will never forget that singular experience. And we're thrilled to have the opportunity to share this same Broadway experience with millions of people around the world."

"Hamilton" debuted on

Broadway in 2015 and won numerous accolades, including 11 Tonys and the Pulitzer Prize for drama. The original Broadway cast includes Miranda as Alexander Hamilton, Daveed Diggs as Marquis de Lafayette and Thomas Jefferson, Leslie Odom Jr. as Aaron Burr, Christopher Jackson as George Washington, Jonathan Groff as King George, Renee Elise Goldsberry as Angelica Schuyler, and Phillipa Soo as Eliza Hamilton.

"I fell in love with musical storytelling growing up with the legendary Howard Ashman-Alan Menken Disney collaborations – 'The Little Mermaid,' 'Beauty and The Beast,' 'Aladdin,'" Miranda said. "I'm so proud of what Tommy Kail has



Lin-Manuel Miranda

'We wanted to give everyone the same seat.'

been able to capture in this filmed version of 'Hamilton' – a live theatrical experience that feels just as immediate in your local movie theater. We're excited to partner with Disney to bring the original Broadway company of 'Hamilton' to the largest audience possible."

Kail added, "We are thrilled for fans of the show, and new audiences across the world, to experience what it was like on stage – and in the audience – when we shot this at the Richard Rodgers Theatre on Broadway in June of 2016. We wanted to give everyone the same seat, which is what this film can provide," Thomas Kail said.

Miranda teased the project to Variety last week at the Sun-

dance Film Festival, saying, "Hamilton" would hopefully get the big-screen treatment "sooner rather than later."

"What I'm most excited about [is] you all have that friend that is like, 'I saw it with the original cast.' We're stealing that brag from everyone because you're all going to see it with the original cast," Miranda said. "We're just trying to find the right time to do it."

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Greenwich seniors

The Greenwich Seniors meet the first and third Wednesday of each month at 12 noon at the VFW on Abeel Ave. The first meeting is usually a covered dish and the third Wednesday is bring your own lunch. Refreshments and desserts are always provided. After lunch and meeting, members will have the option to do crafts, play cards or just visit. The group warmly welcomes new members.

Plans have been made for a 3-day, 2-night trip to Foxwoods

Casino May 11-13. The package includes two nights at Great Cedar Hotel with a bonus of \$20 slot play and \$35 in food vouchers. Also included: visits to Olde Mystic Village, admission to Mystic Seaport and Aquarium and all transportation.

For more information please contact Eileen DiNisio at 518-937-1838 or Phyllis Rainville at 518-638-8937. You don't need to be a member to join this trip.

Does a strong economy forgive all sins?

Lance Allen Wang
Journal & Press

The second of our three impeached Presidents, Bill Clinton, famously ran his 1992 campaign on the credo coined by campaign strategist James Carville, “It’s the economy, stupid.” It was one of the three messages the Clinton campaign wanted to constantly reinforce. The others were health care and “change versus more of the same.” But the economy message has resounded, long after Bill Clinton exited office. A President with a strong economy finds himself at an advantage in any contest. The question that remains is, “Does a strong economy forgive all sins?”

We find ourselves in troubling times. Is the economy strong? Sure is. I can’t argue with that. Is it a sustainable strong economy? Great question. Whether it can continue to grow despite a record-setting deficit and growth heavily financed with debt is a matter for debate by economists. But that is a discussion for another time.

The troubling times I refer to have to do with our social fabric. I find myself in debate with

friends and family often, sometimes in violent agreement, and other times we vehemently disagree. One particular friend, when I discuss some of my qualms with how my fellow Republicans are conducting themselves, especially their rhetoric, immediately turns to a defense of the current administration. He says “If you don’t like it, take that money that has grown in your retirement funds since 2016 and throw it away, then.” Well, I guess in my world, it’s not JUST about the economy, stupid.

The problem with this line of thinking – that an expanding economy forgives all sins – is that it assumes that all else is secondary. I actually believe my party once stood for princi-

‘It’s putting a price on one’s moral compass.’

ple. To ask a Republican to mortgage his sense of right and wrong, his sense of what America stands for, for temporary reward is to ask too much. That is

essentially putting a price on one’s moral compass. Like integrity, it should be priceless.

I have no inclination to leave the President Dwight Eisenhower mold as a Republican, even though it may seem out of date. I’m a fiscal/foreign policy conservative and socially liberal. Most of the Republicans I admire were of the same mold – Secretaries Colin Powell and Jim Mattis, for instance. I know that moderates like me cannot survive in the hyper-partisan atmosphere that both parties have created. I will serve in local office until I don’t - by either my choice or the voters’ - and I’m happily involved in the community in other ways which will still allow me to give back. In my world, politics is neither a career nor a hobby; it’s a responsibility and obligation.

I’ve made it abundantly clear over the past three years I have no interest in the current right-wing populist version of Republicanism, nor will I endorse any of our candidates that openly parrot divisive rhetoric. I endorsed candidates for Congress in 2016, I don’t know if I will in 2020. The current incarnation of our party is rapidly closing its “big tent.” I and others like me have been called “total scum” by the President, simply because we are Republicans who don’t support his policies. Our party is not particularly diverse, which is common knowledge – but that includes a disturbing absence of intellectual diversity. One thing I will say for the Democ-

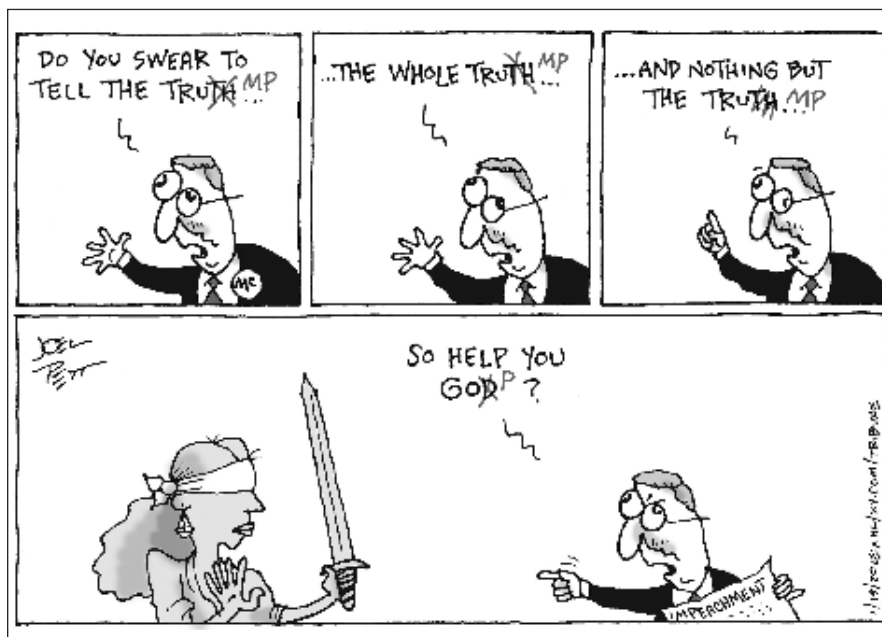
rats is that we are witnessing progressives and moderates jockeying for position within their party. It is occasionally ugly, but this will result in an intellectually diverse party where the free marketplace of ideas results in debate and compromise. Moderates are square pegs. Democrats are putting them in square holes. Republicans are trying to pound them into round holes with big hammers, and if they don’t fit, they are tossing them out.

This model is not a sustainable one, but I still feel loyalty to my party – what it was and what it can be. When the time comes to rebuild, I would like very much to be there. But it’s not about loyalty to a label. I will still, in all my naiveté, stand on principles that made me declare as a Republican in the first place. And although I feel in many ways the party has left me, so long as I still think there is a shred of hope that there is place for a retired military officer who believes in the principles of the American Enlightenment upon which this country was founded, I will remain.

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



Political Cartoon of the Week by Joel Pett

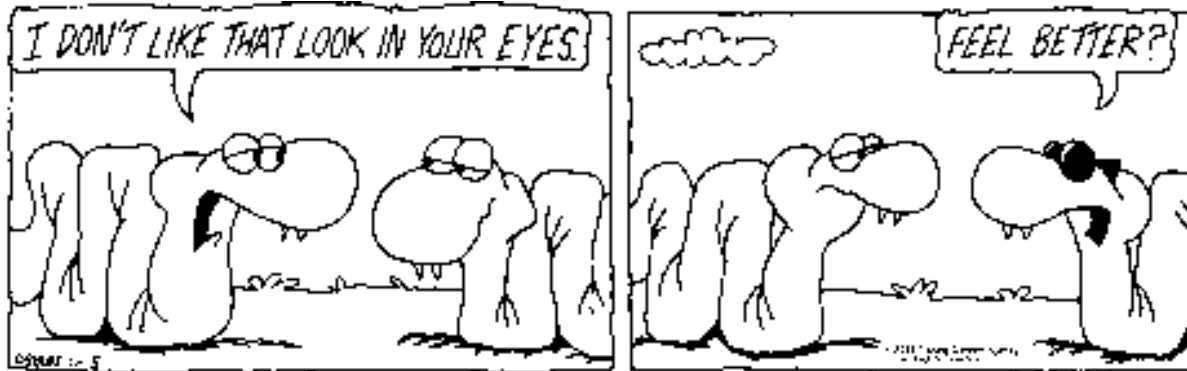


Shakespeare at HVCC

The Lenox, Mass.-based Shakespeare & Company brings two of the Bard’s classic plays to the Maureen Stapleton Theatre at HVCC. The 90-minute productions are suitable for ages 12 and up. “Macbeth” will be performed from noon to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18, followed by “The Comedy of Errors” from noon to 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 20. All are welcome to attend and admission is free.

The Funny Page

Animal Crackers by Fred Wagner



Gasoline Alley by Jim Scancarelli



Bound & Gagged by Dana Summers



Broom Hilda by Russell Myers



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RACK 3: O, A, Y, A, P, T, H

RACK 4: F, F, K, N, P, C, T

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WORD 3: _____

WORD 4: _____

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The Great War, a blizzard and a musical

Kaylee Johnson
Journal & Press

The Journal & Press has had several iterations. At one point there were separate papers called The Greenwich Journal and The Salem Press. And for decades, the newspaper owned another historic paper, The Fort Edward Advertiser, but dropped that from the masthead. You can find archives of these papers and more in the Greenwich Public Library's excellent Gill Room or online at nyshistoricnewspapers.org. Here are some snippets from past editions from late Februaries many decades ago:

100 YEARS AGO:

February 18, 1920 – A memorial service will be held in St. Joseph's hall next Monday at 8 o'clock to honor the memory of the men who went from this village and laid down their lives in the Great War. This service will be especially fitting at this time as it will be in harmony with a like public recognition of these men on the part of the French government. Honorary memorial certificates have been prepared by the French government to be sent to the nearest kin of the men who paid the supreme sacrifice.

80 YEARS AGO:

February 14, 1940 – Mills along the Hudson River that are dependent on water power are seriously hampered in operation this winter by low water, but they would be a good deal worse off if it were not for the big Sacandaega reservoir according to Edward H. Sargent, chief engineer of the Hudson River regulating district board. Mr. Sargent stated last week that flow of the Hudson has dropped significantly.

70 YEARS AGO:

February 15, 1950 – The first real old-fashioned snow storm of the winter arrived yesterday, and from 12 to 15 inches of snow fell, which was then crusted over by a freezing rain. The storm while it would have passed unnoticed, or at least been treated as

just ordinary winter weather two years ago is quite a novelty this year, as it is the first snowfall that has required driveway plowing and all day and all night road clearing.

While the radio predictions were for warmer and rain early this morning, another snow storm blew up instead in this section for a time. Tuesday's storm was a typical one, and unlike the abortive falls which have marked the winter previously.

'The Youth Program will hold a Valentine's Dance in Fort Hardy Park.'

60 YEARS AGO:

February 23, 1960 – The Washington County S.P.C.A. met at the Kingsbury fire house Wednesday evening, February 17, with 40 members present. Dr. Waldo Williams of Argyle presided. Membership chairman Tony Dee of Fort Edward reported 57 new members since the January meeting. Greenwich, Fort Ann, Hudson Falls and Fort Edward contributed to the new members.

Mr. Kenneth Sheldon of Hudson Falls agreed to continue to take calls for help with injured, sick or stray animals.

Money making projects were discussed, including food sales in Hudson Falls and Fort Edward. A horse show is planned for early spring which will include the whole country-wide group of horse people with Jim Pincheon acting as the general chairman.

30 YEARS AGO:

February 8, 1990 – The Schuylerville Youth Program will be having a Valentine Dance on Friday, February 9 from 6-9 p.m. at the center in Fort Hardy Park. There will be an admission and refreshments will be sold. Come dance to "BOBO & AQUA."

The Youth Program will be having a Single Ping-Pong Tournament on Wednesday, February 14 at the center in Fort Hardy Park. Please sign up in advance. Tournament will begin at approximately 6:30 p.m.

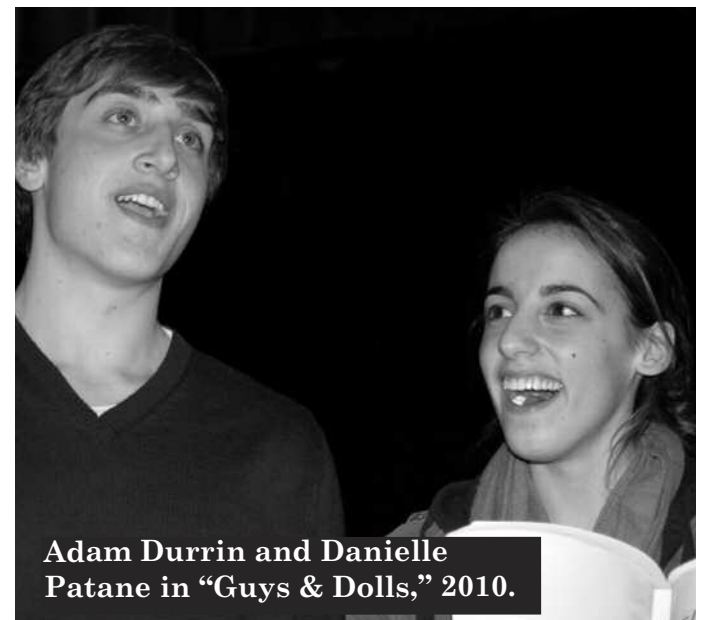
20 YEARS AGO:

February 10, 2000 – Angela Santoro and Michelle Schwab, seniors at Salem Central School, submitted science research papers to the judges of the Junior Science and Humanities Symposium on February 7.

The JSHS is a unique professional scientific conference specifically for high school students and teachers. It is designed to promote experimentation and original research in the sciences, engineering and mathematics at the high school level and to publicly recognize students for outstanding achievement. It is sponsored by the State University of New York (SUNY) at Albany.

10 YEARS AGO:

February 11, 2010 – Members of the Greenwich High School Drama Club are presently rehearsing for the school's March production of "Guys and Dolls." The cast of 35 students under the direction of Richard Cherry will perform the romantic, classic Broadway musical on March 5 and 6 at 7 p.m. and on March 7 at 2 p.m. on stage at the high school auditorium.



Adam Durrin and Danielle Patane in "Guys & Dolls," 2010.

Letter: Yes, meetings can be better

To the Editor:

As a loyal and longtime Journal & Press reader, I so appreciate your team reviving the paper this winter – great job! The Opinion Page is especially appreciated. Your recent article on Town Board meeting attendance was gratifying to me as a longtime Board meeting attendee – over 35 years, in fact! Town Board meetings have a long history of being sparsely attended, which I have found disappointing and frustrating. Often I was one of only a handful of community participants there. Because I no longer drive, meeting attendance has become nearly impossible for me. From your article, it is interesting to learn that the low attendance issue has not changed in the time

I've been away.

From my perspective, low attendance at public meetings is a symptom of under-functioning or dysfunctioning democracy. I absolutely agree with you when you write that “more open discussion is needed.” Your points continue with the sentence, “elected officials should view meetings as an explanatory program for the public, where they clearly demonstrate why they are voting on a topic ... educate us.” Bravo, team; you have hit the nail on the head!

Perhaps a meeting devoted to a long-term, 20-year collaborative plan, for the village and the town of Greenwich would be a good place to start, inviting in public opinion and discourse. These meetings should be seen as an open forum for

democratic discussion, listening and learning from one another. Thank you for the opportunity to voice a concern I

have held for many years.

Marilyn Boyd
Greenwich, NY

Political Cartoon of the Week by Scott Stantis



Making a bad situation tolerable

Kudos to everyone!

Despite what was a bad situation earlier this month after a quick ice storm, with large parts of our region without power for days, and other parts without TV, phone and Internet – and traffic nightmares everywhere, including on the hill between Greenwich and Schuylerville, and other mayhem all around – everyone kept their cool, and there wasn't widespread finger-pointing at the utilities companies or the powers-that-be. Much of the

rest of the winter had been unseasonably mild, so the general populace treated this bad weather hiccup maturely and with a can-do attitude. Town and village halls and businesses that had electricity kindly opened their doors to let people warm up, recharge their devices, and even get some free food. We'd list some examples here, but we don't want to leave anyone out. Just go on Facebook to see all the goodwill, and general lack of complaining. Surely, being without electricity in sub-freezing weather for multiple days is un-

pleasant – even dangerous for many – but people in our region are used to dealing with such crises generously and with humility. It says a lot about what makes our region special. Yay us!

And, of course, thanks to all the first responders, plow drivers, school bus drivers, utilities workers, mail and delivery drivers, and so many others who actually had to be outdoors when the worst of the weather was happening, helping others.

We all survived it and showed true grit!

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Local Athletics

Lax registration and big wins

Greenwich Youth Lacrosse

Registration for Greenwich Youth Lacrosse is now open for boys and girls PreK through 6th grade. The league emphasizes fundamental skills, team building, sportsmanship and having fun. The program is open for kids in Greenwich and the surrounding communities. Protective equipment is provided. Visit GreenwichLax.com for registration, or for more information. Or contact info@greenwichlax.com.

Student-Athlete Scholars

The Hartford Central School District announced the girls' basketball team has been recognized by NYSPHSAA as a scholar athlete team for the winter season. To achieve this honor, varsity teams are required that 75% of their roster carry a GPA of 90.00 or higher when averaged together. The students with a 90.00 GPA or above will receive a recognition pin.

Those students are: Emmaline Barker, Envy Geroux, Hannah Monroe, and Cassie Wade.

Individual athletes with a 90.00 or above

GPA whose team did not qualify will receive a recognition pin. They are as follows: Gavon Darfler, Alexander Holcomb, Aaron Mitchell, and Raymond Harrington.

Indoor Track Shines

The Greenwich Central girls indoor track and field team ran away from the competition at the WASAREN championship in Albany on Feb. 2, scoring 196 points to second-place Stillwater's 151.

Quinn Collins, Emily Skiff, Nina Sgambelluri, Brooke Wright and Brynne Wright all won individual events to lead the Witches.

The GCS boys outperformed expectations, nearly upsetting heavy favorite Stillwater. GCS was outscored by only 2 points, scoring 124 points, to Stillwater's 126. Individual event winners included Damon Brownell and Connor Smith.

Pictured: Greenwich Girls WASAREN League Indoor Track and Field All-Stars Kiersten Alling, Quinn Collins, Nina Sgambelluri,



Emily Skiff, Brooke Wright and Brynne Wright (Not pictured: Arianna Peroni); and Greenwich Boys WASAREN League Indoor Track and Field All-Stars Damon Brownell and Connor Smith.



Some more wonderful Dan Pemrick sports photos. Here we find the 14-3 Greenwich girls basketball team winning again, this time 79-38 over Corinth on Feb. 3. NaNa Rojas (No. 4) scored 19 points for the Witches. Molly Brophy (No. 10) scored 33 points and now has amassed over 1500 for her career – and she's only a junior! Will she eventually catch former Witches scorers Becky Bearer (1,658) Dani Degregory (1,684) Alexis Case (1,709) and Tony Traver (2,189)? Dylan Skiff, also pictured, left, scored 6.

B. Anthony (cont.)

Hiram Corliss, one of the most ardent abolitionists in Greenwich for a time. Dr. Corliss was a known conductor for the Underground Railroad. The author believes that perhaps Corliss was the surgeon who performed the unsuccessful surgery to repair Susan's crossed eyes, as he was the only surgeon in Greenwich at the time. The Anthonys were also members of the Easton Friends' Meeting House, which had many members active in the Underground Railroad. These facts plus the fact the Battenville house was right across from the Batten Kill and exactly 4 miles east of Dr. Corliss' house, which was also on the river, could indicate that perhaps Underground Railroad activity took place in Battenville.

Several other interesting features of the house are a coffin niche on the staircase and a coffin door. In the early 1800s, families did not have access to funeral parlors. Mrs. Anthony's mother, Susannah Read, was "laid out" in the front hallway. The Anthonys also buried their two year old daughter Eliza and Susan's sister Guelma's son, Anthony McLean, who passed away at about 18 months of age. (Guelma married Aaron McLean and they continued to live in Battenville for a time.) An exciting find about 10 years ago was the missing gravestone of young Eliza in the garden of the current owners of the McLean house in Greenwich. It was broken and was being used as a plant stand. It had been excavated when a new wrought iron fence was being installed. The owners had no idea to whom the stone belonged, but they were very willing to show it to me and another historian who was with me. They turned over the bottom of the stone and when I saw the words "Anthony aged 2 yrs. 24 days," knew it was the missing stone. When the top of the stone was turned over, it was con-

firmed; it was Eliza's gravestone. The Willard's Mountain Chapter of the DAR paid for the repair of the stone and it was put in place next to the stones of Susan's grandparents, Daniel and Susannah Read, in the cemetery across the Kill.

The Battenville Cemetery became the Eagle Scout project of a young man from Saratoga. He and another Scout noticed a dip in the ground at the cemetery and began to dig with their hands. They uncovered the headstone and foot stone of Anthony McClean, Susan's young nephew. This stone also was broken and has been repaired by the DAR. It was placed back where found, assuming that was the actual location of young Anthony's grave.

Many people may not realize that Susan did quite a bit of teaching while she still lived in the Greenwich area. Two of the schools where she taught are still standing, but are now private homes. One is on the North

'In a Hardscrabble school, she paddled the ringleader.'

Greenwich Road. The other is at the intersection of Gray Avenue and Prospect Avenue. That schoolhouse has been incorporated into a larger house. She also taught at a home in Fort Edward and at a school that was somewhere in Hardscrabble (which Daniel, Susan's father, renamed Center Falls). There is a school in that area still standing, but it wasn't built until after the Anthonys left the area. It is uncertain where the original school stood. That school's claim to fame was that the farm boys would usher any new schoolmaster out the door in less than a day. Susan decided she could rise to the challenge. On day one, Susan was



prepared for the ring leader of the group. When he came into the classroom, she called him up to the front and proceeded to paddle him in front of the class. Needless to say, Susan didn't leave as the others had! She was quite dismayed to learn that her salary was \$1.50 compared to the \$6 per month paid to the male teacher who couldn't handle the students.

The family lost everything in the Panic of 1839. Not only did they have to sell the house to pay their debts, they also had to sell their underwear, sugar from their pantry, and their eyeglasses. They found a former inn to rent closer to Greenwich in Center Falls. There was a dance hall on the top floor. The legend says that when the inn was built, large amounts of broken glass were poured between the second floor ceiling and the third floor to enhance the sound of the music for the dance with the tinkling sound of glass. The Anthony children were not allowed to dance, but they could sit and watch. Daniel Anthony did not approve of dancing, but he didn't want the neighborhood youth to go to a bar to find a place to dance so he provided them with a space. Daniel started several businesses but none succeeded. The Anthonys lived there until 1845 when they moved to Rochester.

The brick house has been vacant since January 2006. In the 1970s, the house was vacant for a number of years and fungus grew out of the floors and walls of the basement. It has just been made

public that monies to help with stabilizing the house have been set aside by Senator Betty Little, Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner and the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. The monies will be used to correct the drainage problem and do other work to stabilize the house. It is hoped the house may eventually be open to the public.

There has been a lot of press coverage recently about not only Susan B Anthony, but other groups such as the Easton Political Equality Club, because 2020 is not only the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment, but it is Susan's 200th birthday. Our goal is to honor this woman whose impact reached far beyond the borders of Washington County and even New York State during her lifetime and ours. We hope to bring tourists who are interested in Women's Suffrage to our area, perhaps through a Women's Suffrage Trail that could start at the Susan B Anthony Birthplace Museum in Adams, Mass., and extend all the way to the Anthony home in Rochester. Who knows where this project will end?

In Susan's words on her 86th birthday, "Failure is impossible!"

Debi Craig is immediate Past President of the Washington Co. Historical Society and President of NorthStar Historical Project in Greenwich.



Coming to Your Local Library

A wide array of late February events

Love your local library? Here are some upcoming events.

Easton Library: Osteobusters, for older adults, meets every Monday and Wednesday at 8:30 a.m.; The Knitting Group, open to all levels, meets Mondays at 1 p.m.; Mahjong is Wednesdays at 1 p.m.; the Prayer Shawl Circle, every third Tuesday at 4 p.m., makes blankets for those in need – all levels welcomed; Preschool Story Hour, for children ages birth to 5 years old, meets Wednesdays at 10 a.m., following the GCS calendar. Call 518-692-2253.

Schuylerville Public Library: Knitting Club, Tuesday, Feb. 18, at 6 p.m. (registration required); Curry Thai Chicken Night, Wednesday, Feb. 19 at 6 p.m.; Crafting (ages 12-up; registration required); Thursday, Feb. 20, at 6 p.m.; Breast Cancer Support Group, Saturday, Feb. 22, at 12 noon; Cookbook Club (registration required), Tuesday, Feb. 25, at 6 p.m.; Homeschool Forum, Wednesday, Feb. 26, at 6 p.m.; Book Club (pick up a copy of the latest book beforehand), Thursday, Feb. 27, at 7 p.m. For kids: Ozobots Workshop, Tuesday, Feb. 18, at 3:30 p.m.; Science Society, Tuesday, Feb. 25, at 3:30 p.m.; Girls Who Code, Wednesdays, 3:30 p.m.; Gamers Guild, Thursdays, at 3:30 p.m.; and Lego League, Fridays at 3:30 p.m. Questions? Contact 518-695-6641.

Salem's Bancroft Public Library: Is Your Financial House in Order? Financial Education Seminar, Thursday, Feb. 20 from 6 – 7:30 p.m. at Proud-fit Hall, 181 South Main Street, Salem. Topics will include: budgeting and debt management, protecting your assets, preparing for retirement and creating a financial legacy for your loved ones. Free event sponsored by Jaeger Consulting & Marketing and Bancroft Library. Food and drink will be provided. **For kids during winter break at the Library:** Perler Bead Crafting, Tuesday, Feb. 18, at 3 p.m. (supplies provided); Make Felted Soap With Cathy Sweet from Cornell Cooperative Extension, Wednesday, Feb. 19, at 10 a.m. (the Library thanks Mary Jeanne Packer and Battenkill Fiber for their generous donation of wool); Straws & Connectors Building Challenge, Thursday, Feb. 20 at 2 p.m.; and Movie Afternoon: "Arctic Dogs," Friday, February 21 at 2 p.m.

Greenwich Free Library: About Volunteering for Community Hospice (find out if it's a good fit for you; call 518-581-0800, if you plan to attend) at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 20; Free Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (call 800-211-5128 to register), Feb. 18 and 24; Clifford the Big Red Dog Birthday Party, Saturday, Feb. 29, 11:30 a.m. Come watch "Clifford's Big Sur-



"No Impact Man" will be screened in Greenwich.

prise" from PBS kids and do some crafts. Enjoy some cake and drinks. Free program but space is limited, please pre-register by calling the library at 518-692-7157.

Film Series: The Agricultural Stewardship Association (ASA) and the Greenwich Free Library are collaborating to present films on agricultural and environmental issues. On February 19 "the Biggest Little Farm" will follow the eight-year quest of John and Molly Chester as they trade city living for 200 acres of barren farmland and a dream to harvest in harmony with nature. February 26's film is "No Impact Man" and follows Colin Beavan and his family during their year-long experiment to have zero impact on the environment. The film mostly takes place in New York City and leaves you asking yourself "What can I do?" The film series will run on Wednesday evenings and will begin promptly at 6:15 p.m. Attendees are encouraged to arrive a few minutes early. Popcorn and beverages will be provided. Following the screening there will be a short discussion of each film. Registration is not required but is appreciated due to limited seating. Please register at agstewardship.org/events.

Modern Homesteading: Join Hudson Crossing Park and Sara Hanehan of Well Rooted Homestead CSA in the Greenwich Free Library Community Room at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 29 for a free informational presentation on Modern Homesteading. Modern Homesteading is a lifestyle geared towards finding a balance between self-sufficiency and living in the modern world – a task often easier said than done. Hanehan will discuss different ways to integrate modern ideas and culture with "old fashioned" practices of homesteading, how to work with the resources that you have, and what to look forward to in winter, spring, summer, and fall on a homestead.

This presentation is part one of Hudson Crossing Park's three-part 2020 Winter Speaker Series held at the Greenwich Free Library. Upcoming topics include "New York State Invasive Species and How to Identify Them" and "Fun and Fascinating Stories of Local Lore." All Winter Speaker Series presentations are free and open to the public. For more information visit HudsonCrossingPark.org.

Have a library-related event to share? Send it to editor@journalandpress.com.



"Arctic Dogs" will be screened in Salem.

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Ode to ice storms and staying sane

Darren Johnson
Journal & Press

About 10 years ago, when I first moved to the area, spending my last few dollars on a house being built on an acre not far from the Hudson, decisions had to be made.

Because contractors have last-second add-ons. *Hardwood floors?* No, carpeting will do. *Water filtration system?* OK, because the well water kind of smells like rotten eggs otherwise. *Decorative gas fireplace?* How about a real wood fireplace?

My doomsday prepper inner voice figured, if all else went wrong, at least I could burn things to stay warm.

Well, you should get a whole-house generator then, the contractor said.

I was told, a year or two before I arrived, there was a big ice storm and lots of people were without power for days. But these generators are expensive. I passed.

And 10 years went by. There were occasional power outages of a few hours or so here and there, but nothing major. I patted myself on the back for not having spent the equivalent of a Nissan Versa on a whole-house generator I'd never use.

But part of me would have liked one of those things earlier this month, when the most recent ice storm hit and we were without power for two and a half days, in sub-freezing weather.

Sure, the fireplace did well enough, and a well-placed candle can help one see the toilet bowl. This is very important for a guy.

And this time of year, you can merely move your frozen goods outdoors to stay frozen. I have newspaper boxes for storage, of course, so the animals wouldn't get at my perishables.

But having the electricity out surely wasn't ideal, and it set back the production of this paper. Apologies if you get this a day late.



My backyard. At least the camera was charged.

Here are some of my scribbled notes, for when this happens again in 10 years:

If It's Yellow, Let It Mellow: For some reason, I thought the water would still run, albeit cold, but it totally stopped about an hour or so into this power outage. But one could still flush the toilet by pouring water into the tank. I think I'll store some gallons of non-potable water for next time. But this time around, the lesson is, only "if it's brown flush it down."

Getting Stanky. When the shower is out, baby wipes are your only hope. These are also worth stocking. Even if you don't have a one-year old. I suggest the Sensitive Bottom™ brand.

Yankee Candles Really Are Better. I'd always get on my wife for buying the expensive candles – "They sell candles in the dollar store," I'd say – but they really do work better during End Times, like we had. There's a Yankee Candle Outlet in Lake George. Next time I'm there, I'm going to stock up. You sometimes can get some failed off-flavor, like Leather Zucchini Ennu, for \$5.

Ariel, the Little Mermaid, Blankets Are the Bomb! There's no time for machismo in a Snowpocalypse. I found myself digging out all of the blankets from my daughter's animated youth. Surely, my wife

thought less of me, hiding in a pile of Elmo and Clifford the Big Red Dog throws. But who doesn't have pneumonia? This guy!

Caffeine Withdrawal Is Very Real. Even my stove is electric. And the local McDonald's also had no water, so, no coffee. There must be a solar- or wind-powered coffee maker I can buy on eBay, no?

And Social Media Withdrawal. For reasons unknown, I was really hankering to play a handheld Space Invaders game I had as a kid. As darkness set, there truly wasn't much to do. That Roasted Cucumber Ménage candle didn't produce enough lumens to actually read a crappy pulp book or a Post-Star.

Hey, the Car Has a Heater! Is it selfish to sit in the car with the heat cranking for an hour or two while the rest of the family is indoors, icicles forming on the tips of their noses? I mean, I had to listen to AM radio and charge the iPhone, for safety purposes.

The power snapped back on just in time for the Oscars' Red Carpet, and I realized, not having had TV before that inane moment on the flickering screen, I hadn't missed much.

And that's the last word ... for now.

Darren Johnson is publisher of this paper.



Cabin Fever Reliever

Mausert Chapter of the American Legion Riders presents the "Cabin Fever Reliever" on Sat., Feb. 22, at American Legion Maxson Post 634, 2106 State Route 22 in Cambridge. Dinner, music, DJ and dancing. Open to the community! Tickets: \$15 each or \$25 per couple in advance, or \$20 each or \$30 per couple at the door. For tickets, contact 518-225-0879 or the Legion at 518-677-8069.

Pancakes in Easton

A Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper will be served at the Easton Methodist Church, 12053 State Route 40, Easton, on Feb. 25 from 5 to 7 p.m. On the menu will be pancakes, waffles, hash browns, bacon, sausage, apple sauce, a variety of syrups and beverages. Adults \$8. Kids, \$4. No reservations needed. Questions? Call 518-664-7184.

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