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Person of the Year: The Secret Mailer

Darren Johnson
Journal & Press

I've just re-read all 24 issues of the past year to put together this issue, and, while doing so, thought about magazines like Time, who nominate a "person of the year." Their scope is international, while a paper like this is local.

As far as our coverage goes, and, I'll allow, we do give more space to Greenwich than the other towns – that's just the way this paper has evolved over the past 180 years – I'd say the two people who were the biggest game changers in 2021 were former Greenwich highway chief Stan Mattison and whoever the Secret Mailer is.

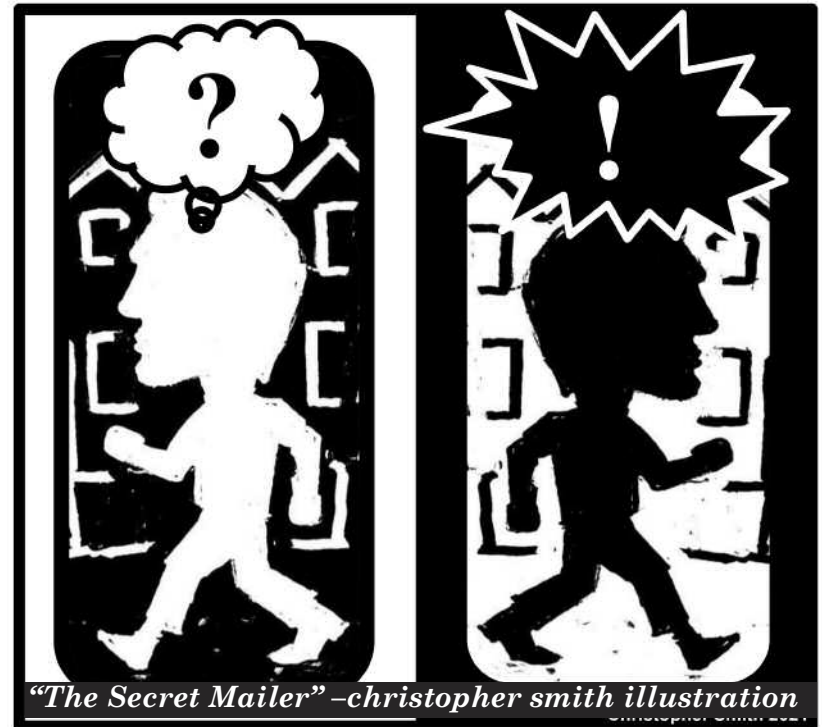
Mattison, who popularly had served nearly a

decade as a Republican public official, surely turned at least the 14 votes Democrat Jim Nolan won by to best GOP incumbent Don Ward for Town Supervisor.

On paper, Ward should have won. The town skews Republican, as the other Donald (Trump) won here easily the year before, and town taxes didn't go up. Ward served two years, and faithfully during a pandemic, so one can't say the voters were just looking for change. (Not to slight Nolan, who also has a history of public service and ran a professional campaign.)

The anonymous person who sent secret mailings to Greenwich residents, while clearly someone who probably votes Republican, also ended up having an effect – a reverse effect, because it angered moderates who thought the GOP was trying to pull a fast one on voters. If any lesson is to be learned from the last Greenwich election it is that moderates can make or break a ticket. People are tired of the national, divisive politics and Facebook memes. Just keep it local, big tent, all that.

As for this paper, looking back, we did navigate the political mine-



field well enough, giving equal space to candidates, but also not letting them spin us. It's that kind of journalism that sometimes gets criticized, especially at our micro-level, but, otherwise, this would just be a paper full of press releases and party-vetted statements, serving no one but the advertisers and a few connected people.

That said, most of our content are features that aren't political at all. Just stories about good people and good groups doing the best they can.

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Chelsie Henderson is the founder and a music instructor at Rural Soul Music Studio, and proprietor of EarthBeat Music Shop. She has been teaching piano, voice, ukulele and guitar lessons for over 15 years, and in more recent years has been sharing her love for West African drumming and movement with all

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Chelsie Henderson

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January: Highway chief to be appointed?

Our early January 2021 issue was a “year in review,” like this one, so there wasn’t a lot of “new” news.

Community papers tend to do such issues to start the year; the Journal & Press also had a long history of doing that in the past. We were happy to revive the tradition last year.

The reason is because governments and schools tend to take the end of the year off, so there’s not a lot to report, and the advertisers also seem to go AWOL. So there’s room to reflect.

But a lot happened in 2020, and you can find this early January 2021 issue and all the rest of our papers from 2021 free on our site, journalandpress.com.

The mid-January issue broke a story that ended up having year-long ramifications. We attended a meeting of the Greenwich Town Board where Supervisor Don Ward discussed changing the Highway Department to a Department of Public Works. Longtime highway chief Stan Mattison had retired the previous month, and Ward proposed changing the position from

elected to appointed. Sixty-two percent of the town’s budget goes to Highways. Ward felt that the board could create some cost savings by controlling the process a bit more closely.

Currently, any registered voter 18+ who resides in Greenwich Town could run for highway super, regardless of their qualifications. By having a more formal process, Ward said, the board could ensure that the highway chief has work and educational credentials.

“To me, it’s not a political position. I think we lose out on some good candidates for the position because it’s an elected position. At least this way the town will be able to pick a qualified candidate to run our department efficiently,” Ward said.

This idea wasn’t popular.

Mattison’s wife, Sandy Mattison, posted on social media after the Jan. 12 meeting, “Pay attention Town of Greenwich Voters... DO NOT let Don Ward take away your right to

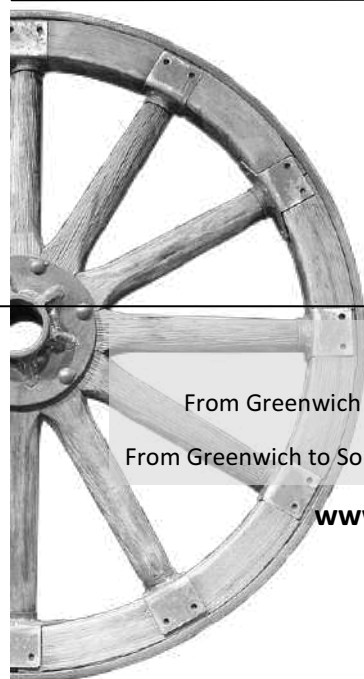
vote for who YOU want as your highway superintendent away from you!”

In other pieces, Comfort Food Community celebrated its volunteers and growth, columnist Cody Fitzgerald penned a heartfelt piece on the storming of the nation’s Capitol Jan. 6, Sara Idleman waxes about Greenwich’s Main Street, Jim Nolan writes about the parks of Greenwich Town (and Darren Johnson writes a humor piece on the most obscure one — Bicentennial Park off Route 4) and Woodland Cemetery in Cambridge announced that pet “cremains” could now be buried with their owner.



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February: Secret mailer

The early February issue found us virtually attending public meetings held by the Cambridge-Greenwich Police Department and the Washington County Sheriff's Department that investigated current practices, per a state mandate after the previous summer's Black Lives Matter protests. A local survey had 84 responses and reported most of these residents had an overall positive view of their police.

"People feel dismissed...when their problems aren't dealt with by the police in the way they think they should have their problems dealt with," said Greenwich Deputy Mayor Kathy Brown. "It's all a perception thing. I don't know if we can actually successfully make that happen, but we can at least examine the policies around their community interactions and how their training is done."

"We need to be more transparent to the community on what we do," said Sergeant Robert Danko. "And I think once people really see what we do,

then they will have a better understanding or appreciation of what's going on."

In that issue, we also interview The Legendary LNS, a Greenwich singer/performer also known as Lashawn Stewart, 23, who had been making waves on social media as he would dance down the sidewalk in town on his way to and from work.

"I have been dancing since I was five years old and I actually lived in Barbados for a little bit and started singing gospel in churches. And then eventually, I got older and I wanted to dance but I couldn't. I was very stiff in my movements, and I wasn't able to move the way I move now, so I started researching people and studying people who are famous and really perfecting what I do," he told us.

In the mid-February issue, we learned that Greenwich Supervisor Don Ward's proposal to change the Highway department around, via a ref-



erendum, was nixed as other board members did not move it forward. A strange flier had been bulk mailed to residents with a Greenwich zip code the weekend before the meeting. It was a letter-sized piece of cardboard, printed on both sides in black and white using a default font, seemingly in favor of Ward's appointed position and mysteriously signed, "The Friends of Greenwich." There is no known PAC with that name. No local official would claim knowledge of the flier or its origins.

After fall and winter high school sports were mostly cancelled, writer Evan Felicetti wondered if there would be a spring season. Yes – and it would include fall sports, like football!

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March: Real estate and culverts

The early March issue looked at our booming real estate market.

The average “sold” price for a home right at that point in Greenwich Town was nearing \$210,000. That’s up from \$178,000 at the same time last year. And mortgage rates were low; perhaps 3 percent or less.

“I’ve never seen the market this busy. We have a list of buyer clients just waiting for homes to come on the market because the current inventory does not meet their needs,” said Gloria Saunders of Whipple City Real Estate.

“All of Saratoga, Washington, and Warren counties seem to be as busy as the local market,” she added. “We have more out-of-state and down-state buyers than in past years. We are also seeing more first-time buyers due to great mortgage products and rates.”

We also had a candid conversation with Salem Supervisor Evera Sue Clary about governing during a pandemic: “It has increased everything in my world by at least a third to fifty percent more. Even though we are shut down, what happens is that you have a community that has different

needs than they might have had before, businesses that are having a hard time, a school that does not know what they are doing the next day. People like consistency, and we do not have consistency right now,” she said. She serves in a group called #SoSalem, to help resident with emergency needs.

Our mid-March issue delved into a new issue in Greenwich Town: Two culverts that were to be fixed by the state DOT now were facing cost overruns to the tune of \$342,000, which Supervisor Don Ward felt that the town would be on the hook for.

“That’s one-sixth of our total town budget,” he said, noting that if, indeed, the town were required to pay that amount, town paving projects would have to be cancelled for 2021, along with other belt tightening. The issue would end up being resolved later in the year, with the state picking up the additional costs. Ward also successfully lobbied the county to get temporary bridges installed over the problem sites (on Ferguson and Christie roads).

This issue also explored the findings of the Cambridge-Greenwich police study, and a new proposal in Greenwich town sought to change the

residency requirements for the Superintendent of Highways. A proposal to allow residents of neighboring towns to apply eventually was not moved forward.

On March 3rd, history was made during a girls’ varsity basketball game between Greenwich and Cambridge when Greenwich senior guard Molly Brophy officially set the all-time Greenwich varsity basketball scoring record, which had previously been 1709 points.

We interviewed her: “My advice is be as confident and calm as possible,” she said. “It slows the game down.”



April: Businesses survive during Covid

In our early April issue, working with the Greater Greenwich Chamber of Commerce, we released the results of our “One Year Later: Covid-19 Business Impact Survey.”

The results were grim, but local business owners held out hope for better times ahead.

Seventy-six percent of local businesses reported that their business was down since Covid. Only eight percent said business had improved.

Sixty-two percent, though, were very optimistic about their business’s future and 20 percent were somewhat optimistic. About 24 percent were concerned about their business’s fate.

We look at the very unique spring football season that was taking place. By the end of the year, both Greenwich and Schuylerville football teams would go on impressive state playoff runs, thanks in part to the “practice” they got during the spring season.

“Overall, our coaches, underclassmen, and students are just excited at the opportunity our seniors have to play football during their final year of high school. Whether or not a spring football season would be possible is something that we were questioning not all that long ago, so it is great to see. And because no game is a guarantee, we are focused on enjoying every week and every opportunity to play,” noted Schuylerville Coach John Bowen.

Our mid-April issue gave us Part II of the results from the business survey.

Things were looking better already for Jenness Bivona of Just Because during the spring. “Customers have returned. We have an amazing staff and a lot of hope now that folks are getting vaccinated, so they will feel comfortable coming in,” she said.

We also interview Argyle Mayor Wes Clark in this issue; visit a new

coffeehouse, Cloud 9 in Greenwich, and go to the Greenwich CSD groundbreaking for their \$8.1M renovation project.

The school’s efforts to expand its Agriculture Suite, particularly its on-site greenhouse, will allow students to further their studies in this department. With an estimated 80% of Greenwich students taking at least one agriculture-oriented class while enrolled, the plan to grow the space is expected to have a wide-reaching impact.



Would the ghost in my closet kindly return my shorts?

Greg Schwem

Special to Journal & Press

I know my memory is ebbing as I age. Why else would I run to the Apple Store at least twice a year to replace charging chords I was CERTAIN I had packed before leaving the hotel room or home share property where I spend so much of my time now that I'm traveling again?

But I refuse to blame the alarming disappearance of wardrobe items on my mental faculties. Especially when my daughters are convinced a haunted spirit, one that seems to grow more annoying each day, lives within my family's confines.

As I write this, I am still searching for a sweatshirt, adorned with my youngest daughter's college emblem, that I planned to wear on a recent campus visit. I ended up having to purchase one at the university bookstore. Is it me or do colleges double the prices on souvenirs when parents' weekend rolls around?

My oldest daughter, living at home while she completes an online master's degree, is convinced the ghost took it.

"What ghost?" I asked, while tearing apart my closet and finding, among other things, an insurance card from 1997 and a receipt from a local paint store.

"The one that randomly closes my door," she said. "And turns on the ceiling fan light when I'm sleeping. That happened last week."

She is also convinced the ghost is male, as evidenced by the low voice she claimed to have heard one night while watching television; a voice her sister also heard from the other room.

"He took your sweatshirt for sure," she said.

'I once shut the pantry door not realizing our dog was in there.'

I scoffed at her supernatural beliefs, certain the shirt would turn up eventually

Until my shorts disappeared too.

I had returned from a workout and, a day later, realized they were missing. Normally I wouldn't care; I do possess other exercise attire, unlike some of the guys at my gym. I don't know the name of the dude

who spends 30 minutes every morning on the elliptical machine, but I do know he is very fond of his 1985-86 Chicago Bears Super Bowl T-shirt. On the rare day he is absent, I assume he is doing laundry.

But then I remembered I had put my driver's license in these shorts. Ever lose your driver's license? It limits your ability to perform a myriad of functions, only one of which is driving.

I searched my closet. I emptied my laundry hamper. I did the same to a half-unpacked suitcase from a previous trip. I strained my back pulling the washer and dryer away from the wall, convinced the shorts had fallen behind one of them. I checked unlikely places, including under my bed, my office desk drawers and even our kitchen pantry. I know that's weird, but I once shut the pantry door not realizing our dog was in there. Never a barker, she simply laid down and napped until dinner time.

Meanwhile, my daughter watched from the doorway.

"It's the ghost," she said.

"It's not the ghost," I yelled in frustration, gesturing with a hand dripping in last week's garbage.

The shorts weren't in there either.

"I know I did not leave the gym without pants. Somebody would have noticed. Probably the police."

That evening I announced I would be getting up early to obtain a new license at the Illinois Department of Motor Vehicles. If the shorts turned up, I gave my wife and daughter strict instructions not to move them.

"Do not disturb the crime scene," I said.

The next morning the shorts were neatly folded on my bathroom vanity.

"They were in my suitcase," my wife said. "Don't ask me how they ended up there."

But I know EXACTLY how they ended up there.

The male ghost is trying to drive me insane.

So he can move in on my wife.

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



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Farmer discussion group

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A brunch in Washington County

Michael Levy
Journal & Press

An opportunity of a lifetime seemingly presented itself to me while I was picking up a sandwich in Greenwich just the other day. Two gentlemen in line were talking to each other, a tad louder than seemed necessary. Accordingly, I became an unwilling eavesdropper because of the volume. I tuned out most of the conversation but when one remarked to the other that he'd just received his COVID booster shot and was expecting to "turn into a zombie any minute now," I listened attentively. I queried myself whether I should wait to see if this transformation for myself or rather just leave with my meal and read about it tomorrow in some local newspaper.

Over the course of my lifetime, I have broken bread with numerous politicians and political appointees, beauty pageant winners (including one Miss America), a Nobel Prize winner or two, and several notable titans of American industry. But I never had lunch with a zombie, so this was my chance. How cool would it be to check this one off of the bucket list! Admittedly, if one accepts the mass media depiction of these creatures as being canon, lunch with a zombie could be messy affair.

Suddenly my hope for lunch with a zombie was quashed after I evaluated what I had heard just a tiny bit more. Despite all of the misinformation published on the interweb, no vaccine available in the United States is capable of turning our citizenry into mythological undead corporeal revenants. And to become zombie, death must precede any zombification processes. I wanted to tell the recently vaccinated guy about this revelation but decided it would be better for him to learn this for himself.

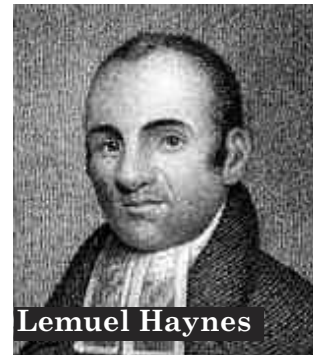
Then I actually wondered how a similar opportunity might present itself in the future. Performing a quick search for zombification information on my iOS device's browser, I learned about something called the Zombie Apocalypse. Now to be perfectly clear with my readers, there is no proof that a Zombie Apocalypse is imminent or that it is even remotely possible. Seriously folks, there are real people out there who think this could actually happen! But as Abe Lincoln famously said, "Don't believe everything you read on the Internet."

However to be on the safe side, and just in low probability case that I am wrong about the pending Zombie Apocalypse, I decided that creating a guest list for a zombie brunch to be held soon after the Zombie Apocalypse might be a fun thing to do. And living in Washington County, I suppose that the zombies attending my brunch party will be local ones. And with so many interesting deceased folks buried in these parts to choose from, I see a great zombie party on the radar.

How about inviting **Reverend Lemuel Haynes** (1753-1833)? He was a pioneering African-American Clergyman who is buried in South Granville. It would be interesting to get his take on the 21st Century, so that he can see how far we have come (or not come) over the last two centuries. The child of an African father and a white woman, he became an indentured servant at the young age of 5 months.

'Imagine meeting so many interesting deceased folks buried in these parts.'

After his indenture ended circa 1774, he joined the Minutemen of a local militia in Massachusetts. In 1776, his unit garrisoned at Fort Ticonderoga after it was taken. In 1780, he accepted a preaching position where he met and married a white schoolteacher. Together, they had 10 children. As you can imagine, Haynes was a man of many firsts. In 1785, Haynes received his ordination and became the very first African-American clergyman in America. Mid-



Lemuel Haynes

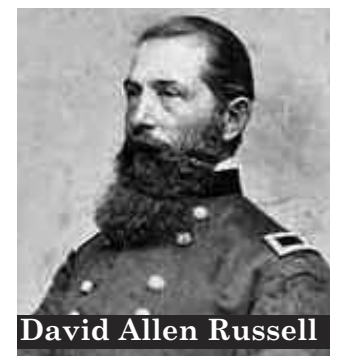
lebury State bestowed him an honorary degree in 1804, the first ever for an African-American. In 1822, he came to his last pastorate, a church in South Granville, New York. His home in South Granville is a National Historic Landmark, and a United Church of Christ in Jamaica, Queens, New York is named for him.

And how about inviting **Joyce Ingalls** (1950-2015) to come to our festivities? It isn't clear to me why she is buried in Whitehall but I am sure that there is a solid reason for it. In 1966, Ingalls won a Cover Girl contest and became a top model for the Eileen Ford Agency, appearing on covers and in fashion layouts for such magazines as Vogue, Mademoiselle, Cosmopolitan, and Life (July 1972 issue). Ingalls was in several television commercials of the era and was one of the Breck Shampoo girls in their print ads. Sylvester Stallone cast her as the lead in his 1978

directorial debut "Paradise Alley." Ultimately, she was named in Stallone's 1978 divorce proceedings that were filed by his wife Sasha, so I am sure there is a good story there. In 1979, Ingalls played a guest starring role on the TV series "Starsky and Hutch," acting as a love interest of both detectives. Later she would go on to appear in the films "Deadly Force" (1983) and then "Lethal Weapon 4" (1998), her final film role. She married producer Darrell Fetty in 1984 and over the next several decades, they oversaw a homeless ministry there and founded a food pantry, which has served thousands of needy families over the years. And through her mother's side of the family, she was a relative of the Wright Brothers.



Joyce Ingalls



David Allen Russell



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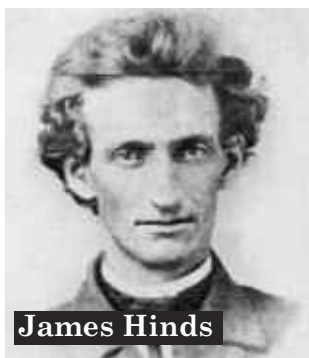
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Civil War Union Army Brigadier General David Allen Russell (1820-1864), buried in Salem's Evergreen Cemetery, could come and speak to the other guests on the horrors of the Civil War. General Russell saw a lot of Civil War battle action right up until the moment he was killed by a shell fragment that tore through his heart at the Third Battle of Winchester, VA, one of the largest and bloodiest battles in the Shenandoah Valley. Future presidents Rutherford B. Hayes and William McKinley were participants in this battle as was Colonel George S. Patton, the grandfather of the World War 2 general of the same name. Maybe Russell knew

all of them, and he will give us some insight on a pivotal time in American history. Today a marker is located at the spot where Russell fell and a Monument to him is located in the National Cemetery in Winchester. I am sure that the General will have much to talk about with several of the other invited guests, the Medal of Honor winners who are buried throughout the county.

Also arriving to the event from the Evergreen Cemetery in Salem would be **James Hinds** (1833-1868), a US Congressman representing Arkansas' 2nd District in the Fortieth Congress, and served for four months (June to October) in 1868. A vigorous supporter of Reconstruction efforts in the



James Hinds

South, he was assassinated with a shotgun blast in his back by a member of the Ku Klux Klan. His assassin was clearly identified but surprisingly (or maybe not so surprisingly), no one was ever arrested or prosecuted. Hinds was the highest-ranking government official to be murdered during Reconstruction.

And Hinds would be seated at the table with several other US Congressmen that have "rest in peace" status in Washington County. Nathaniel Pitcher (1777-1836), Charles Hughes (1822-1887), Henry Clinton Martindale (1780-1860), John Southworth

Legal Notice

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Inspection for the 2022-23 school year of the Argyle Central School Building and Bus Garage of the Argyle Central School District for fire hazards, which might endanger the lives of students, teachers, and employees, has been completed and

the report thereof is available at the office of the Clerk of the Argyle Central School, Argyle, New York, for inspection by all interested persons.

Kimberly Humiston, Clerk
Board of Education

Astronomy Club to gather

The Salem Astronomy Club will meet on Wednesday, January 19, 2022, at 7:00 pm at the Starfish Library 56 Gillis Hill Ln. They are a group of amateur astronomers who meet monthly to discuss and learn about astronomy. Anyone interested in astronomy, at any level, is welcome to attend. For more information, please contact Bill at wfrederi53gob@gmail.com.

Bancroft Library meeting

The Bancroft Public Library in Salem will now be holding their regular monthly board meetings on the second Tuesday of the month beginning in January of 2022. The next library board meeting will be Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. These board meetings are open to the public.

Parker (1862-1933), and a few more that I have missed mentioning here ... are all invited.

I am sure that the guest list will increase but since I have a partial guest list ready and the event is coming together, I need to begin work on a suitable menu. So what do zombies like to eat? ... Wait! Really, that's what they actually eat? I somehow thought they were all vegans? Maybe I do need to reconsider even having this party!

Michael Levy is a government manager residing in Greenwich. He is also a Commercial Pilot and a Ham Radio operator.



Catharine “Kay” Collins, 96

Catharine “Kay” Collins passed away in her sleep on December 7, 2021, at her home in Greenwich, New York. She was born October 26, 1925, in Ossining, New York, and was the daughter of the late Lionel and Mabel Lane.

Kay was predeceased by her husband Lewis Collins and daughter Catharine “Keya” Collins.

Kay graduated from Ossining High School. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree at Syracuse University and a Master of Science degree in Library Science at the University of Albany. For a few years, she worked in the Rensselaer Libraries at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI). Her activities and hobbies included gardening and genealogy research of her family tree.

Kay was a den mother of Cub Scouts, past regent for the local Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), member of the Huguenot Society, and choir member at the Greenwich Dutch Reformed Church. If you traveled along Main Street, you might have seen her keeping the sidewalk swept and cleaned, in front of her home, up until her passing.

Kay is remembered by her siblings, Susan (Lane) Matthes and Nancy (Lane) Diver. She is survived by her children Randall “Stony” (Lynne) Collins of Cambridge, New York, and Candace “Kansas” Collins of Teton, Idaho; several grandchildren, nieces, nephews, great nieces, and nephews living across the country.

The family would especially like to thank Phyliss Rogers for all her help in keeping Kay happy and healthy. Kay referred to her as her guardian angel.

Arrangements are under the direction and care of Flynn Bros Inc., 80 Main St, Greenwich, NY, 12834. There will be a private service at the Saratoga National Cemetery, where she will be laid to rest with her late husband Lewis.

Donations in her name may be made to the Easton-Greenwich Rescue Squad, or the Greenwich Public Library.

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

Lucille Mae Cole, 95

Lucille Mae Cole, 95, formerly of Greenwich, passed away Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at the Washington Center in Argyle.

Born December 13, 1925, in Republic, PA, the daughter of the late Stefano and Maria (Natale) Delligatti. She was educated in Pennsylvania and moved to Long Island with her first husband and eventually moved to Greenwich.

Lucille was a clerk for Washington County Hospice at the Mary McClellan Hospital in Cambridge. She was a member of St. Paul’s Episcopal

Church in Greenwich and a charter member of the American Business Women’s Association. She was a longtime Girl Scout leader and was a member of the Greenwich Elks Lodge Ladies Auxiliary.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her two husbands, James D. Merryman, Sr. in 1994 and Watson Harding Cole in 2014 along with her brothers and sisters.

Lucille is survived by her children, James Merryman, Jr. of Greenwich, Linda Hannigan of Hillsville, Virginia, Michael Cole of Newark, NY

and Terry Ziehm of Buskirk. Lucille is also survived by her grandchildren, McClean, Jacob and Cole Merryman, Jessica Wallace, Steven Rush, Brian, Eric and Stuart Ziehm, Anthony and Lauren Cole and many great grandchildren.

Services are private.

To offer condolences to the family, please visit www.gariepyfuneralhomes.com. Arrangements are with the Ackley, Ross & Gariepy Funeral Home in Cambridge.



Raymond Goman, Jr., 88

Raymond Goman, Jr., 88, a resident of Cossayuna, passed away Monday, November 15, 2021, at the Glens Fall Center in Queensbury following a brief illness.

He was born in Scotia, NY, on November 14, 1933, to the late Raymond and Lillian (Wagner) Goman.

Raymond graduated from

Schuylerville High School. Following his graduation, he proudly served in the Army in Fort Collins, Colorado. After serving his country, he married Patricia (Tillotson). Together they had four children.

He worked for AT&T as a troubleshooter linesman until his retirement.

In his free time he enjoyed

playing golf with his buddies at their home in Brooksville, FL, hunting, fishing, traveling, and most of all, relaxing by the lake.

He was a beloved husband, father and grandfather and will be missed by all who knew him.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his son Raymond Goman II, and sister Beverly Holmes.

He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Patricia (Tillotson) Goman,

children Susan Dibrowa, of Greenwich, David Goman of Los Angeles, and Scott Goman of Mamaroneck, NY. Grandchildren are Clay Dibrowa, Sarah Dibrowa, Jessica Lynn, Rachel Alexander and Kayla Goman.

Private services will be held at the convenience of the family. Online condolences and messages to the family may be made at www.flynnbrosinc.com.

Specifics on the Village of Greenwich grants

Pam Fuller

Special to Journal & Press

Santa brought gifts to the Village of Greenwich!

After two rounds of much-anticipated announcements of the 2021 New York State CFA grant recipients, in late December, the Village of Greenwich was thrilled to learn that two grant applications were funded.

The first is the New York Main Street grant from NYS Homes and Community Renewal for a total of \$428,500.

- Ten downtown buildings on Main Street will participate in the grant awarded to the Village in December.

- In 2016, the Village was awarded an earlier grant from NYS Homes and Community Renewal for the renovation of Wallie's of Greenwich which was completed this year and is open for

business.

- The 10 building projects in the new grant will involve both facade and interior renovations.

- The grant is a matching grant, with 75% of the cost of each project covered by the grant and 25% match from the building owner.

- Construction will begin on some projects starting in late spring through the fall of 2022.

- A consultant will administer the grant in partnership with the Village staff.


And in another win, the Village was awarded \$304,000 from the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation Water Quality Improvement Program (WQIP) toward a new disinfection system for the effluent from the wastewater treatment plant. This system will significantly improve the quality of the water released from the plant into the Batten

Kill. The funds from the grant will cover about 75% of the cost of the Department of Health-mandated disinfection system.

Work on both grants will commence in early 2022.

Pam Fuller is Mayor of the Village of Greenwich.

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Tingley to talk at Greenwich Library

Greenwich Free Library will host author Ken Tingley discussing his recent book, "The Last American Editor," with WAMC radio host, Joe Donahue on Thursday January 13th at 6:30 PM in the Community Room at the Greenwich Free Library.

"Ken's book is a vital reminder of the necessity of local reporting and small-town newspapers. I am thrilled to bring Ken and Joe, two superstars of local media, together to highlight Ken's book, and to discuss the past, present, and future of journalism," says Sarah Murphy, library director.

Ken Tingley was the editor of The Post-Star in Glens Falls, N.Y. from 1999 to 2020. During his tenure, the newspaper won a Pulitzer Prize in editorial writing in 2009, and was recognized by the New York State Associated Press Association with its "Newspaper of Distinction" award nine times while winning more than a dozen national awards for its journalism.

At The Post-Star Tingley wrote an award-winning local news column that was regularly honored by the New York State News Publishers Association and the New York State Associated

Press Association. When Tingley retired in July 2020, his column had been named a finalist by the National Society of Newspaper Columnists in 8 of the previous 10 years, and was honored with a first-place award in 2016.

He married his wife, Gillian, in 1982 and they had a son, Joseph, in 1996.

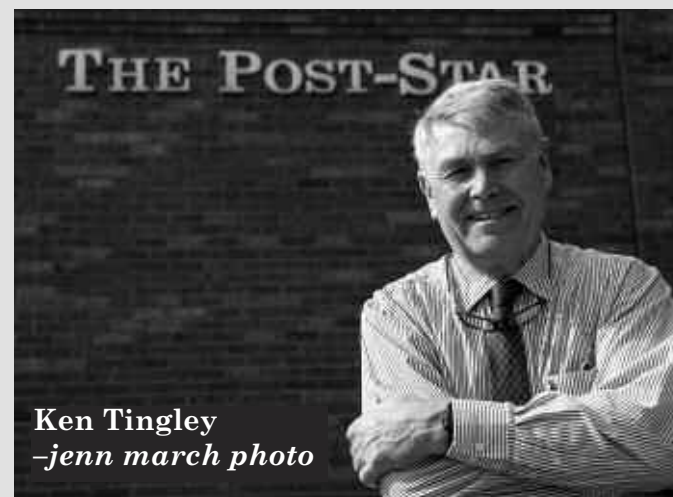
"The Last American Editor" is Ken's first book. His second book, "The Last American Newspaper," is a memoir of his time at The Post-Star, and will be published in 2022 by McFarland Books.

Considered one of the nation's pre-eminent radio interviewers, Joe Donahue is Senior Director of News and Programming for WAMC/Northeast Public Radio and has been with the station since 1994. He is best known for his continuing work as a talk show host and interviewer on the daily program, "The Round-Table." He also hosts the weekly nationally syndicated half hour program with renowned authors, "The Book Show."

Health and safety at the event: "Anyone who reads the paper or listens to Joe on the morning

radio knows that precautions are necessary to ensure the health and safety of everyone at the library," says Murphy. The event is limited to 25 participants, and all attendees must show proof of full vaccination at the door.

Registration is required. Email grn-director@sals.edu or call the library at 518-692 7157 to reserve your spot. Books will be available for sale through Battenkill Books in Cambridge, NY.



Ken Tingley
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2021's best nonfiction books

Jill Schlesinger

Special to Journal & Press

One of the coolest parts of my job is interviewing authors of books that pique my interest--and then compiling my favorites into a "best of" list. Given the chaos of 2020, I skipped this annual ritual last year, but happily, I present Books of the Year, Jill on Money style. In each case, I have interviewed the author on my podcast, so feel to take a listen.

"The Whiteness of Wealth: How the Tax System Impoverishes Black Americans – And How We Can Fix It" by Dorothy A. Brown

"I became a tax lawyer to get away from race," says professor and author Dorothy A. Brown. But there was no escaping – after helping her parents prepare their tax returns, Brown began a journey to discover how the U.S. tax system is the root of the racial wealth gap. From attending college to getting married to buying a home, Brown argues that Black Americans find themselves at a financial disadvantage compared to their white peers. The results are an ever-increasing wealth gap and more black families shut out of the American dream.

"The Practice of Groundedness" by Brad Stulberg

Spoiler Alert: After early career success, author and career coach Stulberg was blindsided by a difficult diagnosis, which prompted him to make sig-

nificant changes in his life. The result is a book that highlights the angst, restlessness, frayed relationships, and exhaustion that often accompanies achievement and offers a healthier, more sustainable model for success.

"Trillions: How a Band of Wall Street Renegades Invented the Index Fund and Changed Finance Forever" by Robin Wigglesworth

I wrote about this book when discussing indexing, but if you are a nerd who likes the history of finance (who, moi?), this book is a gem. Wigglesworth brings us back in time to trace the roots of the elegant investment solution that index funds became.

"Machiavelli for Women: Defend Your Worth, Grow Your Ambition and Win the Workplace" by Stacey Vanek Smith. There is nothing more fun than talking to your friend about her book--in this case, NPR host and author Stacey Vanek Smith, who has been covering economics and finance for years. Vanek Smith has an uncanny way of diving deep into a thorny topic like gender pay inequality and coming up with valuable and actionable advice.

"How to Change: The Science of Getting from Where You Are to Where You Want to Be" by Katy Milkman.

"If you want to change your behavior or someone else's, you're at a huge advantage if you begin with

a blank slate," writes Wharton Professor and author Katy Milkman. Milkman has devoted her career to the study of behavior change and, in this book, she shares ways to identify and overcome common barriers to change, such as impulsivity, procrastination, and forgetfulness. That said, don't expect a quick fix elixir to cure what ails you, because many of our internal obstacles "are like symptoms of a chronic disease. They won't just go away once you've started treating them. They're human nature and require constant vigilance."

"The Premonition: A Pandemic Story" by Michael Lewis. Who else but storied author Michael Lewis could tell the complicated story of a once-in-a-century public health crisis? Lewis' compelling characters draw us into the narrative, which becomes a sweeping indictment of the Centers for Disease Control and a bureaucratic system that does not allow for brilliant renegades to implement their work--and save lives.

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Battlefield to get huge facelift

The primary visitor experience at Saratoga National Historical Park is about to benefit from \$6.6 million in funding provided by the Great American Outdoors Act (GAOA). Extensive work on the park's popular, self-guided battlefield Tour Road will begin in 2022 and result in increased accessibility and visible improvements to the parking areas, trailheads, walkways, seating, exhibits and viewing areas along the ten-mile-long route. Be sure to check the park website for information about temporary road closures during construction.

"This project is an extraordinary opportunity to invest in our visitors and enhance their enjoyment and understanding of the Saratoga Battlefield and the events that took place here. It is a big step in preparing the park for the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution and interpreting the critical role that the Battles of Saratoga played in turning the tide of Revolution and changing the world," said Saratoga NHP Superintendent Leslie Morlock.

The current Tour Road experience is more than 50 years old. This renovation will expand physical access and safety enhancements for more than 100,000 visitors annually and eliminate \$4 million of the park's maintenance backlog. It will also be instrumental in preparing the park for the extra attention it will receive related to the upcoming 250th anniversary commemorations of the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 2026 and of the battles in 2027. Visit www.nps.gov/sara for more information.

May: Glamping and the mascot election

Our first May issue included a story we'd first covered before the pandemic. A group called Camp Rockaway won the rights to set up "glamping" tents along the Hudson River in Schuylerville. Covid-19 got in the way, but by 2021 they were finally ready to give it a try and were able to have a few tents available, that two people could reserve for \$149-249/night (add another \$99 if you'd like to add a pup tent for two more people).

Director Kent Johnson said that while the sites were to be nice, they weren't going to be ostentatious. "It's glamping, but more like camping. It's not over-the-top fancy," he said. "This is intended for people who want to go camping, but also sleep in a bed. We don't do massages or breakfast in bed.

"The typical clientele are couples where one person likes camping and the other doesn't. This is a happy medium."

While he expected that much of the clientele would come from downstate, especially during track season in Saratoga, he also expected many local residents to try this out.

Greenwich girls varsity soccer was deep into

the season and undefeated (remember, fall sports were played in the spring due to Covid).

"There are many reasons for the program's turnaround, from the Greenwich youth program to the hard work by both players and coaches at the modified and JV levels," Coach Jeff Davidson said. "Our varsity program focuses on fundamentals and teamwork as well as incorporating different styles of play. The girls have bought into the system and continue to improve in all aspects of the game weekly."

It was also announced that the Whipple City Festival would return. "After the difficult decision to call last year's Whipple City Festival due to the coronavirus pandemic and subsequent restrictions, the Chamber is excited to hold this community event," said Kelly Stephen Eustis, Managing Director of the Greater Greenwich Chamber of Commerce. "With a focus on recovery for businesses and organizations, the festival is transforming into a street fair to help our local economy."

In our mid-May, we continued our

mission of interviewing all candidates in contested elections in our region. No other paper is doing this, not even the dailies.

The Cambridge school board race was particularly interesting, because that community has been fiercely divided over whether or not to drop their Indian mascot. Two seats were open and two of five candidates, Dillon Honyoust and David Shay Price, were in favor of keeping the name. They would end up winning the election by a 2:1 margin.

Honyoust, who himself is Native American, said: "We need to promote self-awareness and kids feeling comfortable in their own skin."



June: Candidates announce

Our early June edition announced the candidates for Greenwich Town Board.

The Greenwich Town Republican Committee nominated incumbent Don Ward for Supervisor; Julie Sipperly and Liv Thygesen for Council; incumbent Kimberly Whelan for Clerk, and Jeff Derby for Highway Superintendent for the fall election. On the Democratic side, School Board President Jim Nolan was slated to take on Ward. He was joined by Council candidates Jim Mumby and Thomas Graves, two popular local independents who joined him on the Democratic line. The Democrats did not contest Clerk and Highway posts, so Whelan and Derby would win, unopposed.

Longtime Republican Town Board members Steven Patrick and Eric Whitehouse decided not to run for re-election.

Ward noted that, unlike the Democratic ticket, the GOP was running female candidates; except for former supervisor Sara Idleman, a woman hadn't served on the Council in

recent memory.

"But we didn't pick them because they are women candidates. We picked them because they are the best candidates," he said.

"They are more than qualified. They probe and ask good questions. I want to work with a group that challenges our policies and takes on important issues. ... Being on the board is not about politics, it's about service."

Nolan told writer Annabel Gregg: "I want to run for public office because I believe the citizens of Greenwich deserve a town government that provides the services and strategic planning necessary to meet their needs and attract new families to Greenwich. Doing this requires listening to what the citizens want and working with the other town government officials and partners to make the community a better place to live. I have the desire and experience to make this happen."

Meanwhile, Ward was facing a battle on another front. He and former Republican Highway Superintendent Stan Mattison would continue to argue back and forth on the Letters page.

Our mid-May issue's cover publicized Washington County's broadband survey and artist Jacob Houston's pop-up show.

Inside, the Greenwich Town Board discussed the potential for marijuana sales legalization in town, and local school districts started to announce their Top 10 students and college scholarship winners. Katie Larmon was named Washington County Dairy Princess.



July: Wallie's returns

Our early July edition highlighted all of the efforts of the Village of Greenwich to reclaim brownfields and raze abandoned properties.

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

For example, the median age decreased in both the Village and the Town of Greenwich, down to 35.8 for the Village and 39.9 for the Town. This finding again makes Greenwich unique in Washington County. The median age for Washington County is 44.2, an increase from 41.2 since 2010.

The Village has become more affluent, as well. The median household income in the Village has grown at an average annual rate of 3% (since 2010) while the median household income in the

Town has decreased slightly (-0.3%) over that same period, and that of the County has remained relatively unchanged (increasing by just 0.2%).

This issue was pretty jam-packed: Fort Salem Theater was finally revived after years of vacancy (and then Covid), thanks to the new ownership of Kyle West, debuting with "Next to Normal"; our sports section carried a great story about Greenwich baseball and an unusual act of sportsmanship; the Greenwich Library had a grand reopening, with lots of new, elaborate woodwork; and the new Middle Falls Route 29 Bridge was dedicated.

Our mid-July issue announced the triumphant return of Wallie's restaurant on Main Street in Greenwich.

Word got out slowly, mostly via the Internet and casual conversation, that Wallie's restaurant – once a staple in the Village of Greenwich for 70 years, until 2003 – had been beautifully restored and now was serving drinks and dinner. By its

first weekend, the new version of the historic restaurant was hopping, with tables full, laughter and good times; as if the restaurant had always been there and had never stopped serving.

The Greenwich Town Board met and they were addressed by local resident and business owner Holly Harris about the assessment process. She decried a "nasty ass" letter she'd gotten from town assessor Colleen Adamec challenging Harris' credentials to critique the town's process. Ward backed the town assessor as the conversation grew testy.

Also, Greenwich Free Library director Annie Miller announced her retirement.



August: It's anonymous

The early August issue detailed yet another anonymous letter apparently mailed to all Village of Greenwich homes.

This one asked Village of Greenwich residents if their taxes are too high, and suggested dissolving the village is the answer.

The letter had no return address and was postmarked from Albany on July 16 with first-class flag stamps and customized computer printed labels naming the homeowner(s) at each address on blank white envelopes. Inside was a letter-sized page of type telling residents how a village could be dissolved (via citizen-initiated petition or village trustee vote and then public referendum vote) and the benefits of dissolution (the Town of Greenwich, which would absorb the village, would get a Citizen Empowerment Tax Credit (CETC) from the state, which has provisions in the law to incentivize village dissolution.

"Our recent survey of police processes revealed that a majority of people who answered

the survey and who participated in the process were in favor of the police and the department," Greenwich Mayor Fuller said. "This is one reason that I don't think a dissolution referendum would pass."

We spoke to Salem Town Supervisor Evera Sue Clary. Her town did absorb the former Village of Salem, but she didn't think the time was right for Greenwich to do the same.

"Towns [where villages dissolved] are not rolling in money, and they can only raise taxes a certain amount every year," she said, noting that the state has yet to implement showing savings from the dissolution on tax bills.

Clary added that the tell-tale sign that a village should consider dissolution is if it is having trouble finding people to run for elective office.

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



sor said.

Our mid-August issue announced the return of the county fair, after a year off due to Covid.

The Greenwich Town Board continued to talk about hosting a marijuana referendum to let voters decide on how legalization will look here. The Village of Greenwich announced new Electronic Vehicle charging stations. Owl Pen Books announced the store was being put up for sale. Comfort Food Community announced it was acquiring the former Toy Works building in Greenwich. Schuylerville Community Theater announced its comeback with "Matilda Jr."

September: Flags for Main Street

Our early September issue was a bit rushed because our printer was closing shop and we had to find a new one.

The main story featured a church's revival. As part of its campaign to raise funds for the restoration of its bell tower and other parts of the church building, St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Salem held a raffle of a painting donated by George Van Hook. The well-known artist's painting, titled "Morning Cast on the Battenkill," depicts a familiar local scene of a fish-

erman on the river long known as a mecca for fly-casting.

Our mid-September issue got readers back up to speed.

This issue detailed the efforts of some citizens to get flags installed on poles throughout Greenwich Town and Village. They were successful. The flags are down for the winter, but will be back in the spring. Flag advocates Mike Savage, Joshua Lee, Ellen Griffin, Matthew Cook, Marie Troy, David Troy and Suzette Kuzmich attended a village Trustees meeting, where Mayor Pam Fuller and DPW chief Leo Flynn were very receptive to the idea.

Local football teams continued to roll. As had happened in the impromptu spring season, Greenwich's offense was high-powered, and was on full display for the fall opener, winning 54-0. Returning quarterback

Jesse Kuzmich put together an impressive performance. To remember those soldiers recently fallen in Afghanistan, the Witches ran onto the field carrying 13 American flags.

Argyle's town board met and discussed how to spend \$344,000 in American Rescue Plan Funds.

Kate Sausville wrote a humorous piece on "The Not-So-Secret Life of Pets." She wrote:

"One of the things I have found myself doing is talking to the cats. It is known that feral cats do not meow and communicate in other ways. Only housecats meow. The more you talk to them, the more they meow back. I wish I had been aware of this when we got them. Too late now. Our cats are quite vocal, and perhaps a tiny bit judgmental. All good cats are. My vet tells me I am a 'generous' feeder, but my cats are quite insistent they are wasting away to nothing, so I feed them. While not quite as spoiled as my sister's cats, they are considered members of our family and treated accordingly."



October: Two mural artists and candidates

October's first cover story featured Scott Lenhardt – now an established artist living in West Ruppert, Vt. – who painted a mural in the Salem CSD gymnasium as a senior 27 years ago, just a couple of months before his graduation. As the gym has undergone a recent renovation, he was called back to his alma mater to touch it up.

He said: "There are things I had to tell myself going in," he said. "I had to tell myself, 'Don't change it. You'll just screw it up. I just have to clean it up.'"

"However, I feel I did a pretty good job back then," he added. "This was a really important piece in my career as an artist. It was the end of my high school run. At the time, I was very shy. But painting this with people watching, it was good timing before going out into the world."

Photos of him touching up his mural went viral on the Journal & Press Facebook page.

"It was like going back in time," he said. "The sketched out pencil marks were still there from '94."

In this issue, Greenwich Democrats began a very organized ad campaign, featuring an ad that also appeared on the only billboard in town.

Local historian Sandy McReynold's told us the history of Green Acres restaurant in Greenwich:

"Nearly 100 years ago, in 1925, Mr. and Mrs. George Randles owned that section of property on what was then known as the Middle Falls road. It was announced in May that Mr. Randles was building a new gas filling station near his home and by July it was completed along with a new 'wayside inn' or tea room, along with space for a camp ground."

In the next October issue, we featured another large-scale artist:

If you've seen a business window in town filled with a drawing of a holiday or seasonal theme, it probably was done by Rachel Truax, 24, a Greenwich, N.Y, resident who brings her paints and brushes with her to decorate anything glass. She was pic-

ture drawing up the Jay's Pizza facade.

Our photos of her at work also exploded on our social media.

We interviewed all four Greenwich council candidates, giving each equal space, and also posted our conversations with them as podcasts.

Our questions were thoughtful and balanced and helped voters decide whom they were going to select in the month ahead.



November: Candidates argue highways

Our first November issue was mailed out well before Election Day and featured a long-form article where the two Greenwich supervisor candidates, Democratic challenger Jim Nolan and Republican incumbent Don Ward, debated via Zoom and moderated by us. At times the debate got testy, and the debate was also released as a podcast.

This exchange got to the crux of the matter, as Nolan would later win by just 14 votes: No doubt the Highway Department kerfuffle from earlier in the year played a role in the outcome.

In the debate, Ward noted that the town kept its budget stable and local property taxes did not increase for most residents.

“We anticipated a 20% cut in a lot of the budget from New York State Aid and other things. Some of it occurred and some of it didn’t occur, but we were able to manage the budget properly... We were able to keep expenses almost the same and we were still able to give our employees a 3% raise. ... I think inflation is going to be very strong this year so we were able to help our employees.”

Nolan countered: “Certainly we all pay taxes, and want our taxes to stay stable, so I’m a very big proponent of that, as well.” However, he questioned how this year’s stability was achieved. “As Don said, last year we thought we were going to take a 20% hit on certain things, yet we ended the year with a \$150,000 surplus. How did that happen? Well, I think there’s a few reasons why that happened. As Don said, some positions weren’t filled, in particular the highway department.”

Nolan added: “My question there is: Were things not done in the highway department because we didn’t have, at least in my calculation, one and a half bodies in there that we normally have?”

Former GOP highway superintendent Stan Mattison also placed an ad in the paper endorsing the Democratic slate.

Our next November issue highlighted the return of the Lighted Tractor Parade in Greenwich and the Salem Christmas Parade. A bi-

county Covid vaccination marketing push began, as Washington and Warren County had low vaccination rates and high Covid rates.

A color photo pictured a group of children dressed as “A League of Their Own,” who had easily won the Chamber of Commerce’s Halloween Parade costume contest.

Cody Fitzgerald told us how to survive the holidays:

“Shut off *A Christmas Story*. It’s too early and you don’t need that negativity in your life.”



December: Holiday lights

The early December issue told us about Everlasting Lights – the 50 trees lit behind Greenwich Town Hall in remembrance of loved ones who have passed – and other holiday events worth attending.

We also met new Greenwich librarian Sarah Murphy. She has a lot of exciting plans of her own in store for Greenwich’s newly renovated library and its patrons. “It’s so welcoming and bright and beautiful... We are, like every other library in the region, beginning to imagine what it might look like to invite the public in more rigorously.”

Greenwich Town missed a deadline to have a referendum regarding marijuana sales and public usage in the town before year’s end.

“I just made a mistake ... and misspoke at the October meeting,” said town attorney David Klingbiel. Several members of the community, live and via Zoom, chided the board for the missed deadline and the general lack of communication with the public about the potential marijuana law.

“We’re talking about a seismic shift in public policy,” councilman-elect Jim Mumby said during

public comments. “While I tend to be in favor of opting in [to allowing marijuana sales], many people may not be in favor. But there needs to be a conversation.” (Recently, the lame duck town board voted to opt-out and set a referendum date for 2022, but the new incoming town board may rescind all that.)

Windy Hill C-B-D business owner Holly Harris created a Giving Tree for dementia patients at the care home known as “The Mansion” in Cambridge. She collected gift donations and brought them to patients. “What we are asking for are ‘busy gifts,’” Harris said. “Something that engages the brain. Some of them like baby dolls, stuffed animals, anything to do with music, fidget blankets, weighted blankets – anything like that.”

For our final issue of the year, we toured the 1770 Marshall House in Schuylerville. Proprietor David Bullard said that the home was a hide-out and medical triage for British troops and their German mercenaries

during the Revolutionary War.

Baroness Frederika Riedesel’s diary details the house, where she stayed under the duress of Patriot cannon fire from Clarks Mills. Deborah Bailey of Greenwich dressed the part of the Baroness and greeted approximately 80 people who toured the house the Saturday after Thanksgiving.

Greenwich CSD superintendent Mark Fish announced he will retire this coming summer. He cited the people as what he will miss most about working for the school district. “When I was on campus for a full day, I would make it to all three buildings. It’s a commitment I had to get out and see the kids in action, to talk to the staff, and to be accessible to folks... Watching kids be kids and have fun; that’s what I’ll miss the most.”



Greenwich can out-Vermont Vermont

To the Editor:

The recently awarded \$428,500 grant to the Village of Greenwich provides a wonderful opportunity for the Village's downtown businesses. It can provide a shot in the arm for ten of the Village's businesses to enhance the atmosphere downtown. As a former Mayor of the Village Greenwich, 1986-95, I was fortunate to have the opportunity to support and encourage the business and quality of life opportunities for Village residents and business owners. I am proud of bringing Senior Housing into the Village as well as the Gazebo. Both were 3-2 votes before being approved by the Board of Trustees. Livery Square became a center piece of new business vitality after overcoming some challenges beyond the scope of the Village's firm support and efforts. The Greater Greenwich Chamber of Commerce was established to help with business's obtain health insurance along with other benefits.

One area that eluded my efforts to enhance business opportunities was to attract tour

busses to visit the Village. Two areas that prevented tour busses from visiting the Village at that time, was parking and the absence of public restroom(s). Wallies Restaurant was the main attractor for many visitors during that period. Wallies is becoming that again.

The challenges to attract tour busses to visit the Village remain the same today. The challenges I faced back than must obviously be updated, reviewed, and addressed. Is it possible to create a public restroom in the downtown area?

Can tour busses park or have drop off/pick up points in the Main Street area? If tour busses visit the Village, will Main St. businesses be willing to be open on weekends? The Village has so much to offer tourists. The Village has an outstanding history including the Rough and Ready Museum, historical homes and buildings, the under-

ground railroad and so much more. Besides the Village's history and wholesomeness, the businesses and residents of the Town and Village represent Americana at its best. Why should travelers pass through Greenwich on their way to Vermont and elsewhere to shop or have dinner when we can out-Vermont, Vermont.

Louis J. Leone

Former Mayor, Village of Greenwich

Matteson promoted to PFC

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

Jordan Matteson from Salem, N.Y., and assigned to the Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 104th Military Police Battalion received a promotion to the rank of private 1st class on November 13, 2021.

Army National Guard promotions are based on overall performance, attitude, leadership ability, and development potential.

These promotions additionally recognize the best qualified Soldiers and attract and retain the highest caliber Citizen Soldiers for a career in the New York Army National Guard.

For more information about the New York Army National Guard, visit www.dmna.ny.gov or www.1800goguard.com

The New York National Guard (New York State Division of Military and Naval Affairs) is the state's executive agency responsible to the Governor for managing New York's Military Forces, which consists of nearly 20,000 members of the New York Army National Guard, the New York Air National Guard, the New York Naval Militia and the New York Guard.

Mackey Auto Group takes over Chevy dealer

Mackey Auto Group on Dec, 15 announced the acquisition of Whalen Chevrolet of Greenwich, NY, a franchised Chevrolet dealership, previously owned by George and Tim Whalen, that was established in 1981.

Mackey Auto Group owns and operates two auto and truck dealerships in Saratoga Springs, New York – Saratoga Ford and Saratoga Subaru, along with Middlebury Chevrolet in Middlebury, Vermont. Chris Mackey and his son Christopher purchased the two Saratoga Springs dealerships from New Country Motor Group in 2019, followed by the acquisition of Middlebury Chevrolet in 2020. Whalen Chevrolet will be the second addition to their growing dealership group.

Also new to the Mackey Auto Group family is Jeffrey Carrington, Vice-President/Partner.

Jeff will be taking over the helm from the Whalens, handling the day-to-day operations of the newest dealership, to be called MAG Chevrolet of Greenwich. Jeff's relationship with Chris Mackey goes back over two decades to his long-term tenure as General Manager of Toyota of Westport in Connecticut.

"We are excited to bring the Mackey Auto Group family to Greenwich and build on the community spirit established by Tim and George Whalen for the past 40 years," said Mackey Auto Group Managing Member Chris Mackey.

Tim Whalen, Whalen Chevrolet co-owner, added in a statement: "I know that people in Greenwich are going to find the Mackeys and Jeff Carrington are nice people to do business with, just like we already do. Tim also mentioned how important local involvement in the community was to him and feels confident the Mackey Auto Group will continue that tradition."

Arrogance is the enemy of brilliance

Daneen Skube

Special to Journal & Press

Q: *I work with several men that are always the smartest guy in the room. When we're problem solving it's impossible to get them to collaborate. These guys actually are smart but they seem emotionally stupid. How can I get them to realize that arrogance makes problem solving impossible?*

A: You'll get your arrogant co-workers to see arrogance makes problem solving impossible if you shore up their fragile egos. People that seem arrogant may be smart intellectually but they see admitting they don't know anything as a sign of weakness.

When we study high intelligence in children we notice most bright kids are one-trial learners. They see a new skill once and master it. The trouble is many problems in life demand much more than one trial to figure out solutions.

People that have an inability to be vulnerable or ask for help tend to appear arrogant. Arrogance covers up the reality that none of us are always the smartest guy in the room. Even if we excel in one area there are people in every room that know more than us about something.

Industrial psychology studies tell us the best corporate environments foster "learning organizations." A learning organization is where employees are encouraged to make mistakes, expand skill sets, and are receptive to lifelong learning. Humility fosters a learning organization and arrogance

makes this culture impossible.

Ironically as Americans we're often taught that appearing to have all the answers will make others look up to us. The truth is arrogance may appear to be self-confidence from far away. However, close up arrogant people fall apart especially when they face complex problems.

When dealing with arrogant co-workers praise their intelligence, skills, and competency and ask for their help in thinking together about issues. You may think it would be emotionally satisfying to tell your co-workers that they're wrong. However, if you threaten their ego you'll make your situation worse.

If you threaten arrogant people they'll dig in and the casualty will be your results. I know it may seem wrong to praise them but this makes them feel safe and they'll be more cooperative.

If you want to study an excellent example of emotional intelligence when facing arrogance you can review Dr. Anthony Fauci's response during the pandemic. Fauci refused to engage in power struggles and continued to work on finding solutions.

I tell my clients that we should look for humble people to be our teachers. Humility means we know how much we don't know, we're good at asking for help, and we realize we need other people to thrive. Humility means we make few bold declarative statements. We ask questions and listen more than we speak.

I also counsel clients that learning from other people's experience (OPE) is one our greatest

sources of wisdom and effectiveness. The other alternative is to learn from the school of hard knocks which always has expensive tuition.

Realize also that you want to avoid an ego war with arrogant people. What they have no defense against is humility. If you let them know you need their help they can be quite useful.

Also realize to the extent you feel threatened by arrogant people you're not fighting with them. You're fighting an inner battle wondering whether you are good enough. If you can walk away from this inner battle you'll have more freedom and peace in handling arrogance in others.

The more you focus on your results and effectiveness the less you will get engaged in the ego war of arrogant people. Let them be the smartest person in the room and let yourself be the one that gets brilliant results.

The last word(s)

Q: *I have a co-worker that keeps making the same mistake and saying she is sorry. I feel like I should accept her apology but is there a way to know whether she will actually change?*

A: Yes, ask for a specific behavioral plan rather than an apology. People cannot do better until they plan better.

Daneen Skube, Ph.D., is an executive coach and appears on FOX's "Workplace Guru" each Monday morning.



Agriculture talk at Elks

Juggling Cover Crops, Manure and Reduced Tillage will be an interactive forum for farmers and researchers to share ideas and discuss what practices are working on farms. Held at the Greenwich Elks Lodge on January 12, 2021 from 10 am to 3 pm, it is organized by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County, the Agricultural Stewardship Association. Inc., and the Washington County Soil & Water Conservation District. Participants will hear from a panel of farmers in our region about the techniques they have used to increase their use of cover crops and reduce tillage. In addition, Kirsten Workman will speak about her work with farmers in Vermont on manure management, and Aaron

Ristow from American Farmland Trust's Genesee River Demonstration Farm Network will speak about the results the network farmers have seen from incorporating innovative conservation practices on their farms. The format will allow and encourage an exchange of ideas, questions and answers between participants and the farmer panel and researchers. You can attend in-person (\$35, applicable covid-19 regulations will be followed) or online by

Zoom (\$15). In-person and online attendees will be able to ask questions and share experiences. Registration is limited to allow for adequate social distancing due to ongoing COVID concerns. Register online at <https://caahp.cceext.net/civcrm/event/info?reset=1&id=152> by January 10 at 5 pm. If you need assistance with registration, call Cornell Cooperative Extension at (518) 765-3518 or email cce-caahp@cornell.edu.

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The return of the Fort Hardy ice rink

Kohlby Himelrick
Journal & Press

The winter season isn't always the most fun, and many people stay hunkered down inside their homes. That may soon change in the Schuylerville community. A public ice rink will be introduced to the Fort Hardy Park for its second season this year.

The rink will be located on the basketball court at Fort Hardy Park. The rink will approximately be an 80 by 50 foot sheet of ice.

The rink will be open for everyone in the community to use. The community members in charge are working on setting aside certain times where youth and adults can play hockey and free skate.

Schuylerville Mayor Dan Carpenter, alongside volunteers Adam Myers, Dan Baker, Lucas Martindale, Tim LeBaron and Kevin Ballou have been working hard on the construction of the rink. Construction on the ice rink started on December 4.

The ice rink is fully supported by donations. "No tax dollars have been used to fund or maintain the rink," Carpenter said.

The ice rink was proposed to the mayor in the fall of 2020 by Kevin Ballou and Matt Derway.

Ballou has had an ice rink of his own in his backyard for the past 5 years. Both Ballou and Derway have children that play hockey for the Saratoga Blue Knights.

The community response to the ice rink has been great. Schuylerville High School senior Anthony Kelly is extremely excited about the ice rink coming back this winter season." I can't wait to lace up my skates again, last year I had a blast," Kelly said.

Kelly isn't the only community member looking forward to skating. Holly Ostrander-Brown, a member of the Schuylerville Community Facebook page posted, "So glad you are putting this in again ...my kids enjoyed it last year."

Some may ask, how does one construct an ice rink? An ice rink isn't the easiest to construct. A lot goes into the thought and planning phase. First you have to find your spot making sure it is a nice level surface. Once you find the proper spot for your ice rink then you must put up sturdy bracing – if the bracing fails then the whole ice rink fails.



Once the previous steps are complete the rink is ready for a liner and to be filled and checked for leaks. When the rink is being filled, it must be filled all at once. Layers of ice on a rink can cause damage to the liner.

If anyone would like to donate or volunteer to help keep the rink in good shape, contact Mayor Carpenter via email, at dcarpenter@villageof-schuylerville.org.

Woerner's legislative hits

Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner (D-Round Lake) announced that six bills she authored have been signed into law by Governor Hochul. The new laws sponsored by Assemblywoman Woerner will:

- require the New York State Liquor Authority publicly post a daily list of all open license and permit applications received as well as the anticipated length of time that such applications will be processed. The law also requires that the applicant be notified if that estimate changes (Ch. 719 of 2021). This will provide transparency for business owners who are currently not made aware of application processing times, which can take up to six months;
- include the use of broadband internet at-

tachments on existing utility poles, ensure contracts for these attachments are universal within a given town, village or city, and to equitably and fairly distribute the costs of pole replacements when a replacement is required to accommodate an attachment request, thereby streamlining the process of expanding broadband service and reducing broadband costs in rural areas (Ch.723 of 2021);

- allow air transport ambulance service providers (known as "air ambulances") to store and administer transfusions of blood products to patients during transport (Ch 779 of 2021).
- implement an antimicrobial stewardship program and training on antimicrobial resistance and control to help New York meet the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

(CDC) recommendations for hospitals and nursing homes to help reduce the spread of infections (Ch. 737 of 2021);

- establish the Chief James Brooks Jr. Act, inspired by a Whitehall resident, to ensure that volunteer firefighters who suffer a vascular rupture are covered by the Volunteer Firefighter's Benefits Law (Ch. 680 of 2021); and
- create the New York State 250th Commemoration commission to facilitate the planning and redevelopment of the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution in New York State (Ch. 732 of 2021).

For more information on this legislation or any other community issue, visit Assemblywoman Woerner's website at nyassembly.gov/Woerner or contact her office at 518-584-5496 or WoernerC@nyassembly.gov.

Well, how did I get here?

Roger De Korp
Journal & Press

So, how did I find myself writing an opinion column for the Journal & Press? It's a story that I'm not sure the publisher/editor would want me to relate, but I think it speaks very well of him, and based on what my reasons are for taking this column on, I want to tell it.

I never intended to write a regularly published column. It happened because of my desire to support local business, especially one that I think is so important to the fabric of our community, and quite honestly and conversely, my frustration with this newspaper. As a subscriber to the paper and a member of the community, I was very grateful that Darren Johnson purchased the paper and began publishing it again, after tragic circumstances caused the previous publisher to cease publication. I don't purport to know the finances of the paper, but it would be hard to

imagine that it's a big money making operation; this has to be a labor of love on the part of Mr. Johnson.

After several issues of the new Journal & Press were published, I noticed what I perceived as a Liberal bias in many of the contributors, with no corresponding Conservative viewpoints. In our country where the vast majority of the media is controlled and inhabited by Liberals – many of them far Left Liberals – I was tremendously frustrated and disappointed that our local newspaper was more of the same. As such, I wrote a letter to Mr. Johnson (I requested that he not publish it), expressing my frustration with the lack of balance in the paper. I made it clear that “balance” was not code for “conservative”; I simply wanted to see the paper be a vehicle, where within its pages, represented the varied viewpoints of the communities it serves. To his credit, Mr. Johnson responded quickly, and stated that it was not

his intention to have the paper reflect only one side, and didn't feel that it did; he did, however, offer me the opportunity to write for the paper to insure that people with similar viewpoints to mine would be represented. I did not respond to his offer because, stupidly and unfairly, I thought he was just trying to placate me, which was a ridiculous thing to think.

Pausing here for a second, I get that many of you who are

reading this think that I am wrong about the media and the bias of this paper that I wrote of in the previous paragraph. In fact, I think that most of you who read this paper think I'm wrong. My perception, which may or may not be correct, is that many local conservatives don't read this newspaper. I think this through many conversations with people I

‘My perception is that many local conservatives don't read this paper.’

know. My thought is that this started three owners ago, when that publisher championed dissolving the Village of Greenwich. This stance frustrated and angered many, me included, and I thought the massiveness of that championing was inappropriate; an editor/publisher has a right to express their views (hence editorials), but this was way above that. To say the least, this peeved many people, and I think cost the paper a number of canceled/non-renewed subscriptions. Also, anecdotally, in speaking with a number of conservative minded people, they've stated that they don't read the Journal & Press because they believe it to have a liberal bias. All of these things are part of how I got here.

Forward to this past September. I read the issue published on 9/16; I felt there were several instances of liberal bias, with nothing from the other side. I wrote another letter to the editor pointing out these instances, and once again, Mr. Johnson responded quickly; he discussed my points, and once again offered to give me the opportunity to write a regular opinion piece, to give the paper more of the balance I (and oth-

ers) believed was missing. At this point, I was faced with writing constant letters to the editor in a reaction to content I disagreed with, or cancel my subscription (which, although I considered it, was simply something I was not going to do), or do nothing, or accept his offer. Mr. Johnson expressed to me that he had offered people of conservative beliefs the opportunity to write regularly for the paper, but had no takers. After deciding my other options were unacceptable to me, I decided to accept Mr. Johnson's offer.

So here's the crux of the matter: I write this column expressing my views. I research other articles and published data; when possible I try to utilize sources that are accepted by liberals so that what I write is supported by the sources they use and accept. My goal is never to get people to cancel their subscription, which would be totally counter-productive. I write these columns to give voice to those of us who see things very differently than many of you, to attempt to help give more balance to this publication, and in my small way, ultimately make a wider breadth of our community purchase this newspaper and read it. To those of you who agree with what I write, I'm glad that I can represent you in some way. For those of you who don't, I'm grateful that you take the time to read my column. Thanks to each of you.

Roger De Korp is a retired retail multi-unit supervisor. He resides in Greenwich with his wife Colleen.



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Haiku for 2022

Cody Fitzgerald
Journal & Press

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You may be asking yourself
I shall explain it.

Haikus are simple,
Syllables: five, seven, five.
All one sentence each.

Now that you know it,
Let's talk about twenty-one.
Hopefully this works.

Rednecks made a show

Attempted coup; Capitol
Your neighbor was there

COVID's not over.
Claiming so many of us
Get your damn vaccine.

New governor now,
The Cuomo brothers are done,
Oh, Mama Mia!

Bezos spent his cash,
Shot up a flaccid rocket,
Upstate won nothing.

Washington County Fair,
Back after COVID closure,
One sneeze, Upstate gone.

Prince Philip is dead
People here in the upstate
Learned he was alive

Marijuana's here!
Now we are one step closer,
To liking New York

But don't speak too fast,
You're going to need that joint
When filling your car

You may be asking
Why are you writing poems?
When you could just write

I think we don't know,
Just how divided we are,
Hopefully this helps

Funny little lines,
Easily digestible,
To help you realize.

Let's come together,
And make this next year better.
Here's to twenty-two!

Cody Fitzgerald is a 2021 Schuylerville High School grad satirizing anything and everything he can get his hands on. Aspiring to become “one of the cool” High School English teachers, he now attends Siena College and hopes to share this outlook/coping mechanism with future generations.



**AFTER GOING FISHING
WITH HER PARENTS FOR THE
FIRST TIME, SHE WAS ---**

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RC churches news

Sunday Mass at Holy Cross Catholic Church is at 8:15 AM and Tuesday at 9 AM. St. Patrick's celebrates on Sunday at 11:30 AM and Wednesday at 9 AM. Immaculate Conception in Hoosick Falls is Saturday at 4 PM and Sunday at 10 AM and Monday at 9 AM. A coffee hour is hosted at Holy Cross on the first Sunday of the month by the Altar Rosary Society. Mass for the Epiphany will be held at Immaculate Conception on Saturday at 4 PM.

Holy Cross is still seeking paid help with clearing the snow from the sidewalks during the winter. Contact the parish office at 518 677 2757 if you have information on someone that can help. Holy Cross wants everyone to be safe. If you are concerned about the weather, don't drive, be safe. If you are not feeling well, please stay home and take care of yourself. Masks are required.

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The adult bible study: 'Exodus, Part One' is central in the Old Testament giving meaning to everything else in it. Part 1 takes you from slavery to the call of Moses, from plagues to crossing the seas, from captivity to freedom in the Sinai. This study begins the week of January 16 with an introductory 5 lessons. Sign up online at <https://stpatrickslifelong-faith.weebly.com/programs.htm>, or in church by January 9. The parish website, www.bat-tenkillcatholic.org, also has a great deal of current and interesting information.

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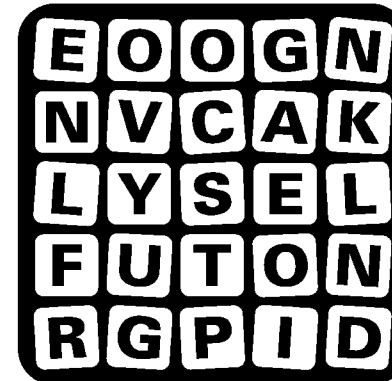
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New Years past

Kaylee Johnson
Journal & Press

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

110 Years Ago

January 12, 1911

For many years, many attempts have been made to organize a literary society in Fort Edward High School. These efforts have been made in vain, until this year, when through the untiring zeal of Professor Lavery, The Platonian Society was organized in the High School November 19, 1910.

The aim of this society is to provide for "general and mutual instruction" in all fields of learning and usages of society. The first regular meeting was held January 5th, 1911. After a very enthusiastic business meeting the topic, "Are Literary Societies Beneficial to a High School?" was decided upon for a debate.

90 Years Ago

January 14, 1931

Good skating has finally rewarded the persistent efforts of the recreation committee of the Greenwich chamber of commerce to maintain the rink on the Gray property near the school building. Mild weather has been against them until within the past few days but a few nights cold enough to make good ice have made a great improvement, and skaters old and young are making the most of the opportunity to enjoy the sport.

Sunday afternoon the Greenwich hockey team scored a victory in their first game of the season on the home rink. They defeated a team from the General Electric works, Schenectady, by a score of 3 to 1. The game was fast

and interesting, and the local boys showed good form.

80 Years Ago

January 15, 1941

An abandoned sled and footprints pointing out onto the ice of the Bat-tenkill led to the discovery of the tragic drowning Juanita and Thomas Winchip, last Friday evening. The little girl, who was three years old, and her brother who was almost five, were the children of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Winchip of this village. They had been playing about the village Friday afternoon, and when they did not return home at supper time, the family started looking for them. Neighbors helped in the search, and Chief of Police John Kerins and Fire Chief Ralph E. Myers were notified... equipped with strong searchlights, the search team rowed down river, and about 150 feet from the spot where the children had evidently fallen they found the body of Juanita Winchip. Somewhat 2,000 feet further down the body of the little boy was recovered.

60 Years Ago

January 11, 1961

Five successful years of mental health service to the community have been concluded by the mental health clinic according to John A. Leary, chairman of the Washington county mental health board. Types of clinical activities were listed in a recent annual report by the mental health board which were distributed to several hundred residents of Washington county.

40 Years Ago

January 15, 1981

It has been quite a year. We had a

winter without much snow, a summer and fall without much rain, and a resulting water shortage that reached the desperate point in some villages, including Greenwich. In between, we went through a census where we discovered that we do not have as many people as we thought, Greenwich got its first woman mayor, we all got a new president, and there were two grand and glorious celebrations as Salem's Washington Academy marked its 200th anniversary and Greenwich had its first Whipple City days, both in summer 1980.

20 Years Ago

January 04, 2001

Continuing a tradition which is one hundred and six years old, a listing of events appearing in The Journal-Press during the year 2000. The practice was begun by Publisher Henry C. Morhous in 1895 with the chronology for 1894. The Greenwich Journal was combined with The Salem Press in 1969 and continued to be published as The Greenwich Journal and Salem Press. For convenience, several years ago with a lengthy official name, the paper banner was shortened to The Journal Press, with the full official title on the right.

In October 2000, we again used the official name, The Greenwich Journal and Salem Press. Convenience for phone or mailing items to the paper, Journal-Press is still in use.

10 Years Ago

January 06, 2011

Stewart's Shops' Holiday Match program completed its 24th year of collecting donations for local children's charities with a record dollar

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Sun-maid Raisons, seedless 26c

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Lyttle's Market

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Main Street

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An ad from this paper 120 years ago

amount registered as of Christmas Day. Stewart's customers contributed \$640,000 and Stewart's Shops is matching that amount for a total of \$1.28 million to be distributed to local children's charitable organizations in the spring.

"We are fortunate in these times to once again be able to grow Holiday Match to a record level up about 2% from last year. The money will be donated back into the communities where it was collected," says Susan Dake, Stewart's Foundation President.

The Funny Page

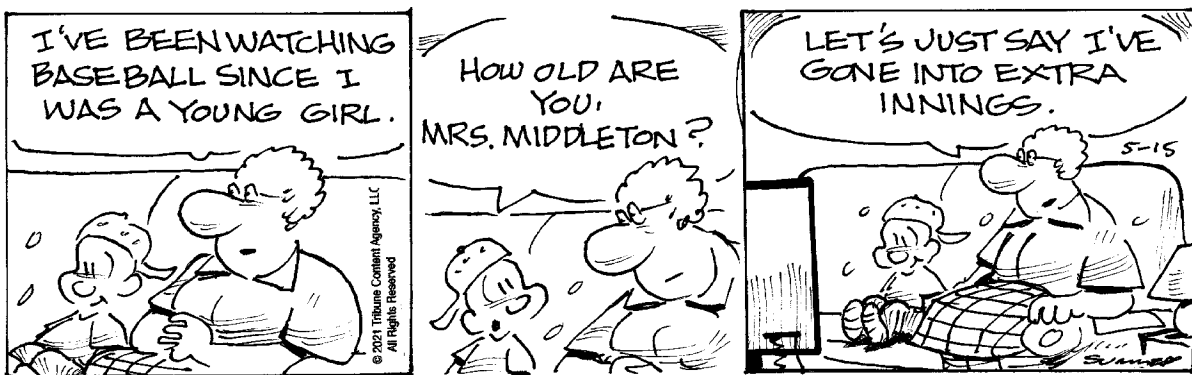
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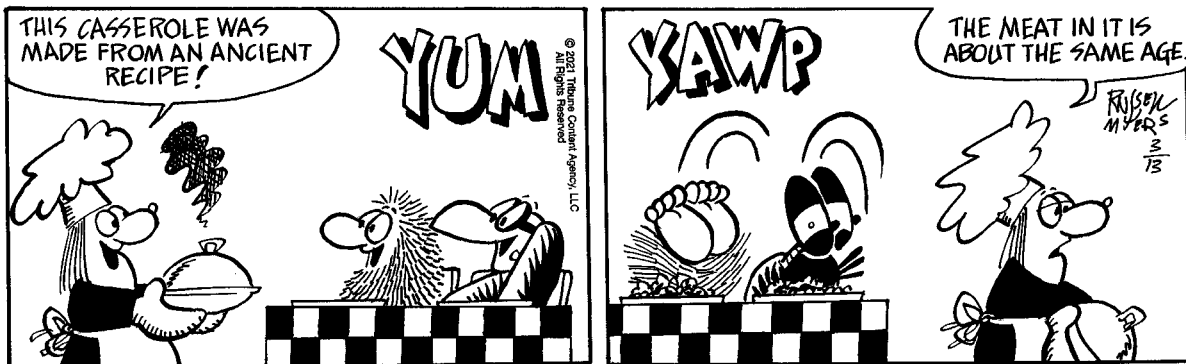
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S	T	Y	L	E	T	S	J	E	M	I	S	O	N
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K	E	Y	S	L	A	U	D	S	O	N	E	S	

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Village of Greenwich Happenings

BOA Plan close to the finish line

Pam Fuller
Journal & Press

For the past year, the Village and Town of Greenwich have been working together through a grant from the Department of State called the Brownfields Opportunity Area Nomination Study. In early 2022, the final report, called “The Greenwich Revitalization Plan,” will be submitted to the NY Department of State.

To recap information that we’ve

discussed before, the grant application required the Village and Town to identify an area of study where the focus would be on underutilized and/or probable contaminated properties. Working together, the committee defined an area that encompasses the Village and continues out through the town to the traffic circle and a bit beyond. The area had to be contiguous, and there was a limit on the size of the area.

This is a planning grant, which is why it’s called a Nomination Study. Once our report is complete and

adopted, the committee will use it to apply for designation. If we’re approved for designation, we will be able to apply for NY Department of State funding called Pre-Development Funding within the BOA program.

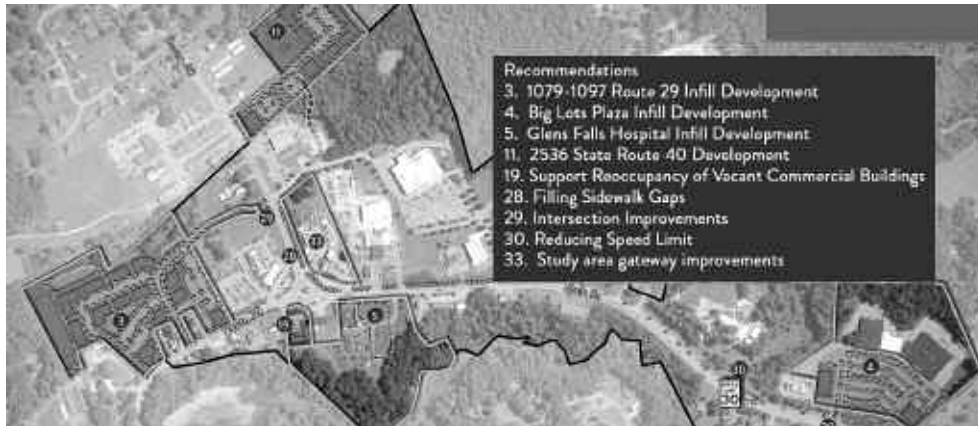
We have held a couple of events where the public was invited to contribute their ideas to the project, and we’ve gotten really good ideas from people. Our consultants have also reached out to many of the business owners in the area for their thoughts.

Before the draft is finalized, though, residents who would like to influence the committee recommendations will have a chance to view the most recent plans and leave their thoughts.

An open house will be held on Tuesday, January 11th and Wednesday, January 12th at the Greenwich Free Library.

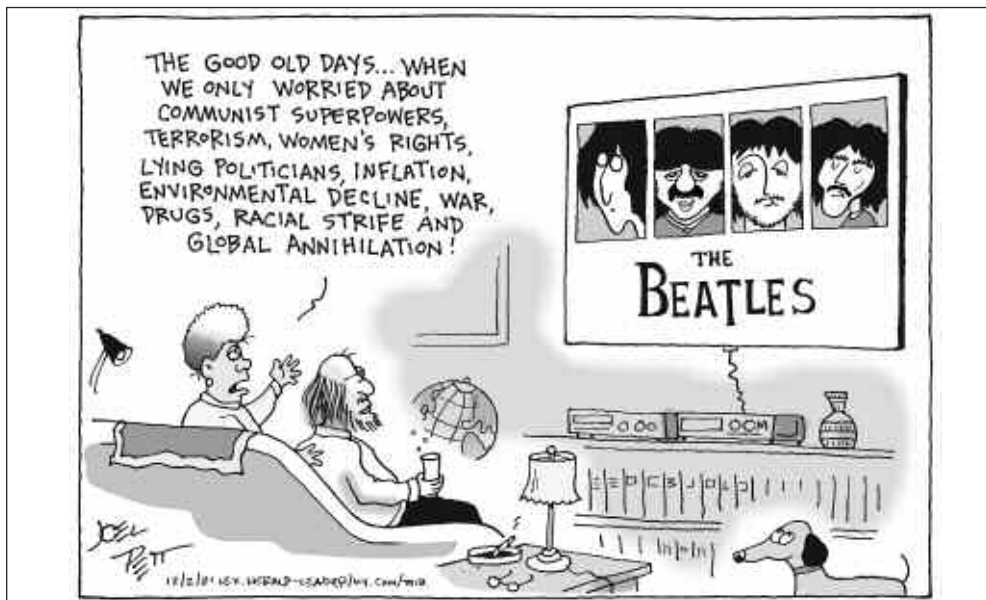
- Representatives from the project team will be available at the Greenwich Free Library on January 11th and 12th from 4 – 6 PM to answer questions and gather feedback.

- The public is invited to stop by the library at any time during the open house.
- Project information



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will remain available for the public to review and submit comments at the library throughout the month of January.

The Greenwich Revitalization Plan was led by the consultant team of Chazen, A LaBella Company, WXY architecture + urban design, and Sidekick Creative and funded through the New York State Department of State’s Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA) program.

An executive summary, summary presentation, and full draft Plan are posted on the Village and Town websites, www.villageof-greenwich.org and www.greenwichny.org. Please submit comments and questions on the draft Plan to ngreenberger@labelapc.com by January 31, 2022.

The graphics provided here represent the plans for the Village and the Town of Greenwich Route 29 corridor.

Pam Fuller is Mayor of the Village of Greenwich.



Cambridge Crossword

(solution page 24)

Across

1 Swedish pop group with the hit "Chiquitita"

5 Top dog

10 Trojan War hero

14 Stroller, in Sheffield

15 Give up, informally

16 Serenity "before the storm"

17 Foamy tubful for unwinding

19 Excessive publicity

20 Needlelike engraving tools

21 Mae __, first Black woman in space

23 Airer of Tyler Perry's "The Oval"

24 Harmonic

25 "Last Week Tonight" network

27 Lumber on a diamond

33 Deli sandwich, initially

34 Nobelist Wiesel

35 Use the exit

36 On the __: quarreling

38 Inn offering a morning meal, briefly ... or a hint to six puzzle answers

41 Whole heap

42 Turns to soup, as ice cream

44 Mystical vibe

46 Jest

47 Bryan Cranston crime drama

50 Investigative journalist Nellie

51 "Check it out for yourself!"

52 Bird in Liberty Mutual ads

54 Ali of "Love Story"

57 Artist's board

61 Loafing around

62 Fish-and-chips coating

64 Old Russian ruler

65 Hosp. trauma pro

66 Caramel-filled candy

67 Shift and Tab

68 Praises highly

69 Small bills

Down

1 Police dept. alerts

2 Very dry, as Champagne

3 Infant's source of nourishment

4 Easygoing pace

5 Help a robber, say

6 Experiment sites

7 Links org.

8 Assassin's assignment

9 Greek goddess of wisdom

10 Trojan War hero

11 Blue birds

12 Purina rival

13 Marvel-ous heroes?

18 Do not disturb

22 Retail complex

24 Like many first-time workers

25 Cold War threat

26 Clearer, as a sky

28 Priest's robe

29 One-named "Chandelier" singer

30 Icon with a left-facing arrow

31 Be of use to

32 Bear in a kid's bed

37 Walks drunkenly

39 Name, as a knight

40 Bikini top

43 Toffee candy bar

45 Journalist Rogers St. Johns

48 Author Allende

49 Period "ushered in"

53 Paris subway

54 Rocking Jagger

55 Axlike tool

56 Potter's material

57 Jab

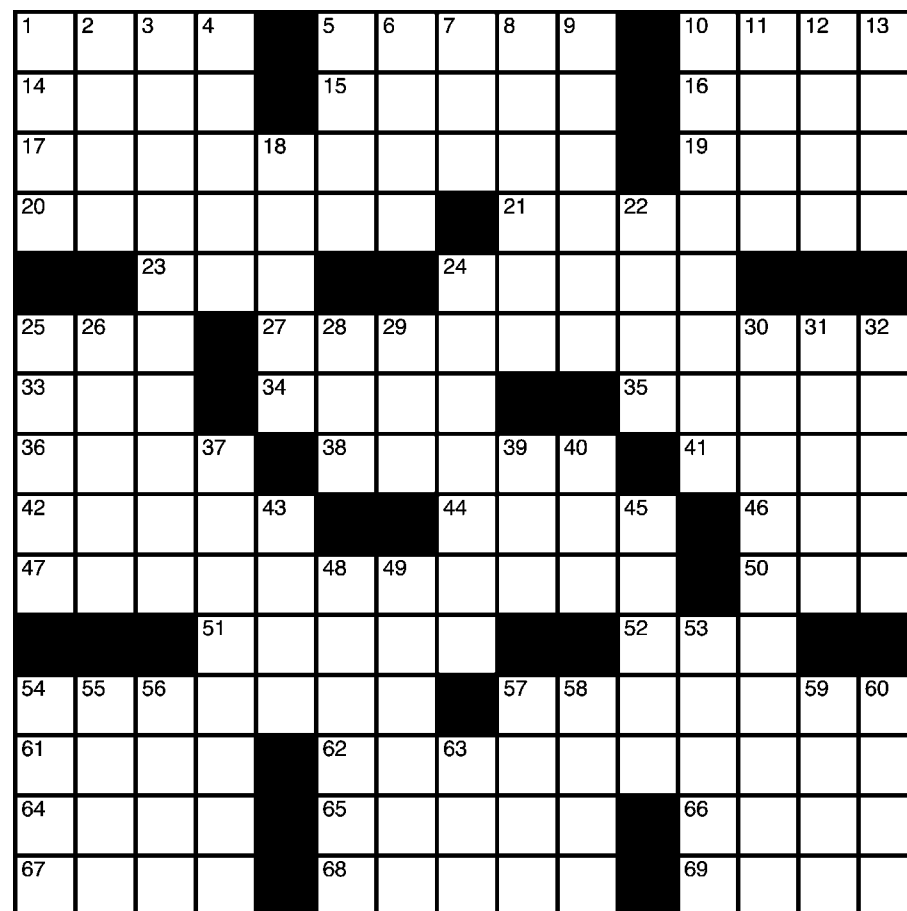
58 Elementary lesson

59 Marketing prefix

60 Greek match-maker

63 Tulane URL ending

ANSWERS ON PAGE 26.



Word Find

By Frank J. D'Agostino (solution page 24)

Find these words that are associated with Sherlock Holmes.

Adventures

Baker St. Books Cases Chemistry Clues Conan Doyle Conclude Crime Detective

Dr. Watson Expert Forensics Handwriting Holmes Inspect Investigate Keen Eye Logic

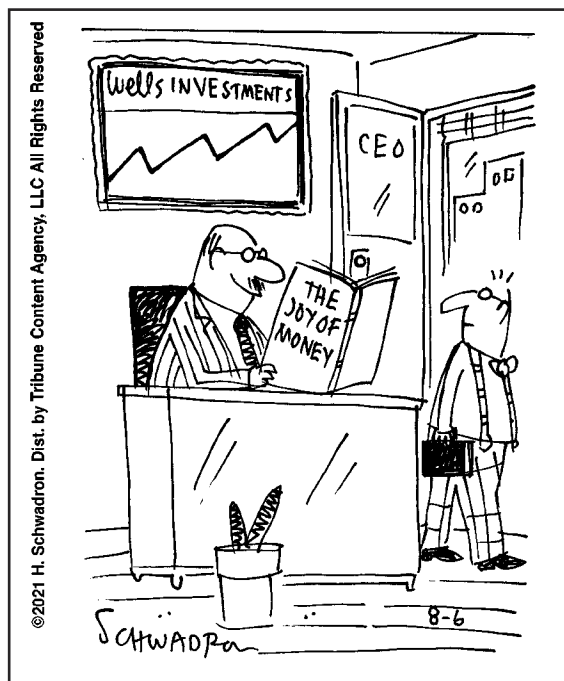
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Solve

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

9 to 5 by Harley Schwadron

Fast Facts



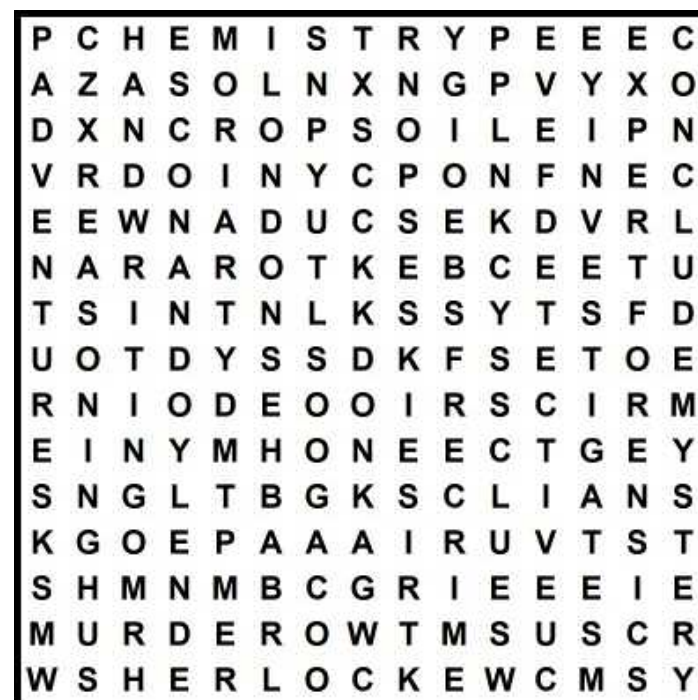
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Jobless claims

Initial unemployment claims, seasonally adjusted, in millions per week



Graphic: TNS
Source: U.S. Department of Labor



The Indian rides again, with conspiracy theories

Lance Allen Wang
Journal & Press

The Cambridge Indian, mascot of my local Cambridge Central School, remains an ongoing controversy. It has pit neighbor against neighbor, a school board against itself, and the New York State Education Department against the school board. At present the state has put a hold on any action to restore the mascot, but one thing is clear – however this resolves, there will be tension and animosity to spare when all is said and done.

I already went into my thoughts about this issue last Spring. My bottom line was to take this issue away from administrators, boards, and anyone older than the age of 18. The students have the most at stake as they must actually cloak themselves with the mascot. There is a student government, the students will be voting adults very soon, and maybe it's time to give student government more responsibility than choosing a theme for the prom.

Since then, one person suggested to me that students were not mature enough to truly understand the issues and what was at stake. Maybe that's true. Maybe not. A letter written by the Class of 2020 President convinced me that perhaps students see more than some adults do. But I'm NOT going to go into the Indian issue in and of itself here. How it resolves is yet to be seen, and it is above local bickering at this point.

Instead, I wanted to write about some of the

strange things that have been coming out of the school board meetings. I want to thank Evan Lawrence, local resident and stringer for the Post-Star up in Glens Falls for his coverage of the meetings. Some of the points that were raised by residents point to a very healthy appetite for conspiracy.

"The mascot issue is critical race theory," said one resident, who then cited the Heritage Foundation which has connected efforts to remove Native mascots to an undefined "transgender agenda," diversity training, the Black Lives Matter movement, and LGBT clubs in schools. For what it's worth, the Heritage Foundation has also been instrumental in promoting debunked claims of election fraud in the 2020 Presidential elections.

'I wish this level of passion addressed our school's reading proficiency rate.'

A retired teacher (!!!) claimed mascot controversies and COVID "are all part of a bigger agenda to destroy democracy and America." She offered no evidence to support this claim.

Another resident explained that "declining grades and behavioral problems at the school are not from the educational disruptions of COVID but from requiring children to wear masks. Masks damage children's brains and development by cutting off their oxygen..." Mr. Lawrence did not indicate if this resident was a doctor but did point out that the American Academy of Pediatrics refuted these claims some time ago.

So, if in fact, this whole mascot controversy is a giant conspiracy, being headed by evil forces operating behind the scenes, such that only these certain people can see it, what shall be done? How do we find out who is behind these malevolent

goings-on? Several months ago, at a school board meeting, one resident decided he knew the answer. "[He said] financier George Soros was behind the national drive to remove Native-



themed mascots." So, if you were playing conspiracy-theory bingo, congratulations – you got Soros for the win. And of course, no, there was no specifics or evidence to support this claim either.

Last Spring, I decided my stake was smaller in the whole school issue, because I don't have kids. I've since changed my mind on that, since I pay plenty in taxes to the school. And there is a proven connection between a high-quality school and other measurable quality of life indicators in an area.

With that in mind, I'm going to end this with two points that I would like to see our school board focus on moving forward. First, I wish that there was this level of passion before the school board when dealing with issues such as the fact that our school's reading proficiency is barely in the top 50% in the state. Second, what skills can we provide to help our children determine fact from fiction in an age when social media and irresponsible talking heads on television help perpetuate reality-bending conspiracy theories?

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