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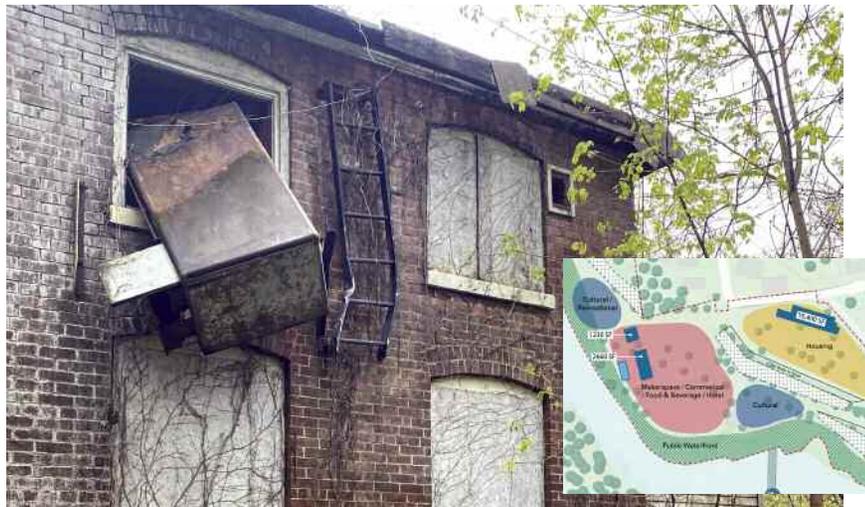
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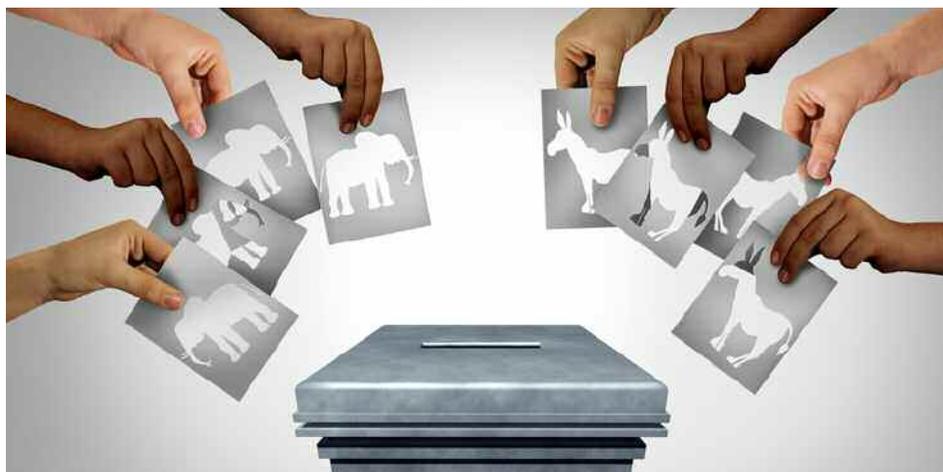
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## The super debate

We look at local races and also sponsor a debate – which spans two pages – between Greenwich Town Supervisor candidates: Democratic challenger Jim Nolan vs. Republican incumbent Don Ward. Also, read lots of election-related letters! Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 2.

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# Ham Harvest Dinner

On Saturday, Nov. 6, the Annual Ham Harvest Supper will be continuously served from 4:30 to 6 p.m., at Old Saratoga Reformed Church at the corner of Pearl and Burgoyne Streets in Schuylerville. This year it is a drive through dinner only. The menu is: Baked ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, squash, green beans, Dutch Kraut, roll, and home-made apple crisp.

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# Gardening for Good in Salem

This summer saw an expansion in the Historic Salem Courthouse's community garden. With use of the Food Pantry nearly doubled during the pandemic, the Courthouse took an important step in helping to address food insecurity and nutritional needs within the community.

The garden was doubled in usable size to support the Pantry. With the help of Amy Maxwell's high school students, a great deal

of work was accomplished in the spring; a large tarp was removed from the new garden space, cardboard and chips from the town were laid on most of the pathways, and fencing was constructed around the garden perimeter. All of the plants in the food pantry garden were donated. Organizers send many thanks to the Laura and Peter Dunham, Zena Pesta, the Southerlands, and Marty and Lisa Hunt of Braydon's Garden for their generosity.



The garden was also supported financially through donations from Glens Falls National Bank, the Salem Rotary, the Salem Chamber of Commerce, Don McPhee, Laura's Garden, Borador Animal Hospital, Joyce Getty and Bill and Sue Clary. Volunteers who lent their support throughout the entire gardening season included Gerry and Priscilla Cutler, Zena Pesta, Bill Clary and Martin White. Their labors, especially during 90-degree days, was admirable, organizers note. They also reportedly appreciated the artistic efforts of Elena Quartararo and Georgia Moore, who created the garden's sign. And none of this would be possible without the Sheldons and Woody Hill Farm allowing the use their farm land.

The summer's harvests have included herbs, tomatoes, winter and summer squash, cucumbers, hot and sweet peppers, red and green

cabbages, carrots, beans, celery and beets. Fresh food is particularly important to add to donations from individuals, Hannaford's, and the Regional Food Pantry.

Melissa Curtis of the Food Pantry noted that hours will continue to be Saturday mornings from 9:30-11:30. There is a particular need right now for donations of items that are used during the fall months, especially the Thanksgiving holiday. Canned vegetables such as corn and green beans, hearty soups of all varieties, pasta dishes such as Knorr's, coffee, baking items, and paper towels are needed. The Pantry is located at 32 East Broadway in Salem. Monetary donations can be brought to the Glens Falls National Bank, or checks can be made out to the Salem Ecumenical Food Pantry and mailed to PO Box 376, Salem, NY 12865.

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## Greenwich Seniors

The Greenwich Senior Citizens meet on the first and third Wednesday of each month at the Bottskill Baptist Church. Crafts or Projects at 10 a.m.; Lunch and Program or Meeting at 12 noon. New members and guests are welcome. November 3 is the annual Veteran's Day celebration. All Veterans are invited to share a luncheon at 12 Noon and hear from a veteran organization. Members are asked to invite a veteran to the meeting. A Spring trip is being planned by the group to Virginia Beach and Norfolk, Va., to see the Virginia International Tattoo Show (precision military drill teams, acrobats and choral groups) together with tours and activities. Call Eileen at 518-937-1828 for more information.

# Greenwich supervisor candidate debate

**Darren Johnson**

*Journal & Press*

In an at-times testy debate where they both took jabs at each other, the two candidates for Greenwich Town Supervisor – challenging Democrat Jim Nolan and incumbent Republican Don Ward – met in a Journal & Press interview via Zoom on October 12. The full debate can be heard on JournalandPress.com. Here are the highlights:

## Introductions and Transparency

Nolan, a tenured professor and former dean at Siena College, noted that he has an MBA in Finance and PhD in Public Administration, and has a long record of community service. Currently he leads Greenwich's library and school boards and serves on the town planning board.

He said he is a consensus-builder: "That's what I want to bring to town government. I want to bring that same skill to town government."

When we get Covid relief funds," Nolan used as an example, "I would meet with the citizens to decide how we should spend that and not just put it in the budget and spend it how I see fit. Those are the kind of things that I mean by transparency."

Ward, first a former US Marshal who was elected two years ago, took issue with that statement: "I don't hide [the Covid funding]. I've been transparent all along with it, and I've said continually in the board meetings that I'll leave that up to the next administration on how to spend and how to go about it. If I am elected, of course there is a budget process where I will listen to everybody on how to do it."

Continuing his introduction, he noted, "Greenwich is unique. It's a \$2-million business. We provide vital services to citizens. I look at spending their hard earned tax dollars wisely as important."

Ward noted he frequently examines the budget and expenses. "Last year, the taxable portion of the budget was the same and will be this year. There will be no tax increase for the citizens. I think that's very important."

On transparency, Ward added: "I put everything out there. I talk about a portion of the budget at every town board meeting. We have all our expenses and revenues posted. ... We constantly put things on our Facebook page. So we're transparent, we get things out there."

Ward added that he doesn't take a salary. "I

think it's important for public service. I try to show I'm here for the public. I'm not here for my own benefit. I'm here. I post my schedule. I'm here every day. To me, availability is transparency."

## Town Property Taxes

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."

"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?"

Nolan attributed the \$150k+ surplus in this year's budget to budget cuts from last year, cuts to contributions to community organizations, including the library, and the addition of American Relief Act monies. "I applaud Don for keeping the taxes stable. They certainly did help, but [budget cuts, contributions, and ARA monies] are not there every year. ... While I certainly believe in tax stability, I don't think you can cut your way to prosperity. You have to invest your way to prosperity."

Ward rebutted Nolan's highway department comment, citing the foreman took over for the superintendent who had retired. "The highway superintendent is the one who hires and fires in that situation. When a part-timer moved into a full-time position, there were some savings. So now, it's not cutting; it's managing our way forward."

## The Future of Greenwich

Ward's administration has initiated a water

study, where, perhaps, public water lines could extend beyond the village into the town, as far as the Route 29 traffic circle and to Route 40.

Nolan opened the topic by referencing the comprehensive plan developed in 2004, a plan which identifies the need for water in the Route 29 corridor's commercial growth, a prerequisite that had been well established, he said. "It's been a long time where nothing really was done on that. I know the town is trying to get a grant to do a feasibility study."

Having spoken with Mayor Pam Fuller, one of Nolan's concerns is, "The village is not fully involved with the Route 29 corridor's commercial growth and that the village has the water..."

"Will we need more wells and more facilities and so on to provide more water out there? I'm certainly looking for that [information]."

"I don't want to see more big box stores in Greenwich because I want to keep Greenwich the way it is now. We do have a Hannaford, we do have a Big Lots and so on, but we don't need a Walmart, for instance. I think what we need are businesses that are more conducive to the type of businesses that Greenwich people use and will bring in tax revenues on that corridor."

Ward responded: "I did talk to [Mayor] Pam Fuller about it. I told Pam that once we have the feasibility study done, that's when we can have discussions. It's hard to have discussions when you don't know what the possibilities are."

According to Ward, the feasibility study will look at the possibility of the town having its own water system. "There is the question of 'can the village supply outside the village and into the town?' The feasibility study is looking at it from two different angles: one from a village supply and one from the town."

Having spoken with business owners and property owners on the corridor, Ward said he knows the importance of hard infrastructure, namely water, to bringing business and housing to the area. "How we do it? That's why we're doing the feasibility study. There will be input from all the residents because this is a major project, and it's not just something that's done by a few people. It's a community effort." With its walkability to staples such as Hannaford's and CVS, Ward cited the corridor as ideal for diverse housing such as senior housing.

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# Concert to benefit St. Paul's Church

On Sunday, Nov. 7, at 3 p.m., St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Salem will host a concert of piano and violin music performed by well-known area musicians Dan Shulman and Kaori Washiyama. This also will be the first time that the church's piano – now at St. Paul's on long-term loan from parishioner Jared Stamm who received it as a gift from a musician relative – will be heard. Music will include works by Bach, Mozart, and Ravel.

The concert is being presented through the generosity of the musicians to benefit St. Paul's restoration project, and donations from attendees will be gratefully received.

Originally the church was seeking funding for the repair of its bell tower, and parishioners and the community responded. Then it was discovered that the parish faced an even more extensive problem: The walls of the nave are splaying out and, before work can begin on the tower, this problem has to be addressed.

That means that the walls must be pulled back into place slowly through the placement of tension rods in the interior and repair of the foundation supports outside when the walls are in place.

Work on this first phase of the church restoration project is expected to begin this fall.

Once the nave walls are repaired, work can begin on tackling the repair of the bell tower and the underlying moisture problem that has compromised the tower.

The additional work raises the estimated cost of repairs from \$90,000 to \$200,000. So far \$125,00 has been raised through the generosity of members of St. Paul's and the community.

Recently, the church was awarded a grant of \$30,000 by the Sacred Sites program of the New York State Landmarks Conservancy. Previously, the parish received a grant from

this program to fund an engineering study. St Paul's joins more than 800 houses of worship across the state of New York that have been aided by this program.

The parish is actively pursuing additional grants, but continued support from friends and neighbors still is very much needed and appreciated.

On the day of the concert, donations may be left in the receptacle at the entrance to the church. Donations also may be made online at [stpauls-salem.org](http://stpauls-salem.org).

Due to the continued presence of Covid in the community, it is highly recommended that those attending the con-



Dan and Kaori

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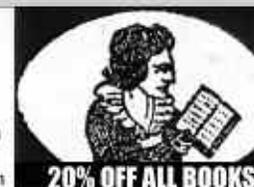


## Treats/books

The Friends of Easton Library invite you to come to the library on Tuesday, Nov. 2, for the annual Election Day Bake & Book Sale. You will find an assortment of homemade baked goods and a huge variety of books for all ages, audiobooks and movies. This popular annual event runs from 9 a.m. – 8 p.m. Donations accepted before 8 a.m. at Burton Hall.

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# Local elections roundup

**Darren Johnson**  
*Journal & Press*

Since our last edition, we sent messages to Washington County candidates and party chairs in our region who are in (non-judicial) competitive races; some responded, some didn't. Over in Saratoga Town, the League of Women Voters tried to get the candidates together, which we were going to piggyback on for coverage, but candidates backed out and the events were cancelled. One gets the feeling that, since Covid, and considering what's being propagated on sites like Facebook, some candidates are subscribing to ideologies that make them distrustful of open forums; and this is not an editorial, but voters should decide if they want to elect candidates who are open books, or not. Yes, some of our towns are quite small – and maybe a candidate can win on word-of-mouth – but several candidates do not have Facebook pages, web sites or any other way for a voter (or this paper) to learn about their candidacy. When a town's politics becomes non-competitive, the conversation ends, and it's hard to move forward.

(On a positive note, all Greenwich candidates in competitive races were very open to interviews, which were recorded and now are available on [JournalandPress.com](http://JournalandPress.com).)

In any case, here are the non-judicial competitive races in Washington County, outside of Greenwich, where we got responses from candidates and/or party chairs:

## **Town of Salem**

In Salem, the Democrats created an independent second line, Salem Unity, and the Council race finds Democrats Jay Bellanca and Peter Thomas vs. GOP incumbents Marcus Blanck and Howard Law.

Bellanca, who is also the party chair, said of his slate: "The overall platform is to explore all avenues to improve the quality of life in the Town of Salem. Not to say no to proposals and initiatives, but explore all avenues to help elevate Salem. To us that means working in unity with all stakeholders and potential partners.

"Under Sue Clary's leadership there has been a renaissance in Salem. Several vacant storefronts are undergoing a transformation,

the long vacant shirt factory will soon be a thriving enterprise. The Unity Slate wants to work together, not to form roadblocks but working together for the betterment of Salem. A vote for the Unity Slate is a vote for the future of Salem as a vibrant, inclusive community."

For clerk, it's Catherine Kilpatrick against GOP incumbent Patricia Gilchrist.

Kilpatrick said: "I worked for Gap Inc for 28 years and in that time ran many stores and districts, ran the operations and communications teams for the Outlet division and was on the Leadership Team so helped to shape the Outlet division's priorities year over year. I mention this as this all gave me the technical skills needed to be an effective clerk. I am proficient in Word, Excel and PowerPoint. I have always been known for my operational and efficiency skills and can apply them to the job as clerk.

"I want to meet the needs of the community and plan to publish my hours of operation including being open one evening a week and Saturday mornings. I know how hard it can be to get into the town office if you have a full time job. I would like to create a place where the community can get the information they need, answers to questions they have and evolve the office to support the continued growth that is happening in Salem as we speak."

## **Town of Cambridge**

In Cambridge, the races are mostly unopposed except it appears there are two candidates for Council on a line called Cambridge First, Lawrence Carrino and Valerie Morigerato and Democrat Robert McIntosh for two seats.

McIntosh served on the Town Council from 1994 to 2001 and is self-employed as a bass violin luthier. "Cambridge is a beautiful place to live and work. It is blessed with fertile soil, plentiful water, and a picturesque working landscape," he said. "We've learned that preserving our rural character should not be done on the backs of farmers and large land-holders, the very people who make Cambridge look the way it does. I will try to strike a balance between protecting property rights and preventing environmental harm."

## **Town of White Creek**

In White Creek, Supervisor James Griffith will be on the Democratic and White Creek Unity lines, challenged by Republican Sean Cossey. For town council, there are four candidates for two open seats. On the Democratic side, it's Ralph Provenza. On the GOP side, Gregory Woodcock and Gregory Austin. Nancy Moses Alexander is running on an independent line called Moses Strong.

Cossey started in the Cambridge Valley Rescue Squad at the age of 15 and progressed through to a critical care EMT, which he did for over 15 years. He has also been involved in local community organizations with the Lions Club, and part of the Pink Ribbon campaign for breast cancer awareness. He has worked in hospital administration for the past 14 years. Cossey says he brings to the table a tremendous background in people, policy, and administration management that he has practiced during this time.

Cossey adds that he aims to bring to the town of White Creek a strong sense of fiscal management and responsibility, and his love for the farming community that he grew up in.

The General Manager of the Aviation Mall, James Griffith has been White Creek supervisor for the past two years. He cites opening meetings to the larger public via Facebook Live and his work to improve broadband coverage in town as key accomplishments. He also worked at the county level on increasing revenues through taxing AirBnB rentals. He also cited vacant properties that have been purchased, improving the tax base, while, through Covid, he made budget cuts that helped stabilize taxes.

Ralph Provenza said he "has a solid understanding of the needs of the community and has always shown his desire to give back" through his positions on local boards, including Hubbard Hall Projects, and through his membership in social organizations such as the Bennington Rotary Club. He served six years on the national Board for Behavioral Healthcare and he currently serves on the Board of the Mary McClellan Foundation. Until his retirement in 2016, he served as Executive Director of United Counseling Service in Bennington.

## The 10 hamlets within Greenwich

**Jim Nolan**  
*Journal & Press*

In the late 1700's and early 1800's, hamlets, or small settlements, were frequently established near water sources that could be used to provide power for mills. In the town of Greenwich, ten of these hamlets remain.

**Bald Mountain** – This hamlet is in the western part of town and lies on the western side of the mountain by the same name. Several lime mines were established here when it was first settled. Today it is mostly known for its farming.

**Battenville** – Located on the south town line on the Battenkill,

this was the site of mills using the flowing waters of the Battenkill for power. Battenville was the site of a mill where Susan B. Anthony's father was a manager. The family home is now a historic site.

**Cossayuna** – A hamlet located south of Cossayuna Lake in the northern part of the town. Originally known as Hog Hollow and later as Lakeville, the hamlet was settled in 1765 and was likely its first center of trade.

**Center Falls** – Previously known as Hardscrabble, this hamlet is located east of the Village of Greenwich on the Battenkill River.

**Clark's Mills** – Located on the southeast corner of the town along

the Battenkill and Hudson River, this was the site of several Revolutionary War encampments. It was here that the British army mustered their troops for the march to what became the Battle of Bennington.

**East Greenwich** – The town's oldest hamlet, located in the southeast part of the town along the Battenkill. Once known as Slab City, it has been home to several factories.

**Greenwich** – the village is on the south town line and lies partly in the town of Greenwich and partly in the town of Easton. The village is the home of the earliest commercial district. Many older commercial buildings and homes have been restored and are still in use today. The Underground Railroad was supported by many prominent citizens of the village.

**Middle Falls** – A hamlet west of Greenwich Village on NY-29. Though it once bore the names Arkansaw and Galesville, the hamlet has been known by its present name since 1875. As the name implies, there is a significant falls on the Battenkill at this location that provides power to this day.

**North Greenwich** – A hamlet near the north town line. The community was formerly known as Antioch and Reid's Corners. The hamlet played an important role



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in the early town. A school was built around 1800 and a post office was established in 1850. The hamlet served as a stagecoach stop between Albany and Whitehall.

**Thomson** – A hamlet northwest of Clarks Mills, by the Hudson River. The hamlet's notoriety has transitioned since its establishment from that of saw milling to paper milling.

Long-time residents of Greenwich still refer to their hamlet when telling people where they live. Newer residents may be mystified by the names and locations. Hopefully this article will help all to appreciate the history of small settlements forming into a town.

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





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# New Greenwich library director

The Greenwich Free Library Board of Trustees is pleased to announce that Sarah Murphy will be the new Director of the Greenwich Free Library. She replaces retiring Director, Annie Miller.

Murphy has a Master of Arts from Middlebury Bread Loaf School of English, a Master of Information Library Science from the Palmer School, Long Island University, and a Bachelor of Arts in Theater Arts from Drew University.

She has served as a school librarian for grades 6-12 at the Professional Children's School in New York City. She also taught English Language Arts at the school. Ms. Murphy also served as Head Librarian and Teacher of Media Literacy and Research at The Browning School in New York City.

In addition, she has contributed to the advancement of knowledge

in library science and information literacy teaching through publications, presentations, and selected panels.

Murphy has been active in theatre directing and acting for many years. She is Co-Director of the Tiny Box Theatre and Co-Founder of the Bakerloo Theatre Project.

Murphy stated: "After over a decade of working in school libraries, I am eager to transition to a public library, and honored that I can do so in a community as vibrant as Greenwich. I look forward to getting to know the collections, the staff, and the patrons, to see how the beautiful library space is used by residents, and to discover new ways to provide vital services and resources to the public. Public libraries represent the heart and mind of a community, and I know that Greenwich residents have been well served by their library for many decades. I'm so lucky to

join you!"

Ms. Murphy replaces retiring Director Annie Miller. During Ms. Miller's tenure, the library instituted a five-day-a-week early literacy program, outreach to both Comfort Food locations, after-school and other programs with the Greenwich Central School and the Youth Center and collaborated with many other local, state and national organizations to bring art, literature, information and entertainment to the community.

During the recent COVID crisis, she expanded public access to the library WiFi and worked with the Argyle library to create a public WiFi access point in Cossayuna. Many of these initiatives were grant-funded from local, state and national sources. In 2016, the library became one of the first in the region to go fine free; a policy that has since been adopted by libraries across the country.



Miller oversaw more than \$1 million in grant and donor-funded renovations; resulting in the transformation of the main floor and the lower floor, the creation of new meeting rooms, a new local history room and the updating of utilities and other infrastructure.

## 'Punisher' actor remembers Chambers

Hollywood actor Jon Bernthal recently revealed that the most talented person he ever knew has passed away. Bernthal paid tribute to his great friend, Josh Chambers a Greenwich native, who passed away in February. Beginning the tribute, the "Walking Dead," "Punisher" and "Many Saints of Newark" actor released a photo of his friend and added a lengthy message. He expressed disbelief in the death of his friend Chambers, with the following words.

"Y'all don't know, but he was the most talented person I ever knew. A true genius. I wouldn't

be here without him; I mean that in every way. Rest easy my friend, what's mine is yours." Bernthal, stated that he would carry Chambers with him everywhere he went, and in every bit of art he makes. He continued his tribute by praising the artistry of his late friend.

"I can't believe you are gone. I will miss you, Josh Chambers. If you can hear his music, read his plays, see his art, do it. He will change your life. He certainly changed mine."

Bernthal recently on a Sean Evans Spicy Wing Hot Ones inter-

view show, talked about Josh and about the historic venue, Café Lena. He called the Café "a sacred, special spot." The black box theater at Lena's was reborn by Chambers and the theatre company Fovea Floods. Jon acted in many plays while at Lena's directed by Josh. Bernthal further stated that Chambers who both played music and directed plays at Lena's, "Burned to bright for this world, a true genius."

Bernthal came to Skidmore to be the catcher on the baseball team. Chambers came to Skidmore as a recipient of the Filene music schol-

arship for classical guitar.

While they both continued to pursue their passions, they gravitated to the theater department, where they worked together on many plays, both at Skidmore and later with the Avant Garde Theatre Company Fovea Floods.



# The pitter patter of little, 'Squid Game'-inspired feet

**Greg Schwem**  
*Special to Journal & Press*

My wife and I have no plans to conceive another child for two reasons: our advanced baby making ages and the fact that I don't want my new son or daughter to have a friend named "Squid Game."

The oddly named friend could easily become reality if Gen Zers continue their infatuation with naming children after the hottest trends sweeping the country. In 2018, parenting website babycenter.com noticed a rapid increase in names gleaned from characters featured in the online game Fortnite,

which, in a prelude to the pandemic, succeeded at keeping pre-teen and teenaged kids inside for months at a time. Those 2018 babies are now in preschool, which means their teachers must give commands like, "It's story time! Leviathan, go sit on the mat next to Rogue."

Thankfully, the idea of naming children after favorite leisure activities wasn't popular when I was born. Otherwise, my name could have easily been Bourbon. Or Menthol.

In 2021 we have "Squid Game," another Netflix offering that I have yet to watch only because everybody else IS watching it. From conversations I've had with neighbors and

relatives, I have learned three things:

It's Korean.

It contains subtitles.

It's "sort of like 'The Hunger Games' but not really."

Sorry, but that's not intriguing enough for me to switch over from "Impeachment: American Crime Story," a train wreck of a miniseries based on the Bill Clinton/Monica Lewinsky scandal, which my wife and I can't stop watching. Even though we know how it's going to end.

I did Google "Squid Game characters" solely to prepare myself. Who knows? In 10 years, I could return to one of my favorite parenting pastimes, coaching Little League, and find myself teaching baseball fundamentals to Ji-yeong, Front Man, Player 244 and VIP 6.

That's certainly a change from 15 years ago, when my teams were sprinkled with assorted Chloes and Maddies, two of the most popular female names at the time. I don't believe either was inspired by a TV series or video game, but I didn't have a lot of time to engage in either form of media when I had young children.

Not all popular baby names are connected with current events or trends. The Social Security Administration, an obvious source of baby name information since babies and Social Security are intertwined from Day One, proclaimed Liam, Noah and Oliver to be the top three male names of 2020 while Olivia, Emma and Ava took the top female spots. Lockdown, Mask and Fauci did not make the list. However, don't expect to see a high school football team full of Liams in 2037, simply because the 2020 birthrate declined by a whopping 4%, according to the National Center for Health Statistics.



Kind of makes me wonder why the most popular name last year wasn't Why Are We Doing This?

Incidentally, James, an old standby, was the sixth most popular male name in 2020, proving that a percentage of new parents have no imagination. Or cable.

Which brings us back to the popularity of "Squid Game." As I write this column, I have watched a few trailers of the show and my interest has piqued enough that I'm considering binge watching the entire series this weekend. My wife will be away, and it seems like the perfect opportunity, as I know from the trailers that "Squid Game" would not interest her, simply because Jennifer Anniston does not star in it. When she returns on Sunday, we will have a quiet dinner and catch up on our lives.

But that's where it will end.

The last thing we need is a little Abdul Ali running around the house.

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





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# Hudson Headwaters comes to Salem

A convenient new option for primary health care became available to Salem, and the nearby community, in June when the Hudson Headwaters Health Network mobile van started its weekly Monday and Tuesday rounds. Parked just outside the Historic Salem Courthouse and directly across the road from the Salem Central School, the fully equipped mobile clinic is certified by the US Department of Health and Human Services. The handicap accessible 40ft long RV has everything you would find at a brick and mortar clinic including two exam rooms, a restroom, a testing lab and a small waiting area.

In order to visit the mobile clinic you must make an appointment and be a member of HHHN. Same day appointments in case of injury or illness are also available. The van is staffed by a family nurse practitioner, a nurse and a medical assistant. Appointments can be made online at HHHN.org or by calling 518-623-0871. The hours are Monday and Tuesday from 7am to 4pm.

Hudson Headwaters Health network is a nonprofit network of community health centers which started about forty years ago. The

HHH Foundation was able to raise money for the van through grants from the Charles R. Wood Foundation, The Stewarts/Dake Family, The Himoff Family and CDPHP. The van came from Farber Specialty Vehicles in Columbus, Ohio. It took about nine months for the custom interior and specialized exterior to be completed and cost about \$400,000.

Although Glens Falls Hospital continues to have a clinic in Salem, it is open only two days a week and is very busy with its longtime patients. The added choice of the HHHN van, whose mission is to provide high quality care to underserved populations, is a much needed addition to the community, particularly those who have trouble traveling long distances for primary care. Services available at the van include primary care for adults and children, women's health/gynecology, chronic disease management, preventive health screenings, vaccinations, blood work and vision and hearing tests.

The HHHN vision for the van is to provide patient centric health care in partnership with local or-

## Soup-to-Go on Nov. 2

The Easton Methodist Church, 12053 Route 40, North Easton will have Soup-To-Go on Election Day, November 2, from noon to 6 p.m. Soup will be picked up at the Church. A 16 oz. container will cost \$5. Choices will be Clam Chowder, Broccoli Cheese, Chicken Noodle and Chili. Pre-ordering is encouraged but not necessary. To pre-order, email eastonchurch126@gmail.com or call 518-531-4558 (leave message). Someone will call or email you to confirm your order.

## Old Saratoga Seniors

Next meeting of the old Saratoga Seniors will be Wednesday, Nov 2 at noon at town hall. It will be to honor veterans. All veterans are invited.

Please bring dish to share. Dessert will be provided. If you need information, please call Pat Temple at 518-338-2329

ganizations. This vision is realized with the help of the Historic Salem Courthouse which hosts the van on its campus and provides power, sep-

tic hookup and water. A grant from The Mary McClellan Hospital Foundation helped to cover the cost of site requirements.

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## Your vote really does matter – exercise it!

Letter to the Editor:

Dear people who did NOT vote in the last Greenwich town election:

1. Did you know that in the last local election the Supervisor position was decided by only 30 votes?

2. Did you know that in 2019 only 15 votes decided whether a candidate won a seat on the Town Council or not?

3. Did you know that fewer people vote in our local elections than in national elections?

4. Did you know that there are a total of 3,561 registered voters in the Town of Greenwich?

5. Did you know that only 54.4% of registered Republicans and only 46.6% of registered Democrats voted in the last local election in Greenwich in 2019?

6. Did you know that if you are a registered voter, you can still apply for an absentee ballot in person at your local Board of Elections until November 1? If you want to mail in your absentee ballot, it must be postmarked by November 2. You can also deliver your absentee ballot in person to your local Board of Elections by November 2, or to your local polling place on November 2. (source: [elections.ny.gov/VotingDeadlines](https://elections.ny.gov/VotingDeadlines))

Your elected town officials can have a BIG impact on your lives. They make decisions that affect your taxes (like decisions about the road budget which makes up about 60% of the town budget). Town officials decide whether to partner with local community organizations to do things like building a pool for town residents (like they did in Hudson Falls), or build housing for the elderly (like they are doing in Corinth), or fund youth and sum-

mer programs for kids in town (which we already do in Greenwich pretty well but might do even better).

So just in case you think your vote doesn't matter . . . think again and vote on or before November 2!

*“Every election is determined by the people who show up.”* – **Larry J. Sabato**

Sincerely,

**Kathy Roome**

Cambridge Resident

Greenwich Property Owner

### Republicans Are a Minority

Dear Editor:

I continue to be thankful to our current Greenwich Supervisor.

I thank him for reminding me, through a mailer sent to all residents of Greenwich, of our last town election.

After doing some simple math, it turns out that of all of Greenwich's registered voters, only 36.6% are registered Republicans. And yet, we have a history of between 80% and 100% of the Town Council being Republican. It's high time the makeup of the council be more reflective of our community.

We have an opportunity to make that change on Election Day. We have two unaffiliated (not enrolled in a political party) candidates for town council: Jim Mumby and Tom Graves. Both have an almost unbelievable amount of public service and leadership experience.

Jim Mumby is a graduate of the Air Force Academy followed by eight years of active service in the Air Force, twelve years in the NY Air National Guard, is the president

of the Greenwich Youth Center, is on the Board of Directors for Comfort Food Community, and is a vestry member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Mr. Mumby is currently the project manager for Comfort Food Community's new farm and food hub on Fiddler's Elbow Road.

Tom Graves is the retired Greenwich Postmaster, has been president of the Greenwich Board of Education, was a member of the Greenwich Revitalization Plan Committee, is the Superintendent of the Open Sheep Show at our county fair, is involved with the youth center and Comfort Food Community, and is a trustee of the Centenary Methodist Church.

Unquestionably, these are two citizens with a devotion to Greenwich as well as an incomparable track record of leadership and getting things done. Together, they have decades of experience improving the quality of life in Greenwich and making it a more desirable place to live. These are both men who, even with demanding full-time jobs, still found time to apply their expertise to multiple civic and religious organizations . . . literally for decades.

Their opponents for Town Council have no comparable record of community service.

Again, thank you to our current supervisor for the reminder of the type of leadership Greenwich should have and what Greenwich deserves.

Remember this on Election Day, November 2. We need a dynamic coalition that will work together, for everyone, in Greenwich. Please vote for Jim Nolan, Jim Mumby, and Tom Graves.

**Mary Lou Stern**

Greenwich

### “No” to Nolan

To the Editor:

I recently read a letter by Jim Nolan in regards to the past highway superintendent, why the fixation over this issue? It seems bizarre the focal point has been what happened to the highway superintendent, someone who “retired”(quit) vs. completing his term, and not running. So, does this mean Jim Nolan supports his actions, in regards to leaving the town high and dry for the winter 20/21? As a reminder, we had a major storm later in December of 2020, which resulted in several town trucks going off the road. Perhaps, if the past highway superintendent had not stepped down, under his leadership, maybe this would not have happened? Or, perhaps Jim Nolan is in support of the past highway superintendent because it is a political opportunity? After all this is an election year, and desperation does seem to take hold during election cycles.

Another part of the letter was his concern of appointing someone from outside of the town. Why is this his concern? Has he not been part of the community for 40 years? Where was he in regards to when BFI tried moving in? (I was young at the time). Where was he when the supermarket was moving in, which resulted in many local IGA's going out of business. Where was he when a Wireless ISP was trying to build on the top of Bald Mountain? Does he not realize these companies have negative effects on the local area and are in fact from outside of Greenwich? Does the BOE that Jim Nolan is president of come up with their own curriculum?

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# What to do with Fort Hardy Park?

**Kathleen Bartholomay**  
*Journal & Press*

Regional residents were welcomed to participate in formulating the Fort Hardy Masterplan, overseen by the LA Group, a Saratoga Springs planning company, last Wednesday night. The goal of the meeting was for local residents of the area to consider various uses for the Ft. Hardy Park areas and prioritize their favored uses or reject things they found not to their liking.

Residents have a substantial parkland of 37.5 acres and extensive uses for all ages are under consideration. The goal is to have increased passive and active recreational sections plus historical interpretation. Examples of uses include a skate park, a bike park, another tennis type court, an outdoor film area, a performance stage, an adult fitness section, enhanced playground choices, re-enactment areas, a farmer's market, cross-country ski/snowshoe/hiking trails, a holiday/craft fair market, a walkway from Broad St. to Fort Hardy Park, a dog park and more.

The desire is to strike a balance for the whole community and region of recreational, historical and natural resource uses. Stressed by the LA Group was the concept of prioritizing uses and efficiency of the acreage. One popular example was a pavilion that would allow 4-season use of several different types of activities including a possible ice-skating rink under cover, which would convert to an outdoor movie site or performance site and more. The group was asked about a beach and citizens learned the current regulations are onerous according to Tracy Cloth-

ier of the LA Group, making it cost prohibitive. Commercial potentials were also reviewed, such as a kayak rental business.

Another consideration was the cost to maintain any additions to the park and the village board is encouraged by the planners to incorporate a line item in the village budget annually for this purpose.

People wishing to participate are encouraged to do so, including people of the region. Additional ideas not yet explored are welcome to be included. Surveys can be downloaded from the village website or picked up at the village office. A second live presentation will be done in December or January, with the Final Masterplan completed sometime in the early spring of 2022 by the LA Group. Going forward, more grant money from various sources will be sought and the Masterplan is key to accessing further funding sources.

The cost for the Masterplan is \$65,000, 75% of which is provided by the state, and the village carrying 25% (\$12,000). The Fort Hardy Reserve Fund is providing \$11,000 with the final \$1,000 planned to come from in-kind services via the Village Clerk's and Village Treasurer's billable hours for their time if the state allows.

The 50-70 area residents in attendance were positive, interested and appeared to thoroughly enjoy being asked to apply "yes" green dots or "no" red dots to the placards presented.



**Schuylerville resident Maxwell Nazarenko stands with his top priority.**

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## Friend of the Amish

The Salem Area Woman's Club recently met in the Mackenzie Chapel of the Salem First United Presbyterian Church. President Andi Mungas introduced Emily Van Driel who is a friend of the Amish who have recently come to Southern Washington County for the better growing season than their previous areas in Saint Lawrence County and South of Buffalo. Emily's wide-ranging experiences with these hard-working people were impressive and interesting to hear. The Amish families throughout the Salem, Cambridge, Greenwich and Argyle

areas use local banks, the Post Office, pay property and school taxes, but live a simple life and prefer to be left to themselves. They are, however, looking forward to sharing their talents and skills in carpentry, furniture and cabinetry making, as well as their baking and soap making, and the produce from their fields in season. One gentleman is adept at spray-painting. Most of their works to share have already spread by word of mouth throughout the area.



**Emily VanDriel with Andi Mungas**

## (cont.)

Or do they just accept the states? That curriculum is from outside of the area, come on Jim stop playing in political theatre. Remember, he sits on the planning board, a board that rubber stamps EVERYTHING, and are overly welcoming to outside business. He is also chairman of the Democratic Committee, but runs under something else; smoke and mirrors? Does this mean he is going to replace our current assessor with someone from Greenwich, after all she isn't from Greenwich, and doesn't live in Greenwich. Personally, I can care less about appointed highway positions or elected, why? Because there are BIGGER issues that should concern the citizens of Greenwich.

The issues are expenses and taxes. The fact some people are fixated on one issue and not on things that actually matter is mostly due to emotion. No increase in the budget for '20 and '21 under the present supervisor. There was, however, a 37% increase in the budget during the tenure of the past supervisor. That 37% increase, by the way, would be more significant than others as inflation was more during those 10 years. As time goes on and hyper inflation takes hold, any increase is magnified, so it is essential to keep expenses in check. The property in Thompson is a money pit, again inflation doesn't help for the upkeep of properties that have no benefit for the citizens of Greenwich. To put it bluntly, your taxes WILL go up under different leadership, how would one come to that conclusion? Take a good hard look at the school taxes, and ask yourself who has led that increase? It certainly isn't Don Ward.

With all this said, it takes a tempered personality to run things. It was obvious the past highway superintendent did not possess such a quality. Jim Nolan has condoned his

actions (via his wording in his letter) that left the town high and dry. With the superintendent that served from 2008-11, there was an issue the recent superintendent had with him. The superintendent that served from 2012-20 took a 6 month leave, as they did not get along. Interesting how the recent superintendent (2012-20) also had an issue with Don Ward. Two totally different personalities, yet a similar conflict occurred. I know personally the literal relation to this issue, and when expenses are questioned, tempers tend to flare, which resulted in the same conclusion, they "retired."

**Jeffrey Sharts**

Greenwich, NY

### **Don't Change Horses**

To the Editor:

"Don't change horses in the middle of the stream." I am referring to the past two years under the leadership of our present supervisor, Don Ward. Don has done an incredible job of keeping taxes fixed which hasn't happened in over 22 years with our past supervisors. Don has also NOT taken his salary which has never happened in this town as far as I can remember. Don was not that well known in the community as he has only lived here for 18 years and yet he unseated a person who is a lifelong resident and retired school teacher at GCS. Why? I will tell you why. People were not happy with what has been going on over the last 22 years. The budget has increased by 110%. Under the supervisors from 1999-2009 the budget increased by 58%. The budget increased by 37% from 2009-2020 under the past supervisor who Don unseated. The inflation was 64% meaning that was almost double during that time. IT WAS OUT OF CONTROL. If people ran their household budgets the way our past supervisors did they would have to file bankruptcy. It is fiscally irre-

sponsible. Unfortunately, a lot of people have had to sell and move as a result.

The supervisor from 2009-20 convinced her board to sell property in Bald Mountain and then purchase property in Tompson, which was in very bad disrepair. This said property has asbestos issues and there is a lot that needs to be repaired in order to use it for anything. It was also written up with covenants so the town may never be able to sell this property. Why? I don't have the answer to that question. You would have to ask the past supervisor. She is also the president of the Hudson Crossing Park, who made decisions about this property, which at the time was a conflict of interest. Her husband was also on the board. That smacks of cronyism. The previous owner of the property was also on that board. Was this a favor to that owner? Sad, how some government officials let their power go to their head. They think they are above reproach. They can make decisions which affect hundreds of other people. This property should have come up for a vote by the taxpayers as we are the ones left to pay for this albatross. Why is the town in the real estate business? This property should be on the tax rolls gaining money to maintain other things in the town instead of draining the town. This was a very bad orchestrated plan on the board's part. It wasn't just the supervisor as that was one vote. The board voted as a whole and did not do their due diligence. This decision was made prior to our present supervisor. The board is looking into being able to sell this property although these covenants (restrictions) are making it very hard to do so. I have confidence it will happen.

I feel we should all vote to keep Don Ward in as supervisor as he has done an exceptional job of watching out for the citizens of Greenwich. Unlike the person running against

him, Jim Nolan, who seems to only care about being in positions of power and increasing taxes.

**Dawn O'Connor Sharts**

Greenwich

### **Why I Retired**

To the Editor:

I want the Town of Greenwich residents to know the truth as to why I retired from my position as Highway Superintendent. Don Ward can twist the facts around all he wants in his letters to the editors, but there is one person and one person only that knows why I chose to retire... and that's me! It wasn't the budget or the audit like Don Ward's false facts would like you to believe. I retired from the Town of Greenwich as Highway Superintendent because of Don Ward. As I said in my endorsement letter supporting Jim Nolan for Supervisor and Tom Graves and Jim Mumby for Town Council... EXPERIENCE MATTERS... Especially when you have a man who wants to control everything and tell you how to do your job. This is a job I have done for 20+ years, a job that I took pride in, but this is also a job where Don Ward has absolutely no experience and knows absolutely nothing about plowing/road maintenance, but yet chose not to communicate or listen to me. He made a job that I have always loved very stressful. This is a man who felt the need to threaten me with his power and authority at the May 19, 2020, board meeting over what roads I wanted to black top. I went home from that board meeting and decided I wasn't going to be bullied or threatened by Don Ward anymore. It was then and there that I made the very difficult decision to retire from my job as the Town of Greenwich Highway Superintendent. That's the truth!

**Stanley Mattison**

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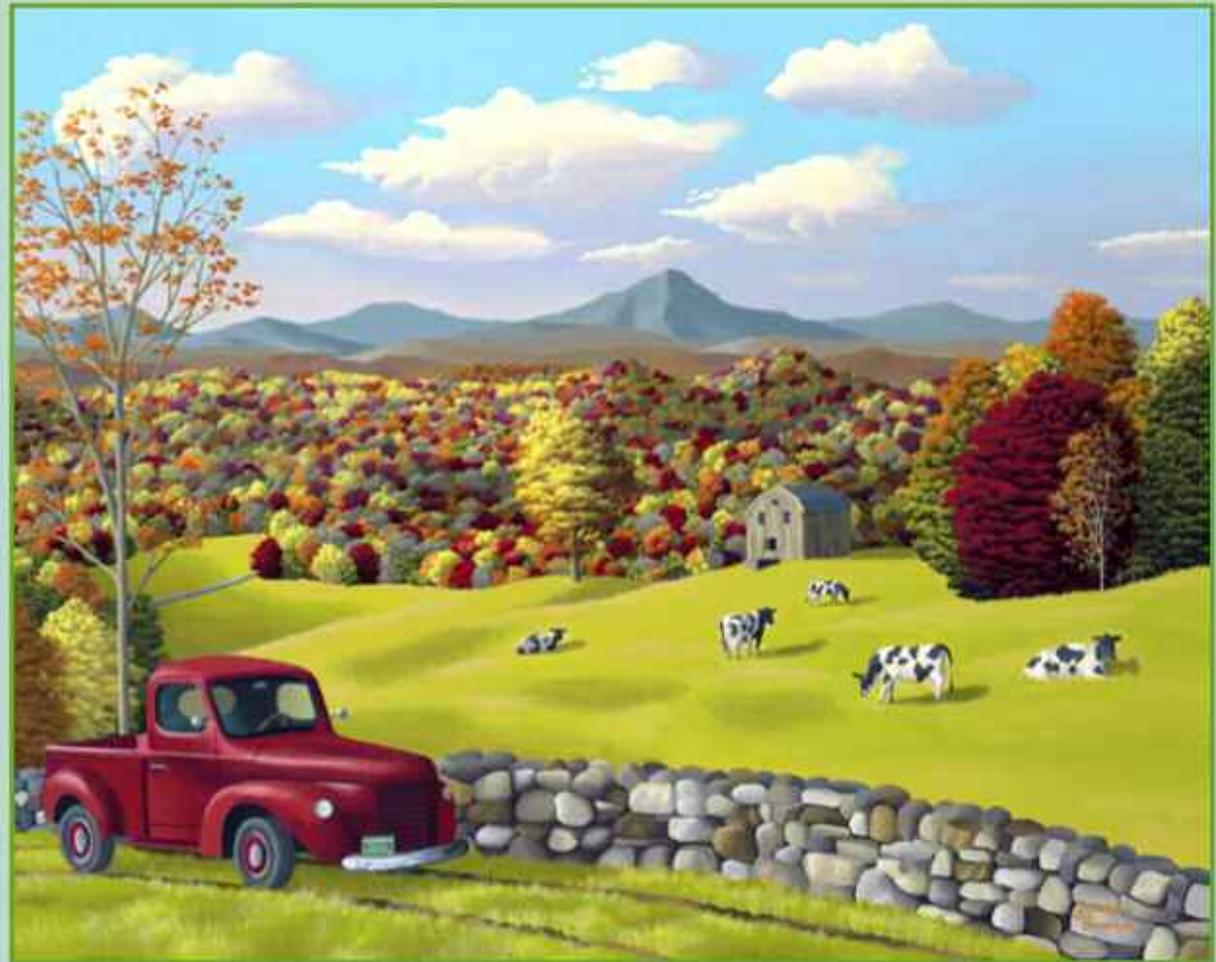
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# Village of Greenwich Happenings

## Dunbarton site progress

**Pam Fuller**  
*Journal & Press*

An exciting step in the Brownfields Opportunity Area (BOA) planning process took place last Thursday, October 21st. This was the first time that the Village has shown the Dunbarton site to large developers. The members of the BOA Dunbarton subcommittee project and our partners at Chazen and WXY, as well as a New York Department of State delegate, met with three developers. The process for bringing the Dunbarton site back to productive use will require the Village to assume ownership of the site through the Eminent Domain process, and then to sell the property to a developer based on the RFPs that the Village will release.

Our goal for this meeting was to present the plans that we've developed and explain the project to them so the developers could react to these and tell us what they would need in order to be seriously interested in bringing the site back to life.

We had invited four developers to the meeting. People from three firms were able to join us: Bonacio Construction from Saratoga Springs and two firms from New York City: Type A Projects and Studio Mappos.

The meeting gave our committee everything we hoped. Our partners in the grant process, the Chazen Companies and WXY Design, did an excellent job presenting the analysis and design work they've done with us to date. The developer representatives were interested and engaged, and they were generous with their time and ideas. They complimented the work of the Village and the design analysis and preliminary vision from our partners, and at the same time they emphasized that the next steps should be to inject realism into the studies.

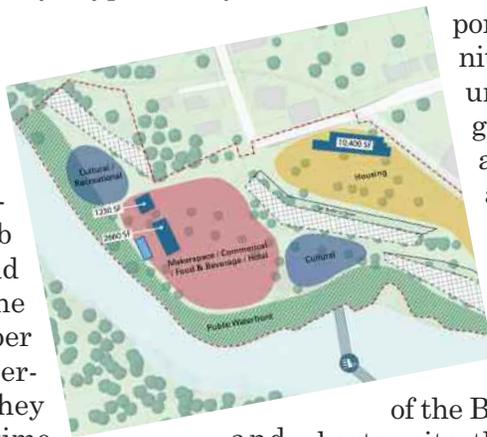
When developers consider possible projects, they analyze a number of factors. These include information about the level of contamination, cleanup costs, construction costs, PILOTS (Payments in

Lieu of Taxes), zoning considerations, community support, and resources that can support the project. Resources could be tax credits for Brownfield cleanups, State and Federal grants, support from state agencies and local municipalities, and more.

We left the meeting with a rather daunting but unsurprising to-do list: first, completing the Phase II environmental analysis (underground) to quantify any contamination. This will be the foundation of the rest of the list: determining remediation costs, analyzing infrastructure needs, ensuring that the proper zoning regulations are created for the site, understanding required variances if any, analyzing marketing research that supports the plans, and ensuring community support. Some of this work will fall under the scope of the BOA planning grant, and much of it will take place after we complete this planning phase and are accepted into the next phase of the BOA process.

Continuing the process of soliciting community input and support, the Chazen Companies will be at the Halloween parade with images of the BOA committee planning for the Dunbarton site, the waterfront committee, and the Rt. 29 site plans around the traffic roundabout. Residents will have an opportunity to voice their ideas at the event and find out how to get involved in the exciting process of the planning that the Village and Town are currently doing.

*Pam Fuller is Mayor of the Village of Greenwich.*



# DeCarlo to discuss Revolutionary findings

On Saturday, November 13 at 1 p.m., be at the Easton Library to step back in time to imagine “what can we learn from our feet?” Alexandra DeCarlo will discuss the abstract from her master’s thesis.

In 2019, an unmarked burial ground was discovered in the town of Lake George, NY. Under the leadership of the Bioarcheology department at the New York State Museum, numerous interments were excavated. A few of the remains had been dissected, leaving only their lower limbs. Addition-

ally, many of the remains were commingled within a large mound of dirt. Upon analysis, the remains recovered from the Courtland Street site were determined to be associated with the Revolutionary War and the early Battle of Quebec in 1775. Due to the state of the remains, it was only possible to focus an analysis on one aspect of the skeleton. Therefore, the subject of this thesis was to investigate the foot morphology of this group as a whole and to see if, and how, soldier’s feet were affected by their involvement in the Revolu-

tionary War.

DeCarlo is a recent graduate from the University at Albany with an MA in anthropology, and she currently works as a Field Archeologist at Hartgen Associates in Rensselaer. Her main interest in anthropology is bioarcheology. Additionally, for the past few years she has volunteered and interned at the New York State Museum.

While interning at the museum, she was fortunate enough to be able to work with the remains from the Courtland Street site, located in Lake George, for her master’s thesis.

This program will be of special interest to history buffs of the Revolutionary War, or anyone inter-



Alexandra DeCarlo

ested in bones. Come and find out what DeCarlo discovered in her research that specifically pertained to the feet of the individuals from this site.

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## Houston’s pop-up show

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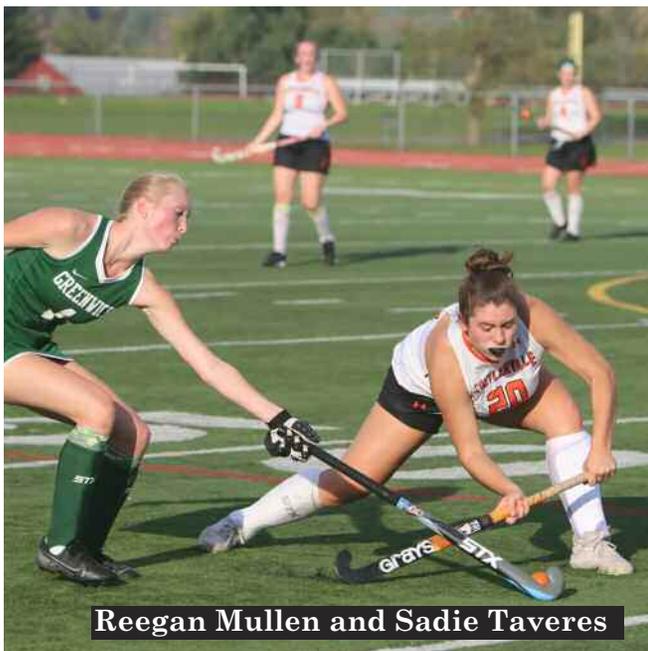
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## Scenes from local varsity games



Reegan Mullen and Sadie Taveres

Since our last issue, Greenwich girls soccer advanced in the playoffs while Schuylerville field hockey did the same. We also captured photos from Greenwich boys soccer. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram to see more photos and for game recaps. *Greenwich photos by Dan Pemrick; Schuylerville photos by Denise Richard.*



Greenwich fans



Faith Ingber



Madigan Carner



Jocelyn Spiezio

Morgan Randall



Josh Poovey



Ellery Mays



Declan Kelleher



Ryan Skiff

# Super debate (cont.)

“It would be smart commercial growth and the business people out there realize that. They just don’t want to put up a storefront... they want something that benefits Greenwich.” Referencing the houses going up to Route 40, “even if it was commercial, their taxes would still be residential. And it may even increase the value of their property because if they go to sell, it would be commercial,” although the decision would have to be a public meeting, Ward added.

## Highway Superintendent

Much debate occurred over the past year after longtime highway chief Stanley Mattison retired; Ward wanted to replace the role with an appointed civil service position. He said that it’s hard to find qualified people to run for office and an appointed position would broaden the responsibilities of the department so that more work on parks, for example, could be implemented. The person would still be accountable to the electorate, Ward said, as it would be the elected board that managed this position. As the highway department accounts for the majority of the town’s budget, Ward felt that such oversight would allow for better budgeting and cost savings. This year newcomer Jeff Derby is running on the GOP line, unopposed.

“Finding people to fill that position is hard. I talked to a ton of people. The issue is no one wants to run every four years. You take a position, you’re very good at it, and you could be out in four years. It makes stabilizing that position very difficult,” Ward said.

“Jim knows, he tried to fill that slot [on the Democratic line]. It’s not easy to find somebody who has the time and ability to run every four years. ... I brought it up to the people. I thought it was a unique way of looking at it. The highway superintendent had retired, so we had a vacancy.

That’s why I presented it to the people,” Ward added.

“It was for them to make a choice. I wish it had gone to a vote. It didn’t, but you have to follow the wishes of the people. It wouldn’t have been my guy. It wouldn’t have been a selection of the board. I even proposed having citizens on the interview panel.”

Nolan noted, “12% of the towns and villages in the state have an appointed superintendent, so the vast majority have an elected one. ...

“An elected one gives the people the opportunity to choose who they would like to be their highway superintendent. Yes, it is a four-year term, but if you look at surrounding towns, you will see that if they get good highway superintendents, they get elected term after term. So, you can keep good people. We had a great superintendent. That’s Stan Mattison. He was with us for 10 years and then he ran for superintendent and he was our superintendent for 10 more years. So that certainly is possible and the preferred way of doing it because the people have a direct voice in who the superintendent will be.”

Nolan added: “The problem I see with an appointed one is you never know who is going to be superintendent and what kind of person they’re going to appoint and the reason they’re going to appoint them. I’m not accusing Don of being underhanded in any way, but that leaves it up to one individual on the board rather than all the people.”

## Independence

Nolan said that his two running mates are independents, and that his board would be open to all viewpoints. “I firmly believe it’s a positive to have people who have different opinions, come from different points of view, and to express them, work together and discuss, and come to a consensus.”

In terms of board meetings and

their future: “We have to have a way of operating where we’re not blaming the previous administration for something they did. We can’t micromanage. We have to let good people do their work. There are committees. Those committees should be reporting out what they’re doing and when they report out, a lot of the information that they give should be listened to when decisions are made.”

This led to the issue of political funding; the Democratic slate has seen an infusion of donations, even though the two council candidates are registered independents. Ward said: “Six thousand dollars from the Democratic committee went to your committee... If you’re an independent, you wouldn’t rely on the Democratic line or the Democratic funding... Say who you are. We say who we are.”

Returning to the question of partisanship, Ward said, “Whoever is on that board you work with. You work steady, and you keep them informed. I keep the board maybe overly informed.

“The one thing I agree with Jim on is there’s no place for partisan politics. I have people call me up, they say ‘I’m a Democrat will you help me?’ I say ‘yes I will.’ We had an issue with a tiny house that involved someone who was a Democrat. He was a citizen, and he needed help. We went out of our way, we took the case to court. We did a lot of work. This has nothing to do with who he is, who his friends are. He is a citizen of Greenwich. That’s how I do business.”

## Campaign Finance

Nolan countered: “Yes, the Democratic party is providing some of the funds but [the other candidates] are also raising funds on their own. They’re not Democrats. They’re being supported by the Democratic committee, but they’re not Democrats. I’m standing up for them on that.”

“Secondly, we want the best people in [town government]. That’s why I convinced the Democratic Party to look outside the party and find the

best people we could find. We also interviewed a Republican who was considering running with us. We’re looking past partisan politics.”

Ward used his closing to rebut a previous statement made by his opponent: “The issue of micromanagement keeps coming up. I’m not a micromanager,” Ward said, referencing his experience managing \$48 million budgets of the federal government and 300 people. “You can talk to anyone at the highway department. I’ve never told them what to do. I’ve never even interfered with daily operations. I understand the concept of management because I’ve done it on a practical level.”

Ward spoke to the diversity of candidates running with him, a ticket which comprises three women. “Every organization I’ve been in, I’ve had diversity of thought. That’s how you get a rounded view of what’s going on.”

“When Covid 19 hit, we kept the office open, we were here for the citizens. We were here for the people then, we’ll be here for the people now. It’s about Greenwich. It’s not about me,” Ward added.

As the debate wound down, Nolan responded to the topic of diversity: “In the last 12 years, the Democrats have run women eight times for town board positions, and the Republicans have run women three times for town board positions, the first one being 2 years ago. We definitely have a record of running diverse candidates.”

Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 2.

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This program entitled "We Remember" will be led by Fr. Marty Fisher, a priest of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany. He is also a veteran of the US Army and is well-regarded as a understanding spiritual leader in his life of ministry. This event will provide a safe refuge in which veterans of every age will be able to ease their burden, receive healing and comfort and enhance their spiritual strength.

The Dominican Retreat & Conference Center is

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# When workers just won't listen

**Daneen Skube**

*Special to Journal & Press*

**Q:** *I have a new co-worker that doesn't listen. I've tried to use some of the tools you recommend. He just argues with me and gets hostile. How do you get someone to listen when they think they know it all?*

**A:** When you're dealing with people that think they know it all you cannot force them to listen. What you can do with people that refuse to listen is to paraphrase them and let the magic of consequences educate them on the points you wish they saw.

We all have the potential to ignore reality we do not like. We all have the educational opportunity of suffering when that same reality runs us over. We may argue with people that try to verbally point out real issues. We cannot argue with our own painful experiences.

I recommend to clients that they ask themselves this one question when they are in front of another adult, "Am I experiencing a monologue or a conversation?" If the other person is delivering a monologue realize he or she is inside a self-sealing snow globe with no outside influence possible.

Be aware that many arrogant people only know how to play relationship tennis by serving all the balls over the net and rarely hitting back the balls you send. If you try to play relationship tennis with them they will just keep serving balls to you

and ignoring the balls you send.

By taking your time to discern whether you are being talked at or being talked with you can determine your best response. We cannot force anyone to listen to us but we certainly can be wise enough to stop talking when there is no listening.

I know some readers may get indignant because they deserve listening. But, the fact you deserve listening does not change the reality that some adults simply do not or cannot listen to others.

When you have a co-worker that believes he or she knows it all the only factor that will influence him or her is painful consequences. If you attempt to save your arrogant co-worker from consequences they will only blast you with rage.

If you sit back, paraphrase, and wait for the magic of consequences you also give the other members of your team a chance to speak up. Your arrogant co-worker may easily ignore you but it is hard to ignore a majority of your team. If you are the lone voice confronting your self-absorbed co-worker it's rare for your team to back you up.

You may have to be patient to wait for your co-worker's arrogance to catch up with them. Most adults are conflict avoidant so unfortunately many people in your team including your management may try to avoid dealing with a difficult person.

Since people are usually conflict avoidant if you jump in where others fear to tread they will sit by and let the office shark eat you. If you wait until

others have to address the problem person you can then be effective by supporting their concerns.

On Monday when you start a conversation evaluate whether a monologue or dialogue is happening and chose your reaction so you can paraphrase or engage.

**Q:** *Every week I come to work I think I know what to expect and I generally walk into something else. With the rapid pace of change in my workplace do you have any advice to help me maintain my serenity?*

**A :** Yes, work at making peace with what is rather than boycotting your reality because it is not what you wanted or expected. A secret to serenity is by accepting reality we can immediately be effective rather than being distracted by our disappointment.

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Sealed bids are requested for the transportation of a pupil of the Argyle Central School district, Argyle, NY for the remainder of one (1) school year (2021-2022, starts November 2021). The student needs to be transported from their home to Parsons School in Albany, NY each morning and returned to their home in the afternoon/evening from on or about November 22, 2021 to on or about June 24, 2022 or until such date prior to June 24, 2022, when transportation is no longer required.

Vehicle and driver must meet New York State Vehicle, Education and Transportation Department regulations to qualify for bid award. Bid documents may be obtained from Ron Black, Business Manager,

Argyle Central School, 5023 State Route 40, Argyle, NY or at 518-638-8243, ext. 508 on request.

Sealed bids on the forms and in an envelope marked “TRANSPORTATION BID” are to be in the hands of Kimberly Humiston, District Clerk, 5023 State Route 40, Argyle, NY not later than 11 AM on Tuesday, November 9, 2021. They will be publicly opened at the Main Office, Argyle Central School, Argyle, NY, at 10:05 AM, Tuesday, November 9, 2021.

The Argyle Central School District reserves the right to reject or accept any or all bids and to make award in the best interest of the Argyle Central School District.

Bid form must be completed and signed or the bid will be rejected.

## RC churches update

Sunday Mass at Holy Cross Catholic Church is at 8:15 AM, St. Patrick's celebrates on Sunday at 11:30 AM, and Immaculate Conception in Hoosick Falls is Saturday at 4 PM and Sunday at 10 AM.

There will be no mass at St. Patrick's or Holy Cross for All Saints Day, November 1, but Immaculate Conception of Hoosick Falls will have Mass at 9 AM.

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8, will be held at the following: 9 AM at St. Patrick's, Noon at Holy Cross, and 6 PM at Immaculate Conception. The windows in Holy Cross will remain open during Mass for ventilation because of Covid.

The heat will be on, but people are reminded to dress appropriately. Masks are required inside the Church. Looking ahead to Christmas Mass at Holy Cross, reservations are likely to be

needed.

The Adult Scripture Study: Angels in the Bible, has begun and is held Mondays, 6:30 - 8 PM at St. Patrick's and Tuesdays, 10 - 11:30 at Holy Cross.

“The Invitations of Autumn: Reflections and Spiritual Practices for the Season” discusses Fall as a season for balancing light and dark, letting go, and accepting the impermanence of things.

Find resources for reflection for the Fall on the Battenkill Catholic Lifelong Faith website at [stpatrickslifelong-faith.weebly.com/](http://stpatrickslifelong-faith.weebly.com/).

Consider visiting the parish website at [www.battencatholic.org](http://www.battencatholic.org), to sign up for flocknote notifications, prepare for Sunday Liturgy, access great adult faith formation materials, and more.

## Town of Greenwich voters...

*I am writing this letter of endorsement for the following candidates...*

Jim Mumby  
Town Council

Jim Nolan  
Supervisor

Tom Graves  
Town Council



I'm asking all Greenwich residents that have supported me over the last 9 years as your Highway Superintendent to join me in supporting these candidates because

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## A note about political ads and writing

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# Is now the time to buy a home?

**Jill Schlesinger**

*Special to Journal & Press*

The frenzied pace of the housing market has started to abate, but that means that instead of boiling over, the market is just hot. For the first time this year, Existing Home Sales were down from a year ago – 1.5% below the August 2020 rate. The year-over-year comparisons are likely to show drops for the rest of 2021 because activity was elevated in the last four months of 2020.

Although the pace of activity is edging lower, prices continue to remain elevated. The median home price for an existing home in August was \$356,700, up nearly 15% from a year ago. If you can believe it, this data point was seen as a positive, because the pace of annual price growth decelerated from a sizzling 18% in July.

The culprit for high prices is not just demand, but also supply: the number of homes for sale (inventory) is down 13.4% from a year ago. Unsold inventory sits at a 2.6-month supply at the current sales pace. The good news is that inventory is higher than the record low of 1.9 months, recorded in December 2020, but it is still below what is considered the "normal" range of three to six months.

Until more people are willing to list their homes, many hopeful buyers are turning to newly constructed dwellings. New home sales

made up 27% of all single-family homes for sale in August, the largest share since records began in 1982. Builders have been trying to keep up with the demand, especially as the cost of materials has come back to earth. The inventory of new homes has increased to 6.1 months at the current sales rate, but that expanded supply has not kept prices at bay: the median price for a new home stands at \$390,900, a 15% increase from a year ago.

Although mortgage interest rates remain relatively low, these price gains are making a home purchase less affordable. The Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta has developed a tool,

**‘A typical household would need 32% of its income to cover mortgage payments.’**

which presents a national view of affordability for the median homeowner. As of July, a typical household would need 32.1% of its income to cover mortgage payments on a median-priced

home, the highest share since Nov. 2008.

Compounding the problem is the fact that first time buyers have struggled to compete with those who are armed with cash and no contingencies. The average time for selling an existing home was 17 days in August, and 87% of all sales took less than a month. And it is not just financing that is making it difficult to enter the market – first-time buyers are also struggling to find lower priced homes. Existing homes that sold under \$250,000 represented just 30% of all transactions in August, down from 44% two years ago. The news is even worse for new homes, where just 28 percent were sold for less than \$300,000, down from 43% two years ago.

Despite the changing market conditions, my advice on purchasing a home remains the same: crunch the numbers. Consider whether buying might preclude you from addressing other important financial issues, like paying down student loans or saving for retirement. Begin your calculations by plugging in mortgage principal and interest, homeowners' insurance, and taxes, upkeep and maintenance (experts suggest 1-3% of the purchase price for, depending on the age of the house and its condition), and closing costs, which can add an average of about \$6,000 -- or more in some markets. After considering all of this, you may find that renting is more viable for you.

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



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## **Greenwich vets invited 11/11**

VFW Post 7291 in Greenwich will "Welcome Veterans on Veteran's Day" on Thursday, Nov. 11, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Enjoy homemade chili, chowder, stew, soup, a roll and dessert. The VFW is at 63 Abeel Ave.

## **Argyle holiday concert for Operation Santa**

Ready to kick off the holiday spirit? Come to the Community Choir concert on Sunday, November 14 at 3:00 p.m. at the Argyle Presbyterian Church on Main Street in Argyle. Featured during the intermission will be violin duets by Sonya Mulder and Gabe Johnson.

Directed by Joyce Durkee and accompanied by Sariah Ashton, this annual concert is a fundraiser for Operation Santa Claus which buys food and clothing for disadvantaged children. A free will offering will be taken. Come and enjoy this wonderful musical event.

# Fresh meat, and my teaching experience

**Cody Fitzgerald**  
*Journal & Press*

Starting out with my aspirations of being a filmmaker, comedian and author, one might argue that striving to become an English teacher is a fall from grace. Right off the bat, I disagreed with this statement, and you should too. I always knew being a teacher is one of the most honorable and great jobs a person could have, but when I did my field experience last week I got a whole new perspective.

(For confidentiality reasons, I'm going to not name the school, teachers and obviously not any students I worked with, but for arguments' sake let's say these kids are all in 8th grade and the teacher I worked with was named Darren Johnson.)

I spent the night before biting my nails and replying to "under no circumstances, do not talk politics with these children" texts from my friends. The next day, I arrived at Mr. Johnson's room a little early, hoping I would be able to make a good impression and make up for the fact that I pulled up with a messy

hairdo and pullover TJ Maxx sweater, and I think it did. Immediately, teachers walked up to me and shook my hand, introducing themselves with their first name, which was utterly terrifying. It wasn't until the second period that the kids came in, though, and I finally got to go all in with my fieldwork.

After being greeted with, "damn, you're tall," or "are you in 9th grade," or "woah, you've got clown feet," (this kid is failing, by the way), it wasn't long for me to realize that most of these kids have zero filter and will say whatever, whenever they want. I immediately took note of how little these kids tried to hide it when they did something wrong. I'm not going to deny that I checked my phone in class, or fell asleep, or had a side conversation with a friend of mine in the back of the room, but at least I *tried* to hide it. Credit where it is due though, these kids are creative as can be. I watched one kid position their phone up to their Chromebook, wait for a time when the rest of the class would be swiping on their Chromebooks, and then they swiped on their phone to avoid any chance of

getting caught. As the next generation of teachers, I shouldn't condone this behavior, but I was, and still am incredibly impressed.

My main takeaway here is that these kids are so much smarter and respectable than people give them credit for. In a study hall, I watched a kid struggle with a math problem for about five minutes, and I knew the golden rule was to not give them the answer, so I tried to play dumb and work through the problem with them. I said, "I might have to do this problem in college so can you go to the board and show me how to do it?" At this point, I still thought I was just being helpful, but about two minutes in I had realized that I'd completely forgotten how to do this math and might actually need this child's help. All that being said, this kid went up to the whiteboard and solved the math problem better than I've seen some adults do it. It was incredible to me that they couldn't grasp it on paper, but just needed that little extra push to get them through it. Not to toot my own horn here, but I may have a knack for this.

"Student teaching" for my field-

work, in all, was one of the best experiences of my life. It took about fourteen cumulative hours for me to realize that these kids are wonderful, and genius. Society pushes younger generations to the curb and writes them off saying they don't know anything, and I've realized that is nothing but wrong. There may be a bit of an unfiltered aspect to these kids and how they go about conversation, and you blame that on whatever social media your Mad Libs of excuses come up with this week, but that doesn't mean it is a bad thing. Undecided students – I would've before, but I now couldn't encourage you any more to look into teaching as a potential career.

*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.*



## Obituary

# Raymon F. Scott, 87

Raymon F. Scott, 87, of Cambridge, passed away Monday morning, October 25, 2021 at the Southwestern Vermont Medical Center in Bennington.

Born November 26, 1933 in London, England, he was the son of the late Edward (Ted) and Monica (Hardy) Scott. Mr. Scott received his Bachelors Degree in Art & Architecture in England. He was a profes-

sional architect and artist working all over the world from 1974 until he retired in 2000.

Mr. Scott met his wife, Mary Leisz in 1972 and they were married December 28, 1974. They moved to Cambridge where they enjoyed their home and country living. He had many qualities such as being an artist, creative, a traveler, a sailor, animal lover, loved his family, espe-

cially his wife.

He attended St. Patrick's Church in Cambridge.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Mary Leisz Scott; his children, Robin Ray Scott (Emily Benson-Scott) of New York City and Katharine Scott of Cambridge; siblings, Sheila Scott (James Smith) of Adams, MA, Edward Scott (Mary Reynolds) of Hoosick Falls, Terence Scott (Katherine Scott) of Reading, MA, Brian Scott of Florida and his loving nieces and nephews.

Calling hours are 5-7 pm Thursday, October 28, 2021 at the Ackley,

Ross & Gariepy Funeral Home, 73 West Main St., Cambridge.

A mass of Christian burial will be at 10:00 am Friday, October 29, 2021 at St. Patrick's Church, 17 S. Park St., Cambridge with Fr. Peter Tkocz officiating. Interment will follow at St. Patrick's Cemetery in Cambridge. To offer condolences to the family, please visit [www.gariepyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.gariepyfuneralhomes.com).



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**Jumble:** PRUNE ABIDE SAFETY MUTINY

**Final Jumble:**

"BYE" -PARTISAN

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## Build a fallout shelter for less than a TV costs

**Kaylee Johnson**  
*Journal & Press*

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

### **120 Years Ago**

**November 13, 1901**

The members of St. Joseph's dramatic association demonstrated again last week that as amateur actors, they are an unqualified success. The drawing power of the interesting rural drama, "Away Down East," had not been exhausted. The seats in the remodeled theatre were nearly all filled both Thursday and Friday evenings, when the curtains rose on a scene at Squire Barlett's farm home, and the interest of the audience was held to the end by the local authors.

### **110 Years Ago**

**November 1, 1911**

Since no license has prevailed in Greenwich, during the past year. It has been a matter of common observation that the late cars from the north on Hudson Valley trolley line, especially on Saturday evenings, have carried more than the usual number of men more or less under the influence of liquor. In some cases, the resulting disorder has been very great, and the Journal had occasion to call attention to it before.

### **100 Years Ago**

**November 2, 1921**

Many Greenwich music lovers will go to Glens Falls Friday evening of this week to take part

in a musical event of note. Oscar Seagle, the famous baritone and vocal instructor, is to conduct a community sing in the Glens Falls armory, and residents of Greenwich, Schuylerville, and other towns within a radius of twenty-five miles of Glens Falls have been invited to participate in the affair.

### **80 Years Ago**

**November 12, 1941**

In the remarkably short period of four weeks the Greenwich company operators of the new dress manufacturing company in Lyttle Mills, on the Battenkill in this village, have trained a complete working crew of 43 women in the operation of the various machines it uses. The mill first began operating October 20, after a training period which lasted a week or two, with about 20 operators. Since that time, new operators have been taken on, as the older ones became proficient in their work. Today every machine in the plant has its worker and the management is already making arrangements for installing more sewing machines.

### **70 Years Ago**

**November 14, 1951**

Leslie Parsons, 18, Louis Parsons, 16, and William Parsons, 12, three Fort Edward brothers are reported in serious condition in the Leonard Hospital, Troy, following an automobile accident Saturday at 10:30 p.m., which followed a joy-ride in which state police said involved the stolen car of Millard F. Flint, of Schuylerville.

The accident occurred on Route 40, two miles north of the village

of Schaghitoke.

Fifteen minutes earlier, the youth trio had stolen the car from a parking lot at the American Wood Board Company Plant at Clarks Mills, according to state police. It was reported seen, proceeding along the road with lights out. The oldest of the brothers, Leslie, was behind the wheel of the car when it left the highway, struck two guardrails, and then overturned in a gully 300 feet away. The car was demolished.

### **60 Years Ago**

**November 15, 1961**

Radioactive fallout from a bomb which may be dropped in the capital district, or any other large city in this section of the country, is what the people of Greenwich have to fear, and the one protection is a fallout shelter.

The cost of a shelter is not prohibitive, the civil defense says. Nor is it too difficult to construct. In fact, it can be built by a do-it-yourself enthusiast! An adequate shelter in a cellar to protect a family of five or six can be built for material costs of approximately \$150 to \$200 less than the cost of a TV set.

### **40 Years Ago**

**November 5, 1981**

The stately brick mansion adjacent to Pleasant Valley infirmary in Argyle that was once the administrator's home, and most recently, an adult care home for men, has new tenants – four teenage girls and their house parents have moved in and now the home serves as a girls' boarding facility run by Washington County department of



Social Services.

The girls had been staying at a home in the village of Salem, but that facility was closed in September after 13 months of operation and it is now for sale by the county. The Argyle facility opened September 3.

### **20 Years Ago**

**November 8, 2001**

The Argyle Central School auditorium will fill with sounds and sights of the 1950s on Saturday, November 10, at 2 p.m. The Corinth Theatre Guild will present "The Rockin' 50's Reunion Show." In addition to showcasing the song and dance talents of the Guild's performers, the show finale will incorporate a tribute to the participation of Argyle's firefighters and EMS workers. The Argyle departments sent a search and rescue team to "ground zero" in New York City following the September 11 terror attack on that city.

It was the same attack that caused the cancellation of another popular 50's music show at Glens Falls Civic originally scheduled for October.



## The playbook

**Roger De Korp**  
*Journal & Press*

The Democrat/Liberal Playbook remains as it has for the last 20 plus years. Among other things, try to ignore the elephant in the room, telling us that what is obvious is not actually what it is - it's the opposite of what everyone knows it is; use diversion and non-logic to support that and communicate each with such conviction that people who are uninformed or those who want to believe those untruths, will believe them. And in one of their playbook favorites, they attack the credibility of those who oppose them, saying those with opposite views aren't knowledgeable of the issues, aren't intelligent enough to understand the concepts of the subject matter, and dispute the minor points of the dissenter's argument without actually being able to dispute the major crux and facts of the dissent.

In "The Librarian Is In" column, which appeared in the last issue, Annie Miller stated that my research was lacking, and I wasn't forthcoming in what my research stated.

I want to be careful with this because I respect what Ms. Miller has contributed to our community. First, I will state here that I am very confident in my research ability and stand by what I wrote in my column of the October 1 – 15 issue of this paper. Secondly, I only have 800 words to communicate my thoughts per issue; I could've included data from the Medicare website, along with reports from many doctors and professors of medicine, but doing that would've simply been a data dump. To her one of her main points in her column from the October 16 – 30 issue: Yes, anyone can contact the CDC to report an adverse reaction to a COVID 19 Vaccine (or to any vaccine for that matter); that is what the website is

**'My point was not the vaccine per se, but mandating having to take it.'**

for. However, it is assumed that, generally, a physician or medical staffer would report any such adverse reactions. A show of hands – how many

of you have contacted the CDC to report an adverse reaction or any medical condition? I'm pretty sure that you, like almost anyone else, would have contacted your physician if you contacted anyone at all. To Ms. Miller's inference that only medical professionals would be credible in informing the CDC of an adverse reaction, the first person to know that they're not feeling well after receiving the vaccine, would be the person who had received the vaccine.

I also think it stands to reason that medical professionals would certainly be the individuals to report hospitalizations, life threatening reactions, and deaths to the CDC since the VAERS site was designed for that purpose. While stating that I was mistaken in my use of a data base which I used to confirm my existing beliefs, she ignores that this is

a Federal government data base, and is published on the CDC's website. She ignores the thousands of deaths, hospitalizations, and life threatening events potentially or actually caused by the COVID vaccines which are listed on the website. Finally, in regards to the VAERS reporting, the website does state that "under reporting [of vaccine adverse reactions] varies widely", which indicates clearly that there is definitely under reporting; I urge all readers to get on the VAERS website to see the data themselves and research other resources. I would say that Ms. Miller's evaluation of the website and data indicates that she was using the data base to confirm her existing beliefs. And I have to say that It feels like it's out of the Democrat playbook; ignore the elephant in the room (deaths, hospitalizations, life threatening events), call attention to the superfluous, and state that the opposing viewpoint is uninformed and the per-



son stating it is unknowledgeable.

Lastly, my point of the column in question was not the vaccine per se, but mandating having to take it. In that column, one of the first things I wrote was "fear and panic... led immediately to the suspension of logic and reason in most of the general population". We were told ad nauseum (and still being told by some) that the COVID 19 vaccines would prevent the person taking them from contracting COVID and spreading it; we now know that neither is true. We were told that the vaccines are safe with almost zero risk to those taking it; but we know that thousands of those taking them have had severe adverse reactions. We were told that we had to flatten the curve and insure that hospitals weren't overwhelmed. In Washington County, as of October 21, 2021, the latest listing on the Washington County Dept. of Health website (as this column is being written), there are 13 hospitalizations due to COVID. We now know that the curve is flattened and hospitals aren't overwhelmed. In the end, a vaccine mandate clearly defies logic, reason, data, and our rights as Americans.

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



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# Cambridge Crossword

(solution page 24)

## Across

1 "Field of Dreams" state

5 Easing of govt. control

10 Snow glider

14 Iranian ruler ousted in 1979

15 Teaser ad

16 Buzzing colony

17 Energy-boosting munch

19 "Be it \_\_\_ so humble ..."

20 Former SeaWorld attraction

21 Meadowland

22 Convenience store inconvenience

23 Explosive container for muzzle-loading guns

27 Miss a birdie by one

31 Base runner's undoing

32 Not fer

33 Qualifying race

36 Waterproof fishing boot

40 Period or comma

43 With regret

44 \_\_\_ Ration: old dog food brand

45 Opera star Pinza

46 Covert \_\_\_: secret missions

48 Lip applications

50 Escape from jail

55 \_\_\_ Emu: insurance ad bird

56 Dublin's land: Abbr.

57 Lauder of makeup

62 Seaweed gelatin

63 Shredded Southern barbecue dish that's depicted in this puzzle's circles

66 Buster Brown's dog

67 Cybercommerce

68 Word after cutting or leading

69 Poetic tributes

70 Battle of the \_\_\_

71 Stack under a tarp

## Down

1 Web access cos.

2 "I know! Call on me!"

3 Toddler's drink

4 "Can I get a word in?"

5 Two-outs-in-a-single-AB stats

6 East end?

7 Author Dahl

8 Ceremony host

9 Low-riding, open-wheel racer

10 Sleight-of-hand scams

11 Wife of Augustus

12 Odds opposite

13 Jeter elected to the Hall of Fame

18 Kentucky's \_\_\_ Arena

24 Island near Maui

25 Inflict, as havoc

26 Stag's daughter

27 Weather report visual aids

28 Isla surrounder

29 "Be \_\_\_: rewind": old video rental reminder

30 Extras in an envelope

34 Didn't fast

35 Hint of color

37 Hšagen-\_\_\_

38 The "E" in the mnemonic HOMES

39 Bygone theaters

41 Keying-in error

42 Cantina crockery

47 "Blade" star Wesley

49 Gave the nod to

50 Student of Socrates

51 Stiff as a board

52 Public persona

53 "Et tu, \_\_\_?"

54 "No reason to get all upset!"

58 Eject, as lava

59 Chore list heading

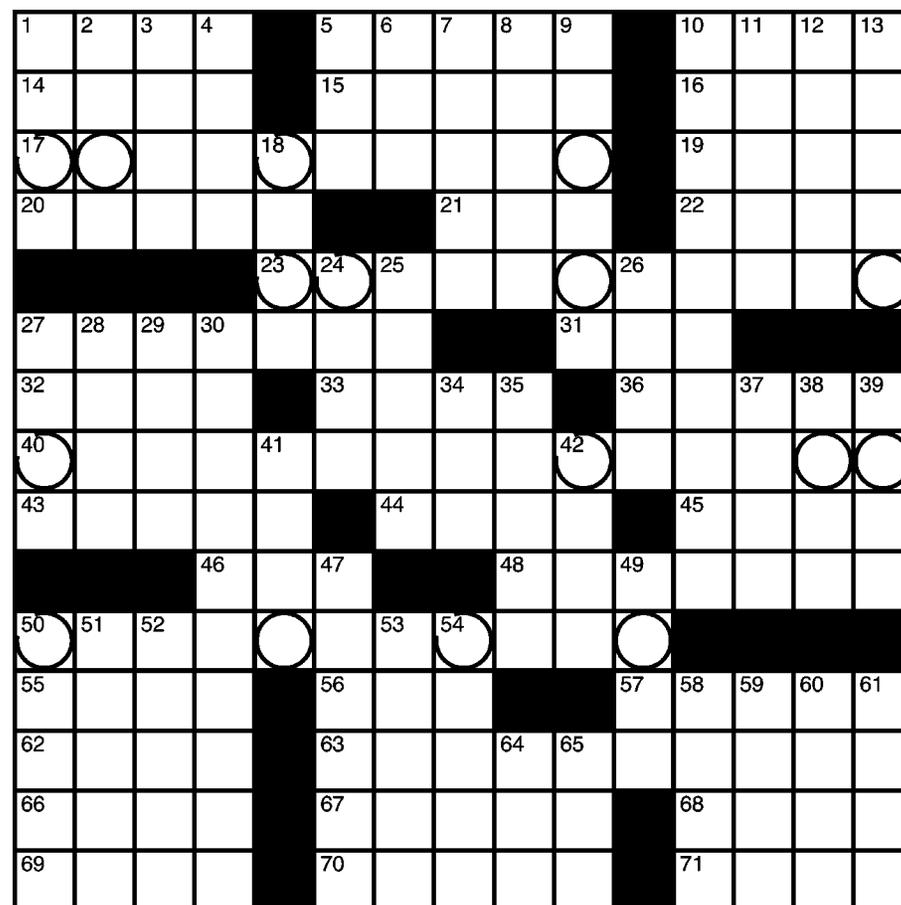
60 Hence, in logic

61 Barely made it, with "by"

64 Tell it like it isn't

65 Golf's "Big Easy" Ernie

**ANSWERS ON PAGE 26.**



## Word Find

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

Find these words that are associated with colleges located in New York State.

Adelphi

Five Towns

LIU

Molloy

Old Westbury

Paul Smith's

St. Francis

St. Joseph's

St. Peter's

STAC

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

## 9 to 5 by Harley Schwadron

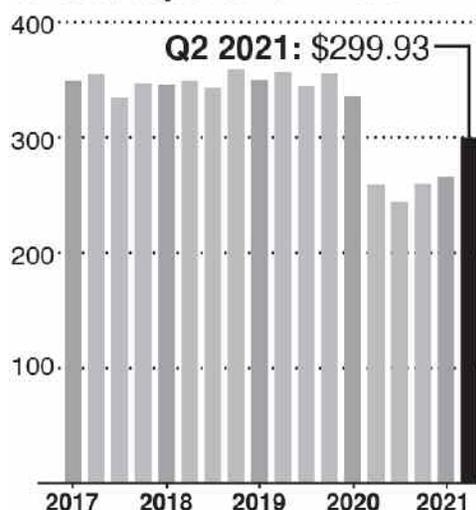


"Wait a minute. He just texted me."

## Fast Facts

### Average airfare

U.S. domestic quarterly average airfare, adjusted for inflation



Graphic: TNS  
Source: U.S. Commerce Department



# Take a deep breath

Lance Allen Wang  
*Journal & Press*

I've always been more a history guy than a "hard sciences" guy. However, I appreciate the importance of the Science-Technology-Math-Engineering (STEM) fields more than ever, and lament the fact that America is gaining an international reputation as a hotbed of "anti-science," what *Scientific American* calls a "rejection of mainstream scientific views and methods or their replacement with unproven or deliberately misleading theories, often for nefarious and political gains." More than once, I've shaken my head at folks looking at bogus treatments for COVID or denying the impact of climate change and thought to myself, "This is the same country that put men on the moon?"

The funny thing about history is I can twist it, torture it, and deny it and still live with the product. I can live in my own reality where January 6 was just a bunch of tourists visiting the Capitol. I can live in my own reality where the 2020 elections were stolen. And I can take that reality, maybe even meet some other folks who agree with me, and we can go on and live our lives, blissfully ignorant of facts, smug and comfortable that it is everyone else who are the fools.

But science? There is a whole different set of rules for that. The laws of physics and other natural sciences were set in motion long before man evolved. And while I may decide that the law of gravity does not apply to me, if I walk off the edge of a cliff, I assure you I will fall down, and not up.

I am scientifically literate, but I am no scientist. I tend to treat science like anything else that I am not learned about. I was raised to respect education and knowledge, as well as expertise and experience. I look at the source, I look at credentials, and I look at common sense. I was recently attending a meeting at a veteran's organization I am a part of. They were trying to determine "mask policy" for the post. There was a doctor in the room, a Vietnam veteran, experienced and with a good reputation. I yielded my time to him and said, "Is there anyone here who has any more knowledge and experience?" Of course not.

Climate change is rightfully a big issue, and it

does concern me. I also know that it is something I am not an expert on. I'm aware of the controversies too. I remember hearing a lecture from a Nobel Prize Winner at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Dr. Ivar Giaever, back in 2010, who did not believe in global warming as it was being presented. Of course, most of his argument was based upon the method of temperature measurement, and I also keep in mind he was not a climate scientist.

When it comes to climate change, I look at what are considered the primary causes. The largest culprit is greenhouse gases, and this is based on an 1896 theory by Swedish scientist Dr. Svante Arrhenius, which was validated by atmospheric measurements started in 1958 by Dr. Charles David Keeling.

## 'Unfortunately, climate science has been tainted by politics.'

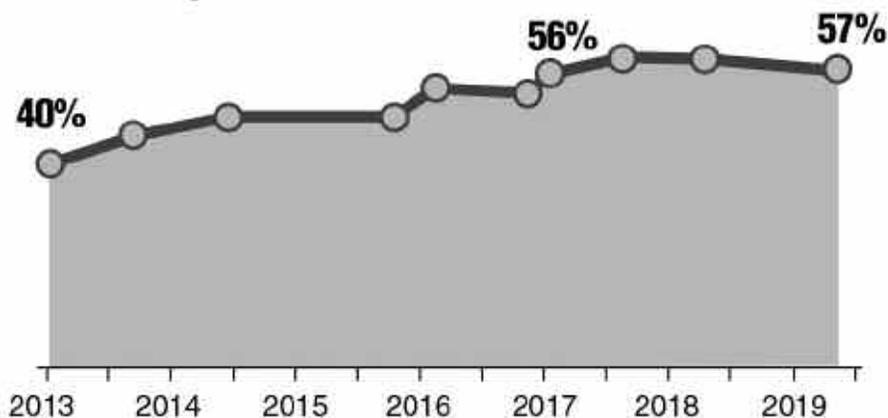
Unfortunately, climate science has been tainted by politics, which has no bearing on measurements, but a tremendous bearing on interpretation. I personally take a different approach – I believe climate change exists, and I believe we do impact the environment. But let's say, for a moment, that it doesn't.

Instead, let us look at that largest culprit – greenhouse gases. Let's not even TALK about climate change. Instead, we're talking about the tremendous amount of garbage that we throw up into our atmosphere. Air pollution by any other name is still air pollution.

In 1883, a volcano on the Indonesian island of Krakatoa exploded with tremendous force, releasing tremendous amounts of ash and gases into the atmosphere. Like with several other major volcanoes including Mount Pinatubo in 1991, these releases had a direct and measurable, but temporary effect on the global climate, causing temperatures to cool. Secondary climatic effects of the Krakatoa explosion included record-setting rain in Southern California through 1884. So we know when we send tons of junk into the atmosphere, it stays there for a while, and it does have an impact.

## Climate change as a major threat

% of adults who say global climate change is a major threat to the well-being of the United States



Source: Pew Research Center  
Graphic: Staff, TNS

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The United States ranks 23rd in the world in air quality (World Health Organization, 2018). The richest nation in the world finds itself smack dab behind Honduras, and just ahead of Nicaragua. Air pollution is linked to premature death (as well as premature birth), asthma attacks, heart attacks, lung cancer, and can contribute to dementia. Of the "fine particulate pollution" this refers to, 77 percent is from power plants and industry, 10 percent from transportation, and 16 percent from wildfire smoke. To put it more succinctly, in 2019 the American Lung Association stated that almost half of Americans – 141 million people - were breathing unhealthy air. This was an increase of 7.2 million since the previous year, spurred by rollbacks in pollution controls.

So the question is – even if you've somehow been convinced that climate change is no big deal, or there is nothing we can do about it – is the status quo acceptable? My answer is an emphatic NO. Cleaning up the emissions from our factories, power plants, and transportation sectors will result in cleaner air, reduced mortality, and start restoring a bit of the natural balance between our planet and its tenants. And if it happens to reduce the impact of climate change – all the better. And that's not political – that's just good medicine.

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



## I'd like to have an argument. Please.

Annie Miller  
*Journal & Press*

In a classic Monty Python sketch, a man goes to an agency seeking an argument. After choosing the type of argument - single vs a series of lessons - he goes to an office where his arrival is greeted with a tirade of creative British insults. It turns out, he has mistakenly opened the door for Abuse. Argument is down the hall. He gets to the correct office, only to find himself enmeshed in a “No it isn’t” / “Yes it is.” squabble that would do any pair of cranky siblings on a car trip proud. Exasperated, he says, “An argument isn’t just contradiction. It’s a connected series of statements to establish a definite proposition.”, to which his opponent replies, “No it isn’t.”

If this doesn’t remind you of American political discourse, you haven’t been paying attention. Name calling *starts* at “Hitler” and, somehow, escalates. People with anything intelligent to contribute are outmaneuvered by others who doggedly stick out their tongues, chanting “nya, nya.” Anyone foolish enough to admit ignorance and attempt to learn something through discussion in a public forum is in for a wild, frustrating and, sometimes, frightening

### All Saints walk

In celebration of All Saints Day/Day of the Dead the public is invited to walk Hudson Crossing Park’s meditation labyrinth and write in chalk the names of loved ones that have been lost and who walkers want to honor.

This is a self-guided walk, and visitors are welcome to walk the labyrinth in meditation at any time during regular park hours (dawn until dusk) on Monday, November 1, 2021 or Tuesday, November 2, 2021. Chalk will be provided.

Hudson Crossing Park is a bi-county park centered on Champlain Canal Lock 5 Island just outside of the village of Schuylerville on Historic Route 4.

ing ride.

It would be nice to be able to hearken back to the “good old days”, when people disagreed without being disagreeable but, sadly, those days never really existed. A few years ago, I attended a conference in Springfield, Illinois. It should come as no surprise that the Lincoln Museum and Library was a hot ticket destination for librarians looking for a good time. Most of us were, however, shocked by what we saw in the exhibit featuring newspapers of the day. Both Abe and Mary Todd were heaped with vicious insults and personal attacks before they even made it to the White House. So much for nostalgia.

But does it really matter if we aren’t particularly polite when discussing our views? Isn’t it

### ‘Abe and Mary Todd were heaped with vicious insults and personal attacks.’

important that we “tell the truth” no matter how ugly? Maybe, but the trouble is that the more riled up we get, the less we tend to actually pay critical attention to what is being said. We get caught up in emotion and are easily led down paths of least resistance. This is such a basic human frailty that a lot of the names used to describe these paths - called logical fallacies - are old enough to be in Latin and Ancient Greek. They are the intellectual equivalent of optical illusions and we are all susceptible to them.

Logical fallacies are arguments with a premise and conclusion that, when looked at carefully, don’t hold water. There are too many to fully examine here, but I’ll mention a couple and encourage you to go online, pull up a list and start ticking off how many you see or hear in the course of a written article or radio/tv segment. You can start with something you know you don’t agree with and then move on to the more difficult task of dissecting the arguments you are sure are right. It can be very eye-opening.

To give a simple example, we all say things like, “I forgot my umbrella this morning, that’s

why it rained” This is *post hoc ergo propter hoc* (See, I told you there’d be Latin!) - mistaking one thing happening before another for one thing causing another. Not too many of us really think our own forgetfulness can change the weather and we say this as a joke, but it is easy to fall into this trap for real. Take the ads for “miracle weight loss” drugs that show the before and after transformations apparently caused by their pills. We want it to be true that the simple act of swallowing a pill can take the place of struggling through a lifestyle change, so we take the pill and ignore the tiny print that mentions the diet and exercise that really made the difference.

One of the most used logical fallacies in literature is, of course, the Red Herring. Where would mysteries be without the suspect character who, in spite of being a lifelong enemy of the victim who also happens to be in town on the day in question, turns out to be innocent? Like a sleight of hand magician, the author distracts us with an attention-grabber while the real action goes on unnoticed. In politics, there are whole schools of these fish to choose from. Keeping us focused on hot-button issues means fewer questions about the boring stuff that has the most effect on our daily lives. People who do insist on talking about such things are derided as “policy wonks” because calling someone uncool (An *ad hominem* attack that targets the person and not the argument.) has been a guaranteed silencer since the elementary school playground.

Election season provides lots of opportunities to play “spot the logical fallacy” as we are bombarded with campaign messages. It may or may not help you make a more reasoned decision in the voting booth but at least you’ll have learned a few Latin phrases for the next time you want to sound like a real smarty pants during an argument.

Annie Miller is a recently retired librarian who suggests you Google “monty python she’s a witch” for more insight into politics and logic.



# Holiday Lighted Tractor Parade map/route

The Greater Greenwich Chamber of Commerce 9th Annual Holiday Lighted Tractor Parade is scheduled for Saturday, November 20, 2021 in the historic Village of Greenwich beginning at 6:00pm.

This annual parade celebrating business and agriculture, which could not be held in 2020 due to pandemic restrictions, has become one of the largest single-day events in Washington County and, unofficially, the largest parade of its kind in the country.

Tractors will line up and take off from the Greenwich Central School parking lot and will return to the school for an awards ceremony to announce the first and second place winning entries in each of the eight categories. Judging and the announcing of tractors will take place along the parade route at the grandstand, located at the corner of Main Street and Hill Street near the traffic light.

Entries into the parade are currently being accepted by the Greater Greenwich Chamber of Commerce and are available online at [GreenwichTractorParade.com](http://GreenwichTractorParade.com). Participant registration packets are also available at numerous agricultural, hardware, and tractor businesses throughout Greenwich and Washington County.

Afternoon activities include free horse drawn wagon rides around the village from 2:00pm to 5:00pm beginning at Washington Square, holiday music at Mowry Park from 2:00pm to 4:00pm, and lots of opportunities to purchase great parade sou-

venirs. Shops and eateries will be open throughout the village as well as a variety of food trucks.

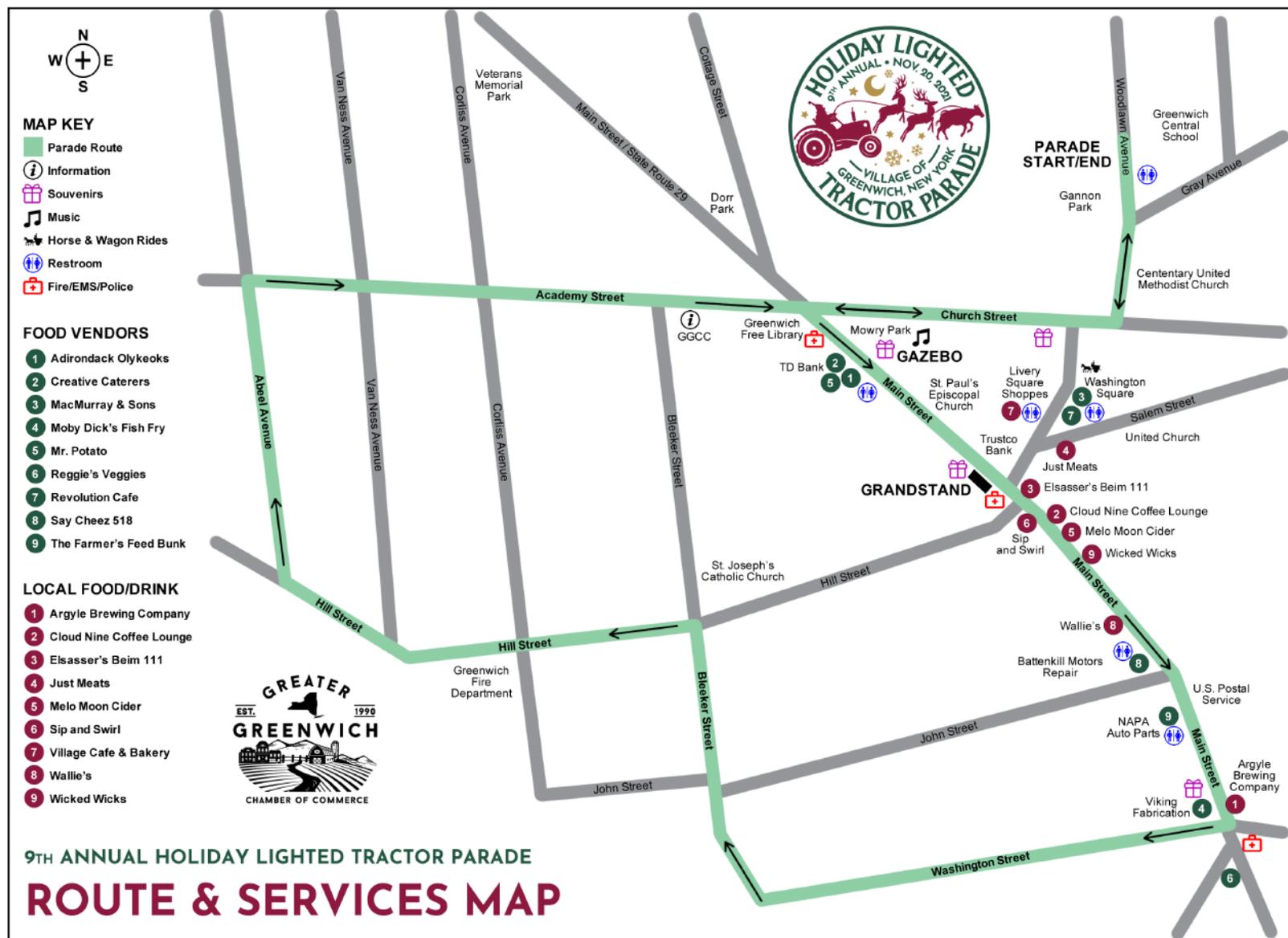
Visitors are encouraged to come into the Village of Greenwich early in the day before main road traffic back-up occurs and before road closures take place at 5:00pm. Detour routes will be signed and posted and they will be announced in newspapers and online leading up to parade day. Parking is at a premium and attendees may use side street parking and available open lots. Carpooling is encouraged and patience is requested when leaving the village.

"We anticipate this year's event will attract upwards of 60 tractors, many with beautifully arrayed floats, and thousands of spectators, young and old but all young at heart," said Kelly Eustis, Managing Director of the Greater Greenwich Chamber of Commerce. "Our sincerest gratitude goes out to Greenwich Chamber members and devoted business community for continuing their support of this holiday season kick-off."

The Greater Greenwich Chamber of Commerce would like to thank this year's sponsors, including Black Dog Designs, Capital

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For more information, please visit [www.GreenwichTractorParade.com](http://www.GreenwichTractorParade.com).



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