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Home for the holidays

From Everlasting Lights to Breakfast With Santa, it's beginning to look a lot like Christmas

Pictured, left, is the Greenwich crew who helped set up 50 Christmas Trees behind Town Hall for Everlasting Lights. We also have details on several other holiday-related events in this jam-packed issue. And don't forget to shop local for your gifts!

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Turning a new page

Transitioning from her exciting and successful career in New York City, Sarah Murphy joins the Greenwich community as the new Director of the Greenwich Free Library. Murphy is thrilled to bring her background in books and theatre education to promoting a love for literacy for Greenwich residents.

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In search of the perfect Christmas

Kate Sausville
Journal & Press

Every year on Christmas Eve, after the kids have gone to bed, my husband and I watch the movie *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation*. At this point, we could probably quote the movie line by line, and we often do. The movie is about Clark Griswold's quest for the "perfect" Christmas, or in his words, "a fun, old-fashioned family Christmas." It starts with the trek for the Christmas tree. Not just any tree, but the "perfect" tree. Family is invited from afar to spend the week leading up to Christmas at the house making "perfect" memories, and hours upon hours are spent putting up the "perfect" display of lights. All the while the family argues and complains, and Clark nearly loses his mind.

While the movie is clearly exaggerated, there are times I find myself feeling just like Clark. Trying to get the "perfect" family picture to go on the Christmas cards, spending way too much money for the "perfect" gifts, cooking the "perfect" meal, and generally running myself ragged. This point was driven home when I dragged out our Christmas tree this year. We

bought a prelit artificial tree a few years ago. The biggest pain is pulling it out of basement storage. But this year I noticed after putting it up that there is a section of lights out right in the center of the tree. It was driving me crazy! I spent hours trying to find the reason that section was out, debating buying more lights, or even just going and buying a new prelit tree altogether. After taking a moment I realized I am the only one who will notice and it would not be worth the hassle to do more. We stuck some more ornaments in that spot to cover it up and called it a day.

It can be difficult in our social-media-influenced times to buck trends, and go for "good enough" rather than "perfect." Recently I watched a morning show reporter apologize for her family's Christmas morning picture because they were not in matching pajamas and her sons had not had their hair cut before the holiday. Really! We forget that the images we see are carefully curated by people with backgrounds in branding and merchandising. Even your average online content creator (yes, it's a real job) spends hours setting up the perfect shots and editing before you see the image. It's rare to see life without filters.

This is something I try to keep in mind as the holidays approach, especially as we were not able to be with family and friends last year. For this year I am trying to focus on the people in my life, and having experiences rather than more things. For the gifts that I am buying, I will shop as locally as possible. Rather than stress about the little stuff, like that small patch of lights that are out on the tree, for instance, I am going to enjoy the big things. Being with family and friends, sharing a meal with loved ones, taking the dog for walks in the snow, and planning trips to visit family in other states. Good enough is good enough.

On a slightly different note, I want to congratulate the Greenwich football team on an amazing season. It was wonderful to be out in



"Christmas Vacation"

the stands and watch them play together. My voice is not quite back after this last game, and I did feel a bit sorry for those sitting around me. The team may have come up just short at the semi-finals, but they played with heart. After a year and a half of quarantine restrictions, it was wonderful to be able to get the community together and root for our team. The Greenwich cheerleading team, who was also out in the games during the rain and cold, showed their dignity and class during the game as well, giving our community another team to look up to. While it was not the ending the team wanted, they should be incredibly proud of their season and accomplishments.

Kate Sausville is a resident of Greenwich.



Holiday Market

Varosy Studios' third annual Holiday Market is on Saturday, Dec. 4, from 2 -8 pm. It takes place in the Gallery building at 1522 North Road in Greenwich. The market will start in daylight and end under the lights and the stars.

This year there will be 18 vendors, scattered in and around the building, offering a wide variety of tasteful gift items. There will be linens, hats, pins, fresh holiday arrangements, ornaments, throw rugs and jewelry, just to name a few. Aside from the gifts, there will be delicious food, warm drinks, fires and fleece blankets. A station with all the familiar Covid prevention items will be at the entrance door to the gallery.

Gather 103 in Greenwich has a lot to offer that day. Visit www.gather103.com. And so does Gardenworks with Santa visiting! Visit gardenworksfarm.com.

Who was D.R. Anthony?

On Sunday, October 24, 2021, the Willard's Mountain Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution dedicated a plaque in the Battenville Cemetery (site of old Dutch Reformed Church) on County Rte. 61 to Daniel Read Anthony, Susan B. Anthony's younger brother, more than 117 years after his death in November 1904.

Most local residents know that Susan's family moved to Battenville in 1826 and lived in the area until 1845 when they moved to Rochester. What many people don't know is that Susan and her siblings frequently returned to the area long after they moved away. Susan participated in women's suffrage rallies all over Washington County.

D. R. (as Susan called her brother) wished to place a monument to their mother's father, Daniel Read, who had fought in many battles of the American Revolution including Bennington, Ticonderoga and Saratoga. He ordered the monument and unfortunately, passed away before it arrived. Susan and D.R.'s son returned to Battenville in 1905 to place the monument where it stands today. After their visit, Susan was filled with memories of her time in the little hamlet and she decided to contact a childhood friend, the Rev. J.D. Walsh. In the letter written by Susan to Rev. Walsh, she stated that if she lived until the next spring, she wanted to honor her brother D. R. with an engraving on the back of the monument. Sadly, Susan herself passed away before she carried out her wish. No one, including Susan, realized that when she and her nephew placed the monument

in the little cemetery that it would be her last visit to the little settlement on the Batten Kill where she grew up. The letter remained in the possession of Rev. Walsh's family until the winter of 2021 when it was sold by the Raab Collection (which deals in the sale of historic documents). A transcription of the letter was posted on the Raab website where Willard's Mountain Chaplain Debi Craig discovered it. Debi, who is very familiar with the Battenville Cemetery, knew that the engraving had never been done. She thought, "We can do this!" and approached the members of the Willard's Mountain Chapter who quickly agreed. (Susan had joined the Irondequoit Chapter of the DAR when she moved to Rochester.) The money was raised for the project by August 2021 and the order was placed. A free-standing plaque to place next to the memorial was required as there wasn't enough room to engrave Susan's words on the back of the existing memorial, for at some point the names of the Anthony children's paternal grandparents and their own parents' names had been added to the back of the stone. This left a very small strip across the bottom of the stone which wasn't high enough to add any more text.

The day of the ceremony arrived. Special guests included Coline Jenkins, great great granddaughter of Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan's longtime colleague in the women's suffrage movement. Also attending was David Read who is a direct descendant of Daniel Read for whom the monument was placed. David unveiled the plaque at the ceremony to reveal the free-standing brass plaque next to the monument.

But who was D. R. Anthony? He was Susan's younger brother, but what path did his life take after he left Battenville? Daniel Read Anthony left school and became a clerk in his father's cotton mill. When he was 23, he left to teach in Rochester for several years. The New England Emigrant Aid Society sent him in the first group of people who traveled to Kansas in 1854.

In 1857, he relocated to Leavenworth, KS, where he lived for the remainder of his life. He was involved in the Underground Railroad harboring freedom seekers. It was also rumored that D.R. hid John Brown of Harper's Ferry fame before the bloody Kansas events related to the struggle for the abolition of slavery. In 1861, he was a lieutenant colonel in the 7th Kansas Cavalry. When he was commander of the brigade, he stopped slave owners from coming inside



The plaque dedication
—sandy mcCreynolds photo

Union lines to search for freedom seekers in spite of the passage of the Fugitive Slave Act which granted them permission to search for their property. He refused to take orders from the general and was relieved of his command. In 1864, he married Annie Osborn of Massachusetts, was elected mayor of Leavenworth in 1872, served as postmaster twice, the 2nd time appointed by Ulysses S. Grant. He was also a life member of the Kansas State Historical Society serving as president from 1885-96.

He became involved in journalism. purchasing an existing newspaper, but his outspoken writings frequently got him into trouble. Anthony was shot by a former employee on the steps of the Leavenworth Opera House severing an artery which should have killed him, but didn't.

A short time before his death in November 1904, he proposed the following for his epitaph: "He helped to make Kansas a Free-State. He fought to save the Union. He published the Daily Times for nearly 40 years in the interest of Leavenworth. He was no hypocrite."

After his death, Susan wished to honor him. She loved her brother and wanted his generosity and love for their grandfather to be recognized. These are the words she penned to be engraved on the back of the Read monument. "Erected by D.R. Anthony, born in Adams, Mass. August 22, 1824 – Died in Leavenworth, Kansas Nov. 12, 1904."

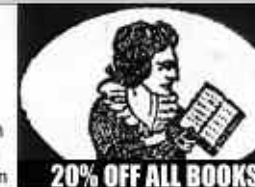
The plaque has been put in place 116 years after Susan had planned to make it happen.

G'wich 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. On December 1, **Chelsea Henderson**, owner of Rural Soul Studio in Schuylerville, will speak to the group about her music experience and demonstrate different drums and drumming. 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.

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G'wich town pot date missed; others opt in

Darren Johnson
Journal & Press

After beginning the process to legalize marijuana sales and public usage in the state earlier this year, a memorandum from the Capitol informed all villages and towns that if they would not prefer to participate, they had to opt-out by year's end.

By doing nothing, most area municipalities opted in to allowing potential sales and usage (via cannabis lounges).

Opting in does not mean that the state will actually award dispensary licenses to each municipality. That whole process will likely consume much of the 2022 calendar year, with actual dispensaries expected to perhaps hit next winter at the soonest. But a municipality needs to be in it to win it. Opting out – which would require an official vote – means that a municipality does not want legalized marijuana sales and/or lounges within its borders. However, that municipality would also be opting out of receiving what could be significant sales tax revenues.

“We may never see one locally, but it's another possible revenue stream if we do,” said Carman

Bogle, Mayor of the Village of Cambridge.

For example, Lake George did vote to opt-out last month because officials felt that marijuana dispensaries and lounges were off-brand for the touristy, family friendly village.

However, Greenwich Town Supervisor Don Ward, who lost his reelection on Nov. 2 and finishes his term at the end of the year, had expressed that he preferred the town opt-out so that, then, the town could initiate a referendum so that local voters could decide.

A Nov. 16 special Greenwich Town Board meeting on the potential legalization of the sale of marijuana in town only lasted half an hour. The meeting consisted of the board admitting it missed a deadline to have a public referendum before year's end, and now a referendum cannot be held until February at the soonest.

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

“We're talking about a seismic shift in public policy,” councilman-elect Jim Mumby said during public comments. “While I tend to be in favor of opting in [to allowing marijuana sales], many people may not be in favor. But there needs to be a conversation.”

The Greenwich Town Board can still opt-out at its December meeting later this month, expected to be on the 14th.



—christopher smith

Other area municipalities simply opted in by doing nothing.

“The Village of Cambridge board took no action to opt out. According to the law, municipalities are automatically in, if they do not take action to opt out,” Mayor Bogle said. “We have not received one email, phone call, etc., from residents since the law was passed.”

Bogle said that opting in can be limited later: “The Village has zoning and can add cannabis sales to it to regulate the time, place, and manner of those sales, like we do with other business uses.”

From a practical standpoint, Greenwichians still may be able to get legal weed close to home. The Village of Greenwich did opt-in. Apparently, if the town opts out, those residents who live outside Village borders won't benefit by the tax revenues from a would-be dispensary, say, in the Route 29 corridor.

As for a dispensary within Village borders, if the town does opt-in, it would qualify for half of the tax revenues generated in the Village.

Village Mayor Pam Fuller plans to spend much of the new year attending webinars on what all of this means for Greenwich. Still, she said, it's not like there will be a dispensary on every corner.

“The dispensary approval process is controlled by the state. I don't think any will open until at least 2023,” she said. “I understand that it will be an expensive license to obtain, and the State will control the density of the establishments; I heard that their intention is to limit the number of them.”



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October/November Argyle meeting notes

Robin Lyle
Journal & Press

The Argyle Town Board held two budget hearings, one regular board meeting, and two public hearings in October. The budget calls for a total of \$2.17 million in spending. About \$1.5 million will be raised via a town tax levy, which is on par with 2021. At a public hearing on the budget on Tuesday, October 26, at 6:30 p.m. the 2022 budget was passed.

Highlights of 2022 Argyle Town Budget

Over half of the total budget, \$1.4 million, is dedicated to highways, essentially the maintenance and repair of local roads. This includes costs of mowing, plowing, grading, paving and repairs necessitated by flooding, erosion, and normal wear.

- A discussion was initiated by Councilman Kevin Hayes on how the town could better prepare to replace highway equipment as needed. He presented a chart showing inventory, current age, life expectancy, and replacement cost of big-ticket items such as plow trucks, road graders, and other vehicles. The analysis indicates an annual cost to the town for highway equipment of approximately \$192,870. He said that budgeting this amount every year would enable the town to buy equipment debt-free as needed. According to Councilman Hayes, this action will save money, potentially \$100,000 over the next 20 years.

- The 2022 budget calls for increases to both the Argyle and Cossayuna Fire Departments. It also increases pay for hourly workers, such as the building cleaner and court clerk, to keep wages competitive with the private sector.

- Supervisor Bob Henke proposed increasing the amount budgeted for the youth swim program. Last year, 26 Argyle youth enrolled in the program. In years past, as many as 80 local youth took part. The Supervisor stated that the cost of about \$130 for the first child registered could be prohibitive for many families and emphasized the importance of swimming lessons in decreasing drowning danger among youth. The Board passed a motion to budget \$2,000 for the swim program, doubling last year's amount. This will lower the cost to \$30 per child.

Town Board Discussed Purchase of Summit Lake Property

The Argyle Town Board held its regular monthly meeting on October 13. Councilman Kevin Hayes brought up the need for a 3-bay facility at the highway department. The bays are required to house equipment that is too large to fit in the current facility and is projected to include a washing station. A rough estimate of \$1.5 million was given for the project. He stated completion of the project will take 4-5 years. He recommended initiating planning and site preparation now to allow actual construction to begin once the salt shed is fully paid off in 2024.

Supervisor Henke announced that a property at Summit Lake, owned by Washington County, is for sale. The site has pipes that carry water from the lake to the nursing home, formerly called Pleasant Valley Infirmary and now the Washington Center, which was privatized in 2014. An easement negotiated between the County and the Center providing access for maintenance set the stage for sale of the property. Supervisor Henke proposed that the Town make a purchase offer stating its importance to the town to ensure a potable water supply for residents, provide the only public access to Summit Lake for residents to recreate, and the frequent need for road repairs related to the steepness of the property and potential erosion could be exacerbated by paving or building structures on the parcel. He shared a draft of a letter to the Chair of the Washington County Board of Supervisors, Sam Hall, requesting that the property be sold to the Town of Argyle. The Board approved a motion to present the letter along with a purchase offer of \$2,000.

This letter was presented at the most recent meeting of the Washington County Government Operations Committee where members agreed to bring a resolution approving the sale to the next Board of Supervisors meeting.

November Meeting Focuses on Capital Improvement Projects

The Argyle Town Board held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, November 10th at 7:00 p.m. Since the work of developing and passing the 2022 Town Budget was completed in October, Councilman Hayes took the opportunity to initiate what will be an on-going discussion of a somewhat philosophical question

related to management of the budget. Hayes is encouraging the board to plan for capital projects in a manner that both addresses needs in a timely manner and allows the Town to fund projects with cash rather than having to borrow money. By paying with cash and avoiding borrowing the Town could save tens of thousands of dollars each year, Hayes explained.

Hayes outlined large projects that the Town will need to address soon. This includes work on the Town Municipal Building to make the building entrance and bathroom accessible, along with replacing the roof and septic system there. Improvements to the Highway Department building and grounds are also needed. Hayes suggested that one way to pay for projects like these is to use monies carried over in fund balances.

At present, the Town expects to end 2021 with \$522,055 remaining in one of the General funds. The two Highway funds (Town wide and Outside the Village) will each end the year with balances of over \$300,000. Maintaining a healthy fund balance is important as not all needs can be predicted and having money to address an urgent need is sound financial management, Hayes explained. The Government Financial Officers Association recommends a minimum of two months regular operating costs be kept in a fund balance. But local government officials need to determine for themselves if more than that may be prudent based on the particular risks and uncertainties a community may face. Once a level is agreed upon as prudent, it can make financial sense to use any excess to pay for the capital improvements.

In other business:

- Councilman Kevin Hayes raised the question of reducing the number of election districts in Argyle from three down to two. It was originally increased due to population growth in the town and limitations of the number of ballots each voting machine could process. These limitations no longer exist. The Town is required to pay poll workers to staff each district. A resident in attendance at the Town Board meeting who served as a poll worker on Election Day pointed out that the number of voters hasn't decreased, and the staffing levels were adequate at November's election, but that less staffing could have resulted in lines of voters waiting for a machine.

Greenwich's new librarian turns new page

Darren Johnson
Felicia Reich, Editor
Journal & Press

Transitioning from her exciting and successful career in New York City, Sarah Murphy joins the Greenwich community as the new Director of the Greenwich Free Library. Murphy is thrilled to bring her background in books and theatre education to promoting a love for literacy for Greenwich residents.

Murphy grew up in Albany County and has spent the last several years living in Brooklyn with her husband Jason Planitzer.

While in the city, Murphy distinguished herself through her involvement in the performing arts where she taught and directed. She is the Co-Director of the Tiny Box Theatre, a portable and interactive theatre experience. One of their most prominent projects, The Mailbox, was made possible in partnership with the organization Post Theatrical: A National Wave of Plays By Mail. She is also the Co-Director of the Bakerloo Theatre Project in Troy, NY.

Murphy received her Bachelor's degree in Theatre Arts from Drew University before going on to pursue her Master of Information Library Sciences from the Palmer School, Long Island University and her Master of Arts from Middlebury Bread Loaf School of English.

Along with her husband and their dog, she is in the process of moving and is excited to call Greenwich her home. During the pandemic, she and her family took the opportunity to think about where they would like to live with Greenwich being on the list. When her mom sent her the job posting for the position, she eagerly applied.

Murphy and her husband are currently living in Saratoga County with her parents. They plan on buying a house right in the Village of Greenwich. "It's always been a dream of mine to walk to work."

Murphy brings an esteemed track record in education and library and information science to the Greenwich community. Prior to joining as the new Director of the Greenwich Free Library, Murphy served as a school librarian for grades 6-12 at New York City's Professional Children's School, where she also taught English Language Arts.

She is proud to contribute to the advance-

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

Murphy replaces previous library director Annie Miller in the role as Director of the Greenwich Free Library. Miller, along with the entire library staff, has been incredibly supportive of Murphy in her transition to the Director position. "I'm very lucky that [Miller] is still right here in town and that she sees this library as her community library, so she wants it to succeed. She wants me to succeed."

Murphy acknowledges the library staff for preparing her to take on this role. "The beginning of any transition is about learning where you are now, the culture, the needs, the successes, and the history. I'm still very much in the learning phase but I have a lot of people who can help with that."

Meet Sarah Murphy at the Library's Open House, Thursday, Dec. 2, 5-7 p.m.

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

This holiday season sees several ways for the public to get involved with the Greenwich Free Library. They will be hosting their Winter Tabletop Tree Festival and Raffle from December 1st to December 15th where participants can enjoy the tree festival and purchase tickets to win one of the unique trees. The Library will also be hosting an open house on December 2nd from 5 to 7 p.m.



Murphy brings her experience in event and program organizing to her new role as Director. In addition to organizing events for the libraries she's worked for in the past, she is a co-founder of the Desk Set, an organization for New York City librarians and other library enthusiasts. The Desk Set's mission is to bring together library professionals in further education. Some of their activities include behind-the-scenes tours of libraries, fundraising for various libraries and nonprofits such as Books Through Bars, which sends books to people in prison.

In terms of organizing programs and events in her role as a librarian, Murphy most enjoys planning author talks and author panels. "I really loved bringing authors in for both the students and the adults in the community. For kids, authors come in with great presentations."

Whether it's multiple authors talking to each other or a moderator asking questions, "What I really love is to see them in conversation... those are the kinds of events that I really love and would love to pursue."

From Greenpoint, Brooklyn, to Greenwich, Murphy and her husband, who works in the film and television industry as a freelance location scout, are most looking forward to all the perks that village life has to offer, for instance walking around town and recognizing their neighbors.

"Everyone I've met has been so welcoming and I couldn't be more grateful for that."

The Stiles House and a photographer's eye

Robin Lyle, with Allison Wilshere
Journal & Press

Angela Strode Wenner didn't know that the house she spent her first six years of life in was the Stiles House, but she did know it was special. Having lived there from 1964 until 1970, Wenner remembers the house and surrounding fields as a great place to grow up. She and her older brothers played endless games inside and out, even creating a "spooky house" in the basement at Halloween foreshadowing its 20 years of Haunted House fundraisers now held every October.

Built in 1820, this beautiful house is an example of Federal style architecture with its original ornate interior details, six fireplaces, wide board floors, original privy and many other historic details. It was the home of Ransom Stiles, a prominent businessman, President of the Village and town supervisor and noted abolitionist. Stiles' connections and involvement in the town during abolition and accounts from residents in the 1950s who saw tunnels leading from the house to the Moseskill River is compelling evidence that this home was part of the Underground Railroad. It is for these historical reasons and to build community connections that the Stiles House is being renovated into a community center for the Village and Town of Argyle. When completed it will offer a place for healthcare, events and to encourage business and creative exploration.

It is fitting that it was in October that Wenner, now living in Pennsylvania, was visiting her parents who still reside in Argyle. It was a sunny, crisp Fall morning that she and her mother stopped by the newly formed Argyle Farmers' Market located on the grounds of the Stiles House, her former home. Going inside for the first time in almost 50 years it took a while to register which of the upstairs rooms had been her bedroom, which of the six fireplaces was the one in which her father "discovered" a leather strap studded with bells at Christmas time, renewing her belief in Santa Claus. She especially needed to see the basement room where she and her brother acted out imaginary adventures.

Fortunately, Wenner, a hobbyist photographer, had her camera with her. She took several shots of the now mostly empty house, uninhab-

ited for more than 20 years since the Village of Argyle purchased it after the last private owner abandoned it. Returning home to Pennsylvania, Wenner reviewed and edited her photos, posting several on Instagram. She immediately received a message from professional photographer, Bryan Sansivero, simply stating, "Wow." It wasn't long after "wow" that Wenner heard again from Sansivero asking, "Is this in Argyle? ... Is it open to tours? ... Can I talk to someone about getting inside? ... Is it available for workshops?"

Sansivero is an accomplished self-described "portrait and fashion photographer-turned-abandoned places" photographer. His work is haunting and each photograph fills the imagination with stories of the past.

Sansivero was highlighted on CBS Sunday Morning on October 31, 2021, a fitting day for his hauntingly beautiful work. "Sansivero has photographed houses, then come back and found them gone – which makes what he does feel important," reported CBS correspondent Martha Teichner. "I feel like my pictures are part of the legacy, and the fact that they are preserving how it once looked or how it may have looked the last time someone lived there. So, in a way my pictures are art but also it is also preserving history."

Sansivero, a portrait photographer who studied film photography and filmmaking in college, worked on films and made a documentary about an abandoned hospital in New York. "I've always had a love of history and old buildings and houses. As a photographer I'm always seeking out abandoned places with things left behind that tell a story about the previous owners. I saw some photographs of the Stiles House by Angela and was really intrigued by her photographs,



From *American Decay: Inside America's Forgotten Homes*

and then the history after reading about it and speaking with volunteers. I love seeing great architectural details as well as beautiful decay that can be photographed and I think the current state of the Stiles House has both of these things."

Allison Wilshere, volunteer for the committee renovating the Stiles House, replied immediately to Sansivero's inquiry and was enthusiastic about his idea to host a workshop there. He says he's "looking forward to showing people how I take my style of photographs hands on, as well as giving them history about the house itself. The workshop will be a mix of photography lessons and history tours. It is refreshing to photograph a structure that has so many people who care about saving it. So many of the places I visit are beyond repair and sadly, will never be preserved for the future and to benefit the community like the Stiles House will. I hope my workshops will help call attention to this place and the volunteers' efforts," Sansivero stated.

Two workshops are currently planned for Saturdays December 4 and 18 at 1:00 p.m. Each workshop is two-hours long and registration is through Bryansansivero@gmail.com.

Cost is \$80 per person for the photography session workshop, \$100 for the workshop plus a signed 5x7 photograph, or \$125 adds a signed paperback copy of Sansivero's work *American Decay*. Additional workshop dates will be added if needed. For more information on the Stiles House visit www.facebook.com/Ransom-StilesHouse.

'It is being renovated into a community center for Argyle.'

Comfort Food awarded grant for new location

Comfort Food Community (CFC) announced their organization was recently selected as a grant recipient by The Charles R. Wood Foundation. This generous award, totaling \$55,000, will be used to help fund the expansion of operations at CFC's Food & Farm Hub located at 101 Fiddlers Elbow Road in Greenwich.

The Food and Farm Hub currently supports Comfort Food Community's Fresh Food Collective and Supplemental Student Nutrition programs. CFC will use funding from The Charles R. Wood Foundation to construct and equip the expanded Food & Farm Hub operation. The facility will allow CFC to meet the increasing need for receiving, washing, packing, and storing of food products procured throughout the region. CFC's program, Fresh Food Collective, works with over 20 local farms to recover and/or purchase fresh food which supports distribution to libraries, senior centers, food pantries, and service organizations across Washington, Warren, and Saratoga counties. The Food & Farm Hub will also allow CFC to

maintain and improve their year-round operation of weekend food delivery to students at Greenwich Central School in addition to the operation of the new Farm to School program in partnership with 5 local school districts and Cornell Cooperative Extension. Important aspects of the new facility include climate-controlled storage to maximize use and extend shelf-life of fresh products, as well as expanded space to accommodate the increasing need for more food to support distribution across programs.

Comfort Food Community would like to thank The Charles R. Wood Foundation for this generous award. The foundation's philanthropic efforts aid organizations throughout the region that work to support children, families, healthcare, and the arts. Through these efforts, they strive to fuel the



legacy of founder, Charles R. Wood, who believed in sharing hope, compassion, health, and fun among generations to come. To learn more about The Charles R. Wood Foundation visit: charlesrwoodfoundation.com. Learn about CFC at comfortfoodcommunity.org.

GFH doctors urge vaxing

Glens Falls Hospital sent us a release reporting they are past capacity, the Emergency Department is seeing more people than ever before and they are sicker – and this is before the Holiday Season even gets under way. The regional Walk In and Urgent Care facilities are also seeing more patients than ever before.

“Let me be blunt,” stated Dr. Howard Fritz, Chief Medical Officer at Glens Falls Hospital. “If you are not vaccinated, get the vaccine immediately. If you are eligible for the booster, get it. Your life, your loved one's lives, and those of your friends and neighbors depend on it. This is not hype; we currently have over 50 patients admitted with COVID-19, and the vast majority are unvaccinated. This spike far outpaces what we saw last winter. And please — wear your mask and sanitize your hands.”

Dr. William Borgos, Chief Medical Officer at Hudson Headwaters Health Network is in complete agreement. “We are seeing, on av-

erage, 80 new COVID-19 patients every day. Again, the vast majority are unvaccinated and those who are unvaccinated are much sicker than the cases we see in fully vaccinated patients. As a community, we need to do everything we can to cut off transmission of the virus. We urge everyone to get vaccinated, get a booster dose if you are already vaccinated, and to wear masks in any indoor public setting.”

According to Dr. Robert Reeves of Irongate Family Practice, “You are 11 times – eleven times – more likely to die from COVID 19 as an adult if you are not vaccinated. I simply can't put it any other way; you owe it to yourself and those you love to get vaccinated.”

Glens Falls Hospital's total census – the total number of patients admitted – is higher right now than at any time during the pandemic, with the Emergency Department seeing more ambulances and more walk-in emergency cases than at any time since COVID-19 struck the North Country.

A black and white promotional poster for a 'Grand Re-opening' event. At the top left, a circular graphic contains the text 'RAFFLE HOT CIDER & FUN'. To the right, it says 'You're invited to the'. Below this, the words 'GRAND RE-OPENING' are written in large, bold, distressed font. Underneath, it says 'and lighting of the HOLIDAY WINDOW DEC. 4TH 5-7 PM'. At the bottom, it reads 'at the CAMBRIDGE FOOD CO-OP' and 'One West Main Street, Cambridge, NY'. The background features stylized sunburst or fan-like patterns.

How about the 77% who are moderates?

Darren Johnson
Felicia Reich, Editor
Journal & Press

Seth David Radwell recently visited my Advanced Journalism class at The College of Saint Rose to discuss his newly released book, “American Schism: How the Two Enlightenments Hold the Secrets to Healing Our Nation.” In it, the career business leader takes an investigative look at why people are so politically divided, discusses the new restrictive voting laws put in place in 18 US states and the importance of data when it comes to making informed decisions.

“The 18 governors who signed these [new voting laws] did so under the premise of needing more election security,” he said.

But Radwell believes that’s a false premise. “The data don’t point to a real problem with election security. What I think has happened is some political actors are very afraid of how much elections were based on paper ballots and absentee voting in last year’s elections.”

Historically, “there’s no question that voting regulations have been used extensively through our history as a way to suppress voting,” he added.

Referencing pre-Jim Crow-era voting laws, he said, “There’s been a big history of using poll taxes and other requirements for voting that have suppressed voting. It’s really important to understand these 18 new state regulations in the context of that history.”

And who will these new voting laws affect the most? Working class people, Radwell said. Making it easier for this demographic to vote, for example through early voting, Sunday voting, and absentee ballots, is usually beneficial. However, all of those voting options in different forms are restricted in these new laws, Radwell added.

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And everyone seems so angry now.

He added: “I noticed that across my network of business contacts, over the past couple of years it’s gotten increasingly hard to discuss political issues. If we’re going to be successful at handing democracy over to our children, we’re going to have to be able to talk about civic issues.”

A business leader, Radwell has built his career on understanding problems and recommending solutions. In his book, one of the solutions he recommends to heal America includes term limits: “In the private sector when you’re developing talent for an organization or a business, usually no one stays in the same job for more than a couple of years. After they get complacent at what they’re doing and good at it, they move on to a different challenge. ... I think the problem in the public sector is we don’t do that enough.

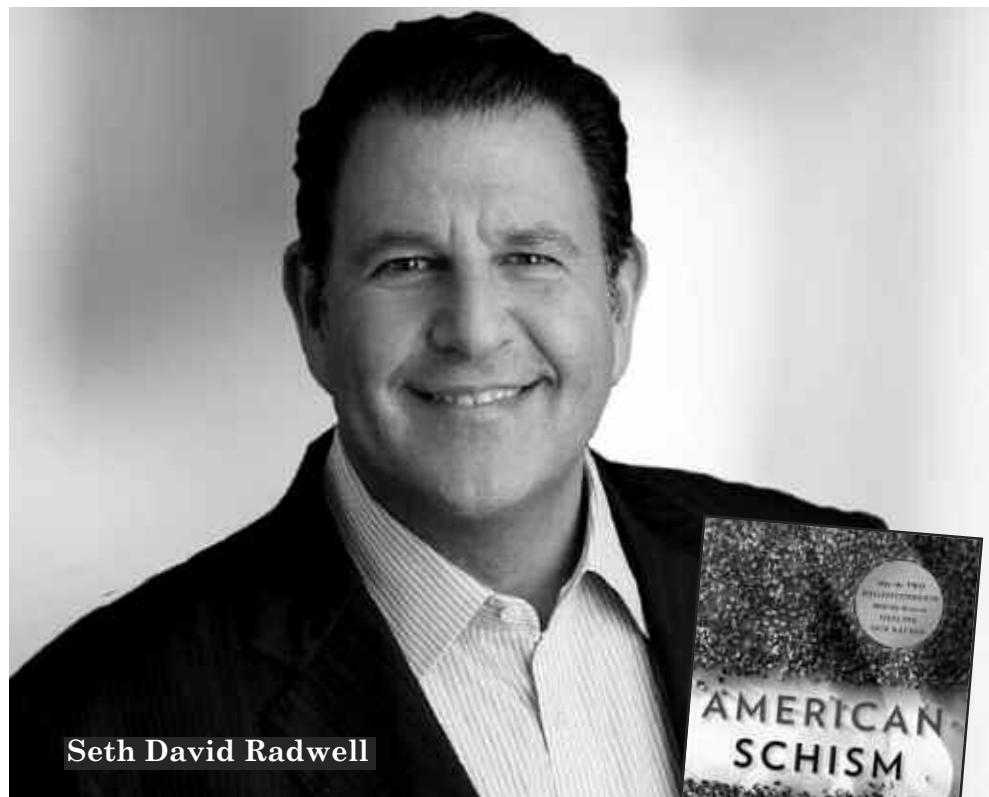
“The political industry has become a sort of cronyism where there’s a political infrastructure that is supported by lobbyists and ... the main thing they worry about is not to solve public problems but to get reelected. And they spend almost all their energy and money on that.”

‘Let’s talk about substance. Data matters.’

In America today, party lines have become so polarizing that people often fail to consider the point of view of a person outside their party affiliation.

But the angriest people are not the majority. They just seem to dominate by flooding the Internet and the airwaves with divisive content.

Radwell addresses this in his book: “My research shows 77% of Americans are a part of what I call the Frustrated Majority. They’re frustrated because their voices are



Seth David Radwell

continually crowded out by those on the extreme.”

Another solution in Radwell’s book relies on the 77% of Americans in the Frustrated Majority reclaiming the political conversation. “Let’s talk about a specific issue, and let’s talk about the substance of the issue, because data matters.”

Having appeared on both “Tucker Carlson” and NPR, Radwell speaks to bridging the political divide in the media. Getting information from different sources, and therefore hearing different perspectives, is fundamental, according to Radwell, in breaking out of partisan bubbles. “My goal is to break through these partisan echo chambers, so I go on shows on the right and the left.”

Radwell goes on to talk about the state of media today: “I think it’s important to have ... an objective set of facts about what is happening in the world. It feels like news has gotten away from that, certainly in the broadcast and cable arena.”

On his motivations for writing this book: “I’m worried about the future of

our country,” Radwell said. “I’m worried that rational thinking and fact-based analysis have been crowded out by passion, and rancor, and acrimony. I want [the next generation of American citizens] to be able to inherit a democracy, but I think it’s slowly slipping away.”

With his new book now available on Amazon, Radwell says speaking to young people has been the most rewarding part of writing his book. “I believe younger people are less set in their ways and are open to ideas.”

What about the future of democracy? “In many areas of education, especially K-12, the focus on STEM skills has crowded out civic-based skills like writing, making arguments and evaluating evidence... for democracy to work you need an informed citizenry.”

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'Finding Grace & Grit'

Khristeena Lute was sightseeing in the streets of Bordeaux, France, when a healthy dose of truth hit her: She was the only one who could define herself as a writer.

"We tend to move the goalposts on ourselves a lot," said Lute, assistant professor of English at SUNY Adirondack. "We say, 'I'll be a real whatever when this happens.' But it's an internal thing and that's what I figured out in Bordeaux: You don't have to have someone else validate you."

When Lute returned home, she started work on "Finding Grace & Grit," a dual narrative about a novelized Grace King, a real-life Civil War-era author in New Orleans, and Meredith Mandin, a modern-day fictitious woman

writing a dissertation about King.

Lute will read from "Finding Grace & Grit" and speak about the role of research in fiction writing at SUNY Adirondack's Writers Project at 12:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 6, in the Visual Arts Gallery in Dearlove Hall.

While earning a master's degree in English from Austin Peay State University, a professor recommended Lute research female authors from New Orleans, a city to which she was always drawn.

"I've always had a deep pull, a connection, to New Orleans as a city; it's an amazing place with its own vibe, its own soul," Lute said.

Hometown Christmas

The Bottskill Baptist Church in Greenwich will be holding its Hometown Christmas Fair on Saturday, December 4 from 9-3 at the church on Church Street. The event kicks off Friday night, December 3, with a Community Carol Sing from 7-8pm.

The craft fair, on Saturday, has local vendors featuring handcrafted items such as jewelry, wooden items, Christmas decor and more. Lunch is available. Also available, a variety of pies (frozen), from Smith's Orchard, to take home and enjoy.

There are still a few vendor spaces available, please call Annette at 518-791-8067 for information.

Easton Library meeting

The Easton Library will host a Board of Trustees meeting will be held Monday, December 6 at 7:30 pm. The public is welcome to attend. Everyone who utilizes the services of the Easton Library and has an interest in this vital resource for the Easton community is encouraged to be present. Please call the library at 518-692-2253 with any questions.

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Physical therapy and life lessons

Jim Nolan
Journal & Press

Anyone who has had physical therapy knows it is often intense, if not, grueling work. Whether recovering from a hip or knee replacement, an accident, or any of a myriad type of injuries, physical therapy is often prescribed to assist one in returning to normal activities.

Who are physical therapists? Physical therapists are highly trained medical professionals. A doctorate in physical therapy requires seven years of college with the last three year-round. It requires several months of working in different medical settings. After graduation, a candidate must pass the National Physical Therapy Exam.

My first encounter with physical therapy was after a hip replacement. The therapist had me do strengthening exercises as well as walking forward and backwards on a treadmill. It was akin to a good workout at the gym that leaves you sore in the muscle groups you worked on. I quickly got back to a normal life and was able to do everything I could do before the hip replacement.

My second encounter with physical therapy was more intense. I had broken my neck and injured my spinal cord after a bicycle accident.

The result was quadriplegia, paralysis in the arms, legs, and areas below the chest. After surgery and a week of recuperation, I was sent to an acute rehabilitation hospital.

I arrived at the rehabilitation hospital in mid-afternoon. After settling into my room, my assigned physical therapist, Jen, came to introduce herself and tell me we would be starting therapy in the morning. After she left, I wondered what we would be doing since I could not move my legs, each of my hands was clinched in a closed fist, and I could hardly move my arms.

Bright and early the next morning, Jen arrived in my room with two aids. They strapped my body into a harness and used something called a

‘I suddenly realized that to make progress, I have to constantly have a positive attitude.’

hoyer to lift me off the bed and into a wheelchair.

Jen pushed me in my wheelchair into what they call the “gym” which is a large room with “mats,” bed height tables with padded tops. Once again, the hoyer lifted me from the wheelchair to the mat. Since I had some movement in my arms, we started with me trying to mimic mo-

tions she was doing with her own arms. The first two things she asked me to do with my arms, first raise them up off the mat and second, turn each arm outward, I was able to do.

The third thing she asked me to do was to move my arms sideways on the mat. I tried three times to do this. After trying the third time, I looked at Jen and said, “I can’t do it.” Jen looked back at me and said, “I never want to hear you say those words again.” My immediate reaction was to respond, “But I tried three times and really can’t do it” but I decided to remain silent.

Later that day, lying in bed and reflecting on what happened, I suddenly realized something. Jen knew I tried to move my arms sideways

and couldn’t. When she said, “I never want to hear you say those words again,” she was not referring to me physically trying to move my arms, she was referring to my attitude. I suddenly realized that to make progress, I had to constantly have a positive attitude. I decided from then on, if I couldn’t do something Jen asked me to do, I would reply, “I need to work on this more” or something similar.

Reflecting further, I realized this was a good lesson to have in all aspects of my life, not just rehab. When confronted with a challenge, don’t give up but work harder or find a different way to accomplish the task. This was life lesson number one that Jen taught me.

After two months of inpatient physical therapy, I could now stand when placed in an upright position. I was ready for a treadmill-like machine called a light gate. You are placed in a harness after they get you

in a standing position on the treadmill. This harness keeps you upright. Therapy aids are on either side of you. Jen started the treadmill at a very slow speed. The aids lifted and moved my legs as needed to keep up with the moving treadmill.

We used this machine for several days. Each day I was able to go a little longer. One day, I knew from looking at the timer that I had gone longer than any time previously. I was tired and said to Jen “I think I’ve had enough.” Jen told me her high school track coach once told her, “When you think you have given it everything you got, you still have 10% left in the tank.” After hearing this, I kept going.

Once again I reflected on this at the end of the day. I realized this is applicable to real life. When you have a task to do, and you feel like stopping, remember, “You still have 10% left in the tank.” Life lesson number two.

Physical therapists change people’s lives. They help us heal physically and psychologically. What I learned from Jen over four months of rehabilitation increased my mobility and allowed me to live independently. This was life changing. However, I learned lessons that transferred to the rest of my life. We, collectively, should be grateful young women and men work so hard to enter and excel in the field of physical therapy. I know I am.

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



Old Saratoga Seniors

Next meeting of the Old Saratoga Seniors will be held Wednesday, Dec. 1, at noon at the Town Hall. It will be a sandwich luncheon. Please bring a dish to share. Money for Christmas luncheon is due. The Old Saratoga Seniors are taking a bus to this luncheon. Also sign up for a trip in May 2022. Guests are welcome. For more information, contact Pat at 518-338-2329.

Nolan ekes out victory with absentees

On Nov. 16, the Washington County Board of Elections opened and counted the absentee ballots, broadcast live via YouTube, and new totals gave the Democratic ticket a sweep in the three contested Greenwich races.

Jim Nolan, a registered Democrat, defeated incumbent Republican Supervisor Don Ward by a total of 14 votes: 740-726.

Tom Graves and Jim Mumby, independents who ran on the Democratic line, finished with 772 and 735 votes, respectively, defeating Julie Sipperly (701) and Liv Thygesen (699).

On election night, Ward had a narrow 5 vote lead, but it was already known that most of the 78 absentees came from registered Democrats.

To start the new year, the Greenwich Town Board will not have a GOP majority for the first time in modern memory.

Nolan, who also is a college professor and former dean, serves on the Town Planning Board and heads the Greenwich Central Schools board and the Greenwich Free Library board, issued a statement after the votes were certified by the Board of Elections: "Thank you to all Greenwich residents who took part in this year's election process. I am proud to represent all Greenwich citizens as your town supervisor. I've listened to the ideas as well as concerns of hundreds of citizens and will dedicate my efforts to incorporate them in all decisions, planning, and goal setting that will come in the next two years," Nolan said.

He will be sworn in Jan. 2, with Graves and Mumby along with new Highway Superintendent Jeff Derby and incumbent Clerk Kim Whelan, who both ran on the Republican line unopposed.

—Darren Johnson

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S'ville Visitor Center readies

The communities along the upper Hudson Rivers are getting a new regional visitors center. On Monday, government and non-profit members of an organization called the Historic Hudson-Hoosic Rivers Partnership announced that Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner helped secure state funding to complete the Canal Region Gateway Visitors Center in Schuylerville, NY. The acquisition of these funds will allow the visitors center to begin full operations.

Established by a statute in New York State Environmental Conservation Law, the Historic Hudson-Hoosic Rivers Partnership created a "state reserve" embracing the communities along the Hudson and Hoosic Rivers in Rensselaer, Saratoga, and Washington County. The "Partnership" is constructing the visitor's center as a regional hub for supporting local agriculture, outdoor recreational opportunities, cultural attractions, and promoting regional heritage. It highlights the region's vast history, with attention to the themes of the Champlain Canal and the American Revolution.

The visitors center opened in May 2021 with limited operations due to lack of electricity and plumbing, but the exhibits were installed and volunteers from the three county region welcomed

visitors. Funding through the New York State Economic Development Program, administered by the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, was made possible by Assemblywoman Woerner, and will allow the Partnership to complete the building's exhibit space with visitor facilities.

"The Partnership is a unique organization bringing together dozens of municipalities in the common interest of preserving, understanding, and explaining the history of this area," said Assemblywoman Woerner. "The benefits of the new Visitors Center were obvious to me this summer when I volunteered there. It truly is a "gateway" to accessing and learning about the lessons of our shared rivers and allowing visitors and residents alike to experience the context of significant historic events, or just learn about the many activities available to enjoy the rivers and the associated communities."

The announcement was made this past Monday at the Annual Meeting of the Historic Hudson-Hoosic Rivers Partnership. The organization is run by a board of twelve with membership made up of representatives of the Assembly, Senate, and Governors offices, Town Su-

pervisors, Mayors, and regional non-profits. The Partnership has many accomplishments, including the restoration of Dix Bridge as a multi-modal trail connector and the development of the Saratoga Surrender Site.

"I was delighted to assist the Historic Hudson Hoosic Rivers Partnership to obtain funding for the Champlain Canal Region Gateway Visitors Center in Schuylerville!" Assemblywoman Woerner continued. "The Partnership is a successful example of collaboration between municipal entities and not for profit organizations with the common goal of developing tourist opportunities in the context of protecting the natural and cultural heritage. I look forward to supporting their future endeavors!"



Jobs: Eeyore OUT, Tigger IN

Jill Schlesinger

Special to Journal & Press

The labor market bounced back in October, as Delta variant cases decreased. The economy added 531,000 new positions, at the upper end of the range of estimates -- and revisions to the two previous months added an additional 235,000 more than previously reported. The October hiring, which was broad-based across most sectors, brings average monthly job gains to 582,000 in 2021, for a total of 5.8 million jobs this year.

While a total of 18.2 million jobs have been added since April 2020, the financial fallout from the pandemic is not over: there are currently 4.2 million fewer jobs (and 4.7 million fewer people working) than there were in February 2020, before the pandemic hit with great force.

The October report made me think about two of my favorite characters from A.A. Milne's Winnie the Pooh adventures: Tigger and Eeyore. I know that Pooh, the honey-loving namesake of the book, garners the limelight, but the wildly upbeat Tigger the tiger and the downcast Eeyore the donkey exemplify the feelings that many economists have felt about the labor market over the past six months.

As the economy opened in the spring, the optimistic Tigger was ready for his close-up: a massive

1 million new jobs were created in both June and in July. Then as the Delta variant escalated, hiring slowed down and Eeyore was ready to proclaim that the end of the recovery was nigh. Neither character tells the whole story of the labor market, because for every upbeat assessment, there are also lingering effects of the pandemic, just as you would expect.

For instance, the unemployment rate, which is calculated based on the number of people working or actively seeking employment, dropped two-tenths of a percent to a pandemic low of 4.6%. That sounds great, except when you factor in that the labor force increased by just 104,000, which is not enough to keep pace with population growth. And labor force participation, which is the share of adults working or seeking work, has held at or below 61.7% since June 2020 - that's down from 63.4% in January 2020. In other words, the Great Resignation, and a jump in early retirements, persists. The smaller number of people working explain why there are labor shortages, which are in turn, are pushing up wages. Average hourly earnings are up by 4.9% on a year-over-year basis, but those increases are necessary as Americans contend with higher prices.

As economist Joel Naroff put it: "This report is a clear, unambiguous reminder that you should not

judge the economy on one month's number." One month it could be Tigger, another month it could be Eeyore, but over the course of many months, the hope is that all animals that dwell in the Hundred Acre Wood are able to enjoy that pot of honey, with you-know-who.

Retirement Plan Changes 2022

In case you missed it, the IRS announced that the contribution limit for employees who participate in 401(k), 403(b), most 457 plans, and the federal government's Thrift Savings Plan will increase to \$20,500 in 2022, up from \$19,500 for 2021 and 2020. The catch-up contribution limit for employees aged 50 and who participate in these plans remains unchanged at \$6,500. However, annual limits for traditional and Roth IRA remain unchanged at \$6,000, as does the catch-up contribution limit for individuals aged 50, which is \$1,000. Go to [IRS.gov](https://www.irs.gov) for more information on various retirement plan changes for 2022.

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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 weekday masses at St. Patrick's, Holy Cross, or Immaculate Conception until the week of December 13.

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. Reconciliation Services are scheduled as follows: December 12, 2 PM at Holy Cross, Salem; the 15th at 6 PM at St. Patrick's, Cambridge; and the 19th at 2 PM at Immaculate Conception, Hoosick Falls. Looking ahead to Christmas Mass, reservations will be required for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Reservations will begin at Holy Cross following Mass the weekend of December 4 and 5. Phone reservations at the office at 518 677 2757 starting December 6.

Holy Cross will be collecting gift cards to assist 23 families in Salem and can be left at the rear of the church until December 12. This is being coordinated by Salem School.

Thursday, December 2, is the famous Salem/Shushan Fuel Fund Dinner from 4:30 - 6 PM. It is a baked ham dinner with all the 'fixins'. Tickets are \$10 and are available for Rotarians, A&J, and the Salem Hardware. It is a pre-paid take out only. Additional donations may be made by check to Salem United Methodist Church, (fuel fund in memo) and sent to the Church at 31 West Broadway, Salem. More information can be found on the website at www.battenkillcatholic.org.

Greenwich NHS honors

On the evening of October 4, 2021, the Greenwich chapter of the National Honor Society inducted 23 new members. The ceremony was held in the Greenwich auditorium where families gathered to share in this special event. The current members entered carrying lit candles to soothing classical music. After all members arrived on the stage, the audience was welcomed by President Molly Morse-Becher. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance and then each of the officers spoke about the 4 pillars of the National Honor Society. Molly spoke about service, Secretary Tayler Cristaldi spoke on character, Treasurer Shea Fortier spoke about leadership and then Nina Sgambelluri spoke about scholarship. As each officer completed their speech, they lit a candle representing that pillar.

Following the reading of the pillars, the new members were inducted by the current members. While each new member was escorted to the stage to don a green robe, the officers were reading a short biography of the activities and merits that earned the new members entrance into NHS. Once all new members were on stage, the president and all members recited the NHS pledge and then all members exited the stage. Photos were taken with family members and friends. A reception was not held due to inclement weather and the necessity of remaining socially distant, but there were cupcakes and water to 'grab and go'



and to celebrate this great honor.

The following students were newly inducted into the Greenwich National Honor Society on October 4, 2021:

Alexander Baker, son of Matthew and Brandi Baker; Aidan Armitage, son of Kevin and Lee-Ann Armitage; Nathaniel Baker, son of Matthew and Brandi Baker; Bradley Brophy, son of Tim and Stacy Brophy; Jacob Ziehm, son of Kate Ziehm and Brian Ziehm; Norah Niesz, daughter of George and Maureen Niesz; Maeve Kelleher, daughter of Tim and Maryann Kelleher; Aidan Jones, son of Karen and Kevin Jones; Declan Kelleher, son of Tim and Maryann Kelleher; Brian Wells, Jr., son of Bonnie Wells and Brian Wells Sr.; Keegan

Collins, daughter of Jill and Kevin Collins; Catharine Abate, daughter of Sean and Patrice Abate; Mackenzie Dixson, daughter of Nicole and John Dixson; Teagan Wright, daughter of Deborah and David Wright; Joshua Ginart, son of Christopher and Michelle Ginart; Grace Mcfarren, daughter of Amy and Scott Mcfarren; Katie Snell, daughter of Renee and Michael Snell; Kaitlyn Lavoo, daughter of Deborah and Michael Snell; Morgan Randall, daughter of Stacey and Kevin Randall; Roxy Vanderhoff, daughter of Julie and Jeff Vanderhoff; Reese Autiello, daughter of Steve and Jill Autiello; Jocelyn Spiezio, daughter of Shayne and Jennifer Spiezio; and Ava Hamilton, daughter of Jason and Lori Hamilton.

Gifts for dementia patients

Holly Harris of Windy Hill C-B-D is hosting a Giving Tree in her business at 106 Main Street in Greenwich.

No purchase is necessary, but she's hoping to gather items in the \$15 price range for six women and two men in the Memory Care Unit at the Mansion in Cambridge. As an added bonus, donors may take \$25 off of their order at the shop, if they'd like to purchase anything C-B-D related for the holidays. Or merely drop off a gift.

Harris said that best gifts engage eye-hand and tactile feelings for the residents, who suffer various degrees of dementia.

"What we are asking for are 'busy gifts,'" Harris said. "Something that engages the brain. Some of

them like baby dolls, stuffed animals, anything to do with music, fidget blankets, weighted blankets – anything like that."

Harris's mother Loy, 92, is a new patient at the Mansion, and Harris' visits opened her eyes to the important, emotional work happening there.

"I don't know what the holidays are like for a lot of them in the Mansion. Hopefully no one has forgotten them," Harris said. "You'd hope people do something special."

She wants the gifts in hand by early December, to bring them to the Mansion by Dec. 11. She said the patients there are still mobile but their cognitive abilities are similar to a young child's, so even



Holly Harris -dj

gifts like coloring books and crayons may work.

See the ad on the next page for store hours, when you can drop off a gift for the Memory Care Unit. Please wrap it, and, if it's gender specific, label the intended gender. *-Darren Johnson*

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Everlasting Lights display shines on

The Everlasting Lights display is back, shining in rows behind Greenwich Town Hall.

Organizers and highway department volunteers recently helped set up the trees.

Fifty trees, reserved by families to honor loved ones who have passed, were first lit in a ceremony on Nov. 28. Larry Wilbur read the names of those being remembered as some snow flakes fell. Students from Greenwich Central School and Boy Scouts Troop 27 also participated.

Last year, the trees did go up, but the ceremony was mostly virtual due to Covid. This year, the live ceremony returned.

The trees have been a tradition in Greenwich since 2001, led by former town clerk Elaine Kelly, who also was helping set up the trees last month.

Judy Patrick and Jen Sharp are organizing this year's event.

Families reserve the trees for a \$50 fee and then decorate them. Each has a card saying whom the tree is dedicated to. There is usually a waiting list, but every year some turnover, so you may want to get on the list for next year now if supporting a tree in remembrance of a loved one interests you.

The trees this year come from a farm in Salem. They are a bit shorter than previous years due to this year's tree shortage.

Greenwich Youth Center children will help maintain the trees, which should be up until early January.

"It really is a whole community event," Patrick said.

Follow the group's Facebook page here:



(L-R): Jen Sharp, Hunter Bullard, Joe Bushong, Ken McPhail, Stanley Mattison, Bill Wilbur, Nick Casey, Elaine Kelly and Judy Patrick. -dj

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Cambridge Community Forest opens

On Thanksgiving eve, a group of spirited supporters gathered to mark the official opening of the Cambridge Community Forest (CCF). While the ceremonial ribbon cutting took just seconds, the journey to create this important community space took years and countless hours of effort by invested volunteers and community members.

The ceremony kicked off with a land acknowledgement and speaker presentation from key stakeholders including the Agricultural Stewardship Association (ASA), New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, The Land Trust Alliance, Village of Cambridge Mayor Carman Bogle and White Creek Supervisor, James Griffith.

The first step in the journey of creating the CCF was the purchase of the 140-acre wooded property at the edge of the Village of Cambridge by ASA with significant funding support from the Open Space Institute (OSI). “The funding that OSI provided launched our ability to fundraise for the remaining cost,” said Renee Bouplon, ASA Executive Director. Contributions from the Fields Pond Foundation, and the Community/Land Preservation and Planning Fund of The Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region as well as individual community members assisted with the purchase.

“The conservation of the Cambridge Community Forest is connecting children, families, residents, and visitors to nature and to each other,” said Kim Elliman, president and CEO of The Open Space Institute (OSI), which granted \$80,000 towards the \$110,000 purchase price of the property. “OSI is proud to have played a significant role in preserving this richly forested landscape, and prouder, still, to cheer on the Agricultural Stewardship Association as the property is opened for community enjoyment today.”

An important first effort in creating access to the property was the repair of an existing bridge to provide access to the forest. While the initial work began in fall of 2020, it was delayed due to COVID and funding delays, the bulk was accomplished throughout the early months of 2021. Around the same time, a committed group of volunteers formed the Friends of the Cambridge Community Forest group with the aim of mapping potential trails, envisioning and facilitating educational opportunities, and developing strategies for managing the forest. This project was supported with funding by the New York State Conservation Partnership Program (NYSCPP) and

New York’s Environmental Protection Fund. The NYSCCP is administered by the Land Trust Alliance in coordination with the state Department of Environmental Conservation. Generous funding was also provided by the Alfred Z. Solomon Charitable Trust for bridge repairs. The Hamill Family Foundation has also provided funding for the ongoing stewardship of the CCF.

Some of the group’s ideas were soon realized thanks to funding received from the Charles R. Wood Foundation which enabled ASA to engage the services of Lichen Ecological Design to create a plan for a sensory trail at the forest. Throughout the summer and fall, members of the Friends came together to begin work on the sensory trail and other hiking trails. In addition, an area beyond the bridge was transformed into a welcoming entrance to the forest complete with a kiosk, made of wood harvested from the forest and recycled slate. Additional hiking trails will be completed in the coming year.

“The CCF is a place for quiet walks, educational programs, demonstration projects, and a place to connect to each other and the woods that make up so much of Washington County. That’s part of what makes this so exciting,” said Renee Bouplon.

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos said, “DEC is proud to have partnered with the Agricultural Stewardship Association, Open Space Institute, Land Trust Alliance, the town of White Creek, and the village of Cambridge through the New York State Conservation Partnership Program to help open the Cambridge Community Forest. Community forests provide a range of great benefits to local residents, including nearby opportunities for outdoor recreation, education on forests and sustainable forest management practices, and sequestration of carbon to help fight climate change. Whether you’re a hiker, mountain biker, birder, or just looking to escape into nature, this 140-acre property is a special place that has something to offer outdoor enthusiasts of all ages and interests in this community, and beyond.”

“Cambridge was one of ten communities selected for the inaugural round of the Recreation Economy for Rural Communities program,” said Steph Bertaina, Senior Policy Analyst at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Office of Com-



munity Revitalization. “As part of that program, community members gathered together in a virtual workshop in September 2020 to create an action plan for how to build on the growing outdoor recreation economy in the region and to strengthen downtown Cambridge. I am so pleased to hear about the opening of the Cambridge Community Forest, which was one of the priority actions within the RERC action plan. It’s so wonderful to see the community taking steps to strengthen outdoor opportunities for residents and visitors alike, and opening the Forest is a huge accomplishment towards that end.”

“The Town of White Creek is excited for the opening of the Cambridge Community Forest; this will give our residents an opportunity to utilize another outdoor space for recreational use. It’s great for our community to see a gem of an environmental resource preserved for many more generations to appreciate,” said James Griffith, Supervisor of the Town of White Creek.

“I’m delighted to see the opening of the Cambridge Community Forest and look forward to the possibilities of having a large outdoor recreational space for the community. Thank you to ASA and all the volunteers it took over the past few years to make this possible,” said Cambridge Mayor Carman Bogle.

The entrance to the CCF is located at the intersection of Rockside Drive and Brookside Drive. The forest is open from dawn till dusk. The Friends of Cambridge Community Forest and ASA partner to manage the forest. For volunteer opportunities, please contact ASA at 518-692-7285 or asa@agstewardship.org.

Coping with grief at work

Daneen Skube

Special to Journal & Press

Q: *Many family members have died of COVID-19, I was unemployed for a while, and my industry is struggling with hard changes. I find myself anxious, irritable, and just waiting for the next blow. I know loss is part of life but how do I best cope at work?*

A: You can cope with loss in and out of the workplace if you allow yourself to feel the sadness, fear, and irritability. Notice I did not say dump these feelings into the workplace as doing that would un-

dermine you. Find people outside of work to talk about your feelings and acknowledge the reality that your old life is gone.

Americans tend to avoid grief. Our culture values the “happy face” at all times. When we experience multiple losses our happy face is not available.

In the aftermath of serious losses we’ll also experience an irrational amount of fear. Our psyche is shell shocked and starts anticipating more big heart breaks.

Americans value self-sufficiency at all times but in the face of loss we need support from others. We need a village to heal.

There are grief groups, counseling, and even crisis lines where you can share your burdens.

We also have to surrender our old lives and often old identities when we grieve. Grief unexpectedly rips away former habits, relationships, and roles and forces us into new places. If we can accept that it’s impossible to return to our old life we’ll also recover more rapidly.

Give yourself permission to be angry your old life is gone. Yes, it’s unfair, and yes, you did not ask for this, and yes, no one puts loss on their calendar. Loss is difficult in part because it travels with shock and shock makes it hard to adapt.

We all know Darwin’s law of adapt or die but we may not realize there’s a second reality of adapt or suffer more. Once loss has arrived we only have two options:

refuse to accept and suffer more, or work to accept and suffer less.

At the moment of loss all humans feel shock, fear, numbness, and a lack of reality. Our psyches go into shock to try to protect us from the full impact of the grief. We may feel detached from others, or dissociated from ourselves.

Over time full feeling comes back and with it the full impact of grief. Grief generally travels with irritability. Intense sadness is so painful that everything may annoy us.

Grief is unpredictable. A psychiatrist, Elisabeth Kubler-Ross, suggested stages of grief; denial, anger, bargaining, depression, and acceptance. However, my experience is my clients don’t go through these stages logically. Instead it’s normal to bounce around on an hourly or daily basis between stages.

If people at work ask you about your subdued mood it’s fine to acknowledge you’re going through loss. However, minimize your grief discussions at work. Most people do not deal with their own grief well and feel flooded by the grief of others.

Outside your workplace chose the people you talk to about your losses carefully. Select people that have had good therapy, done personal growth, or been through their own losses and are thriving.

Be careful to steer clear of destructive coping mechanisms. Too much alcohol, sugar, being sedentary, or other unhealthy habits will slow your healing. Our physical health is essential when we’re healing from a big loss.

There’s a wise saying whose source is unknown which observes that the bird does not rest easily on the branch because it trusts the branch but because it trusts its wings. We will not and cannot avoid profound loss and intense change. We can trust in our ability to cope and be resilient as we adapt to our new realities.

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Blue Christmas Service

There will be a Blue Christmas Service at Lakeville Baptist Church Route 49 in Cossayuna at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 21.

Not everyone is up and cheery for the Christmas holidays. Dealing with the death of a loved one, facing relationship problems, coping with the loss of a job, living with cancer or some other disease and a number of other human situations tend to make parties and joyful gatherings painful for many people in our communities. For many years, Lakeville Baptist Church has held a Blue Christmas Service of worship on the longest night of the year, December 21st, the Winter Solstice. And so on Dec. 21 they wish to invite you to join them in a quiet time of music, spoken word and meditation.

Auction for equines

Nipper Knolls Equine Center, Inc. is currently hosting an online auction through the services of 32 Auctions, a professional online auction host. Bidding is open now until noon on Thursday, December 9. Proceeds will benefit Nipper Knolls Equine Center, Inc.

The thirteen auction items were generously donated and include a one hour scenic airplane ride donated by Mike Gulli, trail rides donated by 4J Farmm, custom pet portrait painting by Shellie Boucher, various items donated by the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame, a one hour massage donated by Rachel of Alternative Wellness Spa and Bodywork, a leather pouch donated by Roxanne Peck, an overnight stay at the Bunker Hill Inn, custom framed and matted portraits of Nipper Knolls Equine Center’s therapy horses Max and Sonny from Photography by Samantha Decker.

To view the auction items and place bids visit www.32auctions.com/nipperknolls.

Breakfast With Santa Returns to Greenwich

Santa is back in person and coming to Greenwich! The Annual Greenwich Breakfast with Santa event will be held on Saturday, December 4th, 2021, from 7:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. at the Greenwich Elks Club on Route 40 in Greenwich.

Santa is due to arrive again this year by fire engine courtesy of the Greenwich Fire Department at approximately 8:00 a.m. The cost is \$6.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children under 10 – tickets are available at the door. The breakfast is a family style pancake breakfast cooked by the Greenwich Elks Club.

Children will have the opportunity to see Santa, create Christmas cards, and write and send Christmas Lists to the North Pole. Attendees can

also purchase a picture taken with Santa or make their own holiday crafts. The FFA, FBLA and local vendors will also have Holiday decorations, GCS Clothing and other craft items for sale.

The event is sponsored by the Greenwich Women's Service Club in association with the Greenwich Central School District's FFA, FBLA and National Honor Society Clubs, and the Greenwich Elks. The proceeds from the event will go towards Operation Santa and local Community projects.

Please come wearing your best Christmas MASK to protect Santa, all his helpers, as well as all the children.



College News

Sgambelluri signs with Delaware

Greenwich Central HS track and field and cross country standout Nina Sgambelluri has signed an NCAA letter of intent to attend the University of Delaware. Nina has applied to the Honors College and will study engineering.

Nina helped the Witches win a state championship in cross country, in 2018 and was named Class C First Team All-State in the Fall 2, 2020 season. In winning the 2020 Wasaren League cross country championship, Nina's performance also bested the winning boys race time.

In the 2021-22 Indoor and outdoor track seasons, Nina aspires to better her

current personal records in the mile (5:07) and 3000M (10:11) races.

Nina becomes the 14th NCAA Division I track and field/cross country signee from GCS since 2007. Two others accepted DII athletic scholarships in this time period.

It has been an exciting time for Greenwich running fans, as Nina's father, GCS math and science teacher Mike Sgambelluri, has helped coach her. Mike was a running star at Bucknell University and Nina will continue a family tradition for Delaware.



Coach Steve Patrick; Coach and father, Mike Sgambelluri; Nina Sgambelluri; mother, Deb Sgambelluri; and sister, Julia Sgambelluri.

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SUNY Ulster's Winter*net session, which begins December 27 and runs through January 18, offers three-week online courses that allow SUNY Ulster and visiting students the ability to earn credits quickly and affordably.

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spring semester, complete a required course, or explore a new area of interest.

To learn more about Winter*net courses and register online, visit sunyulster.edu/winternet.

Incompetence or success?

Roger De Korp
Journal & Press

According to the latest polls, more Americans than not believe the President of the United States is doing a poor job, many of which believe he and his administration are incompetent. Perhaps though, the Administration and its supporters have a different perspective of the nation's many crises, which might be that something's a crisis only if the results of their actions are unintended.

Article 4, Section 4 of the Constitution states, "The United States shall guarantee to every State in this Union a republican form of government, and shall protect each of them against invasion." What is going on at the southern border cannot be deemed anything other than an invasion. Throughout the 2020 Presidential primaries and election campaign, Candidate Biden urged people living south of our southern border to "surge, surge, surge" to the border; he promised health care and a pathway to citizenship, circumventing U.S. immigration laws. The Administration has, in fact, completely opened the border; he is seriously considering paying illegal aliens \$450,000 each in "reparations" for being separated from family when they illegally

entered the country during the Trump administration. Why? Progressives (leftists) in positions of power must manufacture millions of votes by bringing in people who will be beholden to them; and will vote in candidates who will pass radical agenda policies. So on immigration policy, is the Administration incompetent or a success?

Another item is the "Defund the Police" push in many Democrat controlled cities (aren't they all?). Again, at first blush this looks like sheer stupidity and incompetence by those city mayors and proponents of the movement and the Biden administration which encourages it. The resulting rise in crime in all these cities, especially crimes of murders and violence, has skyrocketed just as anyone would expect, including those

'We see what disunity has done to us in these last six years; people are polarized.'

who have championed defunding and demonizing. Is this simply incompetence on the part of the mayors and Biden administration? One would probably think so, but how can it only be incompetence when the results of these actions were expected to be what they are? What is to be gained by the Administration? One answer is creating fear, chaos, and the breakdown of order in these cities. It emboldens thugs and criminals to become even more lawless. It destroys entrepreneurs who built and

grew their businesses which service the residents of city neighborhoods. And it breaks down the morale of those residents, many of whom most need more of a police presence, not less. This then leads to apathy and creates more opportunities for mayors and the Administration to install even more authoritarian measures. So, is this incompetence or success?

The last item I'll discuss here – but not the last item to be discussed – is the President's statements that White Supremacy is the greatest threat to this country. The threat of China, the aforementioned southern border, the Marxist agenda (emanating from BLM, Antifa, government officials, some educators, etc.), inflation, supply chain issues, energy shortages, among others, are all currently less threats to our country than White Su-

premacry according to our President. Is this because except for the most left leaning people, those are the issues Americans are most united in in their concerns, whereas the "issue" of White Supremacy inherently divides us? In his inauguration speech the President said, "Without unity, there is no peace, only bitterness and fury. No progress, only exhausting outrage. No nation, only a state of chaos." For once, the President was right about something; since then, his divisive words and actions have resulted in exactly what he said disunity would bring. And so, by doing the opposite of what he said at his inauguration, revealing his true intent, has his leadership been incompetent or a success?



What's the upshot for us locally? In the case of illegal immigration, imagine DHS dropping 500-1,000 illegal aliens in each of Washington County's townships; unquestionably there would be strain on our infrastructure, including housing and schools. And if the Democrats in D.C. get their way, illegal aliens will have the right to vote; what would that do to the validity of our elections for our actual citizens?

As far as Defunding Police and what that leads to, these policies are like a cancer; if not treated swiftly and strongly, it will spread everywhere.

And in the case of disunity, we see what it's done to us in these last six years; even locally people are polarized. Just look at Facebook, or Twitter, or try to have a conversation about COVID and/or mandates, racism, or politics in general.

Yes, when seemingly every single thing that this administration has touched has cratered, one has to ask if any President and their administration could possibly be this incompetent. Perhaps yes; or perhaps it's been a success.

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Chicken dinner

Cambridge Valley Lodge #481, Free and Accepted Masons, a Fraternal Order and institution in Cambridge since 1860, will be holding a TAKE-OUT ONLY Chicken Biscuit Dinner on Sunday December 12th from 12 Noon until sold out. \$12/meal. Join them and take out the world-famous "Craig's Own" Chicken Biscuit! Pick up at the Lodge, located at 6 Coila Road at the intersection of Coila Road and Route 372.

My headline predictions for 2022

Cody Fitzgerald
Journal & Press

It's that time of the year again – I want to preview all of you on what's to come in 2022, with some of the headlines and articles we'll get to see in the coming year. Whether that be what's going on the political scene, local events or anything in between, let's preview what's shaping up to be a very eventful 2022.

Top 11 Prime Numbers

- Most important issues Republicans have tackled in 2021, including (and limited to) Dr. Seuss and Sesame Street

- A step by step on how to distinguish between the 87 white dudes with beards and snapbacks singing about Applebee's or their trucks in country music

- If people in Upstate New York are urging you to get the vaccine, you probably should

- Ed Sheeran announces next album, "ab+ x"

- Aaron Rodgers will not treat broken toe, citing "personal choice"

- Matthew McConaughey polling "alright, alright, alright" in Texas gubernatorial race

- Joe Biden receives second colonoscopy to get a break from office

- Ranking every Kidz Bop album

- Anti-vaxxer claims they do not want to have to get another vaccine every 6 months, would rather kill self

- Washington County Fairgrounds announces mud race with

all the tire prints left from holiday lights drive through

- Kyle Rittenhouse cut from high school drama production for "unconvincing performance"

- How to tell a kid their parents are getting divorced

- No one cares who Pete Davidson is dating

- Ranking bathrooms I've cried in

- Survivor of sub zero temperatures at Greenwich Tractor Parade speaks out about their experience

- After finding out Louis C.K. and Marilyn Manson were nominated for Grammys, The Weeknd beats up The Academy CEO in hopes for recognition this year

- Jeff Bezos announces his own version of *Squid Game*; employees now allowed to use the bathroom only when Alexa says "green light" for 30 seconds every 2 hours

'Okay, I'm kind of curious how Pete Davidson is dating Kim Kardashian.'

- Why Radio City Music Hall is the best bathroom to cry in

- Prior to Instagram CEO's testimony, Congress scrambles to learn what Instagram is

- Where is Flo Rida? An Investigation

- Trump tries to fight subpoena on January 6th information because he doesn't know what subpoena



Adele and Oprah – two women, one name each –TCA

means

- Okay, I'm kind of curious how Pete Davidson is dating Kim Kardashian

- Paul Gosar, post removal from House committee, now spends his free time reviewing anime

- "Beyonce had one of the best videos of all time (Taylor's version)" tops streaming charts

- Is Ted Cruz the Pillsbury Doughboy?

- Why McDonalds should be legally allowed to call hotcakes pancakes

- Travis Scott urges fans to not wear seatbelts on roller coasters for a more fun experience

- Biden administration promises to "come through on at least one promise, maybe" for second year in office

- Puppets I want to beat up

- Puppies I want to beat up

- Meta announces new Facebook themed clothing line, only for buy-

ers to discover it is just the flesh of skinned fact checkers on a coat

- Why Adele's "30" is the most okay album of all time

- Dear Dave Chappelle, the trans community does not need to be humbled

- Greg Abbott bans easy access ramps from his wheelchair

- Recapping all these headlines in a shorter article somehow

Looking forward to a great 2022!

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.



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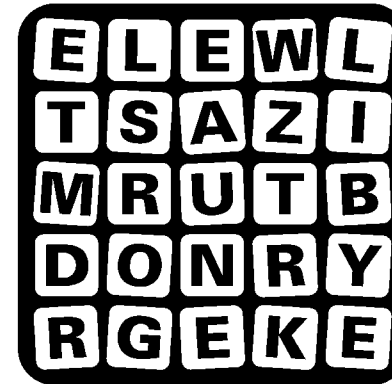
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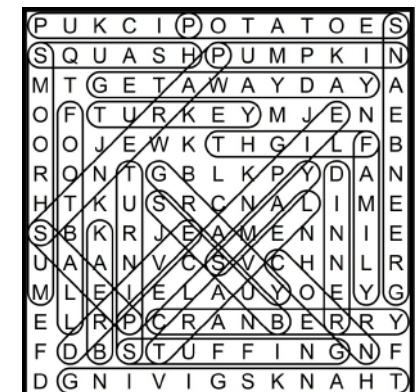
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The high cost of detectives

Kaylee Johnson
Journal & Press

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

100 Years Ago

December 07, 1921

The high cost of detectives to enforce prohibition laws has hit this county. At this morning's session of the board there was an interesting discussion over a bill of \$2,200 sent in by Schindler detective agency of New York for services in ensuring evidence against alleged violators of the Volstead Act and the gambling laws in this county... The services of the agency were secured as a result of many complaints received by his office, and that several towns unquestionably needed cleaning up with respect to the violations of these laws...Some of these items in the bill seem excessive to the supervisors.

80 Years Ago

December 03, 1941

Within a week or two, according to current reports, the General Electric company will start construction work on a new plant to be located on the old Washington County Fairgrounds, just north of Fort Edward village. It is stated that a building containing 800,000 square feet of floor space will

be rushed to completion at the earliest possible moment.

It has not been announced just what products will be manufactured at the new plant, but it was reported at the time negotiations were being carried on for the 17-acre site that it was expected about 500 people would be employed there.

70 Years Ago

December 05, 1951

With practically all of the merchants along Main Street cooperating the business section of the village is decorated with lights for the holiday season. The Greenwich Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the project and some 35 businesses have already contributed to the fund to finance this Yuletide decoration.

Strings of colored lights have been strung across Main Street at the 100 foot intervals from Garrett's Store to Whiteside's Garage. With contributions from merchants, the electric fixtures have been purchased and were erected on Monday.

60 Years Ago

December 06, 1961

Mrs. Mazie H. Tefft, 82, publisher of The Greenwich Journal and The Salem Press, died early Sunday morning... Her death was unexpected. She suffered a coronary occlusion late Saturday evening.

Mrs. Tefft has been publisher of The Journal and The Press since the death of her husband, Grant J. Tefft, which occurred January 28, 1948. She was president of Tefft Publishers, which includes The Journal, The Press, printing of the Schuylerville Standard, and operation of Journal Stationers.

She attended Greenwich Union School and graduated from Greenwich High School in the class of 1897. After teaching district school for a year at the Hook in the town of Argyle, Mrs. Tefft entered Plattsburgh Normal School. She graduated in the class of 1900 and accepted a position as a first grade teacher in Greenwich and taught here until her marriage to Mr. Tefft on September 18, 1907.

40 Years Ago

December 10, 1981

Alcohol and substance abuse problems at Salem School have never been more acute than this year, says Salem Central School Assistant Superintendent William Cormier. In September, 12 cases of alcohol abuse and suspension: two cases of marijuana abuse and suspension; three starting varsity football players off the team due to alcohol use.

The problem is not at epidemic proportions yet, however there is cause for concern. At Salem, the administrators talk freely about the abuses (no names mentioned, of course). They are fired by conscience and not frightened by conflict.

30 Years Ago

December 12, 1991

Once again Kmart is helping to bring the spirit of Christmas to area children by sponsoring the Giving Tree. The tree provides shoppers with an opportunity to donate gifts for children who might not otherwise have a Christmas. Tags on the tree furnish a child's name, age, and size. The tags are available until December 15. Shoppers are encouraged to get into the spirit of Christmas by taking a tag and fulfilling a child's wish

20 Years Ago

December 13, 2001

Representatives from the New York State Department of Transportation held a public information meeting Monday evening in the GCS K-2 cafeteria. The presentation discussed the two dramatically different alternatives for the redesign of the Routes 29 & 40 intersection.

The first design is a multi-lane intersection controlled by a complex set of overhanging signal devices. This design features several right and left hand turn lanes, broad expanses of pavement, and little green space. It is also somewhat invasive of the surrounding business properties, in that it occupies the entire state right-of-way with pavement.

The second design is a modern roundabout, which includes minimal pavement, no electronically controlled signal devices and features lots of green space. This alternative has been discussed at length on the front page of previous issues of the newspaper.

10 Years Ago

December 15, 2011

A very successful second annual Victorian Tea, sponsored by the Washington County Historical Society, was held at the Rice Mansion in Cambridge on Sunday, December 4. The beautifully decorated 1903 mansion, with a background of harp music and appearance of Santa Claus, refashioned days gone by. Laughter and chatter filled the rooms.

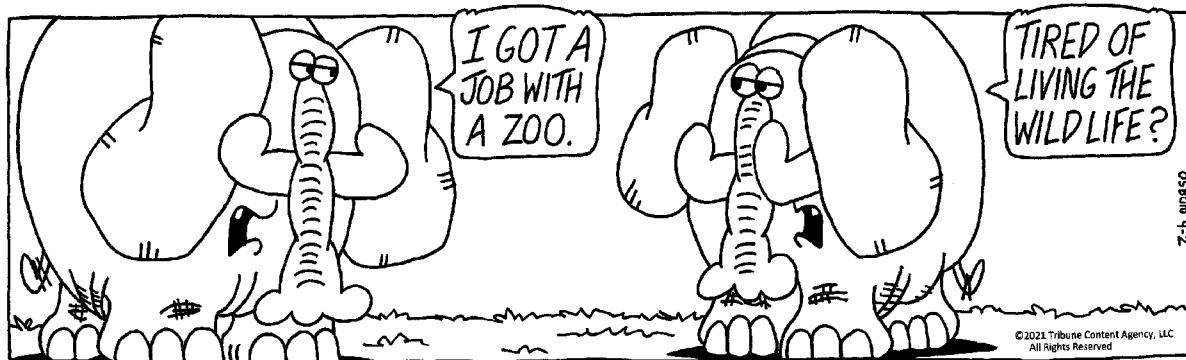
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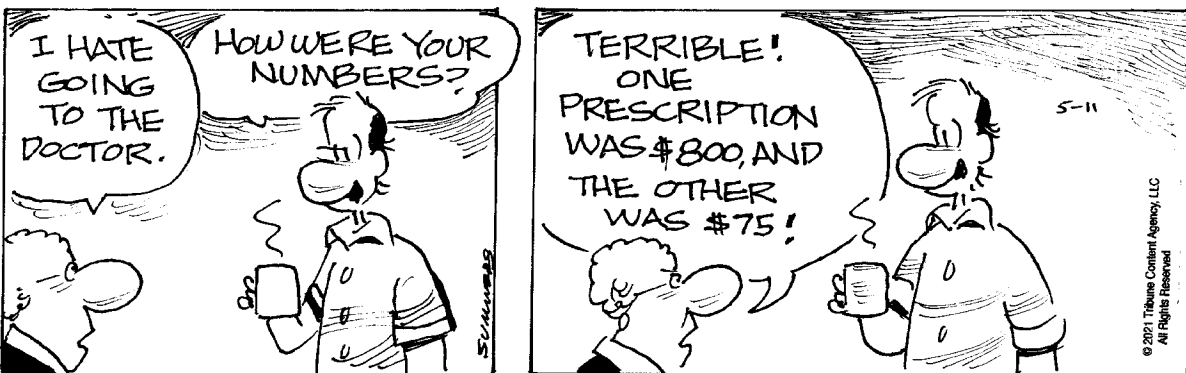
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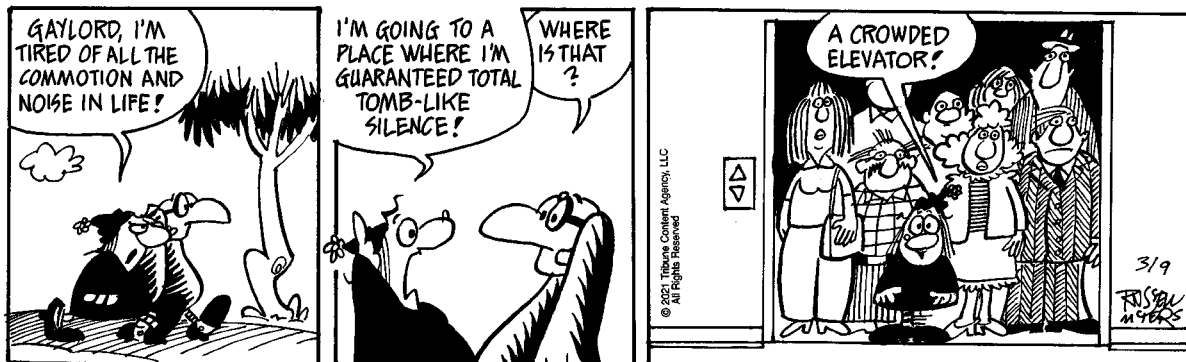
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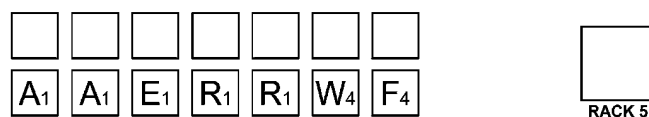
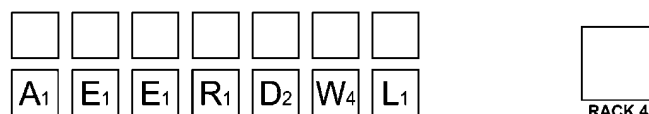
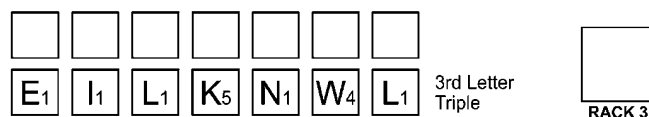
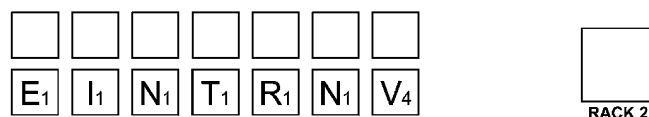
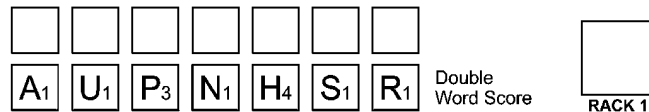


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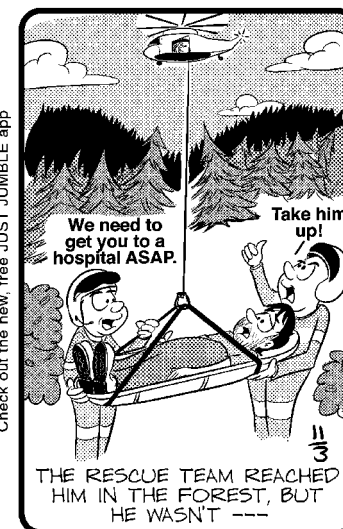
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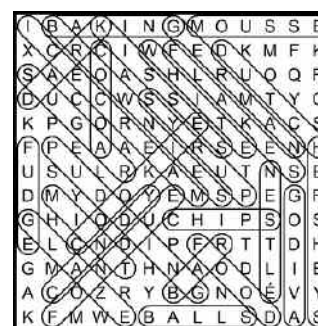
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.



Puzzle
Answers
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Washington County Covid rates are a disaster

To the Editor:

On Veteran's Day this past month we recalled and honored all those men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in our nation's wars; especially the 622,600 who were killed in combat during the two World Wars, the Gulf War, as well as in the wars in Korea, Vietnam, Afghanistan, and Iraq. Think for a moment of all the family members, friends, and local communities that grieved their deaths.

Now think of the multitude of family members, friends, and communities that are grieving the deaths of the more than 770,000 Americans who have died from Covid-19 since January 2020. Of course, the deaths of these people have been different from those who died in the wars of the last hundred years. But Covid-19 victims are also dead forever, leaving a painful emptiness in the lives and hearts of the millions of people for whom they are now only memories.

And the pandemic is far from over. For example, in just 5 days this past week Covid-19 killed more than three times the number Americans who were killed in twenty years of warfare in Afghanistan. And the disease is particularly virulent right now in Washington County.

New York has 57 counties. Washington County currently has the highest positive test rate in the state. On average every day during the past week, over 13% its tests were positive for Covid-19; statewide fewer than 4% of last week's tests came back positive. At 130/100,000, Washington County's case rate is now more than five times the statewide rate (23/100,000); much higher than even than Warren County's second in the state rate (94/100,000).

Low vaccination rates among Washington County residents are contributing to this dubious distinction. While 92% of our senior citizens 65 and older are fully vaccinated, that number shrinks to just 69% among the bigger population 12 and older. This means that on average 3 of every 10 Washington County residents over the age of 12 are still not fully vaccinated against Covid-19.

There should be no debate about the effectiveness of the vaccines. They prevent Covid-19 deaths and hospitalizations, and greatly reduce the spread of the disease. Washington County residents should not have to live in the hottest Covid-19 hotspot in the state. All elected officials must recognize the seriousness of our local Covid-19 pandemic and get out in front of the efforts to complete the vaccination of eligible residents. Public and private employers should join in these efforts. That way we will be thanking them in the future, not wondering if they could have done more to prevent the anxieties and pain that come every time one of us is hospitalized, and perhaps dies, from this terrible disease.

Ronald Edsforth

Greenwich

Ask an Expert

Dear Journal and Press Editor:

Rodger DeKorp wrote two opinion pieces about vaccine/vaccine mandates (October 1 and November 1). I was concerned after reading Mr. DeKorp's Oct 1 column, enough so that I dug deeper into some of the information he presented and after delving in, I was reassured that the vaccines were not as dangerous as he implied. In her column of Oct 15, Annie Miller wrote about this topic, going into more detail and she

came to the same conclusion as I did.

In Mr DeKorp's follow up article, Nov. 1, he said that the Democratic/liberal playbook is to attack the credibility of anyone who has a different opinion, to use diversion and non-logic to make their point, and to challenge the intelligence of anyone who differs from your thinking. He accused Ms. Miller of using this playbook. I couldn't tell from Ms. Miller's article what her political affiliation was, but I did think her column was a reasonable counter point to Mr. DeKorp's original article. I may be experiencing some bias here as well, since Ms.

Miller's opinion was the same as mine (confirmation bias), but I wouldn't call her response an attack against Mr. DeKorp.

Anyway, I believe the main point is: Whether or not to get the vaccine is an important, and life affecting decision. Readers should look for authentic, fact based information from reliable sources such as your doctor, your local health department, CDC, or other trusted medical experts. That seems to be the best course of action in these confusing times.

C. Levy

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Cambridge Crossword

(solution page 24)

Across

- 1 Stone-shaping tool
 5 Hindu noble
 9 Whirlpool brand
 14 Trade fair
 15 Dressed (in)
 16 Apple's apple et al.
 17 Ponce de Le—n's pursuit
 20 Second most populous nation
 21 Hereditary unit
 22 Dark blue shade
 23 Org. concerned with reducing emissions
 25 Buddhist teachers
 27 Smooch
 30 2009 title chef played by Meryl Streep
 35 Year, in Medell'n
 36 Title for Judi Dench
 37 Cartridge filler
 38 Big signs hung in arenas
 40 "I dunno"
 42 Bagel flavoring
 43 Fishing sticks
 44 Pull hard

- 45 Collectible '90s-'00s stuffed toy
 48 Measures of cell reception
 49 [Scowl]
 50 Pronoun with 51-Down
 52 Wall St. debuts
 55 Light controller in a lens
 57 Overjoy
 61 With "The," 2010 Annette Bening/Julianne Moore film ... and a hint to the ends of 17-, 30- and 45-Across
 64 Turn out to be
 65 Airbnb visit, say
 66 Chief Greek god
 67 Positive feature
 68 Head of the Sorbonne?
 69 Whirlpool

Down

- 1 Lower-APR loan
 2 Neural transmitter
 3 Tater
 4 Youngsters' zoo rides
 5 Color TV pioneer
 6 Sacha Baron Co-

- hen persona
 7 "Hidden Figures" co-star __ Monfe
 8 God, in Hebrew
 9 American gymnast Raisman with three Olympic gold medals
 10 Apollo launch
 11 R'o contents
 12 Imp's punishment
 13 Like used fireplaces
 18 Bar beer source
 19 Disaster relief org.
 24 Open a bit
 26 Portray
 27 Skewered meat
 28 Silly
 29 Justice Sotomayor
 31 Verbal hesitations
 32 Popular video-sharing app, familiarly
 33 Ring-tailed primate
 34 Bottom-of-the-barrel stuff
 36 Jeans fabric
 39 Topic of little im-

- portance
 40 Short hairdo
 41 "Grand" ice cream brand
 43 Give off
 46 Mideast leader
 47 Most spartan
 48 Central American country bordering Mexico
 51 Pronoun with 50-Across
 52 Swedish superstore
 53 Bowling targets
 54 Numbers that may be long or stacked
 56 Fence piece
 58 Improved in a barrel
 59 Hitting-the-ground sound
 60 Site offering handmade crafts
 62 Fitting
 63 Caustic cleaner

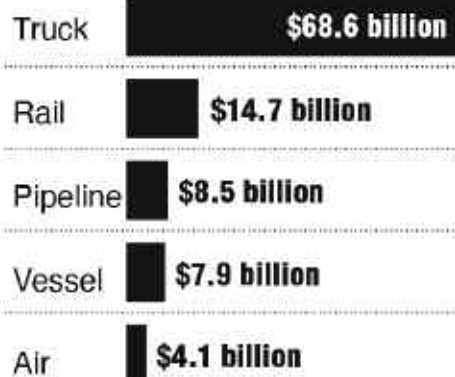
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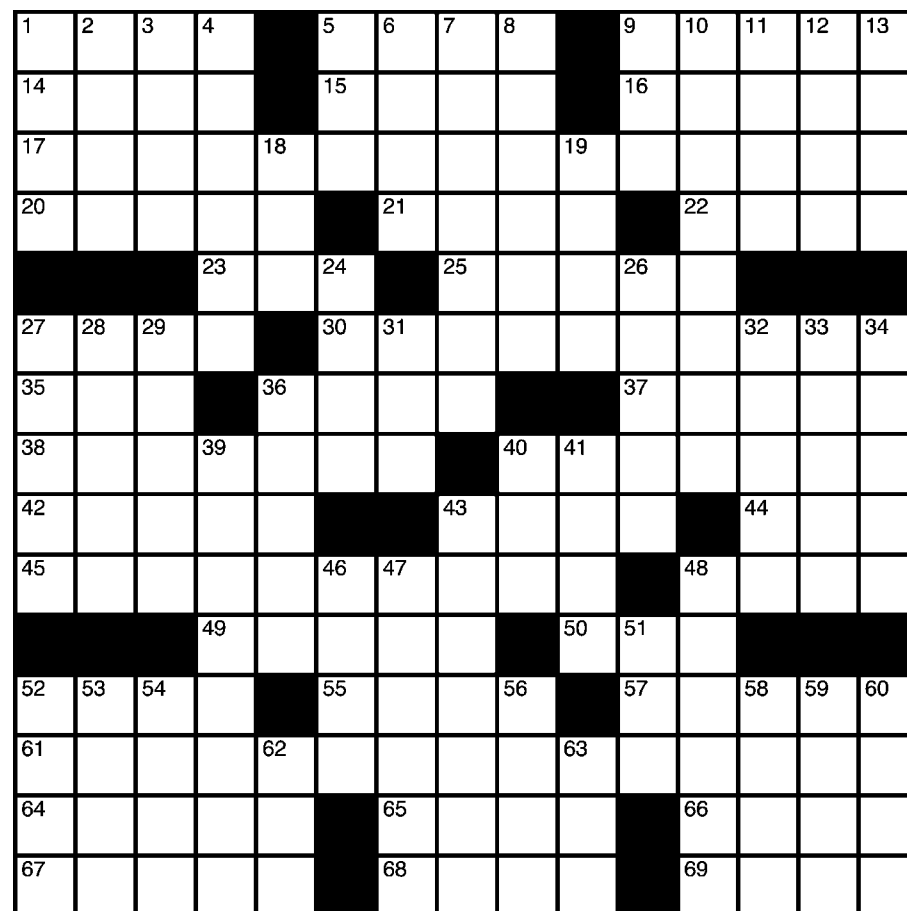
Fast Facts

North America cross border freight

Transborder freight between U.S., Canada and Mexico, September 2021



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 Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics



Word Find

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

Find these words that are associated with Chocolate.

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 Brownies
 Candy
 Chips
 Cocoa
 Cookie
 Dark

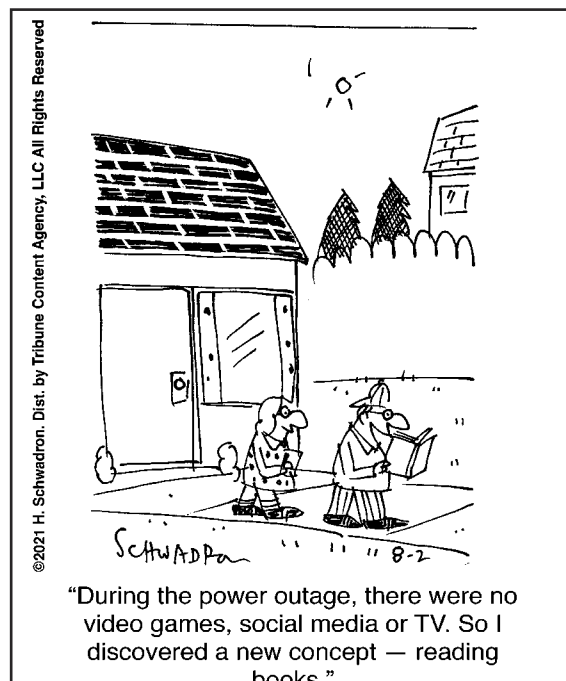
Dutch
 Flakes
 Fondue
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 Fudge
 German
 Glaze
 Godiva

Hershey's
 Ice Cream
 Kisses
 Mint
 Mousse
 Nestlé
 Pudding
 Sugar

Syrup
 White

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Baking



The road to Vietnam – from Canada

Lance Allen Wang
Journal & Press

The draft was a major flash point in the United States during the 1960s. Some young men saw entering the military service of the United States as a “rite of passage” and took their induction as inevitable. When circumstances allowed, others decided to enlist into an active or reserve service of their choice rather than cast their fate to the wind through the draft. Others found ways to escape the draft – some by finding a doctor who could cite an illness, condition, or injury, some real and others fraudulent – that would free them from their obligation. And others just escaped the country or went “underground.” Almost a quarter million Americans were charged with draft violations during the war. 8,750 were convicted, and 3,250 were imprisoned. Still other Americans deserted from the military after their induction.

Many of the draft resisters and deserters found their way to our northern neighbor,

Canada. Canada was generally permissive in providing haven for resisters and deserters, while at the same time not taking an official position on the Vietnam War. What is not nearly as commonly known is that the route that draft resisters took into Canada was a two-way street. While Canadian estimates put the number of those who evaded the draft or deserted and emigrated to Canada at between 30,000 and 40,000, there was a nearly equal flow of at least 30,000 Canadians who crossed into the United States and joined the our military in order to fight in Vietnam.

Canada had a history of its citizens heading south to participate in our wars. Between 1861-1865, somewhere around 30,000 to 50,000 fought in in the American Civil War. The first Black Canadian surgeon joined a Union unit as a contract surgeon. The writer of “O Canada,” the Canadian national anthem, joined a Union unit out of Rhode Island. In turn, 9,000 Americans fought the Axis before Pearl Harbor by joining the Royal Canadian Air Force between 1939 and 1941.



Canadians who served for the US

Davies, researching his brother-in-law, Rob McSorely of Vancouver, British Columbia, who was a member of the 75th Ranger Regiment killed in the A Shau Valley in 1970, said that Rob joined because he “... did what he thought was the right thing to do, and he didn’t want to be a bystander.” Some joined for the same reason I joined the military on a whim in 1988, out of plain boredom.

Reflecting the initial disrespect to Vietnam veterans that was endemic to America and its allies who fought there, Canada’s Royal Canadian

Legion, a Canadian veterans’ organization, didn’t allow Canadian Vietnam veterans to join until 1994. In 1995, American veterans privately funded a memorial in Windsor, Ontario called “The North Wall” – the Canadian Vietnam Veterans Memorial, which lists the names of the 138

Canadians who died in the Vietnam War.

So, to our neighbors to the north, I offer a salute – a salute to those who served, and those who fought honorably under American colors in Vietnam. And to all of my fellow veterans and former comrades, whether you served in Iraq, Afghanistan, Vietnam, or any other number of named and unnamed conflicts, or no conflict at all – I thank you for serving, and know my thoughts are always of you.

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.



‘Canada has a history of citizens heading south to participate in wars.’

A total of 138 Canadians died in American service in Vietnam (20 less than were killed during our much more recent war in Afghanistan). One, Sergeant Peter Lemon of Toronto, Canada, was awarded the Medal of Honor for heroism in the defense of Fire Support Base Illingworth, Tay Ninh province, Republic of Vietnam, in April 1970. Lemon was wounded three times during the engagement but survived his injuries.

Why did they go? Some were dual citizens who were drafted because they were living or working in the United States. Others volunteered for the same reasons many young people join the service today. Some needed a job. Some joined because they believed it was part of the fight against communism. Others joined for the adrenaline rush of combat. Don

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Are we the Bennets?

Annie Miller
Journal & Press

Jane Austen is an author with such wide appeal that, even if you've never read a line of one of her novels, you will likely recognize one of the many movie or book adaptations. Although she published only six completed novels more than 200 years ago, and the plots seem mostly to be about rich girls looking for husbands, Austen's use of language and insight into human nature keep us coming back over and over.

Every couple of years, a crop of new "contemporary" Austens appear in book and movie form. To my mind, the best of them, including the movies *Bridget Jones Diary* (*Pride and Prejudice*) and *Clueless* (*Emma*), are the ones that make no effort to duplicate the plots, only bringing the core relationships into present day situations. For years, I have felt that the trouble with trying to be true to the originals is that they are all written about a class of people who did no work. Even the few male characters who, ostensibly, have jobs, are never forced to miss a dance or a stroll in the shrubbery because of a professional commitment. The female characters spend a lot of time embroidering things and playing the pianoforte but anything productive, beyond supervising the servants, is a no-go. In today's world, where the first thing you ask a new acquaintance is, "What do you do?", there didn't seem to be an authentic arena in which to repli-

cate this lifestyle. Or so I thought.

My husband and I spent this Thanksgiving in Boston visiting our son. It was great to see him and I was especially happy to be able to cook a couple of his roommates their first traditional American turkey and fixings meal. It was also really nice, being both newly retired, that we had plenty of time for preparation and no external scheduling pressure. On our ride over, we discussed plans for a ski trip this winter and realized that we could skip all the flying and rental car and gear hauling rigamarole because we will have the time to drive. Adding a few extra days on either end of the trip won't be a problem, it will actually save money and not lock us into a flight schedule. Yes, this retirement gig was really showing some promise.

When traveling or at other times when falling

'The female characters spend a lot of time embroidering things.'

asleep is difficult, I have a few favorite reads that are so relaxingly familiar and satisfying that I am guaranteed to nod off after a chapter or so. On Thanksgiving, I started in on *Pride and Prejudice* and was just getting drowsy when I realized that my husband and I had, in the few weeks since we stopped working, become Austen characters. We

devote a lot of our time to exercise, meeting up with friends and planning trips. I have been a much better correspondent – not writing multi-page letters with a quill pen, but at least sending a lot more social texts and emails. I have been reading and listening to lots of audiobooks, cleaning out closets and setting up a sewing area. He has been working on whatever fiddly things interest him. When people ask us what we are doing, we happily say, "Nothing!" Of course, we don't have a staff to take care of all the chores and housework, but we also don't have to cram them all in to a limited number of free hours each week. To the extent possible for people without live-in help, we have ticked all the Austenian boxes.

This is not to say that we would qualify as main characters in any of her novels. We have already made our "good match" and are not maneuvering for emotional and economic stability. If anything, we would be relegated to playing supporting roles as parents or such like. Unfortunately, for the most part, Austen's older generations are no great shakes. There's lots of neurosis, passive aggression and other ridiculous behavior, possibly brought on by decades of living over-indulged and pointless lives. A few reasonable older people do make an appearance in the form of relatives who have actually worked or, notably in *Persuasion*, spent years at sea with the navy. They tend to be fun and good in a crisis. If someone is seeking out an, as yet unexplored, aspect of Austen to make into a contemporary movie or book, those folks are your best bet – Jane's retirees.

Since announcing my withdrawal from the world of gainful employment, I have been approached several times about joining boards or otherwise volunteering and, after I have some time to adjust to this new phase of life, I plan to do just that. Giving back is an important and rewarding aspect of small town life. For now, though, I will be happy to spend some time just being Captain Wentworth's fun aunt.

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



Easton library display

Easton Library's November entry display told about the Easton Library archives. The Easton Library has a small, but fascinating collection of resources related to local and regional history, including historical atlases, state planning surveys, town formation, church chronicles, schoolhouse documentation, and many genealogy compilations and personal memoirs. There are also cemetery records, birth and marriage registries, and tantalizing glimpses of local participation in national events, such as the Women's Suffrage Movement, and stations along the Underground Railroad. Many of these records are one-of-a-kind, and library staff say patient browsing is well worth your time.



Tractor Parade goes off without a hitch

Greenwich's Lighted Tractor Parade returned for its 9th year on Nov. 20 with 60 entries in the parade – 58 tractors and 2 fire trucks. This was on par with any prior year.

Sponsor Greater Greenwich Chamber of Commerce reported record fundraising and souvenir sales this year. “The return of the tractor went better than we could have hoped for,” said Kelly Eustis, Managing Director of the Greater Greenwich Chamber of Commerce and Co-Chair of the Holiday Lighted Tractor Parade with President Liv Thygesen. “We received amazing support from our sponsors and credit goes to the fantastic volunteers that made this event a success.”

Crowd estimates varied from 5,000 to 10,000. The contest winners:

Best in Show

First - Williams Tractor Pulling Team + Tony's Dance Crew

Second - Gather 103

Best Musical Entry

First - Argyle Brewing Company

Second - Kelly & Sellar Ryan PLLC

Best Use of Lights

First - United Ag & Turf

Second - Monroe Tractor

Best Small Tractor

First - Joshua Ramsey

Second - Van Donegan Farm

Best GGCC Member Entry

First - Willard Mountain

Second - Saratoga Regional YMCA

Best Antique Entry

First - The Smulsky Family

Second - Tiashoke Farm

Most Creative

First - SRN Trucking & Excavating



II Broke Moore Brothers on Capital Tractor



Williams Pulling Team



Mr. and Mrs. Claus

Second - Eastern Hay Company

Best Float

First - Elsworth Farm



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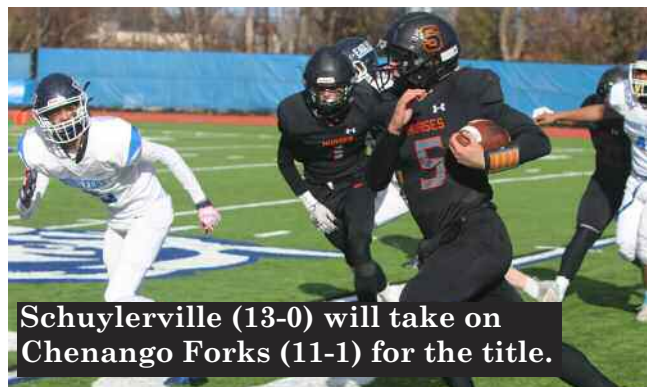
Second - Andrews Builders

Scenes from local varsity games



Deontae Bennett scored in a 28-14 loss to Moriah on Nov. 26 in the state Class D semis in Middletown.

We hope you follow us on Facebook and Instagram to see scores of local photos. Since our last issue, Greenwich football made it as far as the state Class D semifinals before finally losing, while Schuylerville is off to the Carrier Dome for the Class C final. *Greenwich photos by Dan Pemrick; Schuylerville photos by Denise Richard.*



Schuylerville (13-0) will take on Chenango Forks (11-1) for the title.












The Black Horses beat Dobbs Ferry 52-14 on Nov. 27 and play for a Class C state title in Syracuse, 6 p.m. on Dec. 3.

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