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Greenwich super to leave



Top schools administrator will retire as district finishes \$8.1M projects

Mark Fish, Greenwich CSD superintendent, will retire June 30 after eight years of service in the district's top spot. Earlier this year, he was pictured (shovel, left) at a ceremonial groundbreaking for \$8.1M in construction projects, which will be completed before his tenure ends.

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Marshall House tour

A rare treat as Schuylerville's Marshall House (est. 1770) opened for tours on a recent Saturday. More than 80 people showed up to see the home that nursed British troops and German mercenaries during the Revolution, including Baroness Frederika Riedesel (portrayed by Deborah Bailey of Greenwich).

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Taking stock this time of year

Kate Sausville
Journal & Press

One of my favorite holiday movies is “It’s A Wonderful Life.” The story takes place in a small town in upstate New York. The main character, George Bailey, has many problems, and decides the only way out is to end his life on Christmas Eve. With the help of a guardian angel, he is given the opportunity to see how his life has impacted so many others. Even seemingly minor interactions have major implications. While “It’s A Wonderful Life” is billed as a Christmas movie, I actually think it’s more appropriate as a New Year’s Eve movie, as it shows the George Baily reflecting on his life decisions and the consequences. The movie reminds us that our everyday, seemingly mundane actions can cause a ripple effect. This is a good reason to be mindful of our behavior, towards ourselves and others.

As the old year winds down, I try to take some time to reflect on how things went, and what, if any, changes I should make moving forward. This is not the same as making a New Year’s Resolution, I won’t be making crazy plans to get up at 4:30am to go to the gym, or to run a marathon. This is more of a self-assessment that leads to realistic goals, not sweeping changes that will prove impossible to work to-

wards. Taking stock can begin with asking questions to gauge where I am. Have I been kind to others? Have I reacted with judgement instead of compassion? Have I let minor inconveniences make me angry? What have I done to improve the lives of others? Being honest with myself allows me to take create a plan to move forward.

Several years ago, I made the decision to be kinder to myself.

While this may seem selfish it has actually had the opposite effect. Being kinder to myself allows me to have more energy to give to others. When I treat myself well, I find I treat others better too. There were small goals I made to work toward the larger goal, such as stopping negative self-talk, or spending time with people who were generally unkind and engaged in mean spirited gossip. I stopped saying yes when I wanted to say no. Spending time with



those whose company I enjoy and build me up leaves me feeling refreshed and happy. It allows me to be more understanding and kind.

The pandemic has been a difficult time for many people, and although we are headed toward recovery, we can’t expect people to be able to move on as if nothing major has happened. We no longer live in a “stiff upper lip” society (which has both pros and cons, in my humble opinion) and the loss of lives, jobs, and routine has made many fearful and unsure. Meeting people with kindness and empathy sends out positive ripples through the community. We’ve all experienced it, the kind word from a stranger or someone paying for our order in the drive-through. It changes the day in a good way.

As 2021 comes to a close and 2022 begins, I encourage you all to take stock of where you are and where you want to be. If something isn’t serving you, change what you can. If you can’t change it, change how you respond to it. Above all, treat yourself kindly.

Kate Sausville is a resident of Greenwich.



Fuel Fund benefit

The Salem Rotary Club held one of its annual fundraising events to benefit the Salem/Shushan Fuel Fund. Adapting to COVID safety while staying true to “service above self,” Rotarians enjoyed cooking, carving, baking, and welcoming fund supporters with a take-out, drive-thru dinner consisting of ham, baked potato, green beans, roll and brownie.

Started in 2009, the fuel fund and Rotary’s subsequent involvement has grown over the years. Thanks to the generosity and support of fellow community members, the fund has assisted an average of 30-35 families over the past several winters, providing approximately \$10,000 to those in need.



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Hand drum program for seniors

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

ages and abilities. Chelsie has taught in a multitude of education settings, from schools to libraries to senior citizen centers. She has had the very good fortune of working with many different peoples, from babies to the aging population: children and adults with special needs, adults with Alzheimer's and Dementia, adults struggling with substance abuse or homelessness, and on.

With her gentle teaching style, she strives to make everyone feel at home with the drum from the moment they begin and equally enjoys learning from all students.

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est musical instruments. Drumming today has been scientifically proven to benefit the body and mind by reducing tension, anxiety, depression, and stress; boosting the immune system and increasing energy; helping to control chronic pain; releasing negative feelings and emotional trauma; improving joint mobility and motor skills; and building social interactions and community!

Please call the library at (518)692-2253 to reserve a spot. Space is limited. This is a program for people 65 years and older. Beginners are welcome. Drums will be provided. Please wear a mask.



Chelsie Henderson

This program is funded by the Washington County Home for Aged Women, Inc. and the Easton Library.

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December Argyle meeting notes

Robin Lyle
Journal & Press

Despite persisting snow Wednesday, the Argyle Town Board held its regular meeting with all board members present along with four residents. Updates were provided on two construction projects. Councilman Pat Sullivan provided engineering plans for the proposed alterations to the Municipal Building to increase accessibility to the entrance and bathroom. The plan includes a ramp up to the front entrance and conversion from two restrooms into one facility that is wheelchair accessible.

Sullivan also reported that the Transportation Committee met in November at the Town Highway Department to examine the site for a new, stand-alone garage building. The new building will not replace the old one, rather it will provide additional bays for housing of equipment too large for the current building. Construction is planned for 2024 to coincide with pay-off of the sand shed. Sullivan noted that the last survey of the Highway Department is dated and doesn't reflect several changes to the site. He recommended that the Town seek

that any site preparation that can be completed prior to actual construction will help with cost containment and timely completion of the project. Sullivan further recommends getting a proposal to conduct a flow rate test from the nearest hydrant.

Supervisor Bob Henke updated the board on the monies available to Argyle through the federal American Rescue Plan Act. The ARPA monies have been provided to the Town to address harms incurred due to the pandemic and to assist in recovery. The monies can also be used to offset revenues the Town would have received in a normal year, but were short due to Covid. The Town Board hired the EFPR Group, a CPA consulting firm out of Williamsville, NY, to determine how much revenue was lost by Argyle. Their report showed \$67,507 in revenue loss. Replacing lost revenue is an acceptable use of the ARPA funds and that amount can be directly transferred to the Town's General Fund without restrictions on its use.

The Town of Argyle has been allotted about \$344,000 in ARPA money. With the exception of monies to replace lost revenue, ARPA funds must be used in accordance with federal regulations

which require regular reporting on how the Town plans to use the funds and on all expenditures. Argyle is required to complete planning for how the monies will be used by the end of 2024 and to expend the funds by December of 2026. Any unspent funds must be returned. Henke stated that the Board will host a community meeting in early 2022 to discuss best use of this money.

Supervisor Henke reported on a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreement between an Argyle landowner and the town, school district and county. Forty-plus acres of a privately owned property

farming. To promote development of renewable energy sources, NYS law exempts solar installations from local property taxes, but does allow the governing jurisdictions to negotiate a PILOT agreement in an amount less than what would have been otherwise obligated. A jurisdiction can opt-out of the exemption, but has not done so in this case. The first year of the PILOT agreement stipulates a payment of \$5,625 to the town, part of a total payment of \$22,500 going to the town, county and school. The agreement extends for 15 years.

In other business:

- Henke shared a letter from Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner informing him of two federal programs administered by NYS Homes and Community Renewal to address housing of farmworkers in order to "prevent, prepare for or respond to the Coronavirus." Up to \$1 million can be awarded to the Town to then be distributed as grants to agricultural producers to rehabilitate existing housing. A second effort makes low cost loans available for farmworker housing. Supervisor Henke will be seeking input to determine the need locally.

- Councilman Kevin Hayes reported that repairs have been completed for both the Town Municipal Building and the Town Highway Department roofs at a cost of less than \$60,000. During public comment, a local resident thanked the Town Board for protecting the taxpayers by finding cost saving measures.

- Likewise, appreciation was offered to Councilman Duane Flower for his eight years of service to the Town Board by the same resident. Flower chose not to run for re-election. Scott Lufkin was elected in November to fill that seat.

- Town Clerk Shelley McKernon announced that a mailbox has been installed in front of the Municipal Building for children to mail letters to Santa as part of the Argyle Hometown Holidays event. Councilman-elect Scott Lufkin provided further details on the event and inquired about liability insurance for the hay wagon rides to the various sites. Supervisor Henke responded that it is unlikely that the Town could provide that coverage.

- The Town Board's Year-End Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 29th at 6:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

- The Town Board's Organizational Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, January 1st at 9:00 a.m. at the Municipal Building.



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proposals for updating the survey and emphasized on Dowmont Rd property will be converted to solar

Marshall House allows a day of tours

Darren Johnson
Journal & Press

A rare treat was offered as the Marshall House (est. 1770) opened for tours on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. More than 80 people showed up to see the home that nursed British troops and German mercenaries during the Revolution, along with Baroness Frederika Riedesel, who wrote about it in her memoir, "Letters and Journals Relating to the War of American Independence and the Capture of the German Troops at Saratoga."

This Saturday, the Baroness was portrayed by Deborah Bailey of Greenwich, who, in a German accent, greeted guests and told them a first-person account about her time here in Schuylerville.

People touring were of all ages, and got to hear the Baroness tell stories – about how, in 1777, just north of the Battles of Saratoga, they had to hide with 40 others in the basement as Patriot cannon balls flew in from across the river from Clarks Mills, how the house became a triage for injured British troops (one was there to get his leg amputated – a cannon ball flew into the room and took out his other leg! (A cannon ball is imbedded in the beams here, tourists were shown.)), and how she and her husband and children became prisoners of war (though treated well at Schuylerville's other famous house – the Schuyler House – and by its namesake, colonial general Philip Schuyler).

Marshall House proprietors David Bullard and Hilary Tan gave tours to wide-eyed visitors.

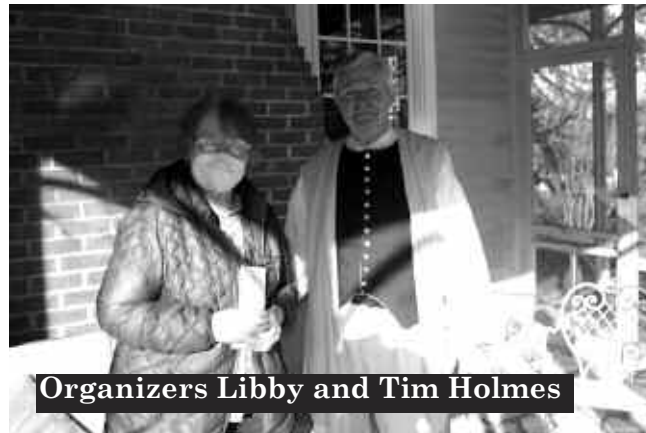


Volunteers Tim and Libby Holmes did PR for the event and greeted guests at the door.

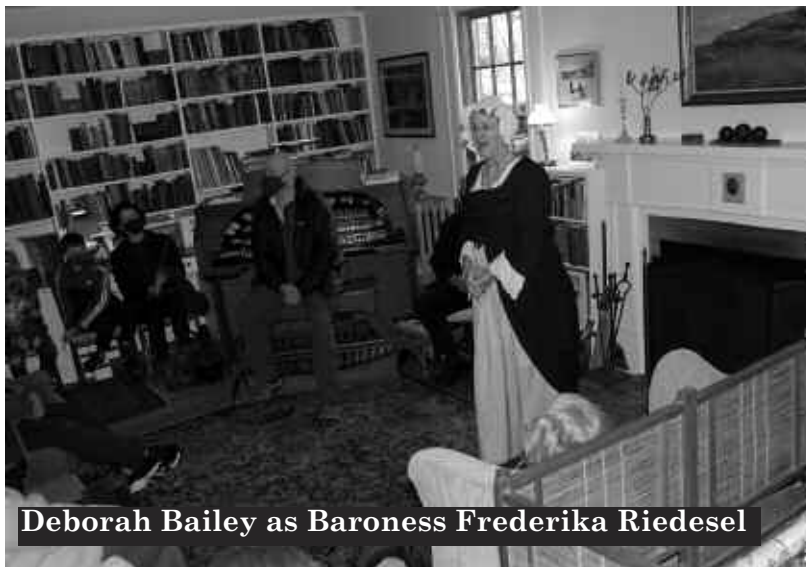
Bullard said that because of the Riedesel book, the Marshall House is an interesting testament to the role of women during the Revolution.

"Women rarely wrote their point of view then," Bullard said. "The Baroness was one of the first ones."

It's not well known, but British and German officers often had their spouses with them, along with other women to assist. "[British Gen.] Burgoyne wouldn't have done as well as he did without them," Bullard said. "It's a fascinating history that deserves to be understood."



Organizers Libby and Tim Holmes



Deborah Bailey as Baroness Frederika Riedesel



David Bullard –dj photos

More tours are expected to take place in the coming year. Stay tuned to this newspaper for announcements, and if you see an event planned, register right away. Spots fill fast.

The Marshall House is located just north of downtown Schuylerville, 136 Route 4 North. Learn more at www.themarshallhouse.org.

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Holidays on screen

Annie Miller
Journal & Press

Last week, I was laid low by Anaplasmosis, ending my incredibly lucky streak of avoiding tick-borne illnesses despite being an avid gardener and hiker. With no energy to do anything productive, I decided to start my annual Christmas movie viewing. This is becoming increasingly frustrating as the streaming services, which have given us access to so much content, are putting more and more popular holiday content behind paywalls. A few years ago, as an old school end run, I asked for DVD's of some of my favorites and I popped in the traditional first holiday movie.

Beloved by librarians, "Desk Set" is a film from 1957 in which Katherine Hepburn stars as a reference librarian in a broadcasting company. She is gloriously smart and quick-witted and wears fabulous outfits. It is on my Christmas watch list because it takes place before, during and after the holiday and features an office party that the writers of "Madmen" could have used by just

by dropping in some angst. Because there's so much to love about the movie, I do go ahead and get over some of the weird aspects of the plot. For example, the 50-year-old Miss Hepburn's teen-crush romance with her boss is quite bizarre, even taking into account the times. Next up was "Love Actually," which has many faults, but includes Billy Bob Thornton as an American President whose colossal crassness was still fictional at the time, the incomparable scene of Hugh Grant dancing to the Pointer Sisters at 10 Downing Street and the plot line about the couple who meet while working as body double "actors." So much to love, so much to forgive.

It was at this point (I blame the fever) that I decided to try the Christmas movies that *were* available when I searched by topic. Although my intent was to watch a few from start to finish, in general, I found them so dreadful that I couldn't get beyond about 20 minutes. So, as a public service, I will summarize, so you don't have to go through this painful process yourself: 1) Opening shot – swooping over a city in a warm place

and/or snowy rural scene. 2) Person from warm place/currently living in warm place must reluctantly go to cold snowy place for work and/or family emergency. 3) Person arrives in cold snowy place unprepared for snow/ice. Never has proper footwear. This happens even if the person is supposed to have grown up in snowy place. There's an obligatory slipping on ice/snow dumping from tree scene. 4) People in cold snowy place are universally folksy, quirky and charming. In the newer ones, they are also astonishingly diverse. Who knew that the rural Northern Midwest had such an established Black/Latino/Asian population? 5) Person falls in love with old flame/snarky local and the quirky charming town. Learns the "true meaning of Christmas" and decides to stay. I won't name any titles or even the names of the producers who are responsible for churning out most of these because, against all the odds, one of them may be on your favorites list. When it comes to Christmas movies, the heart wants what it wants.

In the midst of this exercise, I got a text from a friend, checking on my health status. I mentioned my viewing project and he became indignant, or as indignant as you can be in a little

speech bubble. He is a big Christmas fan and has very clear ideas about what does and doesn't qualify as appropriate viewing. He wanted to know why I hadn't started with "White Christmas" (1954 – Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye, Rosemary Clooney, and Vera-Ellen). It's on my list but, in my mind, comes right before the holiday. I told him that my son considers "Die Hard," the 1988 movie that, inex-

plicably, turned Bruce Willis into an action hero, to be a Christmas movie and he went quiet. Those little ellipses twiddled for a while as he got over the shock. He came back with "Scrooge" (1951 – Alistair Slim) and specified the black and white version. We agreed on the classic stop-motion animated kids films from the 60's and that we have friends for whom it isn't Christmas without a viewing of "Planes, Trains and Automobiles" (1987 – Steve Martin, John Candy), "Scrooged" (1988 – Bill Murray), "Christmas with the Kranks" (2004 – Jamie Lee Curtis, Tim Allen) or "Elf" (2004 – Will Ferrell). I decided not to shock him with "Hogfather," the 2006 British TV adaptation of the Terry Pratchett fantasy novel or any of the "Dr. Who" Christmas specials I have on disk, and we ended the exchange in peace and harmony. A good thing, since we'll be seeing each other at Christmas dinner and there's a no fighting rule.

Christmas entertainment traditions come in many forms. You may read Clement Clarke Moore's "A Visit from Saint Nicholas" (*'Twas the night before Christmas . . .*) aloud before everyone goes to bed. You may see a local production of "The Nutcracker" ballet. You may go caroling or to a holiday concert. If, however, you're going to stay in and watch a movie, the variety is endless – from sappy to scifi. Can't get what you want through your usual methods? Check your local library. Many of them have started to provide cardholders with free streaming content from various providers. They also carry a wide selection of DVD's.

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



Care packages

Members of Willard's Mt. DAR invited Bruce Duxbury co-chair of Operation Adopt a Soldier, Inc., to their November meeting. Bruce explained that the goal of Operation Adopt a Soldier is to raise and maintain awareness to the American people of day-to-day sacrifices that our military men and women and their families make to protect our freedoms. Their message is "you will not be forgotten." Also their goal is to make things as comfortable as possible to as many

of our military men and women currently fighting overseas. To do this they send letters, care packages, gifts, and phone cards to those soldiers. As you can see by the photo members of Willard's Mt. collected a number of items to be sent to these soldiers. If you or your organization is interested, contact www.operationadoptsoldier.org.



Greenwich's Kim Gannon and 'I'll Be Home for Christmas'

Jim Nolan
Journal & Press

Many Greenwich residents have had the pleasure of bringing their children or grandchildren to Gannon Park on Woodlawn Avenue in the Village of Greenwich. Splash pad, whiffle ball park, playground, and basketball court are all there for their enjoyment. In the winter, a small area is flooded and made into an ice skating rink. Why the name "Gannon?"

James Kimball "Kim" Gannon was born on November 18, 1900, in Brooklyn to Irish-American parents. His mother was from Fort Ann. He grew up in New Jersey and graduated from St. Lawrence University (not before writing the school's alma mater in his senior year).

He married a classmate, Norma, and moved to Greenwich in 1929. He worked for New York Power and Light Corp. During this time

he also attended Albany Law School. He passed the New York State bar examination in 1934. The Gannons left Greenwich in 1934 when he took a job with a law firm and relocated to Ballston Spa. At the same time, Gannon was hosting a show on Schenectady's WGY radio station under the name Johnny Albright.

Five years later and still working as a lawyer, Gannon started writing songs. In 1939, he wrote his first song, "For Tonight". In 1942, he moved to New York City and landed a contract with Warner Brothers, writing big band songs and lyrics for Broadway musicals.

His 1942 song, "Moonlight Cocktail", was recorded by the Glenn

Miller Orchestra and was the best-selling record in the United States for 10 weeks. In 1942 he began writing songs for films, beginning with the lyrics of the title song for *Always in My Heart*. He subsequently contributed songs to other films, including *The Powers Girl* and *If Winter Comes*. In 1951 he turned to the Broadway stage, joining with composer Walter Kent to write the score for *Seventeen*.

Gannon's most beloved song, "I'll Be Home for Christmas," was written in 1943. It was recorded by Bing Crosby and has

'His headstone in the Greenwich Cemetery bears the words "The Song is Forever."'

been a Christmas staple ever since. The song touched the hearts of Americans who were then in the depths of World War II. "I'll Be Home for Christmas" became the



most requested song at Christmas U.S.O. shows in both Europe and the Pacific. It was recorded by Perry Como in 1946 and Frank Sinatra in 1957.

Gannon retired to Greenwich in 1949, but spent time in New York City and Florida. Kim Gannon died on April 29, 1974 in Lake Worth, Florida. He was laid to rest in his adopted home of Greenwich. His headstone in the Greenwich Cemetery bears an etched wreath at the top. Below it, are the words "The Song is Forever."

His wife Norma died in 2000 and left a considerable amount of money to Greenwich, which helped create Gannon Park. It also helped fund the Greenwich Youth Center.

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



Buy a bracelet for charity

Debi Craig is a retired music teacher with more than 42 years of experience working with children in Saratoga and Washington Counties. She retired in 2012 from the Dorothy Nolan School in Saratoga Springs.

In 2008 after 27 years of living in the Village of Greenwich, Debi moved home to Hebron where she

grew up. She became involved with helping teachers and staff members of Salem Central School shop for Operation Santa. Monies were used to purchase boots, shoes, warm clothes and other basic needs for children living in the community.

She decided making bracelets and selling them to help support the Operation Santa program was

something she could do. She donated the materials and her time and over the summer made dozens of bracelets in four sizes and a variety of colors.

If you would like to obtain bracelets for holiday gifts, contact Debi by email at dcraig1@hughes.net or call 518-854-3102.

Seeking tranquility (and a bathroom) in Central Park

Greg Schwem

Special to Journal & Press

When it comes to visiting New York City, my trip doesn't officially end until I have strolled through Central Park, regardless of the temperature or the condition of my feet.

I have walked alone and with friends who call New York home. I introduced my wife to the park by renting a carriage, piloted by a Russian gentleman who began every sentence with, "OK, guys."

"OK, guys, up ahead is where Jerry Seinfeld lives. OK, guys, here is where they filmed the kidnapping scene in 'Ransom.' OK, guys, don't forget, I work for tips," were just a few of his more memorable lines, the latter uttered numerous times during the ride.

I've observed stunning models in the midst of photo shoots, stumbled upon the filming of TV shows and music videos, and cried with other Beatles fans at Strawberry Fields, the John Lennon memorial site at the West 72nd Street entrance. See? Only a park veteran can equate destinations with map locations.

Unfortunately, that does not apply to what is becoming my most frequently visited Central Park attraction: a public restroom.

Like most men of a certain age,

bathroom visits now occupy a good portion of my day planner. As a comedian used to standing on stage for an hour plus, I often wonder if, eventually, I'll have to be like those cool aging rock stars who "break" for 10 minutes during their shows. Sorry, Bruce Springsteen and James Taylor, but we all know the reason for your breaks. Nothing to be embarrassed about.

I try to plan accordingly. I use the facilities before entering the park, as if I'm a child about to embark on a long car ride. I shun liquids, even during summer visits. I apologize, fresh lemonade vendors;

'I apologize, fresh lemonade vendors, but I can't take the chance.'

your product looks delicious, but I simply can't take the chance. Unfortunately, it doesn't help. It was only about 30 minutes into my most recent stroll when I began feeling the urge. And just like that, a sense of inner peace was replaced by one of desperation.

Anyone who has ever been to Central Park knows that it is an 843-acre labyrinth of gravel paths, bridges, tunnels and paved roads leading ... um, leading ... where exactly? Kevin McCallister had no

problem finding a bird lady not once but TWICE during "Home Alone 2," but I have never been that lucky.

My sense of direction abandons me once I enter the park's bowels, making the search for facilities even more difficult, even though 13 year-round restrooms lie within. And, as I have realized, there is no such thing as "help."

Ask a tourist? They have no clue. Ask a New Yorker? They are more concerned about urinary relief for their dogs. Follow a "restroom" sign with an arrow? Which way exactly is that arrow pointing?

I flagged down a park maintenance worker and inquired. "Uh, I think there's one..." was the beginning of his response.

I would have been more confident if he began the sentence with, "OK, guys..."

"I think there's one on the other side of Sheep Meadow," he said, gesturing to a 15-acre field that I would have to traverse on the CHANCE I would find relief. I elected to take his advice, as opposed to wandering aimlessly and cursing dogs who will never have this problem.

Luckily for my bladder, the worker was correct. I felt like the cast of "The Wizard of Oz" upon reaching the Emerald City.

Over the years, I have seen Central Park walking tours, bike tours

and even Segway tours. To park officials, may I now suggest a "Public Restroom Tour"? I don't need the backstories; if you want to tell me that Jackie Onassis would only frequent the restroom near the Delacorte Theater or Will Ferrell changed into his "Elf" tights in a stall at Tavern on the Green, so be it. I might even take a selfie. Just tell me the fastest path to all the toilets and then quiz me at the tour's end.

OK, guys?

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



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The American Red Cross blood supply is at historically low levels. If more donors don't come forward to give blood, some patients requiring a transfusion may potentially face delays in care. To encourage donations this month, all who come to give Dec. 17-Jan. 2 will receive an exclusive Red Cross long-sleeved T-shirt, while supplies last. Visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS to find a donation site.

Daniel J. Severson, 79

Lieutenant Colonel (US Army Retired) Daniel J. Severson of Shushan, passed away on December 4, 2021 with his family by his side.

Dan was born on April 6th, 1942 at Mary McCellan Hospital to the late John and Anne Severson of Cambridge, NY. Dan attended Cambridge Central School where he participated in various sports and excelled in football and track.

In 1960, Dan attended the University of Maine on a football scholarship graduating in 1964. Upon graduation he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the US Army. He completed Infantry Officers Basic Course, Airborne training and Ranger school. He deployed to Vietnam with the 173rd Airborne Brigade. While there he was awarded multiple decorations to include: Two Purple Hearts for wounds received in action, Three Bronze Stars for heroism in ground combat, and

The Distinguished Service Cross for extraordinary heroism. Dan went on to serve a full career in the Army retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel.

Upon retirement, Dan returned to Cambridge, NY, his hometown serving first as an Earth Science teacher, high school Principal, and then school Superintendent. During his tenure as principal at Cambridge, the school achieved recognition as one of the Top Ten High-Performing high schools in New York State. He also helped coach the Cambridge Indian football team to multiple state championships.

In his personal life Dan enjoyed hunting, planting trees, spending time with his family, and especially his favorite grand-daughter, Charlotte Bean.

Daniel is survived by and will be forever loved by his wife of 52 years, Polly Penland Severson; his daughter, Jennifer Bean, her husband, Christopher and grand-daughter Charlotte (14) of Elizabethtown, PA; his son, Eric Severson and his wife Katy of Albany, NY; his brother, Michael Severson and wife Anne of Eastport, NY; his nieces, nephews, cousins, and countless other family members and friends who will never forget him.

Calling hours will be held on Wednesday, December 8, 2021 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm at the Ackley, Ross & Gariepy Funeral Home, 73 West Main Street, Cambridge. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, December 9, 2021 at 11:30 AM at the Cambridge



United Presbyterian Church, 81 East Main Street, Cambridge. All visitors are asked to please wear a facial covering or face mask, regardless of vaccination status for all services.

Interment to be followed at 2:00 pm at the Saratoga National Cemetery, 200 Duell Road, Schuylerville, NY. The American Legion will be hosting a reception at 4:00 PM located at 2106 State Route 22, Cambridge, NY.


A memorial scholarship fund in honor of Dan has been established at Glens Falls National Bank. To offer condolences to the family, please visit www.gariepyfuneralhomes.com

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Janet Margaret (Dennis) Bowen, 79

Janet Margaret Dennis Bowen of Greenwich, 79, died peacefully on Friday, December 10, 2021, at Glens Falls Hospital due to complications related to a fall she experienced in October.

Janet was born February 15, 1942, at Park Hospital in Queens to loving parents Florence Bender and John Dennis and the family lived in New Hyde Park, Long Island.

After high school, Jan attended college at the University of Albany and left with her degree and her husband for the next 58 years of her life, Sherwin R. Bowen. The Bowens domiciled in Greenwich, New York starting in 1963 and lived in houses at Whipple Place, Academy Street, and Corliss Avenue before settling on Prospect Street.

In the early 1970s, Janet blazed a trail in the world of locally owned business female entrepreneurship by joining forces with business partners Eleanor McNeil and Betsy Spigner in the knitting, fabric, and sewing business, stitches. Shortly thereafter, the business moved to Main Street in Greenwich and eventually Jan became sole proprietor of the Greenwich business and opened another stitches in Glens Falls, NY. Janet's business success was based on her integrity and honesty in service to cus-

tomers, and always with a bit of humor thrown in for good measure.

After closing her retail establishments, Janet continued to exercise her expertise in sewing with superior custom dressmaking and her works were the highlight of numerous weddings, proms, and special events in the Capital Region over the years. Later in life, when physical challenges limited her ability to sew, she attacked crossword puzzles with vigilance and joined Boney at nearly all women's and men's basketball games at UAlbany for the past several decades with cheers of encouragement and jeers to 'Practice!' for every missed free throw by a Great Dane. Janet was an avid reader of real books and belonged to a local book club which is one of the few in the world that actually read and discussed the books, a fact she was very proud of. She loved owls and snails, and many adorned the walls and nooks of her home, and the snail was the logo of stitches. Although Janet loved gardening, her self-proclaimed 'brown thumb' resulted in the untimely passing of far too many flowers. Luckily out of reach, birds were a much more fruitful love for Janet as she logged new sightings at the backyard porch on Prospect Street. True to her appreciation of the arts, birds represented all the freedom,

and musical joy that Janet loved so much in life.

Janet was preceded in death by her mother Florence, father John, brothers Edward and Robert, and sister-in-law Shirley and brother-in-law Tommy. She is survived by the love of her life, Sherwin Ralph 'Boney' Bowen, of Greenwich, son Eric Bowen and life partner Sara Malley of Knoxville, TN with grand pets' dogs Kaiah Papaya and Tuukka Eichel and kitties Louie and Burnzie, who loved their grandma very much. Janet will be missed dearly by sisters-in-law Suzanne, Dee, and Suzan, nieces Shelley, Tanya, Sierra and Sasha, and nephews Michael, James, Gary, and Jesse. In lieu of memorial services, the family is planning a celebration of life for her 80th birthday in mid-February 2022. Details of the event will be sent to family and friends shortly. Donations in honor of Janet may be made to local organizations she supported throughout her life, the Easton-Greenwich Rescue Squad (P.O. Box 84, Greenwich, NY 12834, facebook.com/eastongreenwichrescuesquad), and the Greenwich Free Library (148 Main Street, Greenwich, NY 12834, greenwichfreelibrary.org).

Janet will be forever remembered



and loved by her family and friends. She remained in good spirits and courageously fought every one of the numerous health and mental health obstacles in her path later in life. Her last coherent words were so Jan. With her trademark wit and humor, just before she received another round of pain medicine, she looked at Sherwin and Eric and said, "So, are we having fun yet?" Rest in comfort and peace forever, Janet.

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

Raymond Goman, Jr., 88

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

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

Raymond graduated from

Schuylerville High School. Following his graduation, he proudly served his country in the United States Army. At the age of 20 he married the love of his life Patricia Tillotson and together they had 4 children. He worked as a troubleshooter for the NY Telephone Company until his retirement.

In his free time, he enjoyed the

outdoors, especially hunting, however he never seemed to come home with a deer. Instead of shooting he would find solitude in the woods and use his artistic abilities to sketch the nature that he was immersed in.

Together he and Patricia enjoyed traveling all over the country in their RV. Trips to Alaska and the Panama Canal were some of their highlights together. He was a beloved husband, father and grandfather and he will be missed by all who knew him.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his son Ray Goman; sister Beverly Holmes and son-in-law Roy Dibrowa.

He is survived by his loving wife of 68 years Patricia Goman of Cossayuna; and children Susan Dibrowa, Scott Goman and David Goman.

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

Phoebe Hunt-Fontaine, 91

Phoebe Hunt-Fontaine, 91, a long-time resident of Clarks Mills, NY passed away peacefully December 2, 2021 at her home.

Born June 23, 1930 in Saratoga Springs, she was the daughter of the late Charles and S. Bessie Phelps Haas.

Phoebe was a graduate of Schuylerville Central School and Oneonta State College. She taught Kindergarten at Schuylerville Elementary School for 32 years.

She was a member of the Schuylerville Garden Club and received many district awards. She had served as State President, Local Chapter President, Certified Judge for Federated Flower Shows, as well as many other titles. She helped establish the Blue Star Memorial on Route 4 at the entrance to the National Cemetery. She was an active

member of Schuylerville United Methodist Church for over 60 years. She had been a Sunday School Superintendent and Teacher, member of the Administrative Council and several other committees over the years, as well as helping with the church suppers, bazaars, and strawberry festivals. In 2006, she made her Walk to Emmaus and became an active member in the Emmaus Community. She was an active Christian and shared her faith by example in all that she did. She volunteered her time at Hospice making Memory Bears, The Way, and delivered Meals on Wheels. She was honored as the oldest person to be first across the new bridge on County Route 113 by H&V Mill in Clarks Mills.

Phoebe enjoyed traveling throughout the country visiting 48 states, and abroad with family and friends. She loved music and traveling to

Gaithers Band concerts. She spent the last 5 winters in Florida with her family.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, Ronald Hunt, grandson, Zachary Hunt, and husband, Stanley Fontaine.

Survivors include her son, Gary (Pauline) Hunt of Plainfield, MA; 3 grandchildren, Brian (Kami) Hunt, Kierstin Hunt, and James Johnson; 4 great grandchildren, Saige, Ana, Adam, and Jackson; 3 sisters, Mary Kay Arakelian, Dorothy Hanlon, and Rachel Kellogg; as well as several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held at 1 pm Friday, December 10, 2021, at the Schuylerville United Methodist Church, 51 Church St., Schuylerville. Burial will be in Prospect Hill Cemetery, Schuylerville.



Memorial donations can be made in Phoebe's memory to the Schuylerville United Methodist Church.

Schuylerville Solstice Festival

The Village of Schuylerville and Hudson Crossing Park invite the public to welcome the return of the sun with the second annual Winter Solstice Festival on Saturday, December 18, 2021.

The winter solstice, which marks the end of autumn and beginning of winter, has a long history of being celebrated as the "return of the sun" across cultures. The winter solstice is the shortest day and the longest night of the year, after which the amount of sunlight increases and days once again begin to lengthen.

Luminaries will decorate businesses and homes throughout the Village of Schuylerville starting at dusk, with dinner specials at local eateries and holiday sales available in shops along and around Broad Street. Hours will vary

by business.

Hudson Crossing Park, located just outside of the village on Champlain Canal Lock 5 Island along Historic County Route 4, will hold a special luminary walk within the park from 4-6pm, with snacks and hot cider available at the HCP pavilion. The EcoDance Youth Ensemble will offer a free performance of their work in progress "Wishes for the World" at 4:15pm in and around the Hudson Crossing Park labyrinth.

Visitors will have the opportunity to continue the solstice tradition of reflecting, releasing, and setting intentions for the new season by recording thoughts or memories that they would like to let go of on a leaf or scrap of bark before throwing them into a fire, transforming dark-

ness into light. Visitors are then invited to set intentions for the new season ahead by speaking aloud an idea, habit, or practice that they would like to bring into their life.

This event is free and open to the public, with donations to Hudson Crossing Park gratefully accepted.



R.I.P. transitory inflation

Jill Schlesinger

Special to Journal & Press

A week ahead of the Federal Reserve's final meeting of the year, Chair Jerome Powell testified before the Senate Banking Committee and admitted what most economists had been saying for some time: the term "transitory" has overstayed its welcome, when it comes to describing inflation.

For months, Fed officials have clung to the notion that the current surge in prices is transitory, or temporary. This belief allowed the central bankers to maintain two emergency measures put in place to combat the economic fallout from the COVID recession: \$120 billion dollars' worth of monthly bond buying, which was intended to prevent financial markets from freezing up; and zero percent short term interest rates, which would encourage borrowing and lending among consumers and businesses.

With US growth bouncing back after the surge of the Delta variant, Fed officials used their November policy meeting to outline the strategy for normalizing policy in the months ahead. The first step would be to reduce the amount of bonds that they were buying by \$15 billion a month. When that was done (mid-2022), officials would turn their attention to raising short term interest rates.

But during the Congressional testimony, just a few weeks after the Fed meeting, Powell said they

could accelerate that timetable, which caught some by surprise. After all, what had really changed in three weeks? Perhaps the fact that inflation is running at the quickest pace in three decades. Or maybe it was dour readings of consumer sentiment. Or maybe Powell has concluded that the Fed's dual mandate, which is to ensure the economy grows enough to get people back into the labor market while not creating inflation, is out of whack.

Regardless of the reason, Powell's comments, coming on the heels of the WHO announcement of the new COVID variant, Omicron, threw investors for a loop. Considering the uncertainty that abounds, some decided that they would rather sell their stock positions, while still sitting atop more than 20% returns for the year. Thomas Mathews of Capital Economics notes that inflation at these levels "historically, has coincided with very poor stock market returns ... in years of 6% or higher inflation since 1900, real returns from US equities have been negative, on average ... But so far, the stock market is showing no signs of being at any sort of inflation 'tipping point.'" Well, that's good news, but Mathews also warns that there is a chance that "inflation remains high enough to put the brakes on the stock market's gains."

Does this mean that you should abandon stocks and go to cash? Come on, you know the answer to that question. As always, the advice remains: stick

to your game plan, which hopefully incorporates a diversified portfolio of holdings that can see you through various conditions. To that point, the folks at Vanguard have crunched the numbers on the historical risk and return among income, balanced and growth portfolios from 1926-2020 (<https://investor.vanguard.com/investing/how-to-invest/model-portfolio-allocation>). The results are a good reminder that you need not be a hero and select the best performing asset class – or specific security – in any given year. Rather, it's best to understand when you will need access to your investments and how comfortable you are with the gyrations of markets from year to year.

You may be the kind of person who believes that earning an average annual return of 10.3% for a 100% stock portfolio is totally worth the high-highs and the low-lows. Conversely, you might prefer to limit those ranges and be perfectly content with an average annual return of 9.1% for a portfolio with 60% stocks and 40% bonds. Whatever your decision, avoid allowing market movements to spook you into changing your plan.

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Mask mandates return

Starting Monday, December 13, 2021, by order of New York State Governor Kathy Hochul, masks will be required in all public places unless businesses or venues implement a vaccine requirement to enter. This measure is effective until January 15, 2022, after which the state will re-evaluate.

An indoor public place is defined as any indoor space that is not a private residence. This means businesses and venues New Yorkers typically frequent that are either publicly owned or owned by private business entities.

A violation of any provision of this measure is subject to all civil and criminal penalties, including a maximum fine of \$1,000 for each violation. Local health departments are being asked to enforce these requirements. Any person, past their second birthday and medically able to tolerate a face covering, must wear an appropriate mask while in any indoor place, regardless of vaccination status. However, businesses and venues can choose to implement a vaccination requirement, requiring proof of vaccination as a condition of entry inside the business or venue. Whichever requirement is selected, it must apply to all within the business/venue's capacity, including staff, patrons, visitors, and guests.

Businesses will need to require all patrons to wear a mask OR require and ensure all patrons are full vaccinated and cannot do a "combination" requirement.

Courthouse tree lighting

On Sunday, December 5th the Historic Salem Courthouse held its first Love and Light Memorial Tree Lighting Service. Twenty trees were lit up in unison as Pastor Hannah Mudge offered this prayer: “Let your blessing and comfort rest upon all gathered here today, where there is hatred, let there be love;

where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is sadness, joy; And where there is darkness, let there be light.”

These gorgeous trees were provided by Walt Nygard of Nygard’s Christmas Trees located at 371 Camden Valley Rd in Shushan, NY.

The event started at five with an opening prayer, followed by carols, and ending with a Native American Prayer. Participants and guests were then invited to join the group for hot cocoa and refreshments in the Great Hall.

The courthouse is hoping to grow this event every year and eventually will try to have forty or fifty trees on the green. Please reach out to the courthouse if you are interested in getting a tree for next year or to learn more about this event. Emails can be sent to hscpa@salemcourthouse.org or call at 518-854-7053.

The courthouse would like to extend a special thank you to Walt Nygard. Walt donated six trees for this event. One of the trees he donated stands twelve feet tall and is on the front steps of the



courthouse. This tree is called the ‘community tree’ It is meant for anyone to put a decoration, card, or remembrance for a loved one who has passed on it. There were so many people that wanted to get a memorial tree that this community tree idea was formed. We hope people will put a memory on that tree. Don’t forget to drive by the Historic Salem Courthouse located at 58 East Broadway in Salem to appreciate the beauty of these trees when they are all lit.

The inside of the courthouse is also decorated and is worth a visit if you haven’t seen it. Please stop by Monday- Friday 10-3 pm. There is also a wonderful photography exhibit by Eric Jenks that is on the walls of the Great Hall. A must see for

Washington County residents.

The group sends a “thank you” to the team that made this day possible. They are as follows: Bob Akland, Fred Pfindel, Karen and Jim Sheldon, Tom Kerr, Patty Burch, Quimby Mahoney, Pat Phillips, Sue Keyes, Dawn Adams-Rhea, Megan Adams, Carolyn Akland, Natalie Wohleb, Pastor Hannah Mudge, Diane Snyder, Skosh and Sue Snyder, Pete Carrolan, Battenkill Creamery and all the attendees that brought refreshments to the event.

Salem honors inductees

The Salem Washington Academy Chapter of the National Honor Society (NHS) welcomed nine new members in an induction ceremony held Nov. 18.

The ceremony began with a procession of the chapter’s current members. NHS President Aiden Gillis welcomed guests, followed by opening remarks from 7-12 Principal Julie Adams. In respective order, chapter members Autumn Fleming, Quinn Donaldson, Pascia Offield, and Silvia Escobar introduced and emphasized the importance of each of the four principles: Scholarship, Leadership, Character and Service.

The nine new members were then introduced. They are: Alexandria Cary, Taylor Cary, Gabriel

Gallagher, Adair Hoge, Samantha Keys, Lucas Martindale, Mary McPhee, Kathryn Sweenor, and Jewel Wood.

A candle lighting followed the tapping of the new members, and then all members stated their pledge to the Principles of the National Honor Society. Interim Superintendent of Schools Mark Doody provided closing remarks.

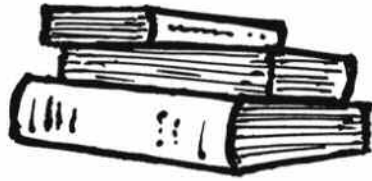
The musical selection, sound, and lighting for the evening were provided by Music Teacher Mr. Zachary Eastman. A special thanks to the custodial staff for their assistance with this event. The chapter’s co-advisors are Science Teacher Mrs. Carol McPhee and Social Studies












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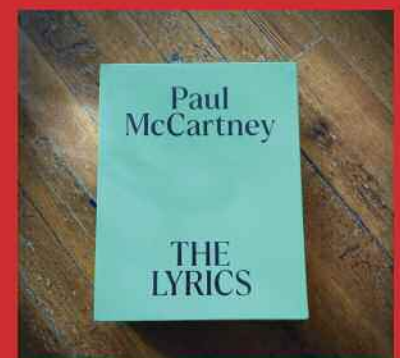
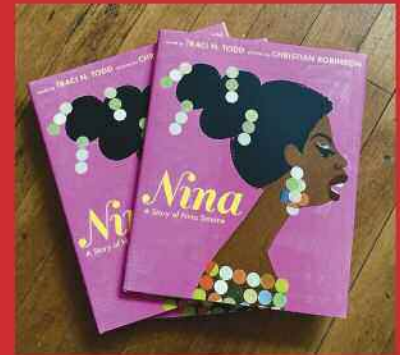
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Greenwich FFA celebrates a fantastic fall

Lauren Chuhta
Journal & Press

Returning to full-time in-person learning has been welcomed by all the Greenwich High School Agriculture students. Nearly 200 Greenwich students as well as students from Cambridge and Hudson Falls are involved in Agricultural Science, Plant Science, Animal Science, Veterinary Science, Agricultural Engineering Power Systems and Advanced Placement Environmental Science. It has been an exciting fall as the renovations are taking shape in the agricultural classrooms.

Activities have been busy outside the classroom as well. Greenwich FFA President Ciarra Hebert addressed the Washington County Fair's After the Fair Dinner. Caitlyn McClay, Katie Larmont, Matt Bink and Ciarra Hebert traveled to the All-American Dairy Show to compete in the dairy judging competition. The drawing for the beautifully restored Farmall H Tractor occurred at the end of September at the Terry Waite Memorial Scholarship barbeque. The winner, Gary Moore, donated the tractor back to

the Greenwich FFA!

FFA meetings have been successful and extremely well attended. Recreation following the meetings included Farmer's Olympics, a Lighted Cornhole Tournament and Minute to Win It games. In October Liberty Ridge welcomed local FFA members

for an afternoon of corn mazes, giant pillows, hamster wheels and more! Matt Bink and Lauren Chuhta were invited to participate in the World Food Prize with students from 12 different nations.

To end October, Fifteen members experienced the National Convention bus tour to Indianapolis, Indiana. The trip included a stop at Niagara Falls, a tour of Select Sires, Lincoln Welding, Fair Oaks Adventure, Ozark Fisheries, a Brett Young concert, and the World's Toughest Rodeo all before arriving at the National FFA Convention. The NYS winning Food

Science Team consisting of Dillon Niles, Teagan Wright, McKayla Gutasy and Danielle Boyea placed 11th overall with Teagan Wright earning an individual Gold! Special thanks to Capital Tractor, Cambridge Valley Veterinary Clinic and the Chuhta Family for their generous sponsorships of the trip.

In November Greenwich FFA members joined more than 250 other FFA members and attended the 30th Annual Adirondack Stampede Charity Rodeo. Caitlyn McClay was honored during the rodeo with the Bill Liddle Memorial Scholarship. November wouldn't



FFA group at Liberty Ridge

be the same without the annual FFA Fruit Sale fundraiser and the Greenwich Lighted Tractor Parade.

Chairperson McKayla Gutasy and her committee are working hard preparing for the first event of December, Breakfast with Santa. Working in cooperation with the FBLA, National Honor Society and the Greenwich Elks, this event raises money for families in need during the holiday season. Members are anxiously awaiting the next FFA meeting and the arrival of the FFA fruit.

Agroforestry grant program to benefit ACC

The Warren County Soil & Water Conservation District announced a new grant program, Education on Agroforestry, funded by Lake Champlain Basin Program (LCBP) and Northeast Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission (NEIWPCC). The grant funds a pilot program to develop education and implementation of an agroforestry plan for SUNY Adirondack's farmlands.

Traditional agroforestry focuses on producing agricultural prod-

ucts from the forested landscape, such as maple syrup, but this project puts conservation of agricultural fields and ecosystems at the forefront. Plans include installing forest hedgerows and waterway buffers in and around agricultural fields to conserve water, reduce erosion, grow commercial tree crops such as chestnuts, and improve ecological diversity.

With this grant, the Warren County Conservation District, SUNY Adirondack's Agricultural

Business program, and The Farm @ SUNY Adirondack will work together to promote research, education and implementation of new agroforestry projects in our region. The grant will fund three public workshops designed for college students, farmers, agricultural professionals and the public to develop a management plan for fields on SUNY Adirondack's campus. The workshops will be held throughout the summer and fall of 2022.

Education on Agroforestry will improve and protect natural resources on the farmland and benefit water quality in the Lake Champlain Watershed, and provide guidance for farms in our region to adopt agroforestry practices.

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Greenwich schools super to retire 6/30

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The Greenwich Central School District recently celebrated a groundbreaking for major campus developments, including a new Health and Wellness Center, an additional Agriculture Department greenhouse, as well as ADA building facility improvements. These improvements, coming from a pre-Covid \$8.1M referendum passed by voters, will be completed soon and have been overseen by Superintendent Mark Fish. Leaving on this high note, he recently announced his retirement, to take effect June 30.

Fish, 57, of Malta, has been GCSD Superintendent over the past eight years and has served in education for the past 35 years. Under his leadership, the school district has seen increasing student success, both in the classroom and out.

Greenwich Junior-Senior High School has earned recognition from US News and World Report as a top performing school in the country for four years in a row. This year, Greenwich High School was ranked 2,450 out of 20,000 public high schools. It's No. 1 in the county.

Greenwich Junior-Senior High School's principal George Niesz attributed the school's accomplishment to community support, the hard work, dedication and respect of students, as well as the commitment from the school's teachers and staff. Principal Niesz also acknowledges Mr. Fish and the rest of the Board of Education for providing "a stable foundation on which to build and sustain an outstanding academic and extracurricular program."

President of the School Board James Nolan further emphasized Fish's positive contribution to the school district, adding, "Superintendent Mark Fish has been an exceptional leader of the Greenwich Central School District. During his tenure as superintendent, he has championed academic excellence as well as extracurricular activities such as athletics and student clubs. Greenwich Schools academic standing in the area and the State has never been higher."

In addition to the district's academic and extracurricular success under Fish's leadership, he currently oversees GCSD's latest facilities and building upgrades, which, originally priced at \$8.1 million, is on track to come in under budget, according to Fish.

The project bidding process was postponed due

to COVID and began again early this year. "Under Superintendent Fish's leadership, the campus facilities have been modernized and expanded to enhance the learning environment," Nolan said.

"During the last two years, the COVID crisis has challenged all learning environments. Superintendent Fish has navigated through this crisis and successfully maintained the best possible learning environment for our students. He will be missed."

Ensuring the completion of renovations and facility improvements has long been a part of Fish's tenure as superintendent. When Fish started eight years ago, the district was in the middle of a three year building project, including boilers, roofs, and the conversion of the corn fields to usable athletic fields for students.

Recent renovations reflect the needs of students and community members. Over the past five years, the district has reimagined fitness and wellness as "something that will suit [students] as they go out into their lives," explained Fish. The new Health and Wellness Center is expected to be unveiled in January.

Included in the campus enhancements is a new greenhouse for the Agriculture Department, as well as state-of-the-art welding machines. With around 80% of GCSD students participating in the district's nationally-recognized Future Farmers of America program, the newly constructed greenhouse and AgLab, as they are now calling it, will only enhance the students' current achievements: "They were using what was a small greenhouse to grow lettuce that we'd been using in the cafeteria... The kids thought it tasted better," said Fish.

Fish attributed the district's success in large part to community support, saying, "This community wants what's best for their kids... It's a great place to grow up. We have excellent kids and great opportunities."



Mark Fish, inset and with shovel to the left at the CSD's \$8.1M groundbreaking earlier this year.

In terms of a succession plan, Fish confirms that the Board of Education will act on his retirement letter at the upcoming Board meeting. "Most school districts in this region work with the Board of Cooperative Education Services. They do a great job with regard to facilitating the searches," said Fish.

Fish cited the people as what he will miss most about working for the school district. "When I was on campus for a full day, I would make it to all three buildings. It's a commitment I had to get out and see the kids in action, to talk to the staff, and to be accessible to folks... Watching kids be kids and have fun; that's what I'll miss the most."

The mark of a successful term as School Board Superintendent, according to Fish, will be his successor's ability to continue his legacy of enriching the lives of Greenwich students. "I'm hoping that I step away and, because of all the talent and dedication of the folks [on the school board, administration, faculty and staff], that the next person comes in and is able to benefit from how well the district runs."

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.

The art of misunderstanding people

Daneen Skube

Special to Journal & Press

Q: *I get tired of pointing out repeated mistakes my co-workers or vendors make. To make it worse people get cranky when I tell them what they're doing wrong. Is there a strategic way to get people to correct mistakes without having them get mad?*

A: Yes if you develop a habit of misunderstanding people in a positive direction then you reduce conflict. Misunderstanding people positively means you state that you know they're competent, and smart before you work on the problem.

Many negotiating strategies point out it's essential to separate a person from a problem to negotiate. Unfortunately, we are often angry when we with a problem we can see or believe someone else created. We may start by attacking the person.

After a personal attack no person is going to want to help you. In fact, most people will simply blame you for either being unnecessarily critical or creating the problem yourself. Then you have a full blown ego war and no one wins.

No matter how appealing it may be to vent our frustrations at work our workplaces are not therapeutic settings to express angry feelings. We receive paychecks to solve problems and if we attack the people we need to help us ... we lose.

As a counselor I understand just how emotionally flooded most of my readers are these days. We can all be tempted to blow off emotional steam just to calm ourselves down.

We're better off restricting venting sessions to friends, family, or personal therapists than bringing blame to work. As I frequently say to clients love yourself more than you hate other people. If you love yourself then you see blowing up at others just blows up your success.

Let me give you an example of the art of misunderstanding people in a positive direction. Your co-worker keeps making sloppy mistakes on spread sheets. You say, "I know you want to guarantee our boss sees accurate numbers. I also know you always double check the figures. Can you help me understand what happened with these miscalculations?"

When you misunderstand people in a positive direction your body language is critical. You need a neutral curious voice, open stance, and inquisitive face. If your body language is angry you'll just appear sarcastic.

By misunderstanding people positively you focus others on the problem because you're not blaming anyone. You're curious about the problem. You're not critical of your co-workers.

Everyone you work with struggles with some version of self-hatred. They worry they're stupid, unlovable, or worthless. Blame is like a black magic spell that evokes the self-hatred of the person you're blaming. Self-hatred, like the Dementors in the Harry Potter stories, drains the life out of others.

If you can see that casting spells of blame with your words distracts others from your goal of solutions you'll drop blame. In the opposite way, casting

spells of positive assumptions almost always results in others being the best version of themselves around you.

At first it may seem alien to use your words to assume the best possible intentions of others but you'll quickly see the power of your words. If your goal is results then blaming the people you need to create solutions is not productive.

Remember what you say does not have to be accurate in that moment. What you say needs to paint a picture of the best the person in front of you can be. Then sit back and watch the magic occur!

The last word(s)

Q: *We're moving into another Christmas season and once again I feel like I have to stick to a beige, "Happy Holidays." I grew up with Christmas, love Christmas, and love saying, "Merry Christmas!" Is there a way to enjoy my tradition without offending anyone?*

A: Yes, it's fine to say, "Merry Christmas and all other holidays we celebrate!" You get to enjoy your tradition and still be inclusive of every else's traditions.

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Local ornaments available at Country Peddler

The NorthStar Historical Project (a Greenwich organization that promotes Underground Railroad history as well as the history of Susan B. Anthony's life in Washington County) will be selling Tractor Parade ornaments featuring Jacob Houston's painting of the Greenwich Tractor Parade which shows the parade coming off Washington

Square onto Main Street. Also, an ornament with the gazebo in Mowry Park at nighttime. New this year are two clothespin ornaments. One portrays Susan B Anthony with her red shawl and the other is a Women's Suffragist dressed in white with her "Votes for Women" sign. They also have a number of other Greenwich/Easton ornaments

available. Call for more information and availability. The group also welcomes suggestions of other historic buildings in our community that could be made into ornaments or façades. The Tractor Parade, gazebo and Susan B Anthony house ornaments are available at the Country Peddler or call 518-854-3102 for more information or to purchase.

Fort Salem Theater announces 2022 season

With two blockbuster musicals, two familiar-and-favorite plays, one world-premier reading of a new musical, and three game-changing contemporary musicals, Fort Salem Theater has something for everyone in their 50th Anniversary Season, just announced for March-November 2022. Season subscriptions are now on sale, with discounted package offerings for buyers of all eight mainstage shows, or a “You Pick” four-title subscription. Single tickets for each show will be on sale starting January 1, 2022.

“As we’ve continued meeting supporters for Fort Salem Theater over the past year, we’ve heard so many requests for large-style musicals like the Beavers [former owners from 1979-2005] used to produce, but we’ve also heard from those who hoped to see both new and small works like Jay Kerr [most recent former owner] did so well.” said Fort Salem Theater Executive and Artistic Director Kyle West. “Our 2022 season has been curated with all of our patrons’ passions in mind. We’re excited to have such a dynamic mix that will allow our audiences the chance to see something unique each time they come through our doors next year.”

Kicking off the Mainstage season next March is Meredith Willson’s *The Music Man* from March 11-20. Directed and choreographed by Harry Turpin, a popular US-based director and performer who appeared in the National Tour of *Annie*, this family favorite follows fast-talking traveling salesman, Harold Hill, as he cons the people of River City, Iowa, into buying instruments and uniforms for a boys’ band that he vows to organize – despite the fact that he doesn’t know a trombone from a treble clef. His plans to skip town with the cash are foiled when he falls for Marian, the librarian.

Onstage in April is audience-favorite *Steel Magnolias*, running April 22-24. Set in a Louisiana hair salon, this comedy-drama shares the hilarious and heart-wrenching bond of six women in different walks of life. A Director will be announced soon.

Based on Jane Austen’s literary classic, Kate Hamill’s hilariously brilliant *Pride and Prejudice* runs May 27-29. This isn’t your grandmother’s Austen! Bold, surprising, boisterous, and timely, this P&P for a new era explores the absurdities and thrills of finding your perfect (or imperfect) match in life. The outspoken Lizzy Bennet is determined to never marry, despite mounting pressure from society. But can she resist love,

especially when that vaguely handsome, mildly amusing, and impossibly aggravating Mr. Darcy keeps popping up at every turn?! Literature’s greatest tale of latent love has never felt so theatrical, or so full of life than it does in this effervescent adaptation. Because what turns us into greater fools... than the high-stakes game of love? New York City artist Ariel Francoeur (raised in Orwell, Vermont) directs.

Next summer, *Grease* is the word from June 24-July 3. With a hip-shaking rock ‘n’ roll score featuring hits like “Summer Nights,” “Greased Lightnin’,” and “We Go Together,” *Grease* celebrates Rydell High’s class of 1959 in all their duck-tailed, bobby-soxed, gum-snapping glory. This production includes hits from the movie, used with special permission. Kyle West directs and co-choreographs with Susi Thomas.

A world premiere reading of a new musical, *this old haunt*, runs July 22-24, in an out-of-town try-out style of the show being adjusted nightly based on audience feedback. In this work-in-progress, four old friends meet at a cabin in the woods and are forced to face that they’ve grown up and apart; eventually, they literally summon the ghosts of their past selves in order to build a future. The show has music and lyrics by Maggie Marie Rodgers, a book by SMJ, developed by Maggie Marie Rodgers, Rebecca Wahls & SMJ, with additional music and orchestrations by: Annabelle Lee Revak. Rebecca Wahls directs, with a Music Director to be announced. This creative team is composed of guest artists from NYC, Pennsylvania, and the U.K.

Director Rebecca Wahls, currently based at Carnegie Mellon University, remains in town to direct *Tick, Tick...BOOM!*, which performs August 18-28. Before *Rent*, there was *Tick, Tick... Boom!* This autobiographical musical by Jonathan Larson, the Pulitzer Prize- and Tony Award-winning composer of *Rent*, is the story of a composer and the sacrifices made to achieve his big break.

From September 30-October 9, Fort Salem pres-



ents *Bright Star*. Inspired by a true story and featuring the Tony®-nominated score by Steve Martin and Edie Brickell, Broadway’s *Bright Star* tells a sweeping tale of love and redemption set against the rich backdrop of the American South in the 1920s and ‘40s. The final mainstage musical is another spin on Jane Austen’s *Pride and Prejudice*. Titled *I Love You Because*, the time is now and the place is New York City. A young, uptight greeting card writer’s life is changed when he meets a flighty photographer. Along with their eccentric friends and siblings, they learn to love each other - not despite their faults, but because of them. Kyle West, who worked with the show’s original cast and creative team for the full NYC run, directs and choreographs, with a Music Director to be announced soon. *I Love You Because* runs November 4-13.

Special events and an additional cabaret series will be announced at a later date.

Patrons interested in purchasing season packages or partial season packages can do so at www.FortSalem.com. The greatest discounts are available when you purchase all eight shows, but another discount option allows you to choose only four titles. Individual tickets will go on sale January 1, but gift certificates are available online 24/7.

I can't help but notice...

Roger De Korp
Journal & Press

...The Liberal Left should publish a translation guide. For years they've set the labels of our society and culture. The "Mainstream Media" is mainstream only if one's perspective is of the Left; Illegal Aliens are "Migrants" or now "Human Infrastructure"; "Immigration Reform" is actually Open Borders; Communism (all goods are owned collectively and wealth is re-allocated) is labeled "Socialism" (or "Democratic Socialism" if you're Bernie Sanders); Rioters, looters, and arsonists are "Protesters" according to the Vice-President of the United States and most "Mainstream" media people; "Inclusiveness" includes everyone who is not Republican or a Trump supporter. We don't even recognize that they're liberal-speak anymore; they're that ingrained in our nomenclature.

... On November 21st, during the annual Christmas Parade in Waukesha, WI, 6 people were killed and over 60 injured, allegedly by a Black man with a long criminal record and anti-white messages on social media who also was out on \$1,000 bail after allegedly attempt-

ing to run over the mother of his child. This man was a registered sex offender and had an active arrest warrant in Nevada. In response to this wonton act of murder, the residents of Waukesha didn't riot, loot, or burn, other than the candles that were lit by a large number of residents who held a vigil one week after the tragedy. One would think that this heinous crime would have been classified by the Justice Department as an act of terrorism, but apparently it doesn't measure up to concerned parents attending a school board meeting in Virginia. CBS, NPR, and USA Today referred to the massacre as a "Parade Crash."

...Economist and Sociologist Thomas Sowell is one of the smartest people ever. Which is why

'One would think this heinous crime would be classified as an act of terrorism.'

most people have never heard of him. He happens to be Black and 91 years old. As a young adult he originally believed in Marxism, but in researching a project for the federal

government, the data showed that free market economics actually benefited the poor, versus Marxism, so he followed his brain instead of his heart. His use of empirical data and hard evidence is a distinguishing trait of his writings. He is the author of numerous books and essays; his 2019 book "Discrimination and Disparities" is brilliant, and should be required reading for all educators. I'll be devoting more space to him down the road.

....If the NFL and the NFLPA actually cared about players' safety, they would stop playing Thursday night games, or at least only schedule teams coming off bye weeks to play in them.

...I live in the Village of Greenwich. It is the place where I always wanted to live, even when I didn't

know there was a Greenwich. We have such a friendly and generous community; among many other things, all you have to do is

look at the number of fundraisers throughout the year and see the response. Our downtown is making a comeback. Our annual Lighted Tractor Parade is area renowned (it was fantastic this year!). It's an amazing place with amazing people and I feel so blessed to call it my home.

...Liberals are all about electric vehicles and reducing carbon emissions. So how come when the President was in Glasgow at the climate summit in early November, he had an 85 vehicle motorcade, many of which were full size SUVs? He had the same on his visit to the Vatican. According to Pew Research, EVs account for about 2% of the new-car

market for the last three years. Sales are expected to rise, but why are almost all the people who are screaming the world is going to end in nine years still driving gas powered vehicles? While I'm on this, what are we going to do with all the EV batteries that die? I can barely find somewhere that will accept my dead AAs. As of 2020, only 5% of EV batteries are being recycled; it is an industry acknowledged problem.

...In case you missed it, October 20th was "International Pronouns Day." Seriously.

...It took criminals doing "Smash and Grabs" at high-end retailers to get city mayors to call for actual arrests. These are the stores that their rich donors frequent, so they have to react; similar crimes in less affluent area has been tacitly approved of by these same mayors who have been proponents of "No Cash Bail," which has been an abject failure and has been a major reason for the current crime epidemic. In the meantime, Press Secretary Jen Psaki in the daily White House briefing on December 2nd, said that a root cause of the rise in crime is the pandemic. Of course it is.

These are only a few of the things I can't help but notice; it seems like they happen every day. You, too, I bet.

Wishing you and yours a very Merry Christmas or whatever Holiday you celebrate!

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St. Joseph's masses

Christmas Masses at St. Joseph's Catholic Church: Christmas Eve Concert by St. Joseph's Choir: 3:30 p.m.; Christmas Eve Mass: 4:00 p.m.; Christmas Morning; and Christmas Day Mass: 10:00 a.m. Please note that due to the uptick in Covid-19 cases in Washington County and the surrounding area, and the anticipated number of people attending, for everyone's safety, masks or face coverings will be required for everyone attending our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses, regardless of vaccination status. We appreciate your cooperation and look forward to celebrating with you.

Peppa Pig for President in 2024

Cody Fitzgerald
Journal & Press

If you've read these articles before, it's not hard to realize that I am an incredibly left-wing, eat the rich, so Liberal I'm off the political compass loudmouth, and with that, I've been incredibly invested in the 2022 election, as well as utterly terrified for the impending circus that is going to be the 2024 presidential election. This being said, as beat in the face blue as I am, I'm not loving the current administration run on false promises and pretending that the issues plaguing our country and democracy right now aren't happening. Now, before you run to Facebook and send photos of me around captioned "Let's Go Branden," remember that I would much prefer what we have now than the neo-Nazi bioterrorist cult that came before it. This being said, I'm hoping that 2024 can provide us with some candidates truly invested in what's good for the American people regardless of who they are. Let's examine some of the political candidates I'll be endorsing in this upcoming presidential election.

Ilhan Omar - Fighting for equality and representation for all Americans, Omar stands for diversity and inclusion in a very tense time socially.

Jon Ossoff - All around focused on improving the lives of American citizens, Ossoff socially and economically has the backs of blue collar workers of any background.

Bob the Builder - Focused on American infrastructure, this former construction worker knows how to get things done, and will deliver on providing a safer, more efficient and better looking America, "building back better."

Doc McStuffins - Pushing for better healthcare for all Americans, a young, fresh perspective in the Oval Office can and will provide safe and affordable care for all Americans.

'Captain Planet would at least acknowledge climate change.'

The Cake Boss - He is on the correct side of the Israel/Palestine conflict, he just won't tell you what it is.



Statler and Waldorf - Compared to the median age of current Presidents/candidates, America's first dual presidency will provide a fresh, young set of hands to speak for younger generations feeling left out by significantly older administrations.

Batman - Fighting for peace without retaliation, Batman's deep-toned voice would still be less annoying than Trump's.

Captain Planet - He would probably at least acknowledge climate change, right?

Dora the Explorer - Dora promises to be wide awake at events regarding foreign affairs.

Homer Simpson - Mr. Simpson has had access to nuclear codes for decades and has never once tweeted threatening North Korea.

Peppa Pig - Standing at a whopping 7'1", Peppa Pig's sheer size and demeanor is enough to scare off foreign enemies and domestic threats from even showing their face.

El Chapo - The only difference between El Chapo and a member of the GOP is that the former is upfront about their crimes.

Simon Cowell - Cowell's history of audience-selected talent shows indicates that he has to somewhat care about voting, which is an improvement on

politicians.

Bill Nye - This would be cool.

Larry the Cucumber - Throwing my personal views on religion in politics out for a second, if we *have* to have faith play a role in the process, I'd like a Christian president who actually upholds their religious values.

Lucy Van Pelt - While she might retract a football or two, she distinctively would not incite a terrorist attack on the Capitol building.

Remember to get out there and vote! Whether it be Peppa Pig or the Cake Boss, get your voice heard. Regardless of whether or not you vote for a Jesus-loving cucumber, 2022 and 2024 are going to be crucial elections that you should be a part of. You can go to vote.org to find your locations, see if and how you can vote early and register in as easy as two minutes. Our democracy depends on it, and now is your time to get ahead of the game!

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.



A note about political ads and writing

Every now and again, we'll hear a complaint about an ad or an opinion column or maybe even a cartoon where the person threatens to "cancel their subscription" because that one thing in our 32 pages differs from their worldview. Realize, we're a medium that tries to reflect the various viewpoints in the community as balanced as possible, and that, like other mediums, we're a package deal. You wouldn't stop watching a TV channel because, sometimes, they have a show you don't completely agree with. And isn't it good to know what other people – your neighbors – are thinking about? Feel free to send us a letter rebutting any viewpoint expressed here or pitch us a column idea by writing editor@journalandpress.com. We welcome your thoughts!

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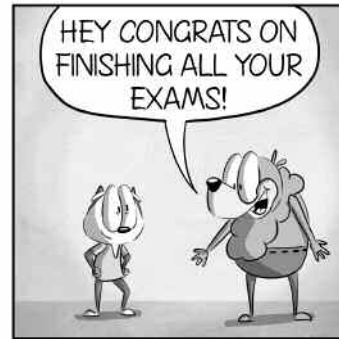
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End-of-year thoughts from issues past

Darren Johnson
Journal & Press

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

120 Years Ago

Dec. 18, 1901

We know nothing better than coughing to tear the lining of your throat and lungs. It is better than wet feet to cause bronchitis and pneumonia. Only keep it up and you will proceed in reducing your weight, losing your appetite, bringing up a fever, and making everything exactly right for the germs of consumption. Better kill your cough before it kills you. Perri's Pine Tree Balsam kills coughs of every kind. One bottle, one size and price, only 25 cents, is just right for an ordinary cough. For sale by C. Mealey.

100 Years Ago

Dec. 21, 1921

[Census figures are in.] In Washington County's total population of 44,888 the males outnumber the females by 22,802 to 22,086. ... Washington County isn't quite "one hundred percent American" as to its population, but it stands high in the list of counties whose residents are made up of native born stock. Native white residents number 40,433,

compared with 4213 foreign born whites. The census showed 238 negroes and only 4 under the classification "Indian, Chinese, Japanese and others." The county therefore has 90.1 percent of native-born whites, 9.4 percent of foreign born whites and .05 percent of negro inhabitants. The percentages for the state at large are 71.1 native white, 26.8 foreign born white and 1.9 negro. ... Of the 1524 who are 16 and 17 years old [in Washington County] 43.4 percent are attending school. There are 1050 illiterate persons in the county over 10 years of age. ... The percentage of illiteracy is 2.8 and it shows a marked improvement since 1910, when the percentage was 5.3. ... [Of the foreign born,] 1041 came from Ireland. Italians come next with 729; and, thanks to the Granville state quarrying industry, Wales is next at 497.

80 Years Ago

Dec. 24, 1941

First steps for the organization of a civilian defense council for the Village of Greenwich and surrounding territory in Greenwich and Easton were taken at a special meeting of the board of trustees. ... Supervisor Leland R. Robertson, who was present at the meeting, is a member of the county defense council and he and Supervisor Harry Booth of Easton were named as members of the federal committee. ... The chances of war coming to this region may be remote, but in the past year or two it has come to many places that did not expect it, and to some that were totally unprepared. Civilian organization and preparation can do no possible harm, and it may do much good.

40 Years Ago

Dec. 17, 1981

Noroton Pulp in Greenwich, located where the Skybell Tissue mill use to be, has experienced some recent financial setbacks but, according to General Manager Ralph Jessup, once the mill receives its secondary financing it will be "off and running." Employees of the mill attended a meeting Tuesday morning where they were "brought up to date," Mr. Jessup's words, on the mill's situation. Last week some employees were holding as many as three weeks' paychecks that they could not cash because no funds were available. ... When Noroton purchased the mill this past September, plans were to be operating in six to eight weeks, with 80 employees by Christmas. Employees now number 16.

20 Years Ago

Dec. 27, 2001

Hartwick College senior and soprano Brianne Sifert of Schuylerville recently performed in the College's Opera Theatre presentation of "Sopranos Only ... Except for One Guy." ... Sifert performed in the second half of the program, which included a selection of duets and trios from well-known operas and the works of Mozart.

10 Years Ago

Dec. 15, 2011

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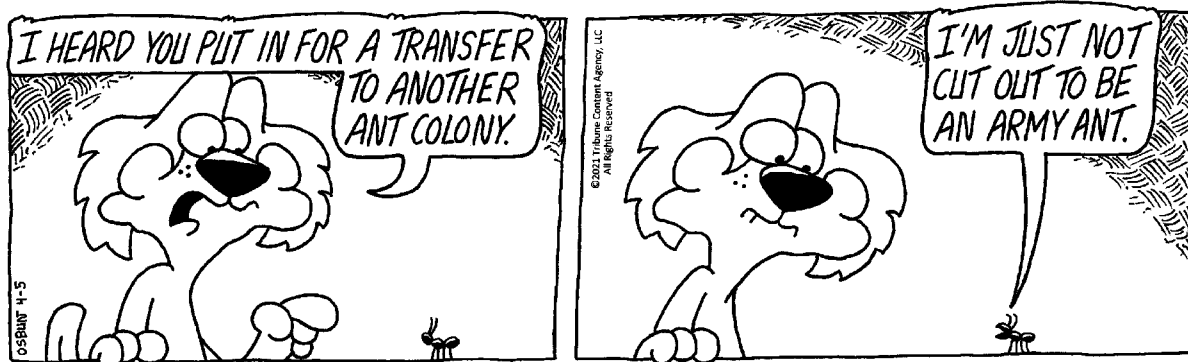
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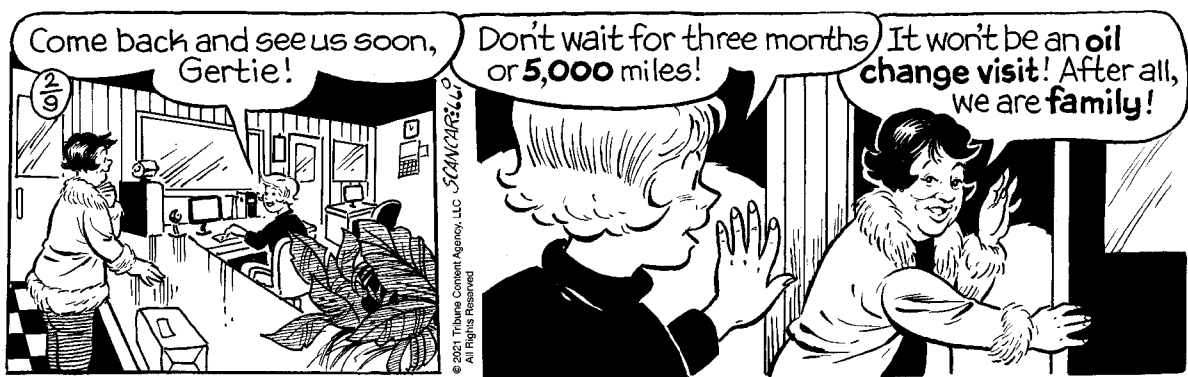
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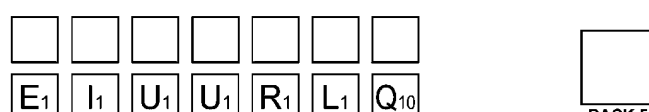
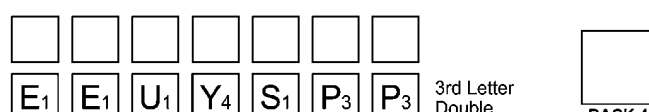
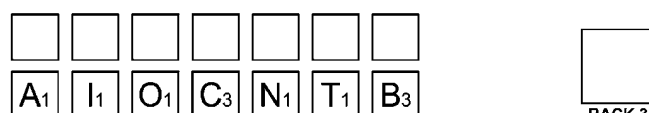
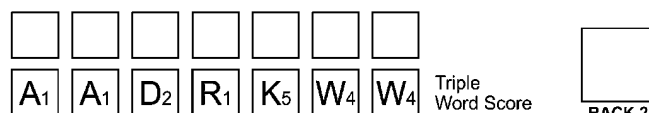
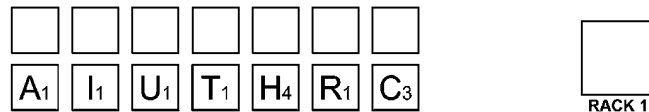


Broom Hilda by Russell Myers



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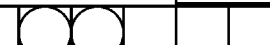
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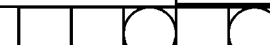
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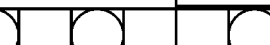


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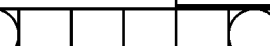
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RASPIN



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Answer here:



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Puzzle
Answers
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On democracy and accountability

Bridie Farrell

Special to Journal & Press

Competition makes you better – it makes you sharper. Which is why I was surprised to learn that some party leaders in the 21st Congressional District are trying to eliminate the competition to avoid a primary. I think we, North Country voters, should choose the next Democrat to challenge Elise Stefanik.

Eleven Party Chairs in our district just told you, me and everyone else who actually wants to participate in our democracy that we can go ahead and skip this time. They did that even before a majority of their own members had an opportunity to participate in the process.

Well, I'm not buying it. Last time I checked, this is still America, where voters get to choose their leaders in something called an election. It is this pesky thing

called freedom, where a government is formed by the consent of the governed. Don't let anyone tell you otherwise, even if a handful of folks are trying to rig the system against you.

The reality? Elections and primary elections are good because they give voters choices. Choices means enthusiasm. Enthusiasm drives participation, which increases turnout. That means more Americans participating in the process of self determination. This is a moment when we should be giving people more self-determination not less. Adding people, not shutting them out.

What's more, I think this whole debacle speaks to a larger decay that we are witnessing across the political spectrum.

It's why I want to tell you about my recent conversation with

Saratoga County Chair Todd Kerner.

Mr. Kerner is one of the Chairs who decided to endorse a candidate before even talking to everyone running. When he called me a few weeks ago to inform me of his plan to undermine the electoral process and suggest that I drop out, I honestly thought it was a joke.

I asked Mr. Kerner why he was making this decision, he compared

‘When I invited him to meet me for coffee, he said, “As a man, I am not comfortable with meeting with you alone.”’

me to Tedra Cobb, the candidate who ran previously in this district. I greatly respect Tedra and the incredible work she has done and is doing, but we are different people. The thing we have in common is our gender.

When I invited him to meet me for coffee, he said, “As a man, I am not comfortable meeting with you alone.” When I asked him what he meant by that, he answered, “because of the stuff you said and put out.” He was obviously talking about about my experience as a survivor of childhood sexual abuse, as a crime victims’ rights advocate, and what I have done to hold my abuser accountable in the media and legislatively. For good measure, he then added “you are what’s wrong with the Democratic Party, making everything about gender, race, creed and religion.” Something I have decidedly not done, other than by being some-

thing I cannot control—the only woman in the Democratic primary race.

Yes, his comments were offensive, but I've experienced way worse and come out the other side just fine. The problem is attitudes like his discourage people from participating in the process and have for years. It's wrong. Every North Country resident represented by these 11 Chairs deserves—accountability and a robust, competitive primary for New York's 21st Congressional District.

When politicians tell voters to sit down and shut up, I stand up and keep fighting. That's exactly what I'll continue to do in this race because I think we are all tired of being canceled, being told we don't belong or that what we want no longer matters. It does, you do, and I am going to carry your voice to Congress so people know exactly who we are here in the North Country. We do not give up. We will not be canceled. We will not acquiesce to the whispered undertone of back-room suppression. We are North Country, and we will keep going until we are all heard in the halls of Congress.

Bridie Farrell is a former Team USA speed skater, a voice for crime victims, a fighter, and a survivor running to represent the North Country in the U.S. House of Representatives.



An Artist's Take

Political Cartoon of the Week by Joel Pett



Cambridge Crossword

(solution page 24)

Across

- 1 Guthrie's "Today" co-host
5 Apple tablet
9 Easily bruised Ca-jun veggie
13 Collectively
15 Possessive shout
16 Currency with Khomeini's picture
17 "Same here!"
18 Greek salad in-gredient
19 Out of sight
20 It takes getting used to
23 Note dispenser
25 Large tea dis-penser
26 Geese cries
27 Native American leaders
31 Put a cap on
32 One of its first customers was a collector of broken laser pointers
33 IRS forms expert
36 Just slightly
37 Brown ermine
39 Born and __

- 40 Theater back-drop
41 High time?
42 "Shrek" princess
43 Exuberant compli-ment
46 Some blue jeans
48 Sea-__ Airport
49 Observe
50 Morning news deliverers ... or based on a hidden word in each, what 20-, 27- and 43-Across are?
54 Late notice?
55 "The __ Report": 1976 bestseller
56 Bangkok natives
59 Ticket stub abbr.
60 Meadow mamas
61 Fires off
62 Programmer's al-ternative to "if"
63 Yom Kippur ritual
64 Heavy home-work amount

Down

- 1 Most common sur-name in Korea

- 2 Half of snake eyes
3 Ryokan floor cover
4 Political alliance
5 "Everything's OK"
6 Berth place
7 Initial poker pay-ment
8 Tie on a track
9 Instruments with stops
10 Key-cutting site
11 Raging YouTube posts
12 Sheltered from the wind
14 Plumlike Asian fruit
21 GoDaddy pur-chase
22 Boris Johnson, e.g.
23 Book with insets
24 Clichéd
28 Auction action
29 Africa's Sierra __
30 Trade name let-ters
33 Flaky bakery product
34 Tubular pasta

- 35 "Opposites at-tract," e.g.
37 Kitchen bigwig-in-waiting
38 A.L.'s Blue Jays
39 Show __
41 Black, in Biarritz
42 Rhinestone sur-faces
43 __ Nicole Brown of "Community"
44 Taking a breather
45 Monet's May
46 Record company imprint
47 Heroic tales
50 Sit for a portrait
51 Bygone audio brand
52 66 and others: Abbr.
53 Flightless bird of the pampas
57 Altar affirmation
58 Phishing target, briefly

ANSWERS ON PAGE 26.

9 to 5 by Harley Schwadron

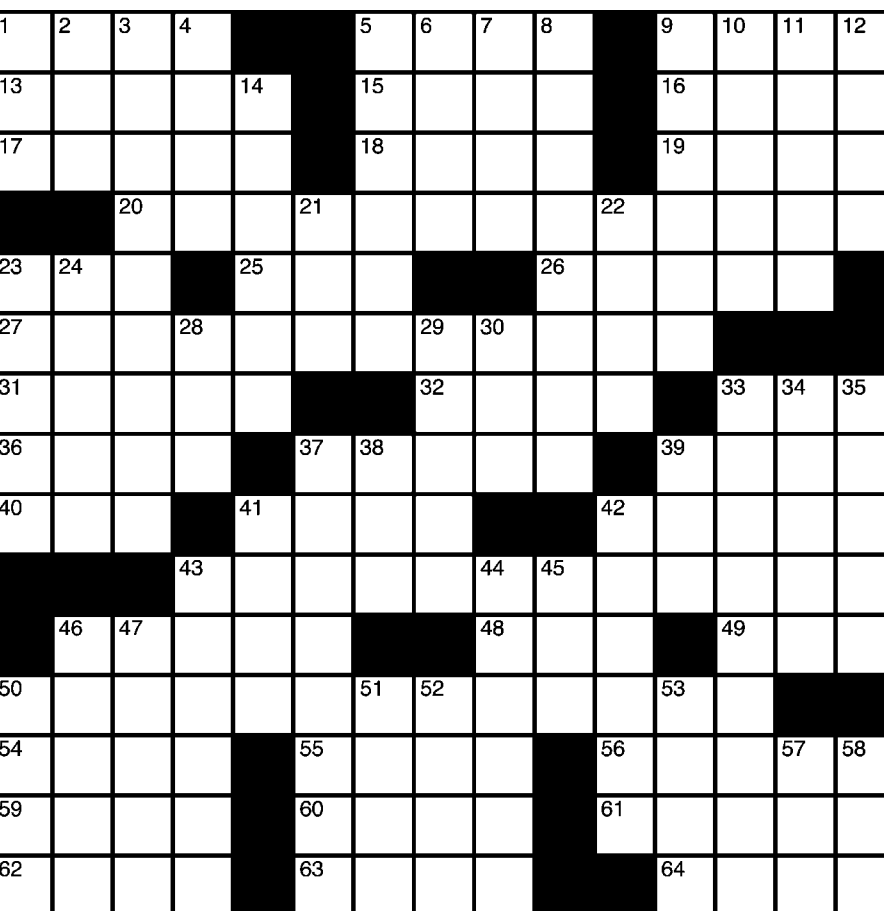
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Inflation causing hardships

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	% Severe hardship	% Moderate hardship	% No hardship
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Less than \$40,000	28	42	29
\$40,000 to \$99,999	8	38	53
\$100,000 or more	2	26	71
Education			
No college degree	13	40	46
College degree	4	26	70
Party ID			
Republicans	11	42	47
Independents	11	37	51
Democrats	8	28	63

DK/NA not shown



Word Find

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

Find these words that are associated with biking.

Basket
Bell

Brake
Cable
Chain
Climb
Coast
Commute
Curves
Flat
Fork

Frame
Gears
Horn
Lock
Mirror
Patch
Pedals
Pump
Race

Repair Kit
Rider
Road
Saddle
Seat
Shift
Spokes
Steer
Tire

Track
Trail
Tricycle
Tube

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Anybody here know how to play this game?

Lance Allen Wang
Journal & Press

“Does anybody here know how to play this game?” This famous quote by Casey Stengel, manager of the beleaguered expansion team, the 1962 New York Mets, expressed his lament about the state of his roster. I kind of wonder the same about both my Republican party and their “loyal opposition,” the Democrats.

It seems that the GOP has surrendered to its fringe, and moderate Democrats are still trying to maintain a very tenuous relationship with their far-left wing. In the meantime, the middle, where the compromise and negotiation which is supposed to take place, the stuff of government which makes it work, has begun to decay. This does not bode well for democracy.

I’m not speaking here of independents and third-party voters. As opposed to the moderates within a political party, independents are all over the spectrum. They may fall within the traditional Democrat/Republican paradigm, such as George Will, who was one of the ideological fathers of modern Reagan conservatism, but then decided to leave when he felt the party had completely abandoned those principles during the Trump era. Or it may be those who feel ill-served by the two parties. This also may apply to third-

party stalwarts like the Libertarians – feeling ill-served by the current parties, they vote as a protest vote, but at best serve as spoilers. Libertarians still have not yet coalesced around a definition of themselves – are we talking about socially liberal Republicans like Gary Johnson and Bill Weld, or are we talking “propertarianism,” where it is all about property rights? If you have ever watched a Libertarian political convention, the lack of a common framework around their identity leads to more than a little rancor on the floor.

If you want to have a big tent in politics, it is very important not to have the “ideological purity” test. The Democrats have had issues with that. The debate over “Who is progressive enough?” has harmed the Democrats as much as the “Who supports Trump enough?” debate has dragged down the Republicans.

‘I generally find myself on the outside looking in at the GOP.’

A recent Pew report analyzed the state of both major parties in this country. Each party has re-organized its battle lines, both facing inwardly and outwardly. I generally find myself on the outside looking in at the GOP on some significant issues as we move forward. For instance, the core of the party maintains that the party should NOT be accepting of elected officials who criticize Donald Trump. The core of the party honestly believes that it is acceptable to call Democrats “evil.” And they maintain a positive opinion of those Republicans who still claim that Donald Trump won the 2020 election. It’s okay, perhaps even inevitable, to disagree with your party on some things. It’s not okay to force me to take a leap of faith in order to accept lies as truth.

The GOP has tagged the so-called “squad,” Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez in particular, as the face of the Democrats. We have been doing that ever since she took office – there is nothing like tagging someone from the progressive fringe to be the face of the opposition. The Democrats do the same

thing – they would love nothing more than for the Q-Anon supporters Marjorie Taylor Greene and Lauren Boebert, as “out there” a pair as you can find, to be seen as the face of the GOP. Ocasio-Cortez is hardly the person you want to help achieve a bi-partisan result on Capitol Hill, any more than you would expect from the GOP’s lunatic fringe. The difference between “the squad” and the “Q-Anon” GOP reps? The squad is still fighting their battle for progressive relevance in a moderate Democrat administration. Greene and Boebert stand tall in a GOP which has already lost its battle with its fringe elements – or, I suppose won, depending on your perspective (I choose the former).

Who the parties select to run in the mid-term elections is going to make an interesting bellwether for the immediate political future of this country – is it going to be people who can make respectful bi-partisan government work, or is going to be fringe ideologues whose idea of progress is blunting or blocking any movement of their opposition?

We must return dialogue and compromise to politics if we want to make this system, one we claim to prize, work. It is not going to happen from the progressive fringe, and it’s not going to happen from the GOP’s right-wing populist fringe. It is only going to happen when our Congress recognizes, or the people demand, that our system work the way it was designed to – which is boring negotiation, compromise, and deal-making. Yes, it is nothing to get excited about, it will give fits to talk-show hosts who survive on the venom of obnoxious and dirty politics, and it will make the 24/7 news cycle as exciting as The Weather Channel. On the other hand, it will also allow members of Congress to exercise the skills that we need to start seeing on Capitol Hill. Then, and only then, will I be convinced that we finally have people in place who “know how to play this game.”

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Review: Saratoga Comic Con

Aubrie Methven
Journal & Press

Following a two year hiatus due to complications of holding a convention during a global pandemic, Saratoga's very own Comic Con made a triumphant return last month. After speaking with artists and small business owners alike, it's clear that conventions play an integral role in getting the word out about their businesses, and sharing their passions with others.

What I had garnered from the few hours I spent wandering around feeling out of place as one of the only people out of costume, is the sense of community everyone I spoke to seemed to feel. "It's just a great community, and it's a really easy way for people to find others that share their interest," said a vendor for a custom cosplay raffle. "People put so much love and effort into their cosplays, so conventions are a great opportunity to share that work with others" she continued.

One artist, known as Art By Mar, has been attending Comic Cons all around upstate New York since 2013. She sells her own artwork as well as the work of others at her booth. She's very well-known across conventions due to her

being such a seasoned veteran. "It's been so exciting to be back, you don't get to have the same connection with people to this degree online" she replied when I asked about how it felt to be back at conventions.

When asked about the experience of cosplaying at a convention, one cosplayer dressed as popular Disney character Judy Hopps replied, "It's my first time going to a convention, so I was really nervous, but everyone has been so sweet and the atmosphere has just been so inviting." Really driving home the idea of just how inviting the atmosphere is, regardless of your interests. This is made even clearer with the mention that over the course of three hours, I hadn't seen a single person unhappy or disinterested about what the convention and the people attending had to offer. There really was something for everyone.

Along with the cosplayers and vendors, there were also tables for seemingly unrelated companies and organizations sprinkled in, like T-Mobile and the US Air Guard, who saw this as a family event and a great way to get the word out about themselves, much like the artists and



Schuylerville's Victoria Cooper and Aubrie Methven with unidentified costumed attendees.

vendors throughout the city center.

However, vendors were not the only ones that viewed the convention as a family event. Walking into the center, you could see an entire families in coordinating costumes, and even a dog named Lily, dressed as Captain America. "We've been to conventions all over the state," said her owner, also dressed as Captain America. "We'll be coming back to Saratoga in May, I've been working on our latest costumes, and next time we'll be going as Ghostbusters." he said before letting me know that Lily was a hugger. Which I can indeed confirm.

Scenes from local varsity games

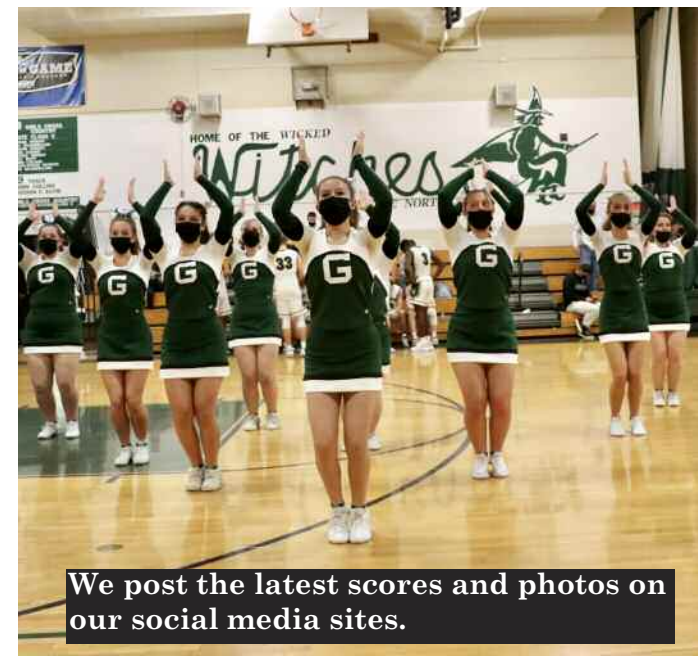


Basketball is back.

We hope you follow us on Facebook and Instagram to see scores of local photos. Since our last issue, Schuylerville (13-1) lost to Chenango Forks in the Carrier Dome for the Class C football final. And now, basketball is starting! *Greenwich basketball photo by Dan Pemrick; Greenwich cheerleading and Schuylerville photos by Denise Richard.*



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