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It's Nolan vs. Ward

In Greenwich Town, the school board president wants the super's job.

The Greenwich Town Republican Committee nominated (L-R) Liv Thygesen for Council; incumbents Kimberly Whelan and Don Ward for Clerk and Supervisor, respectively; Julie Sipperly for Council, and Jeff Derby for Highway Superintendent for the fall election. On the Democratic side, School Board President Jim Nolan is running against Ward. He is joined by Council candidates Jim Mumby and Thomas Graves.

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CFC weekend food program

Cathy Hebert, coordinator of Comfort Food Community's Student Weekend Nutrition Program, sat down with Sara Idleman for a chat about feeding kids in need year-round. The program is near and dear to Hebert's heart.

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Local, local, local

Kate Sausville
Journal & Press

If you are one of the four people who read my column (Hi, Mom!) you know I love supporting local businesses. Part of the reason is personal. Both my husband and I grew up with families who owned local businesses. My husband's family owned a dairy bar just up the road in Salem for over 30 years. The community support allowed my in-laws to provide for their family and now enjoy a relaxing retirement. There is the obvious financial benefit from shopping locally. Businesses that thrive hire our neighbors, they keep the Main street maintained and attractive, and they make it easier for folks to stay in the community. Then there is the convenience, as shopping locally saves time. But more important than any of that, is the human connection we get when we support our local community.

I have been thinking a lot lately about community and connection. The pandemic, with its restrictions, brought this home for me. Sure, we have the internet and the smartphone. With those come FaceTime, Zoom, and similar social media apps. But it is not the same as being in the same room with a friend or family member. There is something distinctly lacking in visiting a loved one through a screen. I have been wondering if this loss of connection, which frankly began well before the pandemic, is at the heart of a lot of the discord and divisiveness we have witnessed these last few years. Especially when most of our connections are virtual, it can be easy to forget that there is a real person with real feelings behind the screen.

The internet has changed the way we interact and make decisions. In some ways that might be a good thing. The internet makes travel, working, and leisure easier to manage. Opportunities can be a click away. But when we rely on the internet too much, we lose out on valuable face-to-face connections that make life more satisfying. Health experts have pointed out that increased time on computers can exacerbate mental health issues, such as depression and anxiety. Pediatricians routinely ask about screen time during well-child visits, because too much screen time is associated with higher risks of obesity and diabetes. As much as society is moving towards an



Popups along Greenwich's Main Street on a recent weekend –darren johnson photos

‘Most important is the human connection we get when we support our community.’

online life, there is good reason to pump the breaks.

An important aspect of local communities is the newspaper. Unfortunately, in the age of the internet, the local newspaper is a dying breed. Since 2004 over 1,800 local newspapers have shut their doors for good, leaving communities to exist in a “news desert.” Recently Tribune Publishing sold several of its newspapers to a large hedge fund corporation, which is known for making significant cuts to the papers they already own. Newspaper journalists are often the ones who bring us the investigative work that is critical to keeping our elected officials in check and giving the public local, unbiased reporting that allows us to make informed decisions. In April of 2020, the Baltimore Sun, one of the papers sold in the Tribune deal, won the Pulitzer Prize for uncovering a scheme in which the mayor of Baltimore had

scammed a major hospital network selling them thousands of copies of a children's book that she had self-published. In some cases, the hospitals had paid for books it never received. The mayor resigned. The story might never have come to light, had it not been for the journalists of the Sun. These are the people who chase down sources and go through piles of information to bring us the real story.

Studies show that a decline in local news is associated with inflated municipal budgets and less informed and more polarized voters. When I think about the last two national elections and the hate and vitriol that accompanied them, I cannot help but think the loss of these local news sources contributed to the decline in the civility of our communities. We are fortunate in our area to have local newspapers that are still giving us the news of the day and I am privileged to be a part of one of them. My hope is that when people think about supporting locally-owned businesses, they will realize that their newspaper is also a local business and buy a copy.

Kate Sausville is a resident of Greenwich, a preschool teacher for Head Start in Saratoga County, wife and mother of two teenage daughters.



School budgets pass easily; mavericks win

Darren Johnson
Journal & Press

On May 18, school budgets passed in all area districts, and three area districts had competitive school board races. Here are the wrap-ups, as first published on our Facebook page (fb.com/Journal-Press).

Cambridge

The Cambridge Central Schools election had the highest turnout in the region, mainly because of a hotly contested school board race. It was for two seats with five candidates vying.

Dillon Honyoust (1,025 votes) and David Shay Price (1,017 votes) easily defeated Timothy Ossont (466 votes), Sarah McMillan (457 votes) and Tanya Clark (42 votes). Candidates were elected to unpaid, three-year terms that begin on July 1.

Voters in the district viewed this race as an unofficial referendum as whether to maintain the controversial Indian name and logo or not, and Honyoust and Price were vocal proponents of keeping it.

The district expects to have a decision on the name in June.

Of course, the overall budget passed May 18.

Cambridge residents on Tuesday approved a \$23,047,962 budget for the 2021-22 school year, with 930 yes votes and 589 no votes – a margin of 61% percent.

The budget carries a \$763,331 increase in spending and a 1.65% increase in the school tax levy.

Voters also approved a proposition to lease three new buses for a cost not to exceed \$331,500. There were 955 yes votes and 563 no votes.

Voters approved library funding of \$58,000, with 1051 yes votes and 470 no votes.

“I would like to thank the Cambridge community for supporting the district in our ongoing efforts to provide a quality education for our students,” said Superintendent Dr. Douglas Silvernell. “It was most certainly a challenging year, but our community showed its resilience once again.”

Greenwich

The budget passed 298-95; library and equipment votes passed by similar numbers.

On Tuesday, April 20, the Greenwich Central School District Board of Education had adopted the proposed 2021-2022 budget of \$22,590,319. This plan represents an increase of 2.79% from the approved zero budget-to-budget in 2020-2021 of \$21,976,71. The voters approved this May 18 with the public vote. In addition voters approved:

- Spending up to \$245,750 to purchase two (2) 71-passenger school buses;
- Library Proposition – to increase the appropriation to support the Greenwich Free Library from \$99,837 to \$103,541 and the appropriation to support the Easton Library from \$42,586 to \$44,123 annually.

Marie Grimmke defeated incumbent Erin Boivin 200-167 for one open board seat.

Grimmke said: “I am so grateful to all my friends and neighbors who came out to support me, but especially honored by the support of my former students and parents of former students. I feel fortunate to be able to serve on the board of such an amazing school!”

Schuylerville

Schuylerville Central School District residents passed a \$38 million budget for the 2021-22 school year by a vote of 549 to 158 on Tuesday, May 18. The approved budget carries a 1.53% spending increase and an estimated tax levy increase of 0.9%. Tax rates for individual properties will be determined over the summer once equalization rates and assessments are available for the district’s seven towns. In addition, the bus lease proposition passed 580-120.

“On behalf of the Board of Education and administration, I’d like to thank the community for their support,” said Superintendent Dr. Ryan Sherman. “The 2021-22 budget is a fiscally responsible one that will allow us to continue to provide our students with the high-quality education and exceptional opportunities that have come to define the Schuylerville Central School District. We look forward to maintaining the district’s strong level of academic programming this coming school year.”

Voters elected Katie Brunson to the Board of Education. Brunson had 362 votes and Amanda Medick had 330 votes. Brunson’s five-year term will begin on July 1, 2021.

In the Schuylerville Public Library Board of Trustees election, voters elected three candidates

who will each fill a three-year term ending in 2024: Courtney Sayward (467 votes), Dennis Kagel (331 votes), and Katie Brunson (24 votes).

Hartford

The proposed 2021-2022 budget for the Hartford Central School District was approved with a vote total of 109 Yes votes to 5 No votes.

The proposed Vehicle Purchase Proposition was approved with a vote total of 100 Yes votes to 14 No votes.

Ashley Happy was elected to serve a 5-year term as a member of the Board of Education.

“On behalf of the members of the Board of Education, district administration, faculty, staff, and students, I would like to thank the community of Hartford for their continued support. The support that our community continues to provide for the district is a great responsibility and one that is not taken for granted. I would like to welcome Mrs. Happy as the newest member of the Board of Education and thank Mr. Brian Getty for his fifteen years of dedicated service. His guidance, support, and continual advocacy for our students and the educational programming at the district were instrumental in allowing the district to expand our academic programming while ensuring that the district was a grateful steward of the community’s investment,” said Andrew Cook, Superintendent.

Salem

The \$15,631,195 budget easily passed, 190-26, along with propositions for the Bancroft Library funding and a two-bus lease (under \$40,000). Voters also approved adding a non-voting student member to the school board.

The overall budget is actually 10.7% higher than last year’s but that’s because of state-funded capital projects, and property taxpayers should see no increase to their annual bill, according to a district newsletter.

Incumbents Heidi Kirchner and Jaclyn Nolan ran unopposed.

Argyle

Also easily passing, 140-23, the Argyle school budget for the coming academic year will be \$13.2 million. The Library vote passed 134-29. Board member Pamela Ellis ran unopposed.

Dems: Nolan for super; two for board

Annabel Gregg
Journal & Press

The Greenwich Town Board already has an election season ramping up for contested seats open in November. Greenwich Democrats have put forward candidates for the opening on the Council, as well as a candidate to compete against Supervisor incumbent Don Ward.

Town Supervisor candidate Jim Nolan has been an active member of the Greenwich community for nearly 40 years. He is the president of the Greenwich Central School District Board of Education, president of the Greenwich Free Library Board of Trustees, a member of the WSHWE BOCES board, and a member of the Town of Greenwich Planning Board. As a career, Nolan is a professor of business analytics and computer science at Siena College.

"I believe the most important issues impacting the town are economic growth, providing services and supporting programs that not only positively impact current residents of the town but also attract new residents to want to live in Greenwich, and collaboratively working with the Village and other government agencies to advance new initiatives that will make Greenwich a better place to live," said Nolan. If elected, Nolan has priorities to develop a five-year strategic plan for the Town, improve the environment for

businesses in Greenwich both new and old, and support "community organizations that help form the fabric of the Greenwich community – the library, the youth center, senior citizens services, and the parks."

Nolan would be excited to contribute to his community as Supervisor. "I want to run for public office because I believe the citizens of Greenwich deserve a town government that provides the services and strategic planning necessary to meet their needs and attract new families to Greenwich," he explained. "Doing this requires listening to what the citizens' want and working with the other town government officials and partners to make the community a better place to live. I have the desire and experience to make this happen."

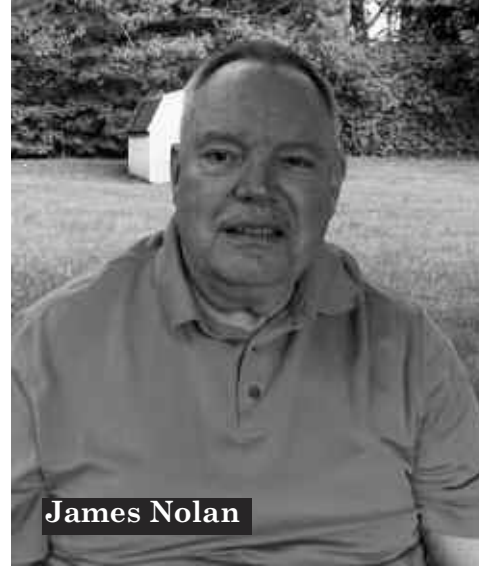
For Town Council, Democrats are supporting two candidates: James Mumby and Thomas Graves. Both

'The town needs services and strategic planning to meet citizens' needs and attract new families.'

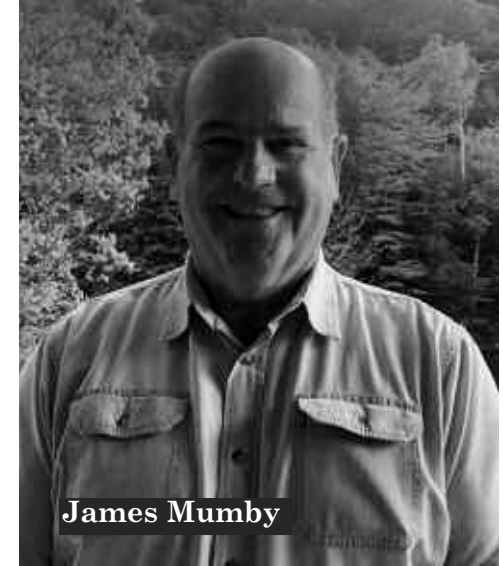
candidates are not registered to any political party but are running on the Greenwich Public Service party line.

Graves has lived in Greenwich for 30 years and has been a part of the community since then. He is the Owner and Operator of Gather 103 in Greenwich. He was a Postmaster in town and in Glens Falls, and he served 6 years on the Greenwich Board of Education, with 2 years as President.

His priorities for the Board include addressing the "lack of trans-



James Nolan

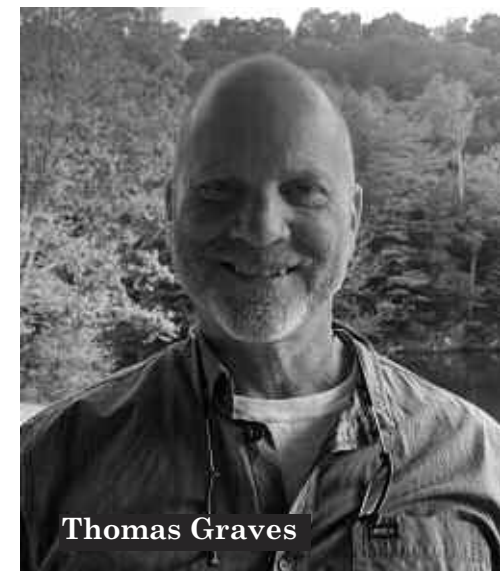


James Mumby

parency" amongst the Council, and thus wants to improve transparency, fiscal responsibility, and "controlled, supported growth." Graves hopes that serving on the Board will be another meaningful way to serve the community. "As a Town Council member, I can help to move the town forward while preserving the attributes that makes this town so special."

Mumby has lived in Greenwich for 25 years, with a background in the United States Air Force. "After graduating from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1979, I spent almost 9 years on active duty," said Mumby. "I left active duty for civilian aviation and flew for FedEx Express for 31 years." After he left active duty, he joined the NY Air National Guard and retired there in 2001. Two years ago he retired from FedEx.

In Greenwich, Mumby serves as the President of the Citizens Committee for the Greenwich Youth, is a Board member for Comfort Food Community, and is on the Vestry at Saint Paul's Episcopal Church. He says that the "most important issues impacting this town center on its growth." If elected to the Board, Mumby wants to focus on working in conjunction with the Village to provide an all-ages community center,



Thomas Graves

exploring the potentials of bringing in more affordable housing in Greenwich, and strengthening the Town's business tax base.

If elected, he added, "I would bring the expertise of team building and organization" in order "to be able to listen to people and work out a solution acceptable to all. That and the ability to impose a working structure...are two of my strengths."

The three candidates above will be on Greenwich's Election Day ballot on the second Tuesday in November. The Greenwich Democrats have not yet put forward any candidates for Highway Supervisor.

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GOP names full slate of candidates

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Journal & Press

Greenwich Republicans held a caucus on May 15, nominating a full slate of candidates for townwide fall elections. Approximately 45 party stalwarts attended the event at the VFW.

Leading the ticket for Supervisor will be Don Ward, who won his first race two years ago by a margin of 30 votes.

Longtime Republican Town Board members Steven Patrick and Eric Whitehouse will not run this year, and on the ticket instead will be Julie Sipperly, who ran for the board two years ago and narrowly lost, and first-time candidate Liv Thygesen.

Incumbent Clerk Kimberly Whelan and first time Highway Superintendent candidate Jeff Derby are so far running unopposed.

Ward, a former US Marshal, feels another two years would be a natural extension of what his administration has laid the groundwork for:

"I want to finish what I started," he said in an interview. "We need to bring more business to the town's commercial corridor; light industry with a blend of apartments. Senior housing and for younger people who want to come back."

He noted that only 17% of property tax revenues come from businesses in town, and that residents have to shoulder the rest. Bringing

in more business and apartments will offer relief to current homeowners, he said. His administration is working with the village on a water line study, which could bring water along the Route 29 corridor into the town, to help entice more building there.

Ward touts that his administration was able to stabilize local taxes, as most homeowners saw no town tax increase in the past year, and initiate improvements to parks, including Battenkill Riverside Park and a new park in Clarks Mills on the site of a former prep school.

He also noted that he'd helped modernize town hall technologically, moving operations to the cloud, and cross-trained staff so that citizens get help no matter whom they speak to in town hall.

The supervisor said his position is "ultimately one of service," and he and Whelan kept town hall open every day during the pandemic. "It really is a full-time job," he said.

'They will do their homework, come in and ask the hard questions. We need that.'

Ward said he's happy to have Sipperly and Thygesen on his ticket because "they aren't yes-people."

"They will do their homework and come in and ask the hard questions and bring in new ideas," he said. "We need that on the board."

Sipperly manages Wilton Medical Arts, and Ward said that high level of administrative experience surely will be of value to town govern-



Liv Thygesen, Kimberly Whelan, Don Ward, Julie Sipperly and Jeff Derby.

ment. The past year, considering the Covid pandemic especially affected her business, also proves her executive mettle, he said.

Thygesen is a former Marine squad leader, and she currently serves on the Town Planning Board. She recently was elected chair of the Greater Greenwich Chamber of Commerce. As well, she owns Sip and Swirl on Main Street and is a banking loan officer.

With certificates in finance and anti-money laundering, Thygesen said she will bring a strong financial background to the Council.

"I've always wanted to have a leadership position in local government," she said in an interview. "I'd like to see positive growth here, which is better for the community. Greenwich is seen as a bedroom community, and our tax base in essence is just recycling the same money."


As a younger candidate, she added, "Talking with friends who are my age, they want to leave New York because of high taxes, and no one wants to commute to Albany and Troy for work. ... We need to bring in new businesses and affordable housing; bring back the kids who have graduated and bring in new residents and businesses, so that the town can be more self-reliant."

Ward noted that, unlike the Democratic ticket, the GOP is running female candidates; except for former supervisor Sara Idleman, a woman hasn't served on the Council in recent memory.

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

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

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Outdoors concert at HCP

Hudson Crossing Park's next outdoor concert has been announced. Red Spruce will play Saturday, June 19, at 5 p.m. Tickets are available at HudsonCrossingPark.org.

Bring on the toe-tappin' and foot stompin! Red Spruce is comprised of a group of friends joined by their love of music to play acoustic Americana music including Bluegrass, fiddle tunes, folk music, country, Adirondack, old timey tunes, gospel, and original songs. Red Spruce is sure to have attendee's toes tapping and put smiles on the faces of young and old alike!

Bring a picnic and a blanket or grab some eats from a local eatery to-go...just come and enjoy some fantastic entertainment in a safe, socially distanced and outdoor environment.

Reservation per space is \$20-\$30 based on tier/space location. When possible/necessary, rain dates will be held on the next evening. If a rain date is not



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Drowning, plane crash

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

100 Years Ago **June 15, 1921**

Fred Davis, twenty-eight years old, was drowned in the Battenkill at Battenville Sunday afternoon when he slipped on the end of the dam while fishing and fell into the swift water below the dam. Elmer Carswell, who was with him, went into the stream in an effort to rescue him, but without avail. It was nearly half an hour before the body was recovered.

The two young men were fishing at the Jackson end of the dam. Davis stood on the apron of the dam and in changing his position; he slipped and was swept over. He was not able to swim, and it is possible he was injured in the fall so that he could do nothing to help himself. The downward current of the water falling over the dam carried him under at once and made it impossible for Carswell to locate and render assistance.

80 Years Ago **June 11, 1941**

Crashing just after taking off in his Piper Cub airplane from a field on the Stanley Harrington farm near Salem Monday, Peter Slobodian, 23, of Utica received cuts about the face, hands and legs,

and his plane was badly damaged. The young man had made a forced landing at the Harrington farm because he was short of gas, and after obtaining gas, took off again. A high wind was blowing and Slobodian evidently banked the plane too quickly and nosedived to Earth in a field nearby.

Slobodian was taken from the wreckage and rushed to the office of Dr. Z. V. D. Orton in Salem, where he was treated for cuts and bruises. He remained in Salem until yesterday, when a truck arrived from Utica to take the wrecked plane away.

60 Years Ago **June 14, 1961**

A number of classes of the Greenwich High School are planning to make a special observance of their anniversaries this year at the annual alumni reunion to be held at Chateau de Louis at South Glens Falls.

At the reunion July 1, the classes of 1886 and 1911 will be honored, and other classes, including the class of 1956 are making special efforts to attend. The class of 1936 is one of the largest to graduate, and will mark its 25th anniversary. Last week in The Journal a list of 33 graduates of the school, whose addresses the alumni secretaries did not have were given. Fourteen of these people have been located, friends having telephoned or written to secretaries, given their addresses.

40 Years Ago **June 11, 1981**

One month after graduating from Green Moun-

tain College in Poultney, Vt., Marjorie Flower began teaching piano and organ and 45 years later is teaching children of former students and loving every minute of it.

Reflecting on the past, Mrs. Flower said the most rewarding part of her occupation remains seeing students go on with their music. This year was no exception. Mrs. Flower hopes that some of her 45th annual recital class will continue with their music and play in their church, as Mrs. Flower has done regularly in Salem United Presbyterian Church for the past 20 years. Mrs. Flower has played regularly in other churches in the area for the past 40 years.

20 Years Ago **June 14, 2001**

The Green Witches baseball team and track star, Frank Van Driel, were honored in Greenwich Sunday afternoon. They played in the state finals on Saturday in Little Falls. They were escorted into town by the police, fire equipment from Greenwich, Middle Falls and Easton, and the Department of Public Works.

The mini parade ended at Mowry Park, where the team was welcomed by Mayor Chris McCormick, High School principal Mathias Donnelly and a crowd of parents, family, rooters and friends.

Greenwich had a great season. During the regular season, Greenwich lost only two games – in league play and one in non-league. They went on to play and win the Class C-CC title. Following those events, they won the regional title, which qualified them for the state semi-final played on Saturday morning. They played Pine Plains and won 9 to 1.

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CFC's student weekend nutrition program

Sara Idleman
Journal & Press

The word community in Comfort Food Community is included for a reason. From its inception in 2014, the mission of the nonprofit organization is to “contribute to the health of the community through the inspirational power of good food.” Building on the existence of the Greenwich Food Pantry, established in 1986, CFC has created a successful Food Center that is enthusiastically supported by the community, businesses and local farms.

The staff and volunteers of CFC interact with hundreds of community residents through their many and varied programs. Food pantries have traditionally provided clients with access to food. CFC goes beyond that tradition. Clients can shop for food at CFC, food is provided to eligible students throughout the year, food is available in local libraries and at sites throughout the county. CFC programming provides guidance on food preparation and the health benefits of fresh and local products. Volunteers make trips to the Regional Food Bank in Albany to access food for the Center. They stock shelves, prepare boxes of food for delivery, deliver the food to clients, pick seasonal foods from area farms and, at the end of the growing season, recover food that would otherwise go to waste.

It has long been known that a number of our children depend on the breakfast and lunch programs at school for their meals. Comfort Feed Community's Supplemental Weekend Nutrition Program was started to insure the delivery of food to over 40 GCS students throughout the school year, on all school vacations and summer break. The program provides a weekend supply of non-perishable, easy-to-prepare food for the participants. Volunteers gather on Thursday mornings to package food to those who might go without when school is not in session. Early on Friday mornings volunteer drivers pick up the food supplies. Traveling on three different routes, the food is delivered to the clients throughout the district.



Boxes of food from the Regional Food Bank for the Weekend Nutrition Program.



A typical package

Cathy Hebert, coordinator of the Student Weekend Nutrition Program, sat down with me for a chat about the program. The program is near and dear to her heart. You can hear it in her voice as she shares stories about her experiences with the volunteers and families who benefit from the program. She talks about the need to support children and families who live with food insecurity. One family she worked with was able to suspend the program when a parent got a job. Cathy connected with the mom, who said, “I don't know what we would have done without your help. What can we do to help another family?” It is not uncommon for clients to give back to Comfort Food Community by volunteering themselves.

This is the third summer Comfort Food Community will be offering the Student Weekend Nutrition Program. Those eligible to participate should contact Katelynn Kwiecien at the school at 518 692-9542 ext. 111. If a family is currently in the program, meal packages will continue to be delivered every Friday.

Food and CFC programming is supported and funded by a dedicated staff, an impressive group of volunteers, grants, generous donations from area businesses, local farms and community do-



Cathy Hebert

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Walking away from a pandemic

Greg Schwem

Special to Journal & Press

If you are struggling to find something, anything, positive about a year spent being cooped up inside, masked when venturing outside and wondering if that sneeze is the first sign of a horrible disease, look no further than your feet.

Walking is making a comeback.

I'm not actually sure the art of moving one foot in front of the other was ever on the decline, but I'm sure seeing a lot more of it. Beginning in March 2020, when the quarantine upended our daily lives, I noticed a lot more people engaging in the simplest form of travel. Suddenly unemployed dads took daily walks, often trailed by children whose school days consisted entirely of recess.

Young people walked; elderly people walked more. Spouses who realized they needed time away from one another walked in opposite directions. Dogs who were walked once or twice a day pleaded

for comfortable cushions upon arriving home from their third or fourth jaunt through the park, their eyes saying, "Enough already!"

Some of us took walking to extremes. Former Wall Street Journal reporter Neil King set off from Washington, D.C., this past March 29 and didn't stop walking until he arrived in New York City, 26 days later. Upon completing his journey, he tweeted, "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. That simple walk transformed and renewed me."

I'm sorry but nothing about that walk sounds simple. I think my dog would agree.

Then there was TikTok'er laubandrew who recently told his 51,000-plus followers that it is possible to walk from the U.S. to Asia, providing one starts at Little Diomed Island, off the coast of Alaska, waits for the Bering Strait to freeze and then traverses the ice to Big Diomed Island, 55 miles away and owned by Russia.

This is hardly newfound knowledge. In 2006 British adventurer Karl Bushby and his French counterpart Dimitri Kieffer did just that, where they were promptly deported by Russian authorities. Undeterred, Bushby was in the midst of his goal to walk around the world, a distance of 36,000 miles. He did not appear to have a dog accompanying him.

Personally, I've always looked at walking, naively, as an exercise of last resort. I'm a runner, a swimmer, a cyclist. Those interests should make me the perfect candidate to enter a triathlon but I'm not that crazy.

But walking? That's for individuals who can no longer perform the athletic endeavors I just ticked off. Or so I thought. Until I made walking a part of my afternoon routine and realized how much I looked forward to it.

Now I walk with my wife. I walk with my dog. I walk solo and don't care if I look



like the lonely guy on the block who, when he dies, is described by a neighbor as someone who "seemed nice," while another neighbor chimes in with, "Yes, we used to see him out walking every day."

Sometimes my walks include my favorite tunes, courtesy of my AirPods. Occasionally those AirPods become the source of hands-free phone conversations I'll have with friends or business associates while I'm walking. I apologize to anyone who overheard a conversation I was having with a former agent that became heated and, uh, MAY have included a profanity or two. The good news is that I never broke stride.

One thing I don't do while walking is count my steps, either manually or via one of those apps that walkers seem obsessed with. I read I'm supposed to walk 10,000 steps per day. If it only takes me 5,000 to clear my head, enjoy nature, converse with a fellow walker or be alone with my thoughts, so be it.

Unlike so many others, I managed to avoid the horrible COVID-19 illness. It did, however, leave me with a few blisters, courtesy of my newfound penchant for walking.

I will happily live with those.

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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SUNY Adirondack to provide IT training

SUNY Adirondack and Albany-CanCode are joining forces to offer free computer coding education and training programs to serve unemployed and underemployed residents of New York. Funded through a New York State and Federal Department of Labor grant, the partnership will provide coding instruction for up to 75 individuals in two popular courses — Front End Web Development and Python for Data Analytics.

SUNY Adirondack's Workforce Readiness Academies Program (WRAP) provides free training opportunities for residents of New York state who qualify. Included in the program are customized support services based on partici-

pant need, such as career coaching, academic advising, job-search skills, and accessing resources such as emergency child care and technology support.

The 12-week computer coding programs, which start in June 2021, are offered virtually through SUNY Adirondack and Albany-CanCode, a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping build a trained software workforce throughout the greater Capital Region.

"SUNY Adirondack is excited to offer this incredible opportunity to help individuals expand their skills, secure employment in a high-demand field and strengthen

our region's pool of trained, talented tech professionals," said Caelynn Prylo, assistant dean for Continuing Education and Workforce Innovation at SUNY Adirondack. "We look forward to working with AlbanyCanCode to make this important program possible."

"We are delighted to partner with SUNY Adirondack to deliver computer coding education and training that can truly change lives," said Annmarie Lanese, founder and CEO of AlbanyCanCode. "This is a wonderful opportunity to provide motivated individuals with pathways to exciting careers in the tech industry, and to build our tech workforce to support the rapid expansion of the

digital workplace."

The Front End Web Development course gives students hands-on practice building pieces of code to connect user experience into back-end processes. In the Python for Data Analytics course, students will learn fundamental programming concepts using Python as a tool for collecting, analyzing and visualizing data.

Those interested in learning more, including whether they qualify for these free programs, should go to www.sunyacc.edu/wrap-grant.

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Ward responds to Mattison; thrift stores

To the Editor:

Former Highway Superintendent Stanley Mattison's letter of May 16th disputing the State Comptroller's audit report of his department must be corrected with the facts.

First, I did not request the audit. The audit **began the year** before I took office, and the auditor only reviewed the vouchers for that year previous to my taking office. I had nothing to do with initiating or choosing the area that was audited by NYS Comptroller's Office nor did I have anything to do with the audit's conclusions.

Mr. Mattison also claims *incorrectly* in his letter that the State Auditor did not correctly apply amendments to the purchasing policies that were passed in September 2019, the year under audit. This accusation is serious and must be addressed since it has a direct bearing on the validity of the audit.

The board passed two resolutions changing procurement policy. The first resolution, passed on September 10, 2019, increased the amount for non-emergency repairs that required approval

from \$1,000 to \$2,000. This resolution did not apply to other procurement categories and the only approval required was by the Supervisor or Budget Officer.

On November 6, 2019, the board passed a second resolution. This resolution increased the amount from \$1,000 to \$2,000 for all proposals or quotations for goods and services not subject to competitive bidding. These bids had to be secured with 3 verbal quotations that are properly documented. Mr. Mattison attended the November meeting and never raised an objection to the policy changes.

The claims by former Highway Superintendent Mattison, regarding these procurement policy changes are incorrect. There were no clerical errors in the policy. The policy as passed by the Board is accurately reflected in the 2019 Town procurement policy statement.

I contacted the Auditor and asked if he was aware of the Board's resolutions changing procurement policy when he audited Superintendent Mattison's Highway Department. The Auditor informed me that he was aware of the changes and had correctly applied them to the audit. Also, many of the 2019 vouchers reviewed were submitted before the September and November policy changes.

The only issue is the Highway Superintendent's duty to read and understand the policy's changes as passed by the Board. It is the Highway Superintendent's responsibility to be aware of all the procurement policies and administer them correctly.

As to the purchase of diesel fuel also noted in the former Highway Superintendent's letter, his explanation that these were "best-value" purchases is indeed rational. However, let us take a closer look at the facts of the diesel fuel issue:

1. The diesel fuel issue is noted in the December 27, 2013 minutes.
2. On February 6, 2014, the Board voted not to accept bids for diesel fuel because the bids contained incomplete specs.
3. On March 11, 2014, the Board accepted a diesel fuel bid.
4. The diesel fuel contract was never bid after 2014.

Highway Superintendent Mattison was required by Procurement Policy to seek annual bids for diesel fuel from March 2015 to January 2020 and he failed to do so. The Audit correctly documents this failure.

As stated above, I assumed the duties of Town Supervisor on January 1st, 2020, almost 6 months after the NYS Comptroller's office had already begun the audit. The points that Mr. Mattison states in his letter are refuted by the Town's recorded minutes and the NYS Comptroller's Report, both of which are easily available.

Mr. Mattison is disputing events that occurred before I became Supervisor. It is his actions while Superintendent of Highways that are in question. If Mr. Mattison wishes, he may request the NYS Comptroller's Office to conduct an audit for any of the year's he held the position of Town Highway Superintendent using the same Comptroller's official guidelines.

I will continue to do my best to manage the Town's business and be transparent with the Town's procurement policy.

Don Ward

Town of Greenwich Supervisor

Thrift Stores Are for All

To the Editor:

We were perplexed by Kaylee Johnson's recent article, "Is it OK to go to thrift stores just to be hip?" Drawing from our years of experience at The Shoppe Off Broadway in Salem, NY, we would say "YES" to her question, although determining who is there to be "hip," who is there in need, who is shopping for needy or disabled individuals or families is not so simple.

Thrift shops of all kinds serve the local communities in which they exist, not simply by providing affordable clothes and wares for so many who need them but because the sales result in money that is given back to important charities and causes in those communities.

For example, the Shoppe Off Broadway (which is run completely by volunteers) has donated more than \$283,000 to the community, funding teachers' classrooms, school scholarships, youth organizations, school field trips, and so many



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Songs of Suffrage in Greenwich; Battenville tours

The Washington County Historical Society will present “Forward Into the Light,” a Women’s Suffrage inspired concert with Terry Leonino and Greg Artzner (pictured). The concert will be held on “The Commons” (the large lawn area behind the Town of Greenwich office building located at 6 Academy Street) and the Greenwich Free Library on Academy Street in the Village of Greenwich. It will be held on Saturday, June 12 at 3 p.m. (rain date will be Sunday, June 13, at 3 p.m.). Attendees will need to bring either a lawn chair or a blanket on which to sit. Areas will be marked by circles where families/friends can sit socially distanced from other attendees. The concert is free and open to the public. Donations will be gladly accepted to help defray expenses.

As well, the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation will have

two staff members on site at the Susan B. Anthony childhood home on NYS Route 29, four miles east of Greenwich in the hamlet of Battenville. Much restoration work was done on the house in 2020 thanks to monies allocated by Assemblywomen Carrie Woerner, former senator Betty Little and the Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation. There is no charge for the tour, but advance registration is necessary as space is limited. There will be three tours for 20 people (2 groups of 10) each between noon and 2 p.m. on the day of the concert. If you would like to reserve a space for you and your family/friends please call Debi Craig, Event Coordinator at 518-854-3102 and leave your name, phone number, and how many



are in your party. You will receive information on available tour times, parking instructions and where to meet.

Letters (cont.)

other worthwhile ventures. Would we really rather that individuals who might be able to afford the higher-price items not shop there, thus depriving the community of those funds?

Thrift shops also provide a precious service to our earth. By recycling gently used clothing and other goods, we keep these items out of our overcrowded landfills. It is estimated that 85% of all textiles are thrown away in this country. In 2018 alone, 11.3 million tons of textiles ended up in landfills. Choosing to wear second-hand clothes — even if it is to be hip or trendy — immediately extends the life of clothing, which in turn, reduces our carbon footprint. Who is to say that many of the “hip” young people are not choosing to shop as a means of social and environmental responsibility, even if they do post their finds?

What we’ve observed in our work is that rarely do trendy teens and college students choose the same items as working families, young households, or those who look to thrift shops for crafting or other hobbies. The aforementioned are drawn to home goods, children’s clothes, and other utilitar-

ian items. Many thrift shops give away clothing to those in need; places like the Shoppe also stress family literacy, with free children’s books available every day and extremely low-cost adult books, cook books, DVD’s and other materials such as art and crafts supplies.

There is no stigma to shopping there because everyone from the Town Supervisor, retired teachers, artists, and other community members frequent the Shoppe regularly; in fact, it is very much a social hub of the town. With all welcomed, the mix of individuals who congregate, look out for items for one another, and donate to the store is extremely diverse.

With everyone part of the Shoppe’s mission, we are able to raise more money to funnel back into our community, tread more lightly on Mother Earth, and see each other as part of the same social network. We say that thriftiness is always in fashion!

Beverly Kerr

Salem

Character Award

The Greenwich “Character Award” was recently offered to a Greenwich Central School student for the fourth straight year by Reid and Breanna Lundy. The criteria is for the student to not only be of strong character, but also to who devises a proposal for a project to be implemented to help better his/her school and community. This year’s awardee? Maeve Kelleher.

Maeve is respected by all for her conscientiousness, integrity, involvement in worthy pursuits and causes, and a genuine caring for others. The award is \$500 – \$250 to the student and \$250 for the proposed project to be implemented.

Lundy was excited to bestow the honor in person on May 24th and is most curious to see the end result. Maeve plans to create motivational/inspirational/informational signage for the school’s bathrooms, locker rooms and cafeterias in the school buildings.



Maeve Kelleher and Breanna Lundy

The “Character Award” seems like a good vehicle to foster a win-win opportunity which will further aid the supportive environment within the Greenwich school district and it’s greater outside community.

Susan B. Anthony's memories of Battenville

Willard's Mountain Chapter of the NSDAR recently acquired the transcription of a letter written by Susan B. Anthony in 1905 to Rev. J.D. Walsh regarding her visit to Battenville (Town of Greenwich) and the cemetery on County Rte. 61, where her grandfather Daniel Read is buried. The above photo shows the monument that was cleaned by Willard's Mountain DAR Vice Regent Claudia Blackler's grandson Caleb Blackler (pictured).

The following letter was written and signed by Susan B. Anthony on her National America Woman Suffrage Association letterhead, Rochester, NY, December 7, 1905, to Rev. J. D. Walsh:

"I have just returned home after an absence of over a month and find your letter saying that you had been to Battenville and had found the two volumes of my Life and Work edited by Ida Husted Harper. Yes, indeed, I remember your father and mother and sisters very well, for the children used to be my playmates. Your father tended the sawmill and your mother cared for all that family of children. They were very faithful workers in those times. Five years ago when I was in Battenville with my sister Mary and my brother D. R. and J.M. Anthony, I saw Mrs. Hobbie and her husband, and again when I was in Battenville last May I saw Mr. Hobbie and learned that he was president of the Cemetery Association. You probably heard of that visit of myself and nephew D.R. Jr. and his wife was to see about the placing of a monument in memory of my grandfather Read. You probably do not remember him. He and my grandmother Richardson-Read came to our house and lived the last three or four years of their lives and then were buried in the old cemetery by the church, and

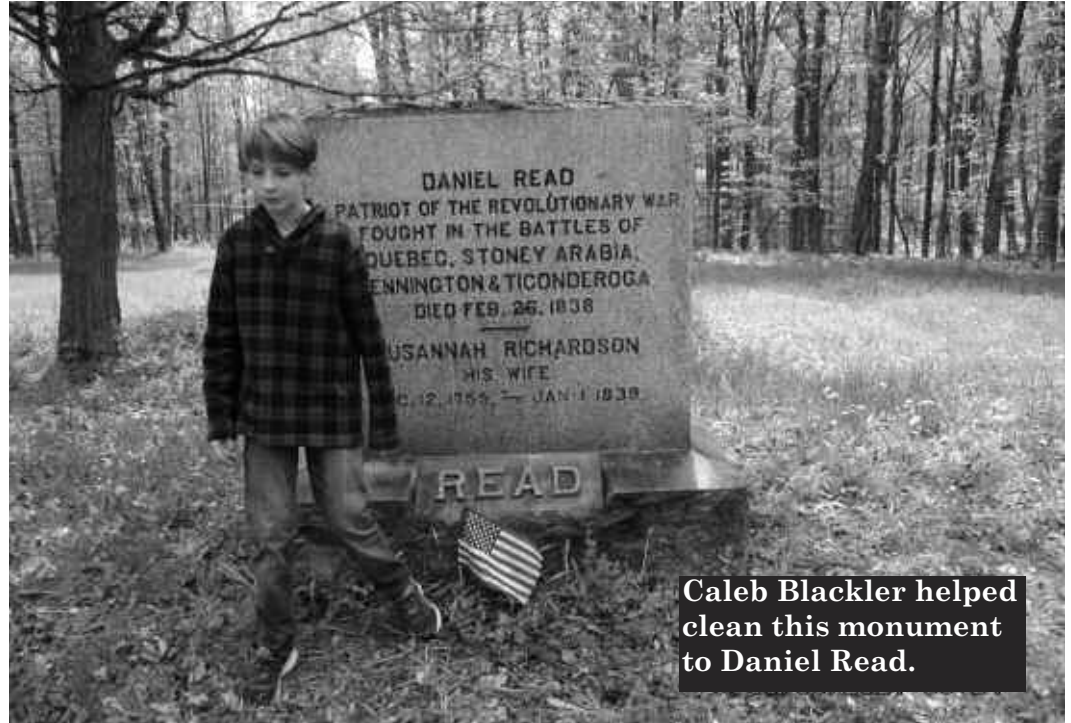
my brother D.R. could not bear to have my grandfather and grandmother laid there away from all their friends without something to mark the place, so he ordered the monument and it was sent just after he passed on to the other side. Now if I live until spring, I mean to go back there and see that it is inscribed on the other side of the stone, Erected by D.R. Anthony born in Adams, Mass. August 22, 1824 - Died in Leavenworth, Kansas, Nov. 12, 1904, for I want my brother's name perpetuated as well as my grandfather's and father's."

She continues, "My father built the brick house at Battenville, which the husband of Elijah Hyatt's niece has bought and lived in, I believe, and the old brick fa-

'She passed away in 1906, before her wish was carried out.'

tory and the brick store were built by him, both of which are now burned down. We lived in the old house at the corner of the road opposite the blacksmith's shop as you turn down to the bridge. The satinette mill at Hardscrabble, or Center Falls, as my father named it, and the old house at the same place, in front of which you will remember the old watering trough, was built in 1810, so it will soon be 100 years old.

The RAAB Collection (which specializes in selling rare historical documents) acquired the original handwritten letter from



Caleb Blackler helped clean this monument to Daniel Read.

descendants of Rev. Walsh and sold it several months ago. Here is their comment on the letter:

"This is an extraordinary personal letter filled with her family and life reminiscences and revealing insights, and is a great rarity besides. A search of public sale records going back 40 years fails to turn up even one letter of Susan B. Anthony relating to any member of her family or her time in Battenville."

Unfortunately, Susan B. Anthony passed away in 1906, before her wish was carried out.

Willard's Mountain DAR members Debi Craig and Claudia Blackler attended the May 5, 2021, meeting of the Jackson Town Board to get permission to

install a plaque next to the monument (originally, it was hoped to have Susan's words honoring her brother engraved onto the back of the monument, but because the names of all four of Susan's grandparents are already engraved on the monument, there isn't enough room); the board approved and the motion was carried. It was decided to purchase a free-standing plaque engraved with Susan's exact words to be installed next to the monument 116 years after Susan hoped to have them in place.

Willard's Mountain DAR is in the process of raising money for this project. If you have any questions or wish to make a donation to help Susan's wish to be accomplished, please contact Willard's Mountain DAR member Debi Craig at 518-854-3102 or by email at drcraig547312@gmail.com.

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Schuylerville HS sports Fall II recaps

Fall II sports, because of the pandemic, actually competed this spring. The following are recaps for Schuylerville, written by Athletic Director John Bowen; compiled and edited by Evan Felicetti:

Soccer (Boys Varsity)

This season was unique in many ways, but it was “normal” for us to be out there competing. The squad stepped up to every challenge that was in front of them and had a successful campaign. They finished 7-6-1, playing a tough schedule against A and AA schools. The team improved throughout the season by beating South High, as well as tying Queensbury the second time around, after being beat by them in the first meeting. It was unfortunate that there was no postseason because this team could have done some special things. Just a great group of guys that gave 100 percent. We will be saying goodbye to five seniors. These are Garrett Hutchinson, Cam Wian, Troy Soriano, Nich O’Leary, and Matt Stampfli.

Soccer (Boys JV)

The JV Boys Soccer team put together a great campaign and were playing their best soccer by the end of the season. With a record of 6-4-2, every game the boys competed in was against A and AA schools, notching wins against Ballston Spa, Queensbury, and Hudson Falls. In both games ending with a tie, Schuylerville dominated the pitch and were unlucky to not play extra time in the Covid shortened season. The boys also handed Broadalbin Perth their only defeat of the season, beating them 1-0 on a rainy battle under the lights. Many of the boys will be moving up to varsity next year, and will be looking to make an immediate impact.

Soccer (Girls Varsity)

The Girls Varsity Soccer season was interesting for sure. There were many unique challenges, but the effort of our players was consistently strong. The team also had several opportunities to display their character, and consistently demonstrated class. It was a fun group of players that were a pleasure to coach. We say goodbye to our seniors: captains Morgan Zenio and Alex Lanfear, Delaney Goldenberg, Mary Murphy, Sydney Simmons, and Rachael Stortz. They have left a legacy that we hope to build on next fall.

Soccer (Girls JV)

The girls JV team held their own with a tough schedule this season. They finished with a 3-4 record, and their only losses came against Suburban Council A and AA schools. Highlights of the season were a mid-season 3-2 win over Queensbury, and a rainy 3-2 win over Broadalbin Perth, in the final game of the season. The girls’ soccer program is looking forward to the coming years with these girls.

Football (Varsity)

Varsity Football finished with a league record of 5-0 and an overall record of 7-0, winning the Section 2 Class C title with a 35-14 victory over Tamarac/Hoosick Falls. Varsity Football will say goodbye to a total of 12 seniors, led by captains Jack Koval, Lucas Woodcock, and Sam McGarrahan. The Black Horses were propelled by an offense that scored a total of 322 points (averaging 46 pts. per game) and a stifling defense that only allowed 44 points (averaging 6.2 pts. per game) on the season.

Volleyball (Varsity)

As a high-risk sport, I feel very

fortunate that our student-athletes were awarded with the opportunity to play volleyball during such an uncertain year. With a challenging 16-game schedule, this group of student-athletes made great strides throughout the season. We had some very close matches, holding our own against some of the most competitive volleyball teams in the Foothills League. I am extremely proud of all 12 members of this team for their commitment to working hard over the last several weeks. Senior middle hitter, Jada Clarke, led the team with 141 kills on the season, averaging 8.8 kills per match. Junior setter, Anastasia Koumanis, led the team with 205 assists, 131 digs, and a 93.5% serving percentage this season. We are all looking forward to returning to the gym in just a few short months to start another season. Varsity Volleyball will say goodbye to graduating seniors Jada Clarke, Sydney Reuter, Molly Vianese, and Alisha Walter.

Fall II – 2021 Foothill Council Volleyball All-Stars

First Team: Jada Clarke, senior

Second Team: Anastasia Koumanis, junior

Honorable Mention: Molly Vianese, senior

Volleyball (JV)

We began the season with twelve players: nine freshman and three sophomores. It took a while, but the girls began to believe in the system their coach installed, and the roles in which each player would eventually take part. One of the squad’s goals was to earn the respect of the teams they competed against, as well as learning the skills necessary to take their game to the next level. This resulted in a final season record of 7-8. Some highlights on the season included defeating Glens Falls all three times they competed,

and giving Queensbury an exceptionally tough match to end the season. A lot of the team’s progressive improvement came from the team philosophy of Coach Jeff Selditz. Coach Selditz constantly implored his team that “no ball touches the floor”, whether during practice, or during an official match. By the last match, the squad became a scrappy coterie that played as “one”. The players felt they learned a lot and better appreciated the nuances of volleyball by the end of the season. Middle blocker/hitter Sophia Wahl was named Most Improved and All-Around player, while jump-server and captain, Madisyn Awilow, was announced MVP.

Field Hockey (Varsity)

Varsity Field Hockey was able to play a full 16-game schedule (14 league games and 2 non-league games). This season saw the team being led defensively by lone senior Olivia Stortz, who held up the back field as center back, and was the definition of a lead by example player. She set an amazing example for the rest of the team with her constant hustle and high level of play. Another amazing highlight came from Junior goalie Lizzie Goodspeed, who ended the season with an astounding 221 saves. This season was a great experience for a young team that is poised to have an amazing season this upcoming fall.

Field Hockey (JV)

JV Field Hockey was able to get in three playdays and two games during this Fall II season, which is excellent considering there were only four total JV field hockey teams in all of Section 2. Schuylerville being able to field a team and participate will be beneficial to the program in the long run.

Lions donate \$1000 to Hudson Crossing

Hudson Crossing Park announced it has received a \$1,000 donation from the Greenwich Lions Club to support the park's Heritage Interpretive Enhancement Project. This project, slated to be completed in the fall of 2021, will add an optional audio component to Hudson Crossing's Heritage Waysides, making their content available to park and website visitors regardless of the level of their visual or mobility challenges.

Working in partnership with Lakes to Locks Passage, a collection of 10 wayside signs that tell regional stories of key events and players that have had significant historical and/or commercial impact on our region have been produced for Hudson Crossing Park. Five of these signs have already been installed in and around Hudson Crossing Park's entrance, pavilion, Sensory Trail, and the historic Dix Bridge.

Through financial assistance from the Greenwich Lions Club, audio versions of these wayside signs will be made accessible onsite via QR code for those who are visually impaired or who would prefer to listen to the region's stories being told. These audio versions will be produced through the talent of professional voiceover artist Tom Robinson.

These narrations will also be made accessible on Hudson Crossing Park's website, HudsonCrossingPark.org, for those who may not be able to visit park grounds in person.

Hudson Crossing Park is a non-profit, bi-county park located in Schuylerville, nestled between Champlain Canal Lock 5C and the Hudson River. The connection point between Washington and Saratoga Counties along both the Empire State and Champlain Canalway Trail systems, Hudson Crossing Park is a



Members of the Greenwich Lions Club and Hudson Crossing Park Board gather by the Dix Bridge as Lions Club President Audrey Fischer (L) presents a check in the amount of \$1,000 to Hudson Crossing Park Director Kate Morse (R).

unique recreational and educational destination. The park is open every day year-round from dawn until dusk

and is free of charge to the public. Learn more at www.HudsonCrossingPark.org.

Flowers for Main

On Saturday, May 22 Greenwich Main Street business owners worked together to spruce up the Main Street Historic District. With the help of many willing hands hundreds of annuals were planted around the trees located along the road.

Organizer Rulyn Graves sends "many thanks to business owners who were able to participate and those who

donated along with the Village of Greenwich, Perrywinkles Garden Center, Trevett Millworks and the Village DPW. The energy and camaraderie made for a very special day and we look forward to more collaborative events to support our downtown."



Tracking the boot

On Monday, May 17th Greenwich Scout Troop 6027 sponsored by Elks Lodge 2223 put up a sign to support the local nonprofit food pantry, Comfort Food Community's annual donation drive "Give Hunger the Boot". The Comfort Food Community kicked it off this year by putting fireman's boots and glass jars in local businesses throughout Green-

wich to collect donations. For a full list of participating businesses, if you have a fundraising idea you wish to do to support the Comfort Food Community's efforts, or for more information please visit the Comfort Food Community's website <https://www.comfortfoodcommunity.org/ghtb>.

By Aidan Fahy

Witches track & field keeps winning

Evan Felicetti
Journal & Press

In a season that has not included large, invitational meets, Greenwich Central has successfully completed three smaller meets to date. The girls' team has beaten Hoosic Valley, Emma Willard, Waterford, and Spa Catholic, but was bested by Stillwater. The boys have beaten Waterford and Spa Catholic, but lost to Hoosic Valley and Stillwater.

The Individual Event Team Leaderboards reveal spirited performances on the part of both Greenwich teams. Of particular note, Connor Smith has twice tied the 45-year-old GCS school record of 11.1 seconds in the 100M. He now shares the record with Mike Mesick, who until now, has held the record by himself since 1976.

"We knew Connor would be knocking on the door for school records in both the 100 m and 200 m this season. He has run times very close to these record times over the past few early season weeks. We are all looking forward to the opportunities the upcoming larger meets will offer him," remarked Connor's coach at GCS, Steve Patrick.

Results:

Boys

110HH – Bruce Gregg-18.6

100 – Connor Smith-11.1; Charlie Gartner – 11.5; Jeremy Kilburn-11.6; Max Maguire 12.0

1600 – Matt Bink – 5:24; Dillon Niles – 5:41

400 – Charlie Gartner – 59.5

400 IH – Bruce Gregg – 64.3; Matt Bink – 75.2; Kyle Karp – 86.3

800-Dillon Niles –

2:34.7; Kyle Karp – 2:46.3

200 – Connor Smith – 23.0; Charlie Gartner – 24.4; Jeremy Kilburn – 24.9

3200 – Matt Bink-11:28.6

Long Jump – Trevor Murray – 17' 6"; Ryan Hawrysz – 16' 9"; Max Maguire – 14' 9"

Triple Jump – Ryan Hawrysz – 37' 2 1/4"; Bruce Gregg – 33' 6"

High Jump – Trevor Murray – 5' 6"; Jeremy Kilburn – 5' 6"

Girls

100HH – Roxy Vanderhoff-20.8; Ciarrah Hebert – 20.9; Nadia Chincola-23.5

100 – Sophia Traver 13.50; Cate Abate-13.51; Isabelle Solan-14.6; Ellery Mays – 14.7

1500 – Nina Sgambelluri – 4:57.5; Teagan Wright – 5:26.1; Emily Skiff – 5:20.8

400 – Cate Abate – 67.4; Teagan Wright – 73.8; Tayler Cristaldi – 74.5; Ramona Jordan – 86.9

400IH – Nadia Chincola – 88.6; Lauren Marci – 90.0.

800 – Nina Sgambelluri – 2:20; Emily Skiff – 2:36.8

200 – Cate Abate – 28.2; Sophia



Connor Smith

Traver – 28.7; Tayler Cristaldi – 30.2; Ellery Mays-31.5; Danielle Boyea – 32.6; Roxy Vanderhoff – 33.8

3000 – Nina Sgambelluri – 11:33; Teagan Wright-11:52.7

Long Jump – Isabelle Solan – 11' 11 3/4"; Ellery Mays – 11.4

Triple Jump – Ciarrah Hebert-26' 8"

High Jump – Isabelle Solan – 4' 6"; Ramona Jorday – 4' 4"

Pole Vault – Danielle Boyea – 7'

Shotput – Kiersten Alling – 34';

Keegan Collins – 30' 3 1/2"; Grace McFarren – 25' 1"

Discus Throw – Kiersten Alling – 109' 7"; Keegan Collins – 76' 1"; Grace McFarren – 72'.

Legion Riders

Mausert Chapter, American Legion Riders kicked off Memorial Day preparations for Cambridge's Captain Maxson Post 634 by placing fresh flags on veterans' graves at Woodlands Cemetery. Over the next few weeks, Post Members will continue honoring graves at a number of local cemeteries. L to R - Bill Reagan, Carl Flint, Lance Allen Wang, and Russ Newell. Photo by Valerie Reagan.



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The Covid freeze is thawing

Jill Schlesinger

Special to Journal & Press

The financial freeze of the COVID-19 pandemic is thawing. 2020 was the worst year for the U.S. economy in decades, but as vaccinations have ramped up and government stimulus efforts continue, 2021 has started on strong footing. The government reported that the gross domestic product (GDP), the broadest measure of growth, expanded at a 6.4% annualized rate, up from the fourth quarter reading of 4.3%.

“The pace of growth was the second largest in eight years, bested only by the reopening of the economy last summer,” says economist Joel Naroff. He’s referring to Q3 2020, when the pandemic yo-yo bounced from its devastating 31.4% drop in Q2, to 33.4% growth. And at \$22 trillion, GDP is just 1% smaller than it was at the end of 2019 -- and about 3.3% where it would have been, had the pan-

demic never occurred, making the current recovery one of the swiftest on record.

So, what’s behind the first quarter growth and can it continue for the rest of the year? The big boost for Q1 was personal income, which soared by about 60% from the previous quarter, primarily due to government stimulus checks and ongoing unemployment assistance. A separate government report on March Personal Income and Spending underscored the importance of the \$1,400 checks, says Naroff, “the money coming from government payments was nearly forty times as large as the additions to income from wages and salaries, even given the accelerated reopening of the economy.” In fact, the 23.6% surge in personal disposable income was the strongest monthly increase on record -- the next closest was the 12.9% increase in April 2020, after the CARES Act \$1,200 checks were sent.

Those numbers suggest “that the fiscal stimulus

was a roaring success,” according to economist Paul Ashworth of Capital Economics. Given the somewhat disappointing April jobs report, it looks like millions of Americans still need that money. There are still 8.2 million fewer positions than there were before the pandemic began in February 2020.

But, for those who think that people are “lazy” and “happy to sit on the sofas and collect unemployment benefits, rather than go to work,” please know that these people are rightly acting in their own best interest. After all, why on earth would you not remain safe and collect more money in the process?

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‘Sully’s Squad’ reading

On Sunday, June 6 – the 77th anniversary of the Invasion of Normandy – the Slate Valley Museum will welcome author Kevin Wilson to discuss, explore, and share his 2020 World War II novel, *Sully’s Squad*.

Sully’s Squad is a young adult historical fiction novel about the Second World War, told through the eyes of 15-year-old Arty, from Saratoga, who lies about his age to enlist in the military. The story is inspired by the author’s uncle, Salvatore “Sully” Fringi, from Granville, who served in the 1st Infantry Division in North Africa and Sicily.

“We are excited to offer this program as a way to explore and consider some powerful pieces of our region’s history,” notes the Museum’s Interim Director Sarah Kijowski. “Kevin’s novel is based on his family’s history, which more broadly includes immigrants and slate workers. Through stories like this, we can delve a little more into the bigger human picture, to consider how large events like a major global war were experienced on the home front and on the front lines.”

Wilson, the author, grew up in both Granville and Saratoga. He graduated from Siena College and is a healthcare administrator with a certified public accountant designation. He still resides in the Capital District and enjoys telling stories about

World War II. “My initial plan was to hold author events on key commemorative military dates like Memorial Day, Normandy Invasion Day, Armed Forces Day, and Veteran’s Day,” explains Wilson. “Things were a bit derailed by the COVID pandemic, but I’m really grateful for the opportunity to hold this event at the Slate Valley Museum on Normandy Invasion Day.”

Signed copies of the book will be available to pur-

chase at the program, cash sales only. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Museum. The book is also available at Hicks Orchard (Granville), Northshire Books (Saratoga) and Amazon.com.

The program will take place on Sunday, June 6 at 1 p.m. It will be offered both on-site at the Museum and it will be online for people to stream live.

The price for in-person attendance is \$10, or free for Museum members. Pre-registration is recommended as space is limited. Those who wish to attend can RSVP by calling 518-642-1417 or by emailing associate@slatevalleymuseum.org.

Donate blood

Make your appointment to give blood, platelets or plasma with the Red Cross by downloading the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device. Healthy volunteer donors are needed every day to help keep the blood flowing for hospitals and patients that rely on a readily available blood supply. Donors, especially those with type O blood, are needed to help ensure blood products are available for patients now and into summer. Donors May 28 – June 13 will get a limited edition Red Cross T-shirt (while supplies last).

Upcoming blood donation events: Saratoga Springs

6/1/2021: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Empire State College, 113 West Ave.

6/3/2021: 12 p.m. - 6 p.m., Saratoga Springs City Center, 522 Broadway

6/4/2021: 12 p.m. - 5 p.m., Marriott Courtyard, 11 Excelsior Ave.

Argyle

6/4/2021: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., Argyle United Methodist Church, 12 Sheridan St

Greenwich

6/7/2021: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., Middle Falls Fire Department, 1034 State Road 29

Low school voter turnout is a travesty

Darren Johnson
Journal & Press

Don't get me wrong. I'm as pro-education as anyone, and vote YES for my local budget each year, even though I no longer have a child in the school district. As well, I spent many years as an educator, and still adjunct teach college courses here and there, and own a paper called Campus News – so I do have lots of pro-education credentials and don't want the following opinion to appear as if it's coming from some penny-pinching Scrooge, but...

Something has to be done about school elections.

A statewide teachers union immediately hit "send" to this e-mailed statement on the night of May 18: "In yet another strong display of support for public schools, 99 percent of school budgets are on track to win approval by voters, according to a preliminary analysis by New York State United Teachers."

Only five budgets – out of 501 in the whole state – went down.

The union's press release continued, "More than 95 percent of school budgets have passed annually since 2013."

What they failed to mention is very few people show up for these elections. I did some research. About 75% of Washington County voters went with Trump or Biden in November, but turnout for the local school elections – which affect our tax rate a lot more than a president ever could? Abysmal.

Here are some numbers I gathered:

Schuylerville Central School District has 6731 eligible voters. How many voted on May 18? Just 639. That's only 9.5%.

The numbers weren't much better for Greenwich: 3831 eligible voters and only 394 bothered to vote. That's only 10.1% turnout.

Now, you can be an optimist and say the difference is that the Fall presidential race allowed mail-in ballots, but, *au contraire*; remember that the 2020 school board races also used mail-in voting. In fact, ballots were automatically mailed to each and every school voter, whereas with the presidential race one had to request the

mail-in ballot.

What was turnout in 2020 for school votes? The one where everyone was mailed a ballot and a return-addressed envelope? Slightly better, but still poor: 29.1% in Schuylerville and 14.7% in Greenwich. Salem's district office did not have the number of eligible voters, but said about 200 voted this year and 800 last. (Cambridge Central Schools did have terrific turnout this year, but more so because the Indian mascot issue has polarized the electorate – similar to what Trump and Biden did.)

So mail-in ballots helped, but they aren't the only solution to improve voter turnout.

And voter turnout matters – even if it seems the budget is going to pass either way. It shows that people are engaged with the school district, and care about what it's doing. Administrators should not applaud a passing budget when 90% of eligible voters don't even bother.

Here are some reasons for the low turnout.

Mass-Mailed Newsletters

Everyone in the district is bulk mailed a four-page (give or take) explanatory newsletter a couple of weeks before the election, so, technically, every voter is informed of the election. But these newsletters are a wall of text and, considering the source, voters don't see these as objective. They are hard to muddle through. It's like the legalese you are forced to consent to before you can download an app. Does anyone read that? Is it confusing on purpose?

Newspapers Aren't Quite What They Were

The districts also place verbose legal ads in area newspapers, but these are also hard to read, and usually glossed over by readers. The various newspapers do budget and candidate stories, but these get very little reaction usually. In my neighborhood, there are about 40 homes. Maybe a half a dozen get The Greenwich Journal and Salem Press and there are a couple of Post-Star tubes. Maybe the mass of people don't choose to be informed about local matters?

The Feeling That One's Vote Doesn't Matter

Seeing that the budgets always seem to pass overwhelmingly every year, perhaps many voters have a "why bother?" attitude. But that's not an excuse – 75% of people here voted in the presidential race, even though our vote "doesn't matter" (considering there's an Electoral College and New York is not a swing state). Too, in contested school board races, it's civic-minded to learn what each candidate stands for and to pick the ones that most align with your view.

Mandated 2% Tax Cap

Perhaps some voters feel the state mandated cap of 2% on budgets protects them. But 2% each year adds up over time, plus districts now put items like busses and capital projects on separate ballot lines, so those may affect your taxes, as well. A school district doesn't need to push that 2% limit every year, but maybe voters feel that...

The Fix Is In

The elections are held on school grounds, during the school year with kids running laps around the track and playing on jungle gyms right there, next to the polling site. It's hard to be a Scrooge and show up and vote against those kids while they are right in front of you. And perhaps some people feel that candidates are rubber stamped by the teachers union.

The budgets will still pass and the union-friendly candidates will still win; even if voter turnout quadruples. Districts should not be afraid of high turnout – they should welcome it. Our schools rank high academically – let's send a message next time that we, as voters, care about that.

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Weeding out the bad advice from the good

Daneen Skube

Special to Journal & Press

Q: *People complain about fake news, but I think there is even more fake advice out there. When I try to learn about leadership, success or influence, much of what I find seems inaccurate or unrealistic and comes from people who seem perfect. How can I wade through all the fake advice and spot the good advice?*

A: There are four attributes that will help you spot good advice and weed out the fake advice. First, look for advanced education (M.A. or Ph.D.). Second, look for genuine humility and wicked intelligence. Third, seek experts that integrate multiple disciplines, and lastly, look for people who make new and controversial points.

You're right that with the advent of platforms like YouTube, anyone can make a video and present themselves as an expert. Developing discernment and raising critical questions is key to telling the good from the bad.

No one with high intelligence, wisdom and useful advice will claim they've found the perfect answers to work and life. Arrogance and wisdom exist on opposite ends of the human spectrum.

Anyone you listen to who seems to have all the answers will actually have nothing useful to offer you. Worse yet, these people will make you feel inadequate, invalidated and like you are not smart enough to apply what they say.

Smart people are humble enough to give advice that encourages adequacy, validation and understanding. Experts who understand their stuff can present their ideas with humility, humor and simplicity.

Good advice also comes from those who have spent time receiving higher education and learning from experts. No musician or dancer can improvise before they spend decades learning and mastering the basics. Similarly, no expert can invent useful theories and solutions if they didn't study the greats and become masters in their field.

Experts who have passion for their fields want to get advanced degrees because it is great fun hanging out with other weirdos as fascinated by your field as you are. I remember how excited I was in my doctoral program to be in the company of people that thought a good book at the beach was something by Freud.

Also seek out experts who go beyond their own field of study into other areas. In my field of psychology, I'm interested in and admire other professionals who study biology, neurology, holistic health, nutrition, meditation, sociology, environmental science and other unrelated fields that actually broaden understanding.

Look for experts with an insatiable curiosity about the world around them. Notice whether these experts embrace their flaws and strive for continued growth. Pay attention to whether these professionals are authentic and transparent with the human frailties and struggles we all have or whether they hold themselves apart from the human experience.

When you listen to good advice, you should feel more compassionate with yourself, inspired to be just a little better tomorrow, and validated that this being human thing is a tough challenge. You should also walk away with a few more tools and ideas that encourage you to keep putting one foot in front of another.

People who tell you to reach for the stars are

a dime a dozen. People who encourage you to strive for a little less self-hatred, a tad more self-care and a sprinkle of greater knowledge are the real gems in the world of advice.

Q: *I often end up spending way too much time lecturing my subordinates on how to do their jobs. I find myself exhausted by all this guidance. Is there a better way to mentor my people?*

A: Yes, ask more questions and force your people to think a whole lot more. As Socrates said, "I cannot teach anybody anything. I can only make them think."

Daneen Skube, Ph.D., is an executive coach and appears on FOX's "Workplace Guru" each Monday morning. You can contact Dr. Skube at www.interpersonaledge.com or 1420 NW Gilman Blvd., #2845, Issaquah, WA 98027. Sorry, no personal replies.



Virtual 5K Run for Rainwalker

#JalieksArmy founders Mo Aldrich and Tania Woodard and those that love Jaliek have created a virtual 5K event "Jaliek Rainwalker's #Jay5K" in honor of Jaliek Rainwalker.

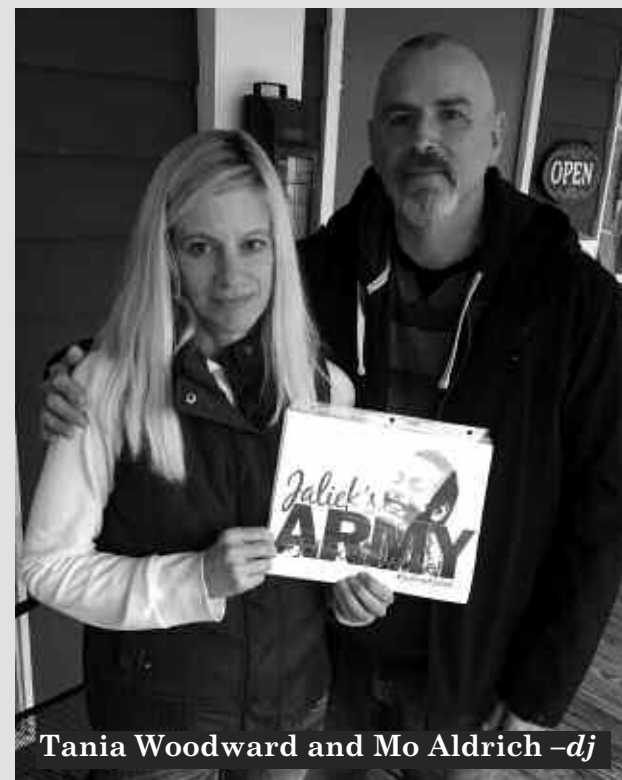
The event is scheduled for July 31st thru Jaliek's birthday on August 2nd 2021.

The proceeds of this virtual 5k experience will benefit a scholarship fund in Jaliek's name that has been established at the College of Saint Rose / Cold Case Center. The students at the Center have recently devoted their time examining Jaliek's case.

The virtual 5K can be done wherever respective participants are! Participants can run, walk, hike, bike or treadmill the event. Registration is \$10/ registrant and you can register at <https://zippyreg.com/register/jay5k>.

A Facebook Event page is available at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1081460045677894>.

For information regarding The Cold Case Center please check out <https://coldcase.strose.edu>.



Tania Woodard and Mo Aldrich -dj

Questions can be emailed to JRainwalker5K@gmail.com.

RC churches update

New Mass schedules are being instituted in the area Catholic Churches beginning Sunday, June 6. Holy Cross Church will hold Mass at 8:15 AM, Immaculate Conception, Hoosick Falls, will be at 10 AM, and St. Patrick's, Cambridge will be at 11:30 AM.

Holy Cross parishioners will need to call 518-677-2757 to reserve a space for inside. St. Patrick's will have Mass outside and parishioners need to provide a chair, mask, and hand sanitizer.

If inside, please make a reservation. To receive the bulletin on line, or by mail, contact parishoffice@battenkillcatholic.org. with

the request. The weekly bulletin contains the weekend information.

On Sunday, June 6 at the 11:30 Mass, parishioners at St. Patrick's will welcome seven young people to receive First Eucharist.

For information on a book discussion group that will be forming soon, and other great resources, check the website www.battenkillcatholic.org and the Battenkill Cluster Facebook page.

To reach Holy Cross or St. Patrick's by email use; parishoffice@battenkillcatholic.org.

Greenwich Seniors

The Greenwich Senior Citizens' next meeting is Wednesday, June 2, at the Bottskill Baptist Church, Community Room, 26 Church St, Greenwich. They will meet for a luncheon at 12 noon.

With Covid restrictions lifting, sandwiches should be provided.

Entertaining the group after lunch will be none other than "Patsy Clone" (aka Kelli Jean

Casey) singing some country favorites and entertaining as only she knows how! All Seniors are invited to join in the fun.

New Members (age 50 plus) are welcome or simply come as a guest. For more information contact Eileen at 518-937-1838 or email greenwichseniors@gmail.com.

Easton Library

Director Jennifer DeCarlo announced that the Easton Library is open to the next service level. The public will have more access in the building while some precautions remain in place. Patrons are now welcome to browse all areas of the library. The children's room is also open for browsing.

Computer use will be limited for physical distancing and laptops will be available for use if the desktop computers are not sufficient to meet demand. Seating throughout the library will be rearranged to encourage

social distancing. The public will be required to wear masks and maintain a six-foot distance if they are not in the same family unit. Any programs that take place in the library will be limited in the number of participants allowed. Social distancing and masking will be required. The meeting room is available for use. Reservations are required.

"We are eager to welcome everyone and are happy to progress to this new level of service," DeCarlo said. Learn more at easton.sals.edu or call the library at 518-692-2253.

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Don't make me shave

Cody Fitzgerald
Journal & Press

Before I say anything, I want to note that we are guaranteed free speech in this country and running me over with your truck in a Stewart's parking lot is still a crime regardless of how upset with me over what you're about to read. I think that maybe, possibly, almost, sorta, kinda, definitely we should still be wearing masks. Look, I get it. It sucks, your face gets sweaty, your mouth gets hot, you storm into Walmart screaming about how you can't breathe despite you very clearly talking and breathing, but I still think it's a little too early. Unfortunately, we live in a world where

4.33 million people tune in to watch a sweaty Tucker Carlson tell you science is a liberal conspiracy, so naturally the general health and safety of the American public has not been of concern for the year for most Americans.

Don't get me wrong, we're going to eventually have to go back to normalcy and that does include not wearing masks. That being said, a new normalcy includes not belittling people who still feel that they'd want to wear one, and accepting that during cold and flu season (likely cold, flu and COVID season now), people are probably going to opt towards wearing one or make them required in hospitals, nursing

homes and so forth. I'm not saying that I want to be wearing masks forever, but just because most adults (including myself) are vaccinated and mostly protected from COVID, there are still millions of children that have not received a vaccine and are not protected. The Pfizer vaccine was approved for children 12-15 on May 10, meaning that (even if they managed to book a vaccine appointment the first day they were able to), it hasn't been three weeks for them to receive their second dose, or five weeks to receive their full immunity. On top of this, children 11 and younger still haven't even been approved to get vaccinated yet.

I do trust the CDC and Fauci (bold claim, I know), and despite me acknowledging that my high school education is not comparable to that of literal doctors and scientists, I still feel we lifted this mandate a little early. The irony of the situation, for me, are those who wouldn't get vaccinated, or hesitated, because they didn't feel it would really protect them, but now claim "I'm vaccinated and safe, I don't want to wear a mask anymore." It's become apparent that people aren't actually

interested in what's best for the world, but mainly just what's best for them. We know we can't trust people to be honest unfortunately, and people are going to lie about their vaccination status without a doubt. I should note that asking to see your vaccine card is not a violation of HIPAA and it is a private business' right to ask to see it. This idea is called capitalism, the concept that most of these people would defend to their dying breath.

I think maybe at the end of the day, I still really want to be able to not shave and be able to make faces at people under my mask, but I still think we jumped the gun a little too soon.

Cody Fitzgerald is a current high school senior satirizing anything and everything he can get his hands on. Aspiring to become "one of the cool" High School English teachers, he hopes to share this outlook/coping mechanism with future generations.



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Towns created from the Cambridge Patent

Jim Nolan
Journal & Press

Originally part of the Cambridge Patent granted by King George III in 1761, the land that is now Jackson and White Creek was separated into towns in 1815. Jackson is named for General Andrew Jackson, the victor in the 1813 Battle of New Orleans and later president of the United States. Jackson is now bounded by New York State Routes 372 and 313, and by the Battenkill River that flows out of Vermont into the Hudson River.

The east town line of White Creek is the state line of Vermont. The Hoosic River defines part of the south town line. NY Route 22 is a north-south highway in the western part of the town. NY Route 313 joins NY-22 at the Village of Cambridge.



Jackson

The Town of Jackson is a rural, agricultural town. Open fields and rolling hills contain family farms, many of which have been operated by the same family for over a century. While dairy farms still predominate, during recent decades agriculture in the town has become more diverse, with sheep, alpacas, beef cattle, and vegetable production all being introduced or re-introduced.

In the geographic center of the town, Jackson has five lakes, around which residents and visitors gather, particularly during the summer. There are approximately 1800 residents in the town of Jackson.

Kids' courses

SUNY Adirondack Continuing Education will hold its annual Summer Enrichment program online again this year, with a selection of live, interactive classes through Zoom and Google Classroom.

This year's program brings back popular classes centered on Minecraft, Harry Potter and VEX IQ Robotics programming, in addition to courses presented by Saratoga Children's Museum. Students can enjoy morning and/or afternoon courses in the

White Creek

Settlement in the town of "White Creek began after the granting of the Cambridge Patent in 1761. The first settlers in the present hamlet of White Creek were Quakers. John Allen built the first permanent residence in 1757 with a later addition in 1770, a house which remains as one of the best-preserved structures surviving from the eighteenth century in White Creek.

The Cornell House and the Christopher Allen House (both built 1772) also survive from the colonial period, reflecting a rich variety of house styles. According to local tradition, the Christopher Allen House was operated as a tavern, and its ballroom also served as a temporary hospital for wounded from the nearby Battle of Waloomsac [Bennington] in 1777, shortly before the battles of Saratoga.

White Creek became a center of regional commerce late in the eighteenth century, and local prosperity reached its high point during the 1840s. Among the most interesting and important of White Creek's historic buildings are its commercial structures. The hotel and tavern and the harness shop are outstanding, rare Greek Revival-style rural commercial buildings whose presence in the historic district contribute to a fuller understanding of

'White Creek became the center of 18th century regional commerce.'

areas of STEM, arts and crafts, cooking and more. Classes will take place Monday through Thursday, July 12 to 29.

Summer Enrichment courses are open to students entering grades 4 through 10 in the fall. Course details are available in the catalog, which can be viewed at www.sunyacc.edu/summer-enrichment-2021.

These online courses are broadly accessible, and limited need-based scholarship funds will be available for eligible students to attend.



life in White Creek during the nineteenth century.

The businesses housed in these and other White Creek structures prospered, enabling owners to build comfortable homes along the streets of the hamlet. Most of these residences survive within the present district, and their stylistic treatment illustrates the relationship between wealth and taste in White Creek from the 1750s to the 1880s.

Present day White Creek is made up of mostly farms, fields, small residences, and forest land. There is one small community located on Route 68 and Niles Road that is a cluster of about 20-30 homes. These residences make up the White Creek National Historic District. The population of White Creek is approximately 3500.

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



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Couple wants to paint the town purple

As part of the Alzheimer's Association's The Longest Day event, local Greenwich couple, Breanna and Reid Lundy, are challenging the community to "Paint the Town Purple." The Longest Day is a unique DIY event held annually on the day with the most light – the summer solstice. On that day and leading up to it, communities around the world rally together to stand up to the darkness of Alzheimer's and honor the estimated 6.2 million Americans living with Alzheimer's, including 410,000 in New York State, and their caregivers.

As part of her fundraising effort, Breanna Lundy is encouraging local businesses to create purple displays in their shops and windows the week of June 14-20 and donate a percentage of the proceeds from the weekend (June 18-20) to the Alzheimer's Association. In past years, businesses have sold purple outfits, purple flower arrangements, purple food, even purple hair extensions.

"I shine my light for both of my grandmothers on The Longest Day," said Lundy. "While Sally and Ginny

lost their battle with Alzheimer's, I will forever be grateful for our family members who took on so much to ensure they were cared for in the best way at home. I became involved with The Longest Day to help share the research, raise awareness, and spread the word about the incredible resources right here in our community, so families have the knowledge and support they need to care for a loved one.

"In order to have the biggest impact in the community, we are planning to 'Paint the Town Purple,' once again," Lundy continued. "It takes teamwork from local businesses and professionals to do this. I feel it's important that we provide the life-changing resources needed to care for those with the disease, as well as prevent and strive to cure Alzheimer's in the future. I am very appreciative for the many local people who jumped on board with me from the very beginning and those who continue to join us each year."

The Lundys established the "Lundy Legacy Foundation" in 2019 to give back to causes important to



The Lundys

them. So far, their Foundation has granted nearly \$20,000 to the community, including the local Alzheimer's Association chapter. Reid and Breanna are a team in business, in life and in their community. Together, they are dedicated to making a meaningful difference in the lives of others.

"We are so proud and grateful for the efforts of the Lundy family," said Ashley Enekes, Constituent Events Manager at Alzheimer's Association, Northeastern New York. "Every

year, their commitment to our cause grows. On behalf of the 410,000 New Yorkers living with Alzheimer's and their caregivers, we say thank you for the important work of raising awareness and funds to help provide crucial programs and services right here in the Greenwich community."

For more information on supporting this event, email Ashley Enekes at aenekes@alz.org or call 518.675.7193. To register for The Longest Day, visit alz.org/TheLongestDay.

Cambridge museum's reopening June 6

The Board of Directors of the Cambridge Historical Society announced that the museum at 12 Broad St. will be open again.

The Collection Committee worked last summer and this spring with curator Amaris Orlemann Lynip to clean and update many of the rooms in the house. Two big projects have been completed. The cedar closet containing many beautiful clothing items was inventoried and each item aired, brushed and stored away carefully for safekeeping.

After cleaning, repairs, new lighting, etc. the carriage barn is now a large exhibit area opening to the public for the first time. Among other things there is a nice exhibit of Jerome B. Rice Seed Co., Cambridge Fire Dept. and Rescue

Squad, the Washington County Post, antique farm tools, and much more. We hope there will be many guests to help us initiate the opening of the Carriage Barn.

The group is excited to show the community all the improvements both in the house and carriage barn with an Open House on Sunday, June 6 from 2 to 4 p.m. There will be tour guides to show you around and refreshments will be served on the porch. Face masks for everyone will be required when in the house.

After June 7, the museum will be open from 1 to 3 p.m. every Tuesday and Satur-



day or by appointment. New members and/or donations are needed and always welcome.

Nearby Events

'Nunsense' dinner theater

Home Made Theater and The Mansion of Saratoga are teaming up to present a dinner theater performance of the musical *Nunsense*, by Dan Goggin.

Nunsense begins when the Little Sisters of Hoboken discover that their cook has accidentally poisoned 52 of the sisters, and they are in dire need of funds for the burials. The sisters decide that the best way to raise the money is to put on a variety show. The entertainment that they present includes comical music, madcap dance routines, cooking lessons, and an audience quiz.

The Director of *Nunsense* is Dawn Oesch, who also directed the popular Home Made Theater productions of *Mamma Mia*, *Young Frankenstein*, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, *Shrek: The Musical*, and others.

Nunsense will feature JJ Buechner as Reverend Mother, Tara Fox as Sister Mary Leo, Darlene Kelly as Sister Mary Amnesia, Hollie Miller as Sister Robert Anne, and Elisa Verb as Sister Mary Hubert.

Performances are Friday, June 11th at 6:00, Saturday, June 12th at noon and 6:00, Friday, June 18th at 6:00, and Saturday, June 19th at

noon and 6:00. Tickets for the June 11th and 12th performances must be ordered by June 4th. For June 18th and 19th, tickets must be purchased by June 11th.

Tickets are \$70 per person and include a three course meal, the performance, tax, and tip. Coffee, Tea, Iced Tea and Lemonade are also included. There will be a cash bar available.

Home Made Theater is a non-profit Community Theater based in Saratoga Springs whose goal is to enrich the cultural life of the Capital Region.

For the safety of all patrons, cast and crew, proof of vaccination or a recent negative Covid-19 test will be required for entry. The Excelsior Pass is recommended. Details of all the Covid-19 prevention protocols and the complete menu can be found on Home Made Theater's website, www.HomeMadeTheater.org.



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Cambridge Crossword

(solution page 24)

Across

- 1 Soft end of the Mohs scale
 5 Old Toyota models
 10 Order to go
 14 Squiggly lines in the funnies, maybe
 15 Hot day refuge
 16 "Him ___?": love triangle ultimatum
 17 First anniversary gift for a zookeeper?
 19 Like eyes "you can't hide," in an Eagles song
 20 Ring loudly
 21 It can spice things up
 23 Prescription specs
 26 2000 Gere title role
 28 Gere, for one
 29 Super Mario Galaxy consoles
 30 Japanese ice cream flavor
 32 "It's ___ good"
 33 Livid
 34 Lots and lots
 37 Race in place

- 38 10th anniversary gift for a musician?
 40 Wire-concealing garment, perhaps
 41 Least encumbered
 43 Musical work
 44 "A lie that makes us realize truth," per Picasso
 45 Adds insult to injury
 47 Hair gel squirt
 48 Bow ties, e.g.
 50 The Spartans of the NCAA
 51 "Well, I'll be!"
 52 Totally jazzed
 54 Like many 45 records
 56 Jordanian queen dowager
 57 50th anniversary gift for a fast-food worker?
 62 Stop discussing
 63 Hail
 64 Passion
 65 ___ pool
 66 ___ pool
 67 Biblical spot

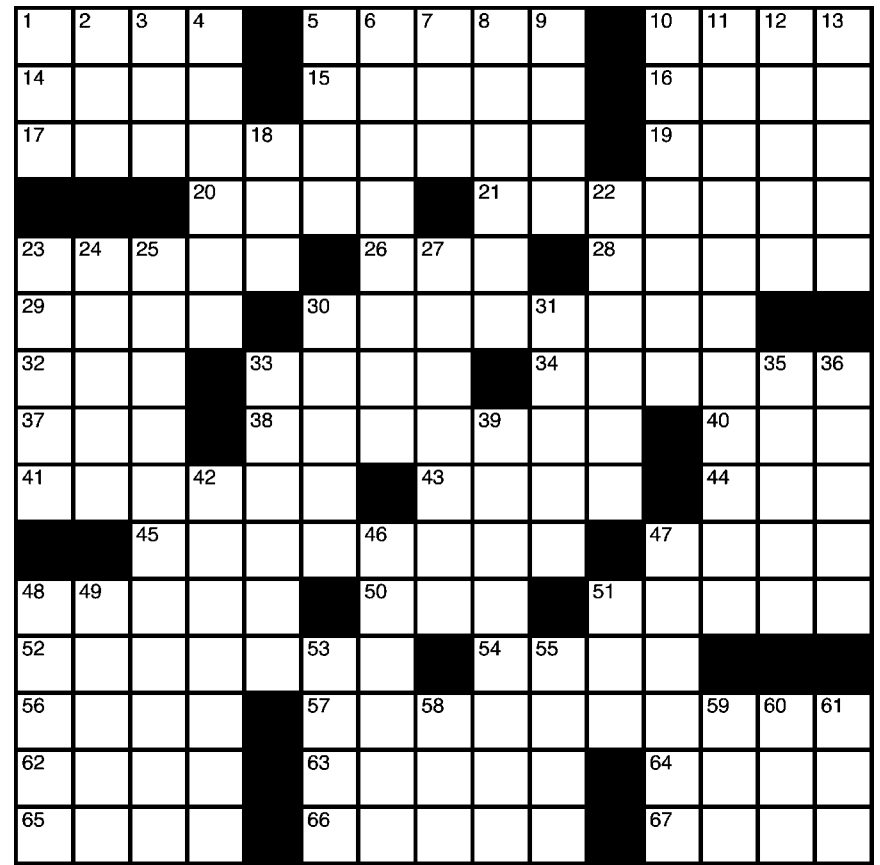
Down

- 1 Cover
 2 Nicole's "Cold Mountain" role
 3 Hack
 4 Brunch choice
 5 "ÀC—mo ___?"
 6 Kids
 7 "Macbeth" role
 8 "Swan Lake" princess
 9 Blood fluids
 10 Comforted
 11 15th anniversary gift for a golfer?
 12 Palermo pal
 13 Barbershop part
 18 In medias ___
 22 Relay sticks
 23 Middle-earth figure
 24 Gulf ship
 25 25th anniversary gift for a chef?
 27 Fiery candies
 30 South side?
 31 Like a shutout
 33 "I'm not gonna sugarcoat this"
 35 Screen legend

Flynn

- 36 Failed to act
 39 Long-outlawed smoking establishment
 42 Greek Muse of music
 46 Oil, for many
 47 Look-up aid
 48 Herbal Essences maker, for short
 49 64-Across, at La Scala
 51 Serengeti herbivore
 53 Fleece-lined footwear brand
 55 Not duped by
 58 Two-time Emmy-winning actress ___ Grant
 59 OMG part
 60 67-Across out-cast
 61 Number of Canadian provinces

ANSWERS ON PAGE 26.



Word Find

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

Find these words that are associated with telling a joke.

Comedy
 Deadpan
 Delivery

Fool
 Funny
 Gags
 Ha-Ha
 Hilarious
 Humor
 Hysterical
 Jest
 Jocular

Joke
 Knee-Slapper
 Laugh
 Nightclub
 Parody
 Prank
 Punch Line
 Puns
 Quip

Riddle
 Routine
 Silly
 Sitcom
 Skit
 Standup
 Story
 Wisecrack
 Witty

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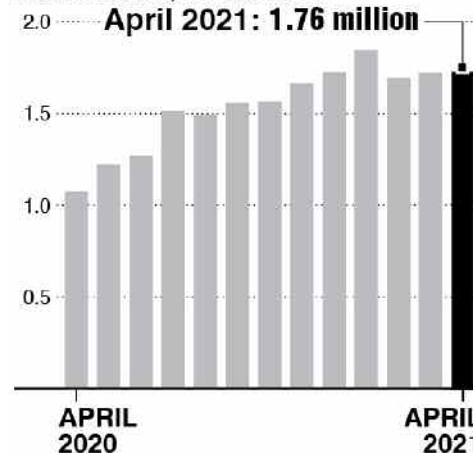
9 to 5 by Harley Schwadron



Fast Facts

New residential construction

New housing unit permits authorized, in millions



Graphic: TNS
 Source: U.S. Census Bureau



GOP's shrinking tent a losing strategy

Lance Allen Wang
Journal & Press

"Expelling Liz Cheney from leadership won't gain the GOP one additional voter, but it will cost us quite a few." – **Senator Mitt Romney** (R-UT), 2012 Republican nominee for President.

"Can we move forward without President Trump? The answer is no I've determined we can't grow without him." – **Senator Lindsey Graham** (R-SC), May 6, 2021.

That is quite a questionable statement from Senator Graham. He is saying the only way to grow the party is with a man who never could win a popular majority, and who's positive rating was consistently the lowest in modern history. During his presidency, he averaged 41% job approval in office according to Gallup polling, a record low by four points. In other words, he wants to shrink the tent to encompass only the Trump faithful.

The price of admission to the Party cannot be to take "Stop the Steal" as an article of faith. Representative Liz Cheney (R-WY), hardly an icon of moderation in the GOP, had the audacity to call out the "Big Lie" for what it is. You know, just like Attorney General Bill Barr did while he and President Trump were serving out their last days in office - the same Attorney General he handpicked to replace his first Attorney General, and who pretty well did the President's bidding up until the end. It does not take a Harvard education to figure out that "Stop the Steal" is a crock, to soothe a desperately wounded ego. Otherwise, we'd have evidence to display somewhere other than in an infomercial starring a seemingly manic pillow salesman who spent much of 2020 hawking a fake cure for COVID-19.

The price of admission to the Party cannot be an oath of fealty to a twice-impeached one-term ex-President with a well-documented history of boldly false statements. It will not help us grow, but it will certainly lose us more moderates. The center is where elections get won or lost. And if we abandon the center and moderate Republicans, we deserve what we get. I mean, you've heard of the Whig Party, right? It was our last major party that decided to implode, despite having put four Presidents in office. You haven't heard of them – that's because they had an unsolvable rift in 1856 and dissolved.

The price of admission to the Party cannot be rewriting the history of the attack on the Capitol – and our most fundamental national institution, free elections - on January 6th. Despite the fact that many of these seditionists fully documented what was taking place in real time, we still have legislators of my party who are trying to create a blatant mythology in real time, including a Representative from Georgia who stated, "If you didn't know that TV footage was from January the sixth, you would actually think it was a normal tourist visit." This attack produced 81 casualties among the Capitol Police, and 65 among the District of Columbia police despite these frenzied seditionists constantly wrapping themselves in "Back the Blue" motifs when they felt it convenient. Yet Representative Cheney is the one who has been pilloried.

The price of admission to the Party cannot be treating China as our largest threat in the face of an extremely aggressive Russia, who has attacked the foundations of our Democracy with disinformation, who has attacked our digital infrastructure,

'The party has learned all the wrong lessons.'

and has taken increasingly aggressive actions close to our NATO allies. We had 558.1 billion dollars of total trade with China in 2019, a fundamental partnership that can provide the basis for cooperation – if only out of each other's own self-interest to avoid Mutually Assured Economic Destruction. That doesn't excuse China's abysmal human rights record – but so long as we're talking and trading, there is an opportunity for progress. That is Republicanism 101 – international engagement and free trade. Or at least it used to be.

Our strategy is all wrong. The problem with Trump winning the 2016 election is that the party has apparently learned all the wrong lessons. 2016 was a battle won – and a war lost. We now have a rift in the party because part of it embraces a twisted reality, where inconvenient facts are ignored and replaced with populist pablum, despite



the evidence plainly available.

President Joe Biden's positive rating right now is 57 percent, slightly above the average for American presidents from 1938-2021. And the GOP is having a terrible time trying to define him.

Why? Because the constant GOP refrain about him is "What did Biden achieve in 47 years in Washington?" Importantly, his constituents seemed to keep sending him back. But more importantly, what he achieved is a public record of bipartisan action and compromise. When you actually have a record, it is harder to fool people. Sen. Graham stated in 2015, "The bottom line is, if you can't admire Joe Biden as a person, then you got a problem and have to do some self-evaluation. What's not to like? Here's what I can tell you... He's the nicest person I've ever met in politics. He's as good a man as God ever created..."

I stay with the GOP even though the populist fringe has gone mainstream and we have fantasists who insist on playing "connect the dots" with blindfolds on. I believe there is still a place for reason and reality in the party, not conspiracy and fantasy. I don't want to see the party go the way of the Whig Party, because of this simple truth - we need at least one strong opposition party for democracy to work.

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Answers

Boggle: TIN IRON LEAD ZINC GOLD
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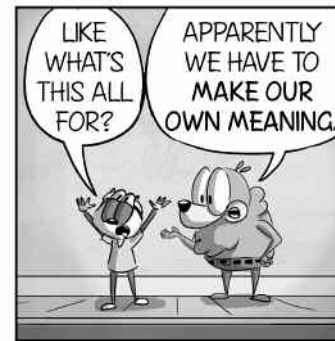
Jumble: REBEL TREND VENDOR CUSTOM
Final Jumble:
CURRENT EVENT

Salem Sudoku

(solution below)

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Boggle BrainBusters!

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INSTRUCTIONS: Find as many words as you can by linking letters up, down, side-to-side and diagonally, writing words on a blank sheet of paper. You may only use each letter box once within a single word. Play with a friend and compare word finds, crossing out common words.

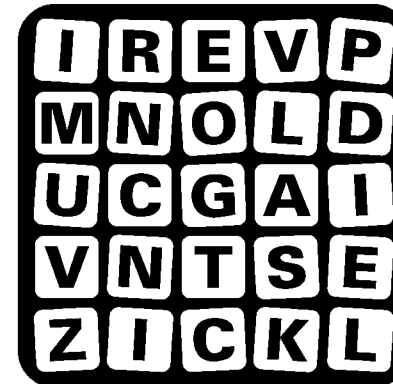
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By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



Boggle BrainBusters Bonus

We put special brain-busting words into the puzzle grid. Can you find them?

Find AT LEAST EIGHT METALS in the grid of letters.

Answers to Last Sunday's Boggle BrainBusters:
ROSE IRIS LILY DAISY TULIP ORCHID VIOLET

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Bancroft's new hours

Beginning Monday, May 24th the Salem Bancroft Public Library will begin including more hours in their weekly schedule and fines will return to their pre-COVID rates. The library will be open on Mondays from 1:00 – 6:00, Tuesdays from 2:00 – 8:00, Wednesdays from 10:00 – 4:00, Thursdays 2:00 – 8:00, Fridays 1:00 – 4:00, and Saturdays from 10:00-2:00. Don't forget to visit our fridge in the foyer that is stocked each week with fresh produce and other healthy foods from our Farm-2-Library Program. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at (518) 854-7463.

Online auction for Salem Courthouse

While the Historic Salem Courthouse is not having its annual Al Fresco dinner, they hope to retain an important part of that event — the showcase and auction of local artists and businesses. To that end, the courthouse will offer an online auction of goods, services, arts and crafts, and opportunities using betterworld.org. The auction will be held from June 1st from 8 am until 8 pm on Thursday, June 17th — just in time to win wonderful gifts for Father's Day, graduations, or summer enjoyment!

A photo and a description of items donated will appear online at salem-courthouse.org on June 1st. The courthouse has already received numerous donations from artisans and local businesses. Individuals can auction for a lunch gift certificate to Gardenworks, a new dog bed from 3dogpet-supply.com, local art from Tom Kerr, Heather Bellanca, and others, fine woodworking from James Newman, hand-woven silk scarves from Faith

Perkins, and the list goes on. There are items for all budgets, and it is a great highlight and display of small businesses and artisans in Washington County.

With your support, the children, youth, and adults of our area will continue to participate in the programs and events offered by the Historic Courthouse Community Center. The auction site opens at 8 a.m. on June 1st and closes at 8 p.m. on June 17th. Winning bidders will be able to pick up their items from the Courthouse on Friday, June 18th or Saturday, June 19th from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. The Shoppe Off Broadway will be open as well. Purchasers may also pay an additional fee for shipping. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram (@Historic-SalemCourthouse) to stay up to date, and on June 1 please visit the auction at historicsalemcourthouse.betterworld.org/auctions/historic-salem-courthouse-commun or our website at Salemcourthouse.org

Easton Library meeting

The Easton Library will host a Board of Trustees meeting on Monday, June 7, at 7:30 PM. Governor Andrew M. Cuomo has suspended the Open Meeting Law until June 16, 2021. To combat the spread of the novel coronavirus COVID-19 Easton Library is doing its part by holding their meeting online. The public may attend via Zoom. Visit easton.sals.edu for the link.

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