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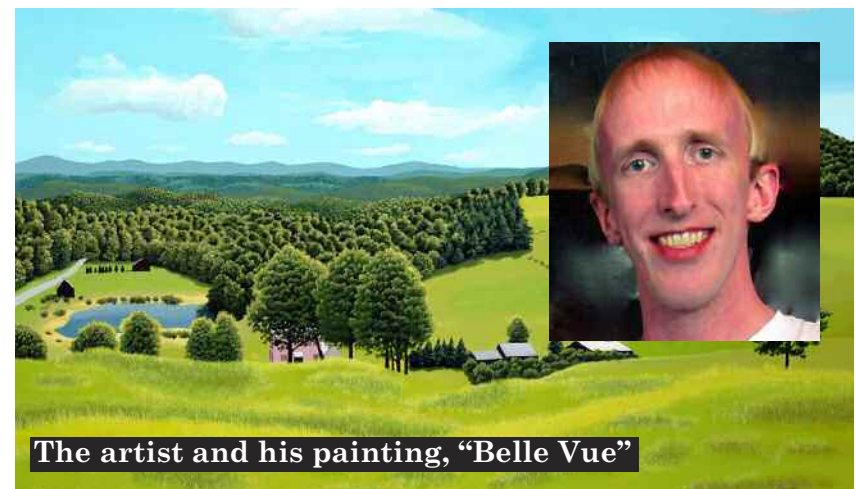
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An artist's revival

Jacob Houston is a local acrylic painter who has been cultivating his art businesses since the age of 15. Fourteen years later, he has developed an extensive portfolio and successful career. And, after this past pandemic year, he's back with an exhibit June 26-27.

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The artist and his painting, "Belle Vue"

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Harnessing the sun

Kate Sausville
Journal & Press

One of my favorite things about living in a rural area is the country drives. I love driving by the old farmhouses and barns and seeing fields being worked in. There are also unexpected finds, such as a used bookstore down a dirt road, or a farmhouse brewery in the middle of nowhere. The best thing about these country roads is when you round a bend or come over a hill and the countryside opens to a breathtaking view. Mountains, fields, trees, and farmland as far as the eye can see. I'm reminded during these drives that we are fortunate to live where people vacation, and these sights that are common for us, are rare for them.

As more people do move to the country or build second homes here, the need for infrastructure increases. Phone lines, electricity, and the internet are considerations when one uproots from suburban or urban life. During the last year, many people were freed from the confines of the office cubicle and realized they could work where they lived. We have seen this firsthand in our area with houses being sold very quickly, and for more than the asking price in some cases. I believe this will settle down eventually, but the need for solid infrastructure will not.

We have witnessed the great need for infrastructure this past year. During the pandemic, those who had good internet service could work and attend school remotely. In our area, not everyone has that capability. We have friends and students who live in areas where internet service is difficult to impossible to come by. These people had to be creative when it came to re-

mote work, using library or office parking lots to access wireless internet services. Of course, even before the pandemic, it was becoming clear that there was a new criterion for the "haves" and the "have-nots" and that was internet service in the home. As the world becomes more online, people with the internet have greater access to job postings and educational scholarships. Yes, one can go to the library, but this is contingent upon being able to get there when they are open and having the time to search.

Another issue that has come up recently is electricity and the ability to generate power for growing populations. Society has come to rely on steady, consistent power to keep our homes and businesses running. With so many systems powered by computers, a power outage can cause significant problems. Many businesses and homes have alternate power generators in the event of a power outage.

Solar power has become a popular method for generating power. Its advantages are that it can be less expensive than other sources of energy, cleaner than other sources of energy, and solar power is silent compared to other sources of power generation such as windmills. There are downsides to this form of energy, some of which are obvious. We have months of cloudy days in upstate NY, which reduces energy production. The panels are expensive to make and install, and their initial production causes significant pollution. Solar farms, which can produce greater quantities of electricity need a lot of land to function properly. Even with the negatives, the idea of clean, safe energy is a big



draw.

The first time I noticed a solar farm in our area, we were driving down route 40. Fields that had once been farmed are now covered in solar panels. There is also a proposed solar farm on Bald Mountain

'Fields that had once been farmed are now covered in solar panels.'

Road in Greenwich. I will admit to some trepidation over these changes. I know we need better infrastructure, and we need to be thoughtful about the environmental and economic impact of how we generate it. I am open to new ways and ideas, but I hope the powers that be are doing this in a thoughtful way. That said, I am reminded of the "free" streetlights the town of Greenwich put in years ago along route 29. Aside from the fact they looked awful, they never worked, and they were solar-powered. It wound up costing the town money

to take down the lights, and they have yet to be replaced.

I am not opposed to progress, and I'd like to think I am not a member of the Not In My Back Yard group. We need the infrastructure, and I realize it must come from somewhere. But I'm also for careful consideration of large projects, especially as the ramifications could be felt for generations, in the loss of valuable farmland. These solar farms are much larger in scope than the streetlight project, and I don't see the panels being easily removed should the landowner change their mind, or the panels fail to generate the energy expected. I hope that we can find the answers to our energy and infrastructure issues in a sustainable way.

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



Greenwich Council discusses pot, park

Darren Johnson
Journal & Press

The Greenwich Town Board resumed in-person meetings on June 8 and continued to simulcast the meetings via Zoom.

Most prominent was some discussion on what new cannabis laws mean for the town; to recap, the state legalized cannabis sales earlier this year, but it's up to each individual locality to decide if they will allow dispensaries.

Former longtime town justice Keith Mann spoke before the board: "I have a love for the community and a love for the people here, and I'm concerned about the new law passed by the state."

He added that, federally, marijuana is still illegal and classified as a Schedule 1 "highly addictive drug with no medical value."

Supervisor Don Ward agreed and said that the town is leaning toward not approving dispensaries. If that happens, local residents will get a chance to decide as a permissive referendum will be added to the November ballot.

Towns have the opportunity to reap significant dollars via sales taxes of legal marijuana,

but Mann said that the reward isn't worth the risk.

Mann said the law could allow people to keep several pounds of marijuana in their homes, which could be a danger to children. "I wouldn't want to see something bad happen here," he said.

If the voters approval dispensaries, then the state will start the process of awarding such businesses over the winter.

"It should not be a decision we make," Ward said. "It should be a decision of the people."

The board will discuss this issue further at their July 13, 7 p.m. meeting.

The board also:

- Heard from attorney Matt Sgambettera, representing Greenwich's Capital Tractor, who said that the town's recent lease of a John Deere loader wasn't competitively bid. Normally a municipality seeks out multiple bids on a large purchase, but the town contends, because this is a lease, the normal buying process doesn't apply. Still, Sgambettera said, considering the loader will cost approximately \$54,000 over three years, the contract should

have been put out for offers. "I know for a fact my client would have put in a competitive bid," he said. "You should want multiple vendors ... to save the town money over time."

- Discussed how consultants Barton & Loguidice are helping the town create a plan for Hudson Riverside Park in Clarks Mills, which has some abandoned buildings from a former prep school that was there last century. An initial review notes that the floorboards of the main building may be filled with vermiculite, which could include asbestos. After the meeting, Ward said that the main building eventually could be a great gathering place for town residents, but decried that the previous board that bought the property rushed the process and didn't perform due diligence. Barton & Loguidice are also working with the town and Village of Greenwich to stretch a water line out as far as the traffic circle, to encourage the building of housing and apartments and to bring more business to the region.

- Voted to approve new application fees for companies that want to create solar farms.

Survey: Help yourself and your neighbors

Washington County recently announced the launch of a new broadband coverage mapping campaign. The WASHCoNNECT initiative is aimed at encouraging residents and businesses to complete a new broadband coverage and reliability survey.

By surveying county residents, the goal is to detect current availability and speeds in Washington County and to identify "dead zones" where improvements are needed. Much of Washington County has limited or non-existent Internet coverage. Other residents have access, but often find that it is spotty or inadequate to meet simple education or business needs.

The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the lack of broadband access in the County. Greater access to broadband internet will improve flexibility and options for many, including residents, small businesses, and students with needs such

as telehealth access, remote learning, and business promotion.

With coverage gaps and weaknesses identified, Washington County officials can better advocate for grants and funding that will improve service access and speeds. Understanding where these gaps in service exist is a critical step forward.

The WASHCoNNECT survey initiative is part of a two-phase assessment. ECC Technologies of Penfield, NY, working with Washington County is nearing completion of the first phase: an on-the-ground inventory to map broadband facilities in every community of the county, including existing fiber and coaxial cabling and tower sites.

This information will be combined with the survey designed to inform about availability and access to broadband. Residents and local businesses are encouraged to complete the quick sur-

vey as soon as possible at the following address: www.washingtoncountybroadband.com.

For those who do not have access to the online or cellphone version, physical copies of the survey will be available in a select number of local stores, schools, libraries, and town halls. Respondents may also request assistance by calling the County Planning office at **518-746-2290** or by emailing broadband@washingtoncountyny.gov.

The survey as well as more information can be accessed at www.washingtoncountybroadband.com. Respondents should be sure to enter their home or business address, as it will help the county to map where the greatest needs are. All information, including addresses and contact details, will be securely recorded and will not be released to any third party. For more info, email broadband@washingtoncountyny.gov.

Poster project and enviro awareness

Haleigh Eustis
Journal & Press

As this school year is coming to an end, teachers, student-teachers, and students have worked hard to make this year educational and exciting in spite of the pandemic. This task hasn't been easy: the struggles of online schooling combined with the lack of in-person interaction with teachers and fellow classmates made it quite a challenge. Through the ups and downs of this ongoing school year, Greenwich High School's Living Environment Class has powered on and created a project that educates not only its students, but the commu-

devotion towards the education of invasive species has inspired her class to spread awareness as well. She has used their inspiration as an opportunity to create a class project. Upon further conversation, Trainor explained that her class had created posters about human influence on species. This year she has taught them what an invasive species is, stating that, "an invasive species is a non-native species that causes harm to the environment, the economy, or humans." The Living Environment class has worked diligently to create posters that spread awareness and educate the community about the harmful treatment or growth of invasive species and what will happen if this continues.

Trainor explains that her students' devotion to their projects should be shared with the community, and their love for this topic hasn't stopped with posters. Greenwich High School has created "Clean-Up Days" in which many students have helped tidy the village by picking up garbage. Greenwich students are even removing invasive species such as Wild Parsnip, Purple Loosestrife, and Japanese Knotweed. Their dedication is extremely note-



Mr. Manera's students cleaning up in Greenwich



Lily-Anne Trainor, who is actively student teaching for Mr. Tom Manera's Living Environment Class, hasn't let this pandemic stop her from teaching effectively. Expressing her



worthy, as many of these students have taken initiative to make an environmental change in their community. Included in this article are informational posters that Mr. Manera's students

have created. Thank you Lily-Anne Trainor for a select few class posters!

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Greenwich HS names its Top 10

Congrats to the Top 10 graduating seniors from Greenwich High School.

Pictured from left to right (in order, No.1 to No. 10):

Top row – Lola Davidson, David Gabriel, Charles Gartner, William Hamilton and Ramona Jordan.

Bottom row – Kyle Karp, Sydney Loveland, Julian Mattison, Nicholas Rodd and Sophia Traver.

Valedictorian **Lola Davidson** is the daughter of Jeff Davidson from Salem and Meghan Collins of Greenwich. She will be attending the Honors College of Charleston majoring in Political Science with a pre-law advisory, minoring in International Relations.

Salutatorian **David Gabriel** is the son of Tara and Aaron Gabriel of Schaghticoke. David will serve a 2-year mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and then either attend RIT or join the US Air Force.

Charlie Gartner is the son of Rachel Gartner and Suzanne Seay of Cossayuna. He will be attending St. Lawrence University in the fall and will be a member of the track team.

Will Hamilton is the son of April and Bill Hamilton of Greenwich.



Will Hamilton plans to study Engineering at RPI in the fall.

Ramona Jordan is the daughter of Apple and Anthony Jordan of Greenwich. She will study Art History at SUNY Binghamton.

Kyle Karp is the son of Kelly and Kelsey Karp of Greenwich. He will be attending SUNY Albany in the fall and will major in Linguistics.

Sydney Loveland is the daughter of Heather and Chad Loveland of Greenwich. She plans to study Nursing at Russell Sage in the fall.

Julian Mattison is the son of Stephanie Mattison of Easton and Terry Mattison of Mayfield. He will be attending Hudson Valley Community College for Civil Engineering and plans to transfer to RPI to pursue his bachelor's degree.

Nicholas Rodd is the son of Jason and Fior Rodd and Shelley and Travis Dubois of Greenwich. He will be attending SUNY Adirondack majoring in Business Administration.

Sophia Traver is the daughter of Shannon and Tom Traver of Greenwich. She will be studying Architecture at Virginia Tech in the fall.

Hartford duo

Hartford Central School District announced Hannah Michel Lawrence as valedictorian, and Envy A. Geroux as salutatorian for the graduating class of 2021.

Valedictorian **Hannah Michel Lawrence** (left) has served as class treasurer, held the office of key club vice president her sophomore and junior years, and is a member of the National Honor Society. She was a four-year varsity softball player and volleyball player. Outside of school, Hannah is a member of the Hartford Fish and Game Club and St. Ann's



Church. She will attend SUNY Plattsburgh to pursue a degree in hospitality management.

Hannah is the daughter of Jennifer and

Robert Lawrence.

Salutatorian **Envy A. Geroux** serves as the senior class president, student government president, key club president, and is a member of the National Honor Society. She was nominated by faculty and voted by her peers as a recipient of the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizenship Award.

Envy was a three-sport athlete as a member of the varsity volleyball, basketball, and softball teams. Outside of school, she enjoys riding and competing with her horses. She will attend SUNY Cobleskill to pursue a degree in animal science. Envy is the daughter of Pamela and Barre Cameron.

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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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Of fairs and carnivals past

Kaylee Johnson
Journal & Press

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

100 Years Ago June 29, 1921

This vicinity is to have another county fair, that of Rensselaer County, which will be held this year in September 5, 6, 7 and 8 on the new grounds being laid out at Schaghticoke. As this location is very near the southern border of Washington County, no doubt many from this area will be interested in the new agricultural show.

When Rensselaer Park, in the outskirts of Troy, went out of existence and was cut up into building lots it began to appear as if the Rensselaer County Fair, which was held there for several years, was a thing of the past. The Rensselaer County Agricultural and Horticultural Society did not cease to exist however, and its officers began to cast about for a location and after considering a number of available sites it decided that the best located and most readily accessible at Schaghticoke.

90 Years Ago June 17, 1931

Greenwich residents are herby warned to do their shopping early next Wednesday to remained closed until Thursday morning, with the exception of the drug stores, which according to the usual summer schedule, open for a short time in the evening. Henry Petteys, a chairman of the Merchants' Bureau of the Greenwich Chamber of Commerce, canvassed the merchants this week in regard to the Wednesday closing and found the sentiment in favor of its practically unanimous; meat markets are included in the list of business places that will close. Garages and printing offices are not included.

80 Years June 18, 1941

The present season has been about the least productive in fish stories of any year since the depression set in. If anybody caught any big fish they kept it to themselves; the official fish scales have been unused and the fish photographer has gone stale.

Trout fishing stories have been scarce, partly no doubt because the season was closed for weeks by the governor's order issued for fear the landscape might explode because of

some smoker's carelessness and it wasn't until just the other day that the staff photographer got a shot at a really worthwhile trout. The result of that shot is shown herewith.

The fish is a brown trout, 20 inches long and weighing 3 pounds and 3 ounces. The boy is Eugene Monroe, 11 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Monroe of Spraguetown neighborhood.

70 Years Ago June 27, 1951

Ronald Sweet, 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Vivien E. Sweet of Salem, was fatally injured last Thursday afternoon in a collision of two school buses in front of the Sweet home on Salem-West Hebron County Road. The accident occurred at 3:15 in the afternoon and the boy died seven hours later at Mary McClellan Hospital in Cambridge.

The two buses were carrying children from the Salem Central School to their homes when the accident occurred. The first bus was driven by Axel Anderson, 55, of West Hebron had stopped to discharge the Sweet boy, when it was struck in the rear by the second bus, operated by Theodore Hanna, 67, of Salem.

60 Years Ago

June 28, 1961

The annual tag day for the benefit of the Greenwich baseball program will be conducted Friday, June 30th and Saturday, July 1st. Baseball players of both the Little Fellows Baseball League and the Babe Ruth Baseball Team will call at the homes and business places during this period.

40 Years Ago June 18, 1981

The British and American colonial regiment will encamp between the village and town of Greenwich buildings on Academy Street Saturday and Sunday of Whipple City Days.

The American unit is Benjamin Whitcomb's Independent Corps of Rangers or Whitcomb's Rangers. They were formed 1776 to help American Officers get information on the movements of the British army at Lake Champlain. The recreated Whitcomb's Rangers were established in 1975 to recreate the life and style of Rangers in the war of independence.

The British regiment, His Majesty's regiment, dates back to 1694. They became involved with the American Colonies in March 1770 in Boston at the site of the Boston Massacre and later at Bennington and Saratoga Springs.

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Jacob Houston preps for exhibit, 6/26-27

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Jacob Houston is a local acrylic painter who has been cultivating his art businesses since the age of 15. Fourteen years later, he has developed an extensive portfolio and successful career. Garnering the recognition of prestigious art institutions such as Salmagundi Club in New York City and the Hyde Collection in Glens Falls, Jacob continues to prolifically create with passion and pride.

Jacob began his journey as an artist from a young age, beginning to draw as early as 2 years old. While he initially began sketching for fun, his talent was immediately recognized by adults and peers. He would often spend after school time illustrating on the chalkboard in his mother's 5th grade classroom. "Over the years, I was recognized for being a good artist by my teachers and the kids in my class," Jacob explained. This support encouraged Jacob to enter an emerging summer art contest at the Washington County Fair. He ended up winning the competition five years in a row. As he shared, this experience "got me hooked on doing paintings."

Regular practice and community recognition launched Jacob onto his path as professional artist. His work focuses primarily on world cityscapes and pastoral northeastern landscapes. Urban powerhouses such as London, New York and Paris are depicted in great detail. Jacob's interest in architecture has drawn him to paint cities now and of bygone times. As he described, "I like how the old buildings and the new ones are mixed in with each other." One of his pieces features Times Square during the 1930s. Jacob researched photography of the famed area for historical accuracy and created a depiction that brought it to life through his own lens.

Jacob also portrays his stomping grounds of Washington County and western Vermont with keen familiarity. The area's natural beauty deeply inspires him. "[The area is] pretty... with its sunsets and sunrises and especially in the fall time, when the leaves change colors." Jacob's lived experience in the area translates to his imagery, a dimension understood by fellow locals. One of his Vermont inspired pieces, exhibited as the South-



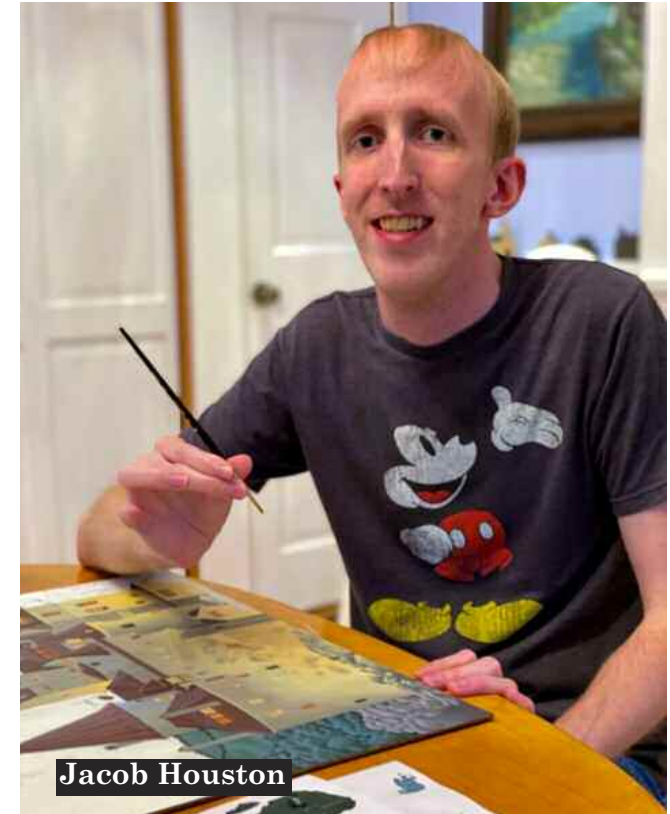
"Trolls of Norway"

ern Vermont Art Center, was purchased by the head of it's board of directors for \$5,000.

Jacob's technique is unique in that he blends all of his colors by hand, beginning his palettes with only red, blue, yellow, black and white. This approach allows for a unique tonality that can be observed across his catalogue. He also follows a strict schedule of painting Monday through Friday, with an midday break to brainstorm. Jacob's favorite creative process technique for reflection is taking a leisurely bike ride in his circular driveway while listening to music.

Jacob's dedication to his craft has led him to cultivate a very full resume. His work has been shown extensively throughout the Capital Region, including Gallery 668, Lapham Gallery and Laffer Gallery to name a few. In addition to group art shows, he has also hosted several solo exhibitions and continues to win art competitions. The esteemed National Society of Acrylic Painters invited Jacob to participate in their Salmagundi Club show twice, where he was awarded for his work both times.

Jacob now has a space of his own in the works. He detailed, 'I plan to build my art gallery in a few years so I have a place to sell art and to do more paintings.' He plans on building the personal gallery near his Greenwich home where art enthusiasts will be able to visit his artwork. The venue will also serve as a space for him to set up solo exhibitions on his own time, within the personalized comfort of his own facility. The gallery's wooded surroundings will provide a tranquil en-



Jacob Houston

vironment for people to check out his work.

Although the public dimensions of the art world have slowed down over the past year due to COVID-19, Jacob has spent his time investing in creating more art. In fact, he has expanded his repertoire to include new themes, including Dracula's Castle and an aquatic fishtanks scene. He's also continued to grow his non-painting offerings, including a popular calendar featuring prints of his paintings, as well as greeting cards.

For aspiring artists, Jacob explained "If they want to make it a career, they have to really like it... it's a very hard career." For those not ready to pursue art professionally full time, he suggested "...another thing they can do, if they don't want to do it as a job, is do it as a hobby." For him, however, creativity is the only reasonable way forward. "I can't think of a job that I'd like more. I would only like a job where i could create stuff; I wanted to do something that's inventing that others have done yet."

You can experience Jacob Houston's art at his upcoming solo exhibit located at 2432 State Route 29 in Greenwich on June 26th and 27th from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please wear a mask. Visit him online at jacobhoustonart.com.

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Greg Schwem
Special to Journal & Press

When it comes to luck, my sense of timing could not be worse.

If one lane on a congested interstate suddenly starts moving at normal speed, I just moved to the other lane, and am now sandwiched between two semis, both hauling explosives.

If I schedule an outdoor party, local weather forecasters immediately start telling viewers to expect rain the entire day. Historically, they have been correct most of the time.

I never owned GameStop stock but I'm certain I would have dumped it at its 52-week low of \$3.77 as opposed to the all-time high of \$483 it achieved in January, following chatter on Reddit investor forums.

Now comes word that ordinary Americans are getting rich just by rolling up a sleeve and getting jabbed with the coronavirus vaccine. Just ask Abigail Bugenske, 22 of Cincinnati.

In exchange for doing something ALL Americans are being urged to do as soon as possible, Bugenske received \$1 million as part of Ohio's Vax-a-Million lottery. Four other

Ohio residents will be receiving similar windfalls if their names are chosen. Not to be outdone, California is offering \$1.5 million prizes to 10 vaccinated residents. New York, Maryland and Oregon are among other states that feel cold hard cash is the best way lower coronavirus numbers.

I had the misfortune of settling in Illinois, where no money will be changing hands, or arms, as of now. Some retail establishments have stepped up, however. Illinois is one of only 13 states that feature White Castle restaurants, and, through May 31, the chain was offering vaccinated patrons one of its three "desserts on a stick." For free! I chose not to partake in that offer, feeling I was simply trading one potentially fatal malady for another. I won't die of the coronavirus, but clogged arteries kill plenty of people annually.

For the record, I received my injections back in mid-February, when the vaccine was still in its rollout stages and states were struggling to figure out who should have priority. I asked for nothing in return, feeling I had won a personal lottery just because I was able to snag an appointment. Heck, I didn't even take a complimentary candy from the dish that sat next to the health care worker processing my exit paperwork. My prize was relief that I was on the road to a life free of facemasks and quarantine.

But now it's payback time. Even though I shunned dessert on a stick, I want a piece of the pie.

Somebody needs to mow my lawn.

As I write this, I have just completed the weekly task of pushing the mower up and down, back and forth over bumpy terrain, trying to keep up with my neighbor who feels grass should be pampered, as opposed to clipped. He is much younger and, I'm sure, doesn't spend the following day



recovering from the assortment of joint pain that lawn mowing delivers to my body.

Ironically, I suffered no side effects from either vaccine dose. While friends updated me, via social media, of their high fever and body aches after vaccines one or two, I went about my day pain free. I would like to continue doing so, hence the lawn mowing request.

Sure, I could use a million dollars, but other Illinois residents need it more, vaccinated or not. All I want is to wave my vaccination card at a passing lawn service truck, have the driver do an about face and follow me to my yard, where his crew would cut my grass while I lounge on the patio. I would like this routine repeated weekly until at least Labor Day. I've read I may need a COVID-19 booster shot in approximately eight months, which I will gladly receive.

Provided I win the Illinois "Shovel My Driveway" vaccination sweepstakes.

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



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Greater Greenwich Chamber of Commerce Events

Get ready for the Whipple City Festival, 6/19

The Greater Greenwich Chamber of Commerce announced the 29th Annual Whipple City Festival will take place on Saturday, June 19, 2021, in the Village of Greenwich. Whipple City Festival is an annual event in June that has taken place in the Village of Greenwich, New York since the early 1990s. What began as a thank you to the local community for their support of our local businesses has become a popular event for the entire southern Washington County area.



There are changes to this year's Whipple City Festival. The event will be for one day only, from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m., and take the form of a pedestrian street fair on Main Street in the heart of the village. Main Street will be closed from Hill Street to Washington Street allowing for local businesses and organizations to line the street sides with tables and tents.

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

The festival will have a variety of food, artisanal, crafter, and retail vendors along with informational booths.

"As always, we encourage you to continue to support businesses and organizations that make the Greater Greenwich area a great place to live and work," said Eustis.

More information and updates can be found online at WhippleCityFestival.com.

Check out these businesses!

Here are what some Greenwich businesses are doing for the Whipple City Street Fair on Saturday, June 19:

Cloud Nine Coffee Lounge – Sidewalk grilling featuring Yushak's Burgers and Hot/Sweet Italian Sausages in addition to smoothies, salads, iced coffees, and sweet treats. Live music.

Melo Moon Cider (they just leased the space that was Sweet Beet Bistro) – Cider Tastings and Empanadas (Cider for sale by bot-

tle, Empanadas available hot or take and bake)

Gather – Hot Dog Roast featuring Nessle Bros. Meats gourmet hot dogs, beer, cider and hard seltzer. Live music.

Windy Hill CBD – Festival Special: CBD Warming Salve \$30.00, in addition show your receipt from any local store front business and get \$5 off your order!

Pennywise Consignment – 25% off entire store and pop up sales throughout the day!

Hidden Treasures – Special Red Tag sale.

Chamber holds well-attended meetup at new coffeehouse

Some scenes from the June 9 meetup of the Greater Greenwich Chamber of Commerce at Cloud Nine Coffee Lounge LLC. Owner Paryese Becker was presented with her Chamber membership certificate by Chamber Director Kelly Stephen Eustis and President Liv Thygesen. Also spotted: Jeff Duxbury of Dux Dekes Decoy Company, Town Supervisor Don Ward, Suzanne Becker of Blooms Floral Design, Evelyn Ross Costello of Lakestyle and Ketav Shah and Laurel Cole of Surya Polo Club. Join the Chamber at greenwichchamber.org.



Virginia (Ginny) Tassi Degner, 83

Beloved wife, mother, and Grandmother Virginia (Ginny) Tassi Degner, passed away on June 2, 2021, after a long illness. Ginny was preceded in death by her husband of 57 years, Carl, in 2019.

Ginny was born on February 6, 1938, in New York City and raised in Tenafly, NJ. She graduated from Tenafly High School and later from Teachers College of Connecticut (now Central Connecticut State University). She then began a long and distinguished career as a teacher, starting in West Hartford, CT, and on to The Lasalle School, Shenendehowa and finally to Greenwich where she taught for 20 years.

Carl and Ginny were married in 1962 in Newington, CT. Their lives together took them to Binghamton, Clifton Park and to Greenwich in 1976 to raise a family. During the early years, outdoor activities were constant: weekend trips cross-country skiing with family, and a passion for tennis as examples. Ginny loved music and made many trips to Broadway as well as to SPAC for the Boston Pops, NYC Ballet and Philadelphia Orchestra. Many will recall a camera ever present with her, and pictures of family and friends were always taken at any event. She had a special talent for capturing scenes from the natural world as well.

A highlight in Ginny's teaching career included organizing the student drama club and directing many school musicals that displayed her talent

and passion for the arts. She was immensely proud of the connections she made with her students, and the lifelong impact she had on them. After retirement, Carl and Ginny devoted their time to St. Clements retreat programs as the Church was always an integral part of her life.

Ginny did all this despite being diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis 40+ years ago and never let that get in the way of using her abundant energy to enrich the lives of everyone around her. She always put her family and friends first.

Ginny is survived by son Christopher (Mary) of Leawood, KS, daughter Karen Coon (Jared) of Wilton, NY, son Andrew (Amber) of Penn Yan, NY, and grandchildren Amanda Degner, Emily Galligan (Zak), Olivia Degner and Jacob Degner. She is also survived by her sister Eileen Tassi (Newington, CT) and brother Paul (Jeanne) Tassi of Orleans, MA. She also maintained a lifelong relationship with exchange student Mehmet Ozkurt of Istanbul, Turkey, and his family.

Ginny was also preceded in death by her father Vincent Tassi and Mother Eileen McCoy Tassi, as well as sister Joan Tassi Yonce.

Calling hours for all family and friends will take place at the Flynn Brothers Funeral Home, 80 Main Street, Greenwich, NY, 12834 from 5 to 7PM on Wednesday June 16.

A Funeral Mass of Celebration will be held at 10AM on Thursday, June 17, at St. Clément's



Catholic Church in Saratoga Springs. A graveside blessing will take place at 12PM at the Saratoga National Cemetery, where Ginny will be interred alongside her husband Carl.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made in Ginny's name to the charity of your choice.

Arrangements are under the direction and care of Flynn Bros. Inc. Funeral Home, 80 Main St., Greenwich, NY 12834. Online condolences and messages to the family may be made at www.flynnbrosinc.com.

Gary Ordway, 75

Gary Ordway, 75, a resident of route 29 in Greenwich, passed away Thursday, June 3, 2021 at his residence after a long battle with cancer.

He was born March 6, 1946 in Huntington Station, NY to the late Walter Samuel and Wilma Deen (Ward) Ordway.

Gary was born and raised on Long Island and moved to Greenwich in 2001 because it reminded him of his hometown. He loved Washington County, Adirondacks, and the surrounding areas. Gary was a master mechanic and carpenter who excelled as a small engine repair man. Gary found himself spending time after retirement working for the Battenkill Railroad, which he took great pride in. He passed the tradition down to his son "Chip". He served his country proudly in the United States Army serving in the Vietnam War from 1965-1967. He was an animal lover and



loved his family greatly. Give him a work bench, cup of coffee and a radio and he was in his happy place.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his wife Evelyn A. Ordway and brother Walter Ordway Jr.

He is survived by his children Walter "Chip" Ordway of Greenwich and Valerie Ordway of Long Island, NY; brother Wayne Ordway; several cousins, and nephews.

Services will be private at the convenience of the family.

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

Frederick T. Pheiffer, 80

Frederick T. Pheiffer, born in Oxford, New Jersey on November 9, 1940, died after an illness Friday, June 4, 2021 in Saratoga Springs, NY.

He was predeceased by his parents, John Howard Pheiffer and Mary Elizabeth (Kinney) Pheiffer.

Fred received his B.A. from St. Frances University, his M.A from Boston College in American Government and was a Doctoral candidate in Public Affairs at SUNY Albany. He went on to a distinguished career in New York State government, serving in a leadership role for multiple Administrations.

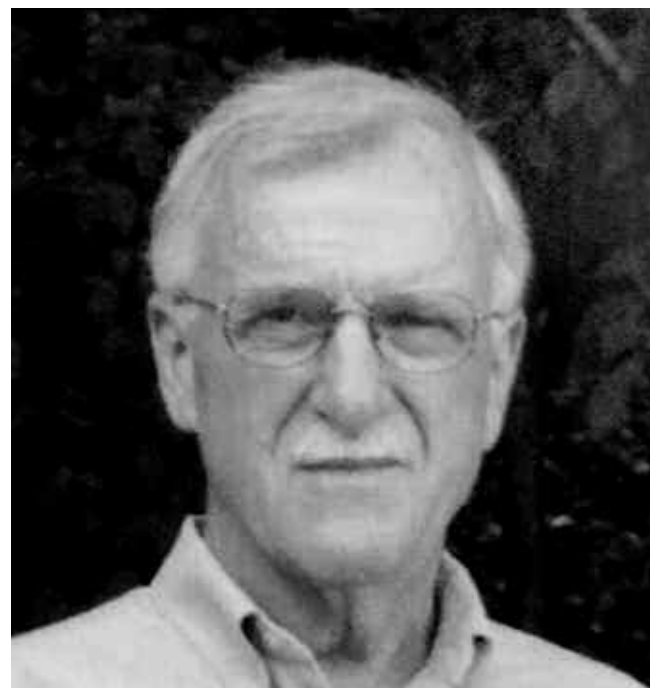
He retired to his beloved "Last Stop", a 40-acre horse farm in Greenwich, NY. There he maintained and enjoyed the beauty of the pastures and woods while caring for many rescued horses, dogs, and cats. Promising them, that this peaceful home would be their last stop. Fred was successful in keeping his promise to their beloved pets.

Fred was close to his family and friends, and was best known for his love of books, music, writing and his deep faith in God. He was the author of multiple published poetry books.

Survivors include his wife and partner of 30 years, Maryellen (Hedderman) Pheiffer of Greenwich, NY; his stepson, Corey Hedderman (Susan) of Schuylerville, NY; grandson Dylan Hedderman of Latham, NY; brother Thomas (Susan) Pheiffer of Percival, VA; Cousin Ann Bourlier of Dinwiddie, VA; son John Pheiffer; son Adam Pheiffer; two nieces and several close friends.

In lieu of flowers donations in Frederick's name may be made to Old Friends at Cabin Creek, 483 Sand Hill Rd, Greenfield Center, NY, 12833 or Monks of New Skete, 273 New Skete Rd, Cambridge, NY, 12816.

Family and friends called from 5 to pm on Thursday, June 10, 2021 at Flynn Bros. Inc. Funeral Home, 80 Main St, Greenwich, NY, 12834. An informal family service will follow.



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

Florence Isabelle Perry, 94

Florence Isabelle Perry, 94, was welcomed home by her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, on Friday, May 28, 2021, into the waiting arms of her husband James Everett Perry Jr. her son William E. Perry and her granddaughter, Erin Austin Burke.

She was born in Hoosick, NY on July 10, 1926, to the late Guy and Jennie (Haas) Philpott.

Florence graduated from Hoosick Falls High School in 1944. She was a lifelong resident of this area and retired from Greenwich Central School, where she served as the lunchroom manager. She catered many weddings and worked at the Central Lunch and Washington County Fair. Her passion was doing crafts and music. She was a member of the Greenwich and Cambridge Senior Citizen's, The VFW Auxiliary, and several craft groups. Florence was a faithful member of the Bottskill Baptist Church, where she served many roles since 1944.

In addition to her parents, husband, son and granddaughter, she was predeceased by her sister

Margaret Boutin and brother's Clinton, Melvin, and George Philpott.

Left to cherish her memory are her loving children Margaret (Peter) Roberson of Greenwich, Patricia (Christopher) Messineo of Rome, NY, Barbara (Raymond) Austin of Greenwich, and Douglas (Marlene) Perry of Cambridge; 9 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great grandchild; brother Ralph Philpott of Hoosick Falls and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was held on Friday, June 4, 2021 at 2pm at the Bottskill Baptist Church, 26 Church St., Greenwich, NY, 12834 with the Rev. Sandra Spaulding officiating. Burial followed in the Greenwich Cemetery. Family and friends called from 1 to 2 PM prior to the service at the church.

Guests attending Florence's services were encouraged to follow CDC guidelines, including masks if unvaccinated and social distancing.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to the Bottskill Baptist Church or



the Easton-Greenwich Rescue Squad, PO Box 84, Greenwich, NY, 12834. Arrangements are under the direction and care of Flynn Bros. Inc. Funeral Home, 80 Main St, Greenwich, NY, 12834.

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

Scholarships for Greenwich grads

The following Greenwich Junior-Senior High School Students have been nominated to receive scholarships and/or awards from regional colleges or universities:

Wells College Leadership Award - This award is presented in recognition of demonstrated academic performance, extracurricular activities and community service. It is valued at \$40,000 over four years of study at Wells College: **Danielle Boyea and Tayler Cristaldi.**

The Frederick Douglass and Susan B. Anthony Award - Given by the University of Rochester to a qualified junior who has outstanding academic achievement in the humanities and/or social sciences. This scholarship is worth at least \$40,000 over 4 years if she attends the University: **Lauren Chuhta.**

Elmira College Key Award - Sponsored by the Elmira College Alumni Association, the Elmira College Key Award is an award of merit given to an outstanding student during their junior year. The Key Award winner receives a \$80,000 scholarship over a four-year period, \$20,000 per year, upon enrolling at Elmira College. **Ellery Mays.**

Clarkson University Leadership Award - Given by Clarkson University to a qualified junior in recognition of outstanding leadership qualities and academic promise. This award is one of the highest honors at the University and includes a scholarship of \$60,000 over four years: **Lauren Marci.**

St. Michael's College Book Award - This award recognizes the outstanding students who demon-

strate a commitment to volunteerism and leadership in their community service endeavors. Recipients must be inductees of the National Honor Society and must demonstrate concern for social justice issues. They may also be considered for scholarship at St. Michael's College ranging in amounts from \$12,000 to full tuition if they attend St. Michael's. **Faith Ingber and Emily Scieska.**

RPI Medalist Award - Given by Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. This award is given to a promising junior who has distinguished himself in mathematics and science. This minimum \$25,000 per year merit scholarship is guaranteed for four years if he attends RPI: **Nina Sgambelluri.**

George Eastman Young Leaders Award - Given by the University of Rochester to a qualified junior who has outstanding academic achievement and leadership. This scholarship is worth at least \$40,000 over four years if she attends the University of Rochester: **Shea Fortier.**

Clarkson University Achievement Award - Given by Clarkson University to a qualified junior in recognition of outstanding leadership qualities and academic promise. This is a scholarship of \$48,000 over four years: **Gareth Hill.**

Augsbury/North Country Scholarship - Given by St. Lawrence University to a junior who demonstrates academic leadership and community service. This scholarship includes a \$27,000 annual merit scholarship if they attend the University: **Molly Morse**



Top (L-R): Danielle Boyea, Tayler Cristaldi, Lauren Chuhta, Ellery Mays and Lauren Marci. **Middle (L-R):** Faith Ingber, Emily Scieska, Nina Sgambelluri, Shea Fortier and Gareth Hill. **Bottom (L-R):** Molly Morse Belcher, Lily McCauliffe, Caitlyn McClay and Ciarrah Hebert.

Belcher, Faith Ingber and Shea Fortier.

he attends the University of Rochester: **Gareth Hill.**

Xerox Award for Innovation and Information Technology - Given by The University of Rochester to a qualified junior for outstanding achievement in the pursuit of innovative approaches and an appreciation for the possibilities of technology. This scholarship is worth at least \$40,000 over four years if he attends the University of Rochester: **Nina Sgambelluri.**

Sage Award - Sage College honors these students who have the characteristics of academic excellence, student leadership and community involvement. This scholarship guarantees a scholarship of at least \$15,000 per year, a minimum total of \$60,000 over four years if they attend Sage College: **Lily McCauliffe and Caitlyn McClay.**

Bausch & Lomb Science Award - Given by the University of Rochester a medal is awarded by the Bausch & Lomb Company to a junior in recognition of outstanding academic achievement and superior intellectual promise in the field of science. This scholarship is worth at least \$40,000 over four years if

Rachel Carson Healthy Planet Award from Chatham University - Winners will receive a special edition of Silent Spring-Carson's groundbreaking 1962 book that helped launch the modern environmental movement and a \$5,000 merit scholarship (renewable annually) to Chatham University: **Ciarrah Hebert.**

St. Paul's receives Sacred Sites Grant

The New York Landmarks Conservancy has announced 17 Sacred Sites Grants totaling \$267,000 awarded to historic religious properties throughout New York State, including \$3,000 to St. Paul's Church in Salem to help fund engineering services for structural reinforcement of leaning wall.

The Gothic-revival St. Paul's Episcopal Church was completed in two building campaigns. The red brick, gable-roofed sanctuary dates from 1860. An 1885 addition, designed by New York City architect H.M. Congdon, added stone-clad transepts and a square tower, creating the present sanctuary footprint. The church interior retains original details including exposed roof trusses, historic pews, stained glass, original altar fittings, and

organ. The site also features an 1875 rectory and an 1885 parish hall which was originally used as a school.

"Our grantees help maintain these vital institutions as they serve their congregations and communities," said Peg Breen, President, The New York Landmarks Conservancy. "The social service programs these grantees provide reached more than 175,000 persons during these difficult days."

During the pandemic, outdoor services began last summer and continued to about October last year, hosting virtual worship throughout the winter. The church currently offers hybrid worship: both in-person and on Zoom. In addition to worship, the parish hall is used by a local food pantry, providing weekly groceries. In a non-pandemic year, the church is open for concerts, a weekly Lenten lunch, and an ecumenical book club. These activities combined reach



about 500 people a year.

The Sacred Sites Program provides congregations with matching grants for planning and implementing exterior restoration projects,

along with technical assistance, and workshops. Since 1986, the program has pledged 1,578 grants totaling more than \$14.9 million to 836 religious institutions statewide.

Summer lunch program

The Greenwich Interfaith Fellowship will once again offer the Food For Kids community lunch program beginning June 28th and running through August 6th. Bagged lunches will be provided again this year and distributed by the Greenwich Youth Commission at St. Joseph's Hall. Last year, in spite of the challenges presented by pandemic restrictions, FFK delivered an average of 50 nutritious free lunches each day for the duration of the 6 week program. Food For Kids is open to all area children within the Greenwich school district. Participation in GYC summer day camp is not

necessary. For those not in summer camp, arrangements to pick up at the Greenwich Town offices can be made by emailing Maud Maynard at maudmaynard@gmail.com.

In addition to the regular lunch program, Food For Kids will also be providing bagged lunches for children attending the summer school session at GCS. For the past 23 years FFK has benefitted from generous community support. Contributions can be mailed to: FFK/GIF.INC, c/o Joanna Messina, Town of Greenwich, 2 Academy St. Greenwich, NY 12834.

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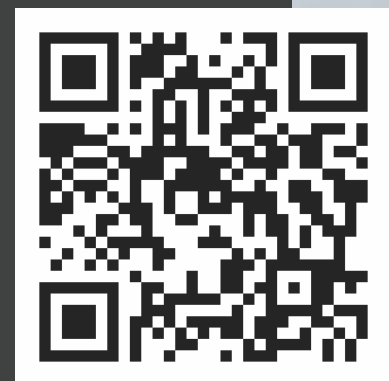
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Is there really a labor shortage?

Jill Schlesinger

Special to Journal & Press

“We hear every day from our member companies – of every size and industry, across nearly every state – that they’re facing unprecedented challenges trying to find workers to fill jobs.” - The U.S. Chamber of Commerce America Works Report

“People actually have a lot of money, and they don’t particularly feel like going back to work.” - Jamie Dimon, CEO JP Morgan Chase

With headlines and quotes like these, you would be forgiven if you thought that the U.S. jobs market was roaring, and wages were skyrocketing. While the labor market is improving dramatically from last year’s COVID-19 induced economic freeze, there are still about 8 million fewer jobs today than there were in February 2020, before the pandemic recession began. With millions out of work, why is there a labor shortage?

There are a number of reasons that are contributing to the squeeze. The Federal Reserve’s Survey of Household Economics and Decision-making report found that about one in five of the people who are not working or working less, are doing so because of disruptions to child care or in-person schooling. Many of these folks have remained on the sidelines taking care of their kids aided by enhanced unemployment benefits of \$300

per week until September 6, just one of the benefits of the American Rescue Plan.

Sen. Ron Johnson (R-WI) was critical of the extra money, wondering “What has happened in our society, where a paycheck isn’t enough incentive to go to work?” His implication seems to be that low-wage earners, many of whom suffered the deepest blows amid the pandemic, are a bunch of lazy couch surfers, happy to live off the largesse of Uncle Sam. In fact, these people are making a rational economic decision: it is far better to remain safe and collect more money in the process, then to be at risk for lower wages.

The issue may soon be resolved, as two dozen states are set to end their participation in the government’s extended unemployment program – the rest will see the money wind down over the next 90 days. At that time, there should be a steady flow of participants into the labor force. When those people start to pound the pavement, some may ditch their previous jobs in industries like restaurants and hospitality, which often provided low wages and scant benefits, and apply for warehouse positions at places like Amazon, Target, and Walmart, which are paying up to fill vacancies.

It’s not just at the lower wage levels where businesses say they are having problems finding workers. Close to 70% of firms surveyed by ManpowerGroup are reporting difficulties hiring

skilled workers causing global talent shortages to “reach a 15-year-high.” Diane Swonk, chief economist at Grant Thornton thinks part of the problem is the huge number of older workers who called it quits. “Retirements, which accelerated during the pandemic, are the primary challenge. Employers will need to cast their nets more widely and abandon ageism to bring back older workers who left the labor market during the pandemic.”

Economist Joel Naroff put it more bluntly: “There isn’t a labor shortage. The suppliers of labor (workers) are reacting to the level of wages, while those demanding workers (firms) are not raising wages enough to induce workers to work for them ... firms will likely have to either raise their wage offers or continue to complain about a lack of workers.” As Heidi Shierholz, senior economist and director of policy at the left leaning Economic Policy Institute, wrote, “I often suggest that whenever anyone says, ‘I can’t find the workers I need,’ she should really add, ‘at the wages I want to pay.’”

Jill Schlesinger, CFP, is a CBS News business analyst. She welcomes comments at askjill@jillonmoney.com.



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. Some donors will get a limited edition Red Cross T-shirt (while supplies last).

Upcoming blood donation events: Saratoga Springs

6/17/2021: 1-6 p.m., Knights of Columbus, 50 Pine Rd.

6/18/2021: 12 p.m. - 6 p.m., Saratoga Senior Center, 5 Williams St.

Salem

7/21/2021: 12 p.m. - 6 p.m., Salem FD, 53 S Main Street

Cambridge

6/19/2021: 8 a.m. - 12 p.m., American Legion Post 634, 2106 Rt 22.

Greenwich

8/3/2021: 1-6 p.m., BPOE 2223, 130 Bulson Rd.

On patriotism, brain drain and price creeps

Darren Johnson
Journal & Press

A couple of people asked me why there wasn't a Memorial Day Parade in Greenwich (while Cambridge did have one), and decried a general lack of patriotism in the town and village, while other places have flag or veteran photo banners on light poles. Most Main Street businesses in Greenwich didn't even put out a flag, a Facebook thread pointed out.

It's probably a bit of Covid fatigue – the popular Turning Point Parade in Schuylerville is also uncertain to happen this year – and election fatigue, as the last presidential election was quite divisive; and patriotism, like religion, often gets co-opted by politics. But, too, unfortunately, there may be a lack of civic engagement going on here, as noted in my last editorial on low turnout for school elections.

I look back in our The Journal & Press archives and see that in past decades this town did come together – Democrats, Republicans and independents – for large and joyous patriotic gatherings.



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However, the past year may just be a blip. The Greater Greenwich Chamber of Commerce's Whipple City Festival is coming back, and seems very well supported and organized. Lots of sponsors this year. And the Fairgrounds has really stepped up in recent years and has become a year-round provider of meaningful community gatherings. They are bringing back the county fair in August and fireworks for the 4th of July. I'm sure we'll feel a good deal of patriotism at that event.

Congrats Grads, But...

When I get the graduation Top 10 and similar lists this time of year, I feel happy for the smiling faces in the photos, but also know it's bittersweet.

I read their mini-bios and aspirations, the names of the faraway colleges to which they will bring mini-fridges and microwaves, and realize – all that talent and creativity and ... they probably aren't coming back. Even the ones who just go to our great colleges an hour or so from here. They'll probably just hunker down there after graduation.

Washington County is a big exporter of talent. Even many of us full-fledged adults are commuting to other counties where there is better work. No wonder why voter turnout for our school elections is so low. Everyone's so busy commuting.

The brain drain does have an effect on rural communities; we then have to import professionals like doctors and teachers at a premium or do without. It creates an environment in flux. The so-called "bedroom community," and then we wonder why there are no parades anymore.

Let's figure out a way to keep more of our kids local, with meaningful careers, so that their year-book aspirations are met – here.

Which Has Me Thinking...

It would be helpful if SUNY Adirondack had a satellite here in Southern Washington County. The County does co-sponsor the school, with Warren County, but we seem to get dissed down here. SUNY Adirondack has a Wilton Campus, while many of our local kids go to HVCC instead. When a county resident goes to another county's community college, the exporting county has to pay what are called "charge-backs" – in this case Washington County has to send money to Rensselaer

County. Thus having a SUNY Adirondack satellite here seems fiscally imperative. If people go to our "official" community college instead, taxpayers save. And the campus could be a hub to bring more traffic to one of our struggling downtowns.

Closing Thought

One of the most important aspects of starting a new business is setting pricing. Too low and you will burn out, too high and you'll get a bad reputation and people will avoid you. Saratoga price creeping is starting to happen here a bit. Eight dollars for a microbrew, \$60 to rent a couple of kayaks from a kiosk in the park, and those "glamping" tents on Lock 5 are more expensive than a hotel room (and really don't seem all that glamorous).

Covid was rough on a lot of us. We aren't driving around here in Lexuses with coifed toy poodles in our designer handbags. Dear new business owners: Consider the locals!

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Should I take the first job offer I get?

Daneen Skube

Special to Journal & Press

Q: *I have a job offer at a company but am also waiting on some potentially even better jobs at other places where I already interviewed. Should I take the current job offer? What if I get a better offer? Would I be selfish or hurt my reputation if I take the first offer and then later take a better offer?*

A: First off, immediately take the first job offer but do keep your options open.

In our current workplace, an employer can lay you off or fire you for pretty much any reason. While some companies during the pandemic have been profoundly supportive of their employees, other fired employees the minute they got sick.

If you're planning to put your company first, then consider whether they are truly offering to put your needs first as well. A healthy relationship requires an equal commitment between both parties.

You may feel noble by turning down other job offers, but it's doubtful the company offering you this job would give you the same courtesy. You're better off going back to this company and letting them know the details of any better offer to see if they can match it.

The marketplace works because each product or service has industry-standard pricing. Whether you are buying a vacuum or an employee's service, there are price tags we expect to pay.

If company B offers you \$10,000 more a year, it's reasonable and professional to return to company A and alert them you have a more lucrative offer. If the first company truly wants you and can afford you, then it's smart for them to come close to or match your offer.

If they cannot match the offer, your upside potential at this company would probably have been limited. They also may be seeking the least expensive candidate rather than the most skilled or talented.

You may not see yourself as a product, but to most companies, you are a product that solves problems and creates work that makes them money. The biggest increases in your salary will come usually when you change companies. If you accept a less attractive job package, you do need to stay for a while so you do not make future employers nervous that you quickly leave jobs.

Since you have, at this point, only accepted the offer but not started to work, you're still a free agent and this job will not go on your resume yet. If you don't negotiate for the best package now, you set yourself up to struggle more in your next career jump for the salary and benefits your skill set commands.

You're not selfish but strategic to negotiate right now for the best offer the product of "you" can achieve within your industry. Remember that most companies you work for will be equally selfish and

strategic in their dealings with you.

The last word(s)

Q: *As a corporate consultant, what do you think of all the scandal coming out about Bill Gates? Do you think these issues taint his accomplishments?*

A: No, I think if we only valued the accomplishments of people without weaknesses there would be no one left for us to acknowledge for their contributions to our world.

Q: *I was always taught not to discuss religion or politics at work, yet many of my co-workers spend a majority of informal conversation ranting about political views. Is there a graceful way to avoid political debates at work?*

A: Yes, simply and neutrally say, "You make a lot of interesting points," and nothing more. Most people talk more to express themselves than engage in genuine conversation, so you lose nothing by not responding when no one is really listening.

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Virtual 5K Run for Rainwalker

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

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



Jalie Rainwalker

The proceeds of this virtual 5k experience will benefit a scholarship fund in Jalie's name that has been established at the College of Saint Rose / Cold Case Center. The students at the

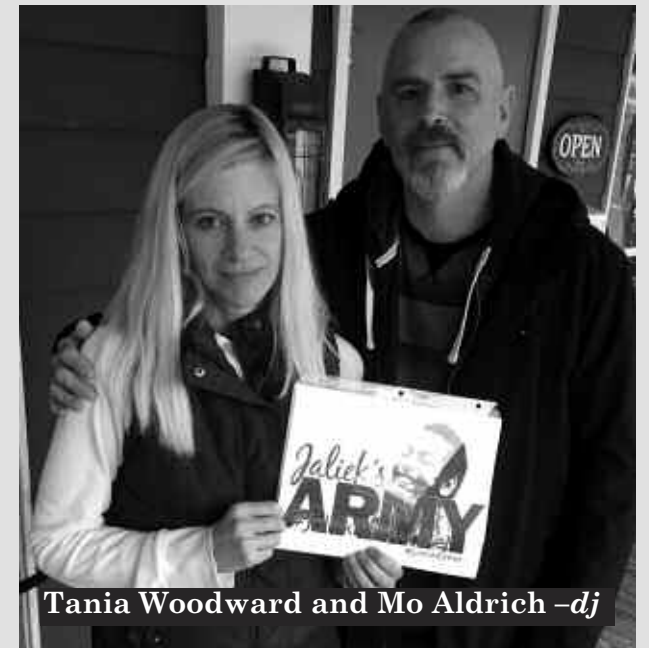
Center have recently devoted their time examining Jalie's case.

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>.

Questions can be emailed to JRainwalker5K@gmail.com.



Tania Woodward and Mo Aldrich -dj

RC churches update

The new Mass Schedule for the area Catholic Churches are in effect: Holy Cross has Mass at 8:15 AM, Immaculate Conception of Hoosick Falls at 10 AM, and St. Patrick's at 11:30 AM. Masses will now be celebrated inside. Fr. Peter will be celebrating his 20th anniversary of his ordination on June 19. A basket for cards will be available. If a person is fully vaccinated, a mask is not required. If a person is NOT vaccinated, a mask must be worn and social distancing must be practiced. The Bishop has reinstated the obligation to attend Mass. There are some exceptions that are listed in the bulletin. St. Joseph's in Greenwich is still posting the Mass on

YouTube with Fr. Ed Kacerguis.

Mary Rosmus has completed a two year formation program for Spiritual Director in the diocese. The ministry of Spiritual Direction is one of listening and accompaniment of another on his/her personal path to spiritual growth. Mary will be available to people seeking such spiritual companionship and discernment beginning in June. More details will be available soon.

Learn more about 'Come to the Water', a Catholic Women's Weekend Retreat, September 25 and 26 at Wiawaka Center in Lake George in the bulletin or on the website, www.battencillcatholic.org.

MF bridge gathering

Join local officials and the Battenkill Conservancy on Wed., June 23, at 4 p.m., to thank all those who were involved in creating the new bridge over the Battenkill. A simple gathering at the Middle Falls Public Access site will take place to thank the NYS DOT, representatives, businesses and individuals who helped ensure the project created a bridge with a long term vision for the community. In addition to the canoe/kayak launch area, the group will take a walk to the river for those who are interested in seeing where Middle Falls got its name.



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Some 5-star movies you should stream now

Kaylee Johnson

Journal & Press

Sometimes, I finish a film, the credits roll, and I nod my head with a feeling of indifference and forget it entirely a few weeks later. It is always the spectacular or god awful films that leave me thinking and talking, never the sort of okay ones. Thinking films are an entire genre, and they are usually laced with melancholia and disarray. If you are looking to have a sad summer movie marathon and ponder for months about the correlation between these films and your own existence, here are five excellent picks:

Manchester by the Sea: Considering the fact that long films are en vogue, this one is an emotional masterpiece, embodying the fetal position that our souls go into when faced with unspeakable trauma and loss. It also shows the fragmented, uncomfortable lives of the loved ones left behind after two children die in a house. This flashback heavy film focuses heavily on the woes of marriage before and after loss and a couple can never truly return to a place of ignorant jubilee after such agony. There is also a subplot of other deaths within the family and the recurring theme of finality coats the entire film coarsely and poetically. It has an all-star cast, Casey Affleck and Michelle Williams have stellar screen chemistry and provide audiences with a sort of unhinged intensity.

Queen & Slim: I watched this film recently, only vaguely knowing the political significance behind it. The plot of this film is heavy, and relates closely to the George Floyd murder, even though “Queen & Slim” preceded that crime. The film starts in a dingy diner – two young people are on a first date. On the way back, they

get pulled over and the racist cop starts shooting, so the couple decides they need to defend themselves. This catapults a six day escape from authorities and nationwide riots and protests, as the police body cam footage is released. While the plot of this film is undeniably topical and necessary, there is also a certain gentle-natured art to the characters and how they interact with one another – special attention to camera angles and facial expressions. The political themage in “Queen and Slim” is prominent, but it is also a glorious, untraditional, upside down love story.

Roma: I enjoy films like “Roma,” because they require a keen attention to detail, such that it requires me to tuck my devices away in a drawer and be present with the plot. It shows intimacy and maternal instincts in their purest forms through an unfiltered realist lens that focuses more on feelings than plot symmetry. Since “Roma” has a grandiose nature to it, it is meant to be savored or viewed in a theater.

Angela’s Ashes: I first read Frank McCourt’s “Angela’s Ashes” and the other two memoirs in the trilogy in my first year of college. Since then, I have read them with a more seasoned, mature lens, and feel a closer connection to the McCourt family.

While the film is not nearly as touching as the book, it gives watchers a glimpse into the hardships that poverty stricken families used to face in Ireland – and all of the elements that caused it, including alcoholism. If you enjoy the film, I highly recommend reading all three books and forming an attachment with the characters and setting.

Patterson: Director Jim Jarmusch’s “Patterson” has similarities to one of Adam Driver’s other



“Roma”



“Queen & Slim”

films, “A Marriage Story.” Driver plays a habitual younger married man who is stuck in his obsessive habits and has made marriage a bore for his wife. It pays homage to eccentric people with social abnormalities, and those that love them with deep eloquence and grace. The whole film feels like a dream sequence and plays out similarly to the type of play you would see off

broadway at a box theatre.

A good film remains stored for retrieval, and whenever you see something with the same kind of art or depth, you can reflect on the film’s connection to it. All mentioned in this article are meant for long-term pondering and memory. I hope you find meaning in them and continue to expand upon your artistic preferences!

My advice for high school students

Cody Fitzgerald
Journal & Press

While spending four years blowing off responsibilities, starting drama, watching your mental health slowly decline, cheating and learning you lack a lot of basic life skills may sound a lot like the Trump presidency, it's also applicable to a high schooler's experience. As I write this article, I'm a little under two weeks from graduating. In my thirteen years experience with the public school system, I've garnered *a lot* to say. Today I think it's important I shift gears from preaching politics to you, and give my final wisdom as a soon-to-depart high school senior, here goes...

Start Presentations Strong – YOU SHOULD ALWAYS TRY TO GRASP THE ATTENTION OF YOUR AUDIENCE ON YOUR FIRST BULLET POINT BY ANY MEANS POSSIBLE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

- **Shop Smart** – You will never, ever, need all the school supplies teachers ask for.

- **Teachers Are People, Too** – I'm happy to say I've got several teachers that I consider friends now more than anything. Remember that they're people too, and they're not perfect. There will be days where they make mistakes, and please just remember to go easy on them. Teaching is one of the most stressful, underpaying jobs in the world and those taking on the challenge are doing it because they genuinely care.

- **Uncrustables Supremacy** – Need a cheap snack? Running late for school and needing to grab a lunch quickly? You just want

something convenient and delicious? Uncrustables!

- **Put Yourself Out There** – Trying out for a sport or club can be anxiety inducing, but it's almost always worth it. You not only get some of the best experiences of your life, but you will absolutely make new friends and create a lot of great memories coupled with whatever you're gaining out of the extracurricular.

- **They're All Racist** – Yeah, I know you like that person you learned about in history class. They were actually super racist.

- **Don't Make Grades Everything** – I know you want to get into a good college, and tape all your tests on the fridge, and brag to your "smart" friend that you received three points higher than them on a test, but this isn't everything. The minute high school becomes a job to you, it's no longer the place you go to learn, see your friends and have a good time, which is arguably just as important.

'You are going to school with people who have watched you grow up.'

- **Branch Out Your Education** – Unfortunately, the American Education System is not flawless. It's in your best interest to learn a little bit outside of school, especially to avoid those "your generation doesn't know anything" conversations at Thanksgiving. Cover all your bases – learn about taxes, credit cards, and make sure you can match each Spice Girl's nickname to her face.

- **Freshmen Suck** – That transition from middle school royalty to high-pitched memelord shouting about the video game fad of the week or thinking they're tough enough to play with seniors in gym class (and often resulting in a broken limb) is rough. It's important to remember that you were a freshman at one point, too. Every time you want to slightly lift your knee to kick one of them and knock them out, remember this was you.

- **SLEEP** – Pulling a 3 a.m. night to finish homework, or text your friends, or watch Netflix, or finish homework and text your friends while you watch Netflix, will catch up to you.

- **Feelings Are Valid** – Most high schoolers are afraid to drop whatever persona they've played themselves up as, and they find it very difficult to open up to their friends or people close to them. It's okay to have feelings, no matter how intense they are. It's important to always remember that someone is there to listen, whether or not you can see them.

- **Procrastination Isn't Good** – I'll write this one later.

- **Don't Perform** – So many teenagers (and adults alike) are obsessed with what everyone sees of their life online. Not everybody needs to see everything, and you should just enjoy your life rather than obsessing over getting photos of whatever you're doing and taking yourself out of a good situation just to document it.

- **Mitochondria is the Powerhouse of the Cell** – In case you're

ever on *Jeopardy*.

- **"I'm a Teenager" Isn't an Excuse** – By high school, you know right from wrong. Don't do bad things because you're "young and free," because you are still very much responsible for your actions. Be a nice person, treat everyone equally and, as much as I shouldn't have to say it, my high school experience told me that most people need to hear this – respect women.

- **THEY BAKE THE GRILLED CHEESE – THAT'S WHY IT TASTES SO GOOD. THEY DO NOT "GRILL" THE GRILLED CHEESE. THEY BAKE IT. I CRACKED THE CASE AND YOU HEARD IT HERE FIRST.**

- **Enjoy It** – I'm sitting here right now trying to remember where the last four years went, and how fast high school flew by. As much as you might feel like you hate it now, soak in every second. You are going to school with the people who've watched you grow up, or have grown up with you. These people are going to be some of your best friends for life, and the bonds you've made and the love you have are something special, don't take that for granted.

I'll see you in the real world.

Cody Fitzgerald is a graduating 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.



Witches track athletes shine at regionals

Greenwich's Nina Sgambelluri blazed to a 10:11.55 3000M victory at the Futures Meet, held on May 29th at Mohonasen High School in Rotterdam. She was joined by other GCS winners, including Connor Smith (winning the 200M dash), and the boys 4x100M relay team of Trevor Murray, Max Maguire, Charlie Gartner, and Connor Smith. Kiersten Alling won in Discus, and led a GCS girls 1-2-3 sweep in Shot Put, with teammates Keegan Collins and Grace McFarren. All three are sophomores.

Section 2 track and field has established a leaderboard for athletes from all schools, large and small, and Greenwich has several ranked in the top 30. Below is the list of GCS individual athletes in this group, along with their events, ranks, and best reported performances:

Boys

Connor Smith- 100M -14th - 11.34; 200M - 9th - 23.24

Trevor Murray- 100M- 28th - 11.75; HJ- 21st - 5'6"

Charlie Gartner- 200M- 21st - 24.02

Bruce Gregg- 400H - 15th - 65.68; HJ - 21st - 5' 6"

Jeremy Killbur HJ- 21st - 5' 6"

Girls

Sophia Traver- 100M- 30th - 13.55

Nina Sgambelluri- 400M - 26th - 64.63; 800M - 9th - 2:20.94;

1500M- 16th - 4:57.4; 3000M- 3rd - 10:11.55

Nadia Chincola- 400H - 3rd - 67.55

Teagan Wright- 400H- 5th - 68.83; 2000M Steeplechase - 19th - 8:47.28

Ramona Jordan- HJ- 28th - 4' 6"

Isabelle Solan- HJ- 28th - 4' 6"

Danielle Boyea- PV- 12th - 7' 6"

Kiersten Alling- Shot Put - 5th - 34'; Discus- 2nd - 111' 7"

Keegan Collins- Shot Put -14th - 30' 3.5"; Discus- 21st - 83' 2"

*HJ = High Jump



Shot put and discus throwers: Grace McFarren, Keegan Collins and Kiersten Alli.



Boys 4x100M relay team: Trevor Murray, Max Maguire, Connor Smith and Charlie Gartner.

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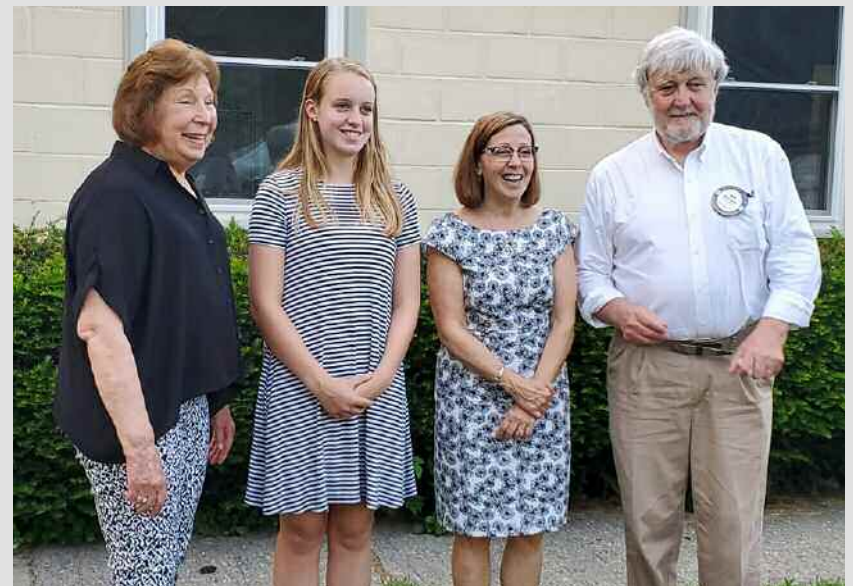
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Rotary winners

The Salem Rotary recently lauded outstanding individuals with their 2021 awards, including, L-R: Katherine Tomasi (Community Service), Keenan Fronhofer (Student); David Higby (Rotarian) and Laura Lovell Mitchell (Special Community Service).



New Dairy Princess crowned

The dairy farmers of Washington County have an impressive new team who will be promoting this important industry in the upcoming year. The 57th Annual Washington County Dairy Princess pageant took place on Sunday, June 6, 2021, at the Greenwich Elks Lodge #2223 with Larry Wilbur serving as Master of Ceremonies. Five girls vied for the position of Washington County Dairy Princess. Judges Daniel Anderson of Galway, Shelley Smith of Charlton and Courtney Luskin Bailey of Valley Falls spent time interviewing the girls, listening to their speeches, asking im-

promptu questions and evaluating their social media posts. The girls were crowned by Washington County Dairy Princess Molly Walker and the former 2nd Alternate NYS Dairy Princess Erin Armitage. Serving on the 2021-2022 Washington County Dairy Princess team are Alternate Alyce Harrington of Salem, Alternate Lauren DeSorbe of Greenwich, Alternate Ciarrah Hebert of Greenwich, and Alternate Caitlyn McClay of Greenwich. The newly crowned Washington County Dairy Princess is Katie Larmon of Greenwich.



The 2021 Dairy Princess Team



Katie Larmon

Katie is the 16 year old daughter of Tommy and Amy Larmon of Bald Mountain. She is a junior at Greenwich High School and has been a continuous member of 4-H, Tri County Holstein Club, and is currently serving as the Greenwich FFA Sentinel. Along with raising her own Brown Swiss show animals, Katie works at Lundcrest Farms as a calf feeder. You may even catch her scooping ice cream at King Brothers Dairy. She looks forward to serving the dairy farmers of Washington County as the Washington County Dairy Princess.



The Washington County Promotion Team

The Washington County Dairy Princess

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Equestrian winner

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Mady and her teammates earned a spot to compete at the national competition and will travel to Fort Worth, Texas at the end of June. The team trains at Pond Hill Ranch in Castleton, Vermont, and is coached by Debbie O'Rourke.

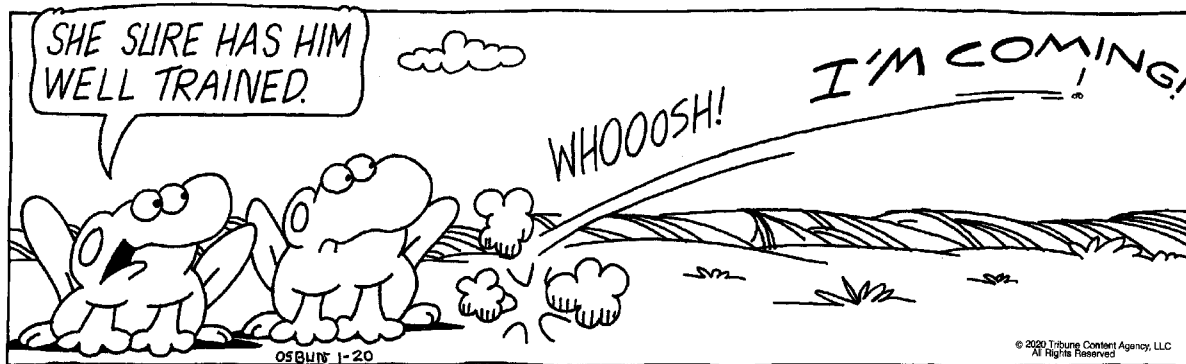
IEA provides students in public and private schools (primarily ages 9 through 19) the opportunity to compete in an equestrian team sport. Like school-sponsored athletics, IEA offers an opportunity for riders to earn college scholarships through competition awards and sportsmanship.



Mady Rea

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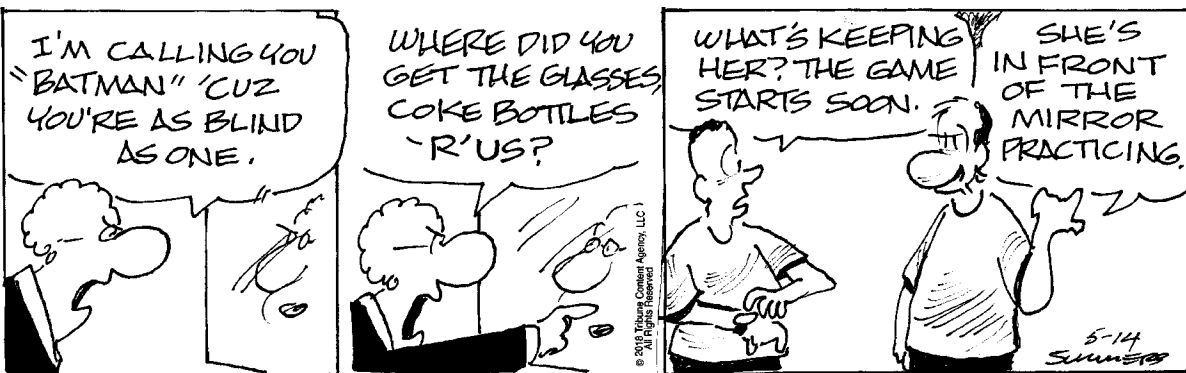
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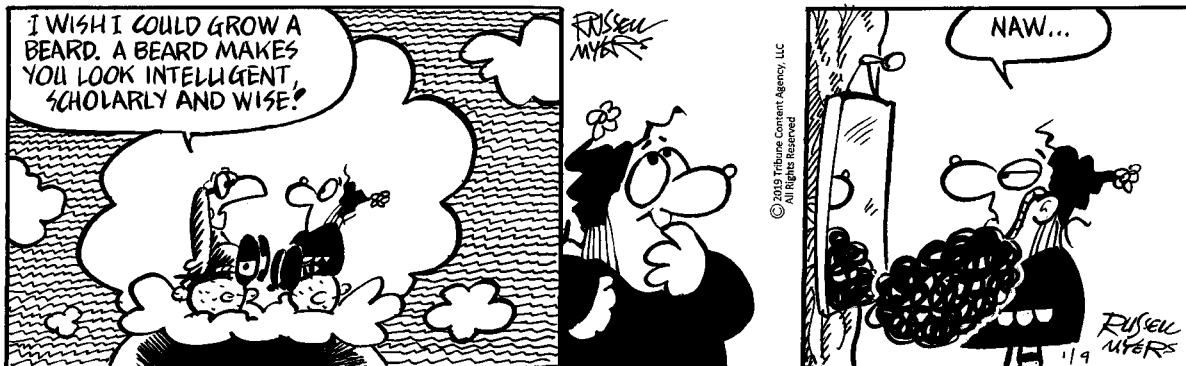
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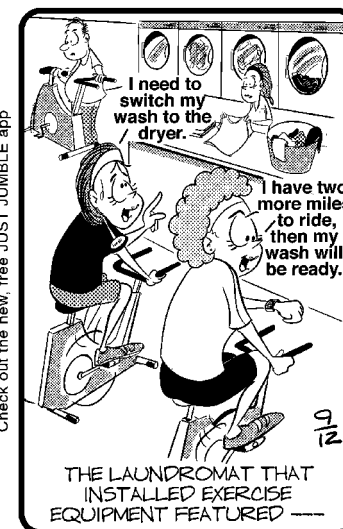
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Woerner pursues opioid suit

Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner (D-Round Lake) recently announced a bill she authored and sponsored to create the Opioid Settlement Fund has passed the Assembly (A.6395-B). This legislation mandates that any funds secured through opioid litigation settlements go directly into a “lockbox” fund – rather than the state’s general fund – to be dedicated solely to fighting the opioid crisis.

“The ongoing opioid epidemic has had heart-breaking and deadly effects on families all over the state, and the COVID-19 pandemic has only intensified the struggle for individuals with substance use disorders,” said Woerner. “Social isolation and economic hardships have taken their toll on most of us, but those suffering from addictions have also been cut off from in-person counseling and treatment programs during the pandemic. I fought to create the Opioid Settlement Fund to ensure that funds recovered by New York from the manufacturers of harmful drugs are invested in services to prevent addiction, reduce harm from addiction and support people in recovery. This legislation gives us a chance to fund the programs that are necessary to support those on the road to recovery.”

In an effort to fight the opioid epidemic, New York, along with other states and localities, has

brought a number of lawsuits and other legal actions against entities that manufactured, distributed, sold or promoted opioids that have helped fuel this ongoing epidemic. The goal of these actions is to seek financial compensation from those that have helped cause the opioid epidemic to aid the state in combating addiction. As a result of the legal actions taken by the state Attorney General’s Office, New York State is slated to receive millions of dollars in financial compensation from these entities.

The Opioid Settlement Fund will ensure any money the state receives from legal settlements brought against entities implicated in the creation of the opioid epidemic is only used for eligible expenditures, including substance use disorder prevention, treatment and recovery programs and public education campaigns to combat the epidemic.

The Senate also passed this legislation and it awaits Governor Cuomo’s signature to become law.



At the press conference.

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16 Overseas coppers

17 March commander

19 Count who has a cameo in "Blazing Saddles"

20 Thus far

21 Airport with many connecting flights

22 Rathskeller rejection

25 Tenants

28 SFO overseer

31 Not just assume

33 Merit badge spot

34 Gaga over

36 Shellfish serving

38 Smug look

41 March composer

44 Fritters away time

45 French 101 verb

46 Old Russian ruler

47 Not demanding

49 Citrus peel

51 Greener Living org.

52 English blue cheese

55 Whiskey cocktail

57 Form 1099 org.

58 "Wonder Woman" actress Gadot

60 Run out

64 March creator

69 Hides in the shadows

70 "Shape of You" Grammy winner

71 Direct

72 "Gone Girl" actress Ward

73 "Queen of Country," familiarly

Down

1 Website for looking up "that actor on that show"

2 __ Zor-El: Supergirl's name on Krypton

3 Yale students

4 Totally wiped

5 Moo goo __ pan

6 "Commonwealth" novelist Patchett

7 "Unique everything" online shop

8 "Gotta run!"

9 PC core

10 Copying button

11 Music to a bar customer's ears

12 Really clean

13 Some Slavs

15 Stylishly smooth

18 GPS displays

23 Go very slowly

24 "I'm not kidding!"

26 Torments with reminders

27 Letter-shaped opening

28 "Natural artesian water" brand

29 Give __ to: okay

30 Fashionable sportswear portmanteau

32 Ballroom dance

35 Tatum who plays Amanda in "The Bad News Bears"

37 Tangle around a surge protector

39 Pronto

40 "Teen Titans" and "Teen Titans Go!" voice actress Strong

42 Hissed summons

43 100 centavos

48 Tranquil discipline

50 Veil material

52 Opera great Beverly

53 Brook fish

54 Identifies

56 Regatta entrant

59 Put on cargo

61 Peruse, with "over"

62 Wild guess

63 Italian peak

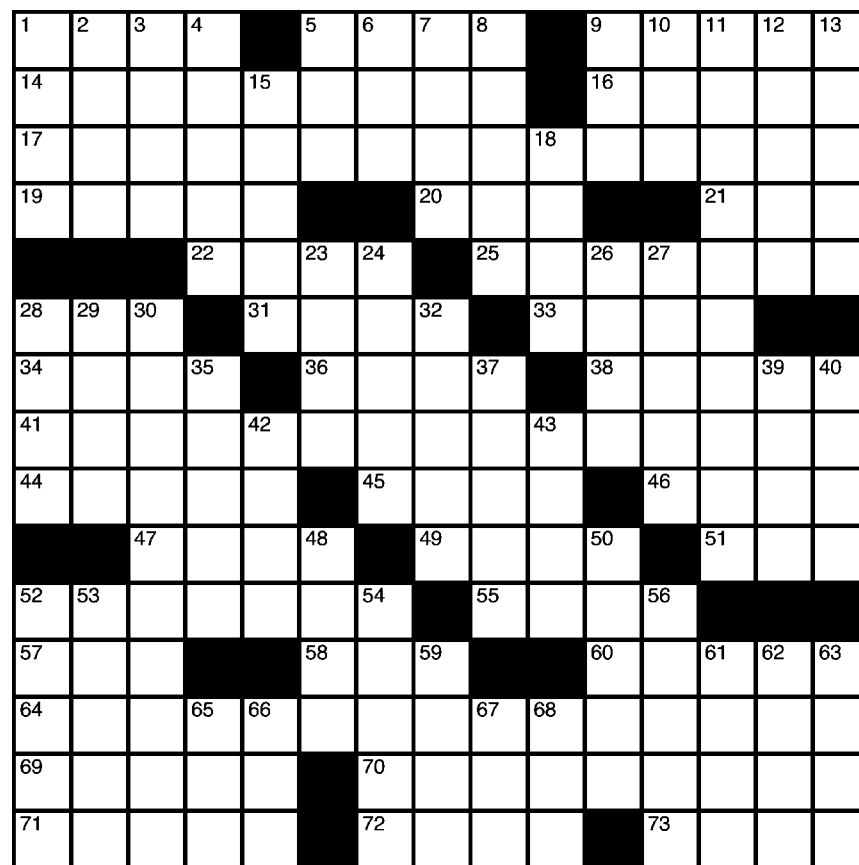
65 '50s prez

66 Pre-1991 atlas initials

67 Couture monogram

68 "I've got it!"

ANSWERS ON PAGE 26.



Word Find

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

Find these words that are associated with music.

Allegro
Blues
Brass

Chord
Chorus
Classical
Dance
Easy Listening
Folk
Harmony
Heavy Metal

Hip Hop
Indie
Jazz
Melody
Music
Notes
Orchestra
Pitch

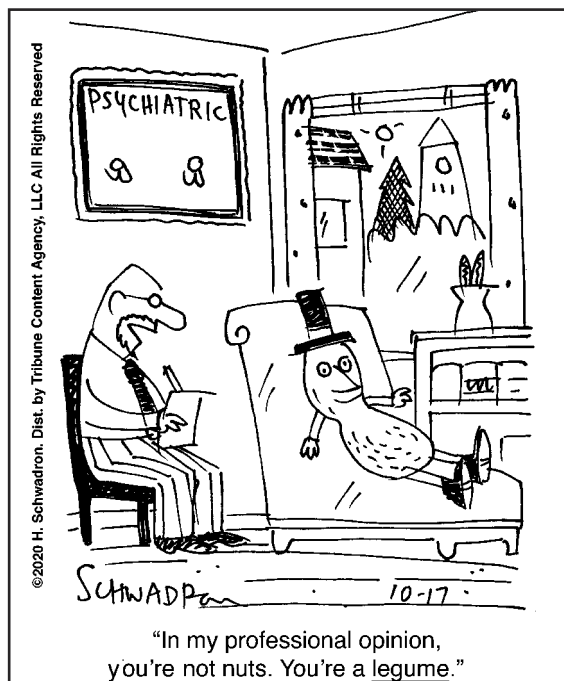
Polka
Punk
Rhythm
Rock
Salsa
Scale
Soul
Sound

Swing
Tempo

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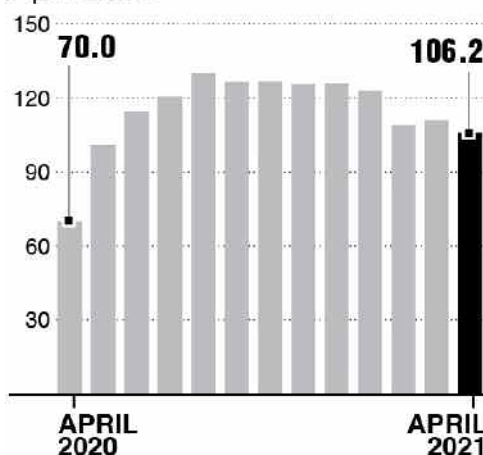
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Pending home sales

The Pending Home Sales Index, a measure of housing contract activity, fell 4.4 percent to 106.2 in April 2021.



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Source: National Association of Realtors



Lavender Blues

Lance Allen Wang
Journal & Press

During the Red Scare of the 1950s, Sen. Joseph McCarthy of Wisconsin harangued, with painfully little evidence, Hollywood, the State Department, and any number of other institutions to surrender suspected communists to the House Un-American Activities Committee. As I wrote about a few months ago, the actions of the Committee were a stain upon our flag and a mockery of our values, and their depredations were finally brought to a halt by their own overreach and the journalistic integrity and courage of Edward R. Murrow.

At the same time, the “Red Scare” had a smaller, less recognized, but equally shameful chapter taking place in its shadow, one known as the “Lavender Scare.” Having determined that “homosexuals and other sexual perverts” were a security threat, the goal of this effort, which began in the late 1940s, was to purge these people from government employment.

During this period, the common thinking about communists, that they were amoral and Godless, was applied to other out-groups, notably LGBT persons. Senator McCarthy picked up the torch on the issue of homosexuals and added them to his campaign to purge the government of anyone leading a secret “double life,” regardless of the fact that the “double life” was necessary for them to maintain any form of relationship in the face of discrimination, scorn, and even violence. Yet in the eyes of McCarthy, it was clear that anyone leading a double life might not be stable or loyal.

President Dwight Eisenhower indulged this fantasy by signing Executive Order 10450, which allowed the discharge of employees with “sexual perversions” from government service. Eisenhower wouldn’t take on McCarthy until the following year, when

the Senator decided to attack the United States Army. Even after McCarthy (but sadly, not McCarthyism) died in 1957 and was consigned to the dustbin of history, the Executive Order remained in effect. Much like the Red Scare, the Lavender Scare resulted in ruined lives and even suicide among those who lost their livelihood and reputation.

However, those who wanted to maintain stigma on the LGBT community suffered from the law of unintended consequences. High profile protests of the Executive Order and an increased focus on the injustices taking place against the LGBT community gained momentum. The Stonewall Riots of 1969 were a famous example. Additionally, the American Psychological Association (APA), who produce the “Diagnostic and Statistical Manual” – the standard reference in its field, de-pathologized homosexuality in 1973. In other words, they determined that sexual orientation was not a mental illness, but a normal variation like red hair, brown eyes, or left-handedness. This decision by the APA was an critical step in the destigmatizing of LGBT persons by the medical field, and instead of focusing on “How can we fix them?” they began the focus on “What are the health needs of this community and how can we support them?”

Of course, this has not stopped the stigmatizing of LGBT persons within general society. Some use religion as a bludgeon. Notably, Pat Buchanan initiated the modern so-called “culture wars” at the 1992 GOP convention, what he called “a religious war going on in our country for the soul of America.” I personally believe this

‘McCarthy felt those living a double life were disloyal.’



Washington protests in the 1960s

began a slide off the rails for my party. Senator Robert Dole, remarking on the direction that the party had turned by the mid-1990s, said “Barry [Goldwater] and I, we’ve sort of become the liberals. Can you imagine that?” Yes. Yes I can.

Buchanan used the idea of increased rights to LGBT persons as a scare tactic in 1992. Signs such as “Family Rights Forever/Gay Rights Never!” were shown prominently in the television coverage of the convention. Around the same time, a radical Calvinist congregation called Westboro Baptist Church started a campaign called “God Hates Fags” and travelled around the country to conduct their anti-LGBT picketing at high profile celebrity funerals and, post-2001, military funerals. The difference between the “culture wars” coded language and Westboro Baptist Church? A simple matter of degrees.

So, why do I bring this all up? Am I trying to take away the proud American history that we know and love? No. As in much of my writing, I’m simply helping to fill in the blanks

and make our history a more complete one. I didn’t make any of this up. It is not “woke history.” It is not “revisionist history.” It is the history of the United States of America.

I endeavor to be a decent human being, living by my faith as I see it. The Jewish sage Hillel, when asked by a cheeky prospective student to summarize the Torah while standing on one foot, proceeded to do so, saying, “What is hateful to you, do not do to your fellow: this is the whole Torah; the rest is the explanation; go and learn.” When that is the initial premise going into your relationship with the world around you, it really makes decisions like acknowledging our common humanity and accepting people for who they are quite easy.

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Answers

Boggle: LION PUMA TIGER CAMEL PANDA MONKEY DONKEY

Jumble: SCARF PUPIL GENTLY SCROLL

Final Jumble:
SPIN CYCLES



Greenwich FFA's outstanding students

The Greenwich FFA recognized outstanding members at their Annual Banquet.

Pictured (L-R): Katie Larmon, Lauren Chuhta, Ciarrah Hebert, Matthew Bink, Caitlyn McClay and Danielle Boyea.

Despite a year of unorthodox conditions, the Greenwich FFA chapter persisted through the pandemic – as did their tradition of excellence.

On June 7, the organization hosted its first ever outdoor banquet to recognize outstanding members.

Alison Michel, Teagan Wright, Matt Bink, and Jenna Hogan were recognized as Star Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, and Senior, respectively.

McKayla Gutasy, Jenna Hogan,

Teagan Wright, and Dillon Niles were acknowledged as the state-winning Food Science team; individually, Dillon Niles placed 1st in the state, and Teagan Wright placed 2nd.

Kathryn Campbell placed 7th in the NYS Maple contest. Lauren Chuhta placed 2nd at sub-state competitions for Prepared Speaking, which enabled her to move on and place 4th in the state.

Additionally, President Ciarrah Hebert, Vice President Danielle Boyea, Secretary Matt Bink, Treasurer Caitlyn McClay, Reporter Lauren Chuhta, and Sentinel Katie Larmon were instated as the 2021-2022 Greenwich FFA officer team.

(Submitted by Lauren Chuhta.)

S'ville banquet nixed

Due to the Covid-19 virus, the Schuylerville Alumni banquet that is usually held the first week in August is cancelled for 2021. The group will be sending out anniversary letters for both years next May, 2022 for the banquet to be held on August 6, 2022. Continue to update your address. Send updates to Pat Temple at patty61349@yahoo.com or call 518-338-2329. Donations are gladly accepted also.

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