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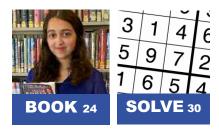
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# Wallie's big revival

### Finally, after a massive refurbishment and pandemic, it's open!

Word got out slowly, mostly via the Internet and casual conversation, that Wallie's restaurant once a staple in the Village of Greenwich for 70 years, until 2003 – had been beautifully restored and now was serving drinks and dinner. By its first weekend, the new version of the historic restaurant was hopping, with tables full, laughter and good times; as if the restaurant had always been there and had never stopped serving.

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# Playing at the park

A band with local roots, Rusticator, will perform at Hudson Crossing Park in Schuylerville. The band is led by Tony Califano, who is also a K-6 music teacher for Greenwich Central School.

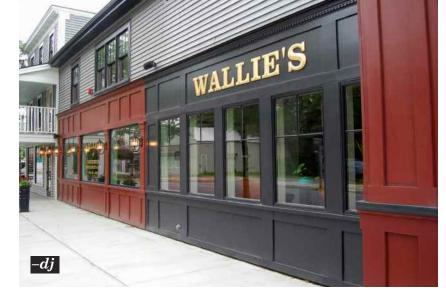
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## Tuition frozen, now registering at SUNY ADK

The SUNY Adirondack Board of Trustees voted to freeze tuition for the 2021-22 academic year and eliminate three fees to recognize the economic difficulties brought by the COVID-19 pandemic for many students. "This pandemic has hit our region's lower-income residents the hardest, making the idea of starting college or returning to the classroom daunting for many," said Kristine Duffy, SUNY Adirondack president.

The 2020-21 semester rates for full-time New York state residents will be \$2,472 and \$206 per credit for students taking fewer than 12 credit hours. SUNY Adirondack's tuition is one of the lowest in the

state. Combined with substantial financial aid and scholarships, SUNY Adirondack remains an affordable option to start, continue or restart education in preparation for the workforce of today and tomorrow. Previously charged student enrollment, ID and development fees were eliminated.

Room and board will also remain at last year's rates of \$4,175 for a double room in the Residence Hall and \$5,340 for a single room, with meal plans ranging from \$1,925 to \$2,280 per semester. The modern, suite-style housing is an appealing option for those looking for a traditional college experience.

Campus will reopen in full in the fall, with classes offered in person. Some courses will be online or in a hybrid option for those who prefer remote learning and flexibility. So-

cial and educational programming will also return to in-person events.

Registration for Fall 2021 semester has begun and applications for admission will be accepted throughout the summer. Contact the Office of College Access at 518-743-2264 or admission@sunyacc.edu to learn more.





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## **County artisans tour**

Clay artist Dolores Thomson is participating in Artisan Trails in Washington County Tour's Countywide self-guided Artisans of Washington County Tour July 16-18.

Visitors are invited to stop by and visit the Pottery Tent, set up outside her home in Hudson Falls. Decorative Raku and Sagger fired vessels, as well as fun and functional pottery for everyday use will be on display and for sale Saturday and Sunday July 17-18, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Dolores Thomson has been a potter for thirty years and is the owner/instructor of Clay Concepts Studio.

ATWC is a nonprofit organization dedicated to



promoting the varied artisan and artist crafts in Washington County, N.Y.

For more information and a map, visit www.artisan-trails.org

## **Assessments elicit emotions at meeting**

#### Darren Johnson Journal & Press

The public portion of the July 13 meeting of the Greenwich Town Board – now gathering in-person and not via Zoom – livened up as local business owner Holly Harris complained about assessments in town.

Harris said that the town's longtime appointed assessor, Colleen Adamec, is violating a law known as Hello Stranger when setting the values of properties. Harris said that she had looked the 43 property sales in town from 2020, and 25 property values were raised or lowered to the exact sale price; a metric assessors are not supposed to use, Harris said.

"Why should her opinion of value be the same as the sale price?" Harris said. "You cannot do that to the taxpayer."

"It's pretty simple," Supervisor Don Ward said. "Bring us the law and say where we're wrong to our attorney, and we'll see if you're correct."

Harris has been active on Facebook, encouraging local homeowners to challenge their assessments and offering related workshops.

At the meeting, Ward challenged her credentials, saying that, even though Harris at one time was an elected assessor in neighboring Easton, she is not certified, according to his research. Harris said that she is one course shy of certification, but that was beside the point.

During a recent round of Grievance Day reviews, the Board of Assessment Review heard 17 residential cases, and reduced seven; as well, 22 landowners also got some relief, it was said previously at the July 13 meeting; reductions totaled nearly \$50,000 in valuations. There are 2,599 parcels in the Town of Greenwich. "As always, our Board of Assessment Review is fair," Ward said. "They come up with good questions and then come up with a fair resolution."

Harris had a printed copy of a "nasty-ass" email Adamec had sent her and distributed it to the board, and, after the meeting, online.

In the email, Adamec – who does have Institute of Assessing Officers (IAO) certification – also challenges Harris' qualifications, and notes that Easton's assessment process is not as up-to-date as Greenwich's. The largest bone of contention, apparently, is a property at 33 Prospect St., which had a much higher re-assessment than Harris expected. But Adamec said that the re-assessment was fair, because that property has features neighboring properties don't.

The letter also extols the qualifications of Ward, concluding: "As the assessor for the Town of Greenwich I follow all State guidelines and keep an open mind. The industry is forever changing. You learn something new every day. Greenwich's new Supervisor is highly educated and open minded. He researches everything factually under the law before drawing conclusions. He has very much taken an interest in the assessing office and what I do. An assessor doing an annual reassessment each year is not an easy task. He sees this. His

presence is refreshing compared to the past."

The New York State Assessors Association says: "An assessor with 'IAO' after his or her name is recognized as

one who has achieved the highest level of professional competence."

Since the meeting, Harris has taken the fight to Facebook groups, including Greenwich Uncensored 2, and is suggesting aggrieved town residents join her in potential litigation.

Also, the board:

\* Reviewed research into the buildings at the new Hudson Riverside Park that showed that there is some asbestos present and abatement will cost \$30,000 to \$80,000, In the public portion of the meeting, resident Sara Idleman asked if that area really is best for a proposed dog park, and perhaps the town should work with the Village of Greenwich, instead, to put the dog park closer to the population center.

\* Honored resident Lisa Perkins with a certificate of appreciation for her work over the past 18 years beautifying the traffic circle. The board also seemed amenable to Perkins' plea for US flags or banners with veterans on them to be posted in town. "We look very un-American," she said, noting surrounding towns all expressed patriotism in some wav.

\* Heard from local resident Don McKinley, who wanted fur-



went with Clifton Park's Nortrax for a lease of an expensive tractor and not giving a local company, Capital Tractor, a chance to bid. This was a contentious topic at last month's meeting. Councilman Eric Whitehouse, who leads the DPW committee, reiterated that bids aren't needed for a lease, but clarified that in this particular case, the lease was renewed because of uncertainty as to whether they could get a new tractor in time, if they did not renew the lease, considering the market for such vehicles, and that the town currently does have three large machines purchased through Capital Tractor. He agreed better procedures for such leases should be in place in the future.





## Oliver named a state parks commissioner

Greenwich's own Cliff Oliver, well known photographer and re-enactor, has been named a commissioner for the New York State Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Saratoga – Capital Region Commission. He was nominated by Governor Cuomo on May 21, 2021, and confirmed by the New York State Senate on June 7, 2021. He will serve a four-year term.

Oliver worked for the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Sites from 1988 to 2005. His duties included traveling to State Park and Historic sites from Long Island to Buffalo, photographing each site's unique features. His photos appeared in several yearly Guide to New York State Parks Sites booklets available to the public. Although Oliver retired from State service in 2005, he says, "I retired from Parks but not really the mission of Parks."

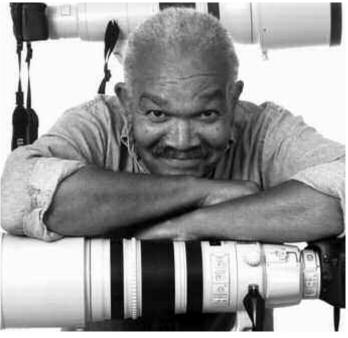
The Regional Commissions are charged with acting as a central advisory body on all matters affecting parks, recreation and historic preservation within their respective regions, with particular focus on the operations of the State Parks and Historic Sites.

As a Regional Commissioner, Oliver and his fel-

low commissioners will advise the Governor on the role state parks play in their community and advocate for appropriate resources so the state parks and historic sites in the Saratoga – Capital Region can achieve their mission. He is the only commissioner from Washington County. Of particular interest to Oliver will be advocating for the area's newest State Historic site, the Susan B. Anthony House in Greenwich.

In addition to Oliver's extensive knowledge of state parks and historic sites through his job as a State Parks agency photographer, he also has used his knowledge and research to serve as a re-enactor for several historic individuals. A partial list of historic figures he has "brought back to life" are Prince, General Phillip Schuyler's body servant; Jack, a worker on the Mabee farm; and Solomon Northrup, a free African American who lived in our area and was captured, brought to the south and enslaved, and finally escaped and returned to our area.

In 2015, Oliver received the Battenkill Conservancy's Community Service Award. As an employee for State Parks and Historic Sites, photographer, and re-enactor, Oliver has shared



his passion for history and enriched many lives in the process. Washington County, and indeed, the State, are fortunate to have Cliff Oliver continue to advocate for the parks and historic sites that enrich our lives and inform us about our past.

-iames nolan

# **Greenwich library director to retire**

Annie Miller, the director of the Greenwich Free Library for seven years, has announced her retirement effective the end of summer.

Jim Nolan, chair of the GFL Board of Trustees, stated: "In addition to serving as Director of the GFL, Annie has been an integral part of the Greenwich community for many years. She served as president of the Greenwich Central School District Board of Education and a member of the

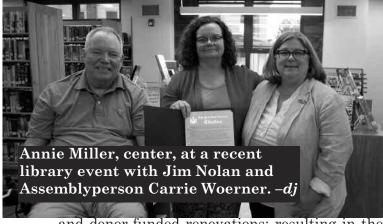
Town of Greenwich Planning Board. The Board of Trustees wishes Annie well in her future endeavors."

During her tenure, the library instituted a five-day-a week early literacy program, outreach to both Comfort Food locations, afterschool and other programs with the Greenwich Central School and the Youth Center and collaborated with many other

local, state and national organizations to bring art, literature, information and entertainment to the community. During the recent COVID crisis, she expanded

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

Miller oversaw more than \$1 million in grant



and donor-funded renovations; resulting in the transformation of the main floor and the lower floor, the creation of new meeting rooms, a new local history room and the updating of utilities and other infrastructure.

She has been an active member of both the NY Library Association's Rural Libraries Roundtable and the Association of Rural and Small Libraries.

The Greenwich Free Library Board of Trustees will conduct a search for a new director.

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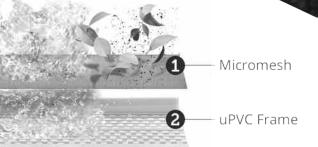
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### **Chamber music in Hebron**

Enjoy chamber music on Sunday, July 18, at 3 p.m. at Hebron United Presbyterian Church on 3153 County Route 30, West Hebron. Hear Beethoven, Schubert, and Brahms – music for violin and piano will be performed by Kaori Washiyama and Daniel Shulman (pictured), with special guest, Lily Gallagher.

Kaori Washiyama is a prize-winning violinist with performance credits in California, New York, Italy and, of course, her native Japan, where she founded and directed her own chamber music series. She is a faculty member at Bennington College.

Daniel Shulman has appeared as pianist and conductor throughout the United States, in Europe and Japan, where he has presented master classes and performed extensively for over thirty years. He has founded and directed a number of distinguished musical organizations and currently serves as director of Chamber Music at the Historic Salem Courthouse.



Lily Gallagher is a graduate of Salem Central School, a college student, and Mr. Shulman's student

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### **Through the Decades**

## A harrowing jail break in Salem

#### Darren Johnson

Journal & Press

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

#### 160 years ago July 18, 1861

(A Civil War Report from Cincinnati dated July 15 stated) a train arrived at Grafton at 10 o'clock this morning, bringing the body of Gen. Garnett, late commander of the rebel forces at Laurel Hill. He was killed while attempting to rally his retreating forces at Carracksford, near St. George. The rebels were completely routed by the column of Gen. Morris. All their camp equipage was captured. Fifty were killed and many prisoners taken. The loss on our side is four of the 14th Ohio Regiment killed and a few wounded. The rebels scattered in every direction. No rebel forces are now within Gen. McClelland's district.

#### 140 years ago July 28, 1881

BF Bancroft, one of (Salem's) most enterprising and go-ahead citizens, has had his resident repainted. Some of our citizens allow their buildings to go year after year without expending a dollar for repairs, and never think of painting. Mr. B. is not one of these kind.

#### 121 years ago July 18, 1900

An attempt will shortly be made to establish a connection between the Greenwich and Schuylerville and the Glens Falls, Sandy Hill and Fort Edward Street railroad by the use of a small steamboat that ran the last three years between Stillwater and Schuylerville before the new electric railroad was built. It is believed that four round trips of this boat can be made daily between Fort Edward and Schuylerville with liberal patronage. This, of course, will be a temporary arrangement intended only to meet the emergency that exists between the construction of the Greenwich and Schuylerville road to Fort Edward, which will be undertaken as soon as possible.

#### 120 years ago July 17, 1900

A Feud at Bald Mountain - On complaint of Emory Williams, Constable Leroy Green Saturday arrested Stephen M. Wilbur of Bald Mountain on a charge of assault with intent to kill. He was brought before Justice Mandell in this village and waived examination, and was committed to Salem to await the action of the grand jury. Bail was set at \$2000, which was furnished and Wilbur was released. The charge on which Wilbur was held alleges that on Friday morning ... Wilbur leveled a revolver at Williams and fired four or five shots, none of which took effect. Both men are farmers and live on adjoining farms between Bald Mountain and Fort Miller. The disagreement is longstanding, and they have been engaged in former legal difficulties.

#### 100 years ago July 20, 1921

Two Make Escape From Salem Jail – Excitement prevailed in Salem last evening when the ringing of the courthouse bell, followed by the blowing of the village fire whistle announced the news that two prisoners had escaped from the Washington county jail. The whole town turned out and within a couple of hours one of the men was captured and returned to the jail. The other one at last reports was still at large. The men were Charles A. Pear and Fred A. Haves, who were arrested at Pilot Knob, Lake George, on June 5, charged with burglarizing a summer cottage owned by Lloyd Green, secretary of the Boston Insurance Company, and George H. Daley, sports editor of The New York World. At that time, the men gave their residence as San Antonio, Texas. ... Since they have been at Salem, the men in some way had come into possession of a large dagger, which, however, was discovered and taken away from them some weeks ago. ... They locked Under Sheriff Arnold into the corridor and escaped via a dumb-waiter. They had secured a broken mop handle and a piece of iron. ... Mr. Arnold shouted to his wife, who was outside the jail, and called to get her assistance. Thinking he was being attacked, she went with a key to the main jail door and unlocked it (freeing the prisoners), who brushed past her and went up the Rupert road and disappeared.

#### 80 years ago July 16, 1941

Today's Ten Make 129 Boys Called for Army Service – Those who reported to Governor's Island include ... Julian Orion of Salem as leader and George F. Ellis of Greenwich as assistant leader. Also: Lawrence Beaumont, John Ashton, Cambridge; Bernard Dugan and William Gleason, Argyle; Henry Rose and William Caprood, Fort Edward; Clements Olson, Greenwich, Beaumont, Dugan and Olson were volunteers.

#### 60 years ago July 26, 1961

Nine new teachers will join the Greenwich central school faculty in September, but three of them are not newcomers to the Greenwich school system, but are returning. The three are Polly McGuire of Jackson, Doretta Wever of Greenwich and Mabel Hay of Argyle. ... The others are: Mrs. Diane McMorris of Cossayuna will teach art, Mary Fox of Lansingburg will teach eighth grade English, Lucy Merrill will teach math (the past seven years she was in the Schuylerville district), Jean Guyette of Fort Henry will teach fourth grade, Lela Clough of Cossavuna will teach third grade, and Ernest Duval will join the commerce department. The entire faculty and school personnel of the district numbers 62.

#### 40 years ago July 23, 1981

Shelli Greeno was crowned New York State Ayrshire Princess Saturday in Waterloo. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Greeno of Salem. Shelli, who was the first alternate Washington county Dairy Princess in 1980, will be promoting the Ayshire breed at different fairs across the state. She is a 1981 graduate of Salem central school.

#### 20 years ago July 26, 2001

The Greenwich Pee Wee Football will sponsor a "Night of Comedy" at the Greenwich Elks Club. Larry, the Cable Guy, will head the show. ... Steve Van Zandt will be the opening act. Happy Days Again DJ will provide music. Tickets will be available from Buzz Spezio or Ken Charron. You must be 18 or older.

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### Village of Greenwich Happenings

## **Seeking NY Main Street Grant**

Pam Fuller Journal & Press

For the past two months the Village of Greenwich has laid the groundwork for submitting a New York State Consolidated Funding Application for a New York Main Street Target Area (NYMS) grant to fund renovations for ten downtown buildings. Now we are ready to submit our application and the associated documentation, and we hope it will be successful. The application will be submitted as part of the 2021 Consolidated Funding Application round, which usually opens each year, but skipped last year in the uncertainty of the pandemic.

We will submit our application before the July 30 deadline, and the awards are announced sometime in the fall, with work com-







mencing in early 2022.

This grant continues the Village focus on revitalizing our downtown. We secured the NYMS and Empire State Development grants for the anchor sites at Wallie's and the historic building across the street, and we are thrilled that Wallie's is now open. We developed a streetscape plan through a grant from Adirondack Glens Falls Transportation Council, which we will put in place once our new water mains are installed, and last year we secured another grant from Adirondack Glens Falls

Transportation Council to update the Zoning Code in our downtown business district. We are in the middle of that work now, partnering with the Chazen Companies to complete the proposed zoning code changes.

The NYMS grant is available to municipalities and nonprofit agencies, and it provides financial resources and technical assistance to communities in order to strengthen the economic viability of the traditional Main Street infrastructure. It is not available for new construction or demolition. Its focus is on the downtown area, and the area must be well defined. According to the NYMS Program Guide, "A holistic approach to Main Street revitalization that involves aesthetics, business creation/retention, and housing will lead to healthy and economically vibrant communities." Thus the focus is on projects that include space for business as well as housing units on the upper floors and applications that include this type of project are favored.

Municipalities or nonprofit agencies are the grant recipients, and they work with individual business owners to ensure that they meet the requirements and the plans that they submitted. The funds themselves are never in the hands of the municipality; they are distributed by the Housing Trust Fund Corporation and the Office of Community Renewal of New York State.

The individual grants range from \$10,000 to \$50,000 per building, with each award matched



by the building owner at 25% of the total cost of the project. The amount of each individual award is based on the size of the projects planned for the buildings.

Our local application is the product of careful planning for the past two months, beginning with soliciting business owners on Main Street who might want to participate. After considering the guidelines, ten business owners decided to join the grant participants. This is a reimbursement grant, so owners must fund their own projects, confirm that they have done the work they promised, and then submit documentation of the spending so they can be reimbursed. Each business owner must contribute at least 25% of the project.

If the Village is successful, and the grant is awarded, the work will add three vacant commercial spaces renovated for businesses and three new housing units available for rental. The renovations and upgrades include roof replacements, installation of new windows, and façade repairs and restoration.

The CFA awards will be announced in the fall of this year.

Pam Fuller is Mayor of the Village of Greenwich. Norabelle Greenberger is a Senior Planner with the Chazen Companies.

## **Tony Jordan to lead state DAs**

Darren Johnson Journal & Press

At their annual Summer Conference the District Attorneys Association of New York (DAASNY) installed a new President and Executive Board. Washington County District Attorney J. Anthony Jordan was sworn in as President of the Association.

"I am honored and humbled to accept the responsibility of serving as President of DAASNY. I know that I am a better prosecutor because of the collective brain trust of this organization. I am grateful for all of the valuable ideas that are shared amongst prosecutors from offices big and small from all over our wonderful and diverse state. The intel-

ligent discussions and exchange of information with my fellow District Attorneys has helped me borrow ideas to create better programs and procedures in my own county. I hope to continue to work with my fellow members to provide for better delivery of fair and equitable justice," said President Jordan.

President Jordan was sworn in after prior President, Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley completed her term. "I have all the confidence that DA Jordan will carry on and continue the legacy of DAASNY and commitment to a fair and efficient criminal justice system," said Past President Doorley. "DA Jordan graciously supported me during my presidency and I appreciate all of his advice and

guidance over the past year. I wish DA Jordan the best of luck and he knows he count on me to assist him in anyway during his presidency."

Also sworn in were DAASNY's Executive Board Members, Erie County District Attorney John Flynn; Richmond County District Attorney Michael McMahon and Rensselaer County District Attorney Mary Pat Donnelly. The summer conference was held in Bolton Landing, NY and was attended by more than 100 District Attorneys and executive staff. DAASNY gave the Hogan Award to New York County District Attorney Cyrus R. Vance, Jr. who is not seeking re-election. The Hogan Award honors a District Attorney who exemplifies the values for which DA Frank Hogan stood for: integrity and an un-



wavering commitment to achieving justice and fairness to all who come before the Court. Hogan was the esteemed District Attorney of New York County for more than 30 years and was elected to nine-four year terms.

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# Chicken wings and tuna fish prove we're a long way from normal

**Greg Schwem**Special to Journal & Press

In case you need further proof that 2021 is every bit as nutty as its predecessor, need I remind you that last week alone we discovered our president likes to whisper when he makes a point.

We saw a once highly respected federal prosecutor have his law license suspended, forbidding him to practice in the city he helped resurrect from an international disaster just twenty years prior.

We heard from a pop star who apparently is not in charge of her own IUD.

Oh, yes, and let's not forget chicken wings and tuna fish. It's these two foodstuffs I wish to concentrate on simply because I have a more personal relationship with both than I do with President Biden, Rudy Giuliani or Britney Spears.

Like most tailgate loving. Super Bowl party obsessed, slightly overweight individuals, I choose to make chicken a health hazard as opposed to a nutritious meal staple. Why broil a meaty, skinless breast and garnish it with steamed broccoli when I can take the least substantial portion of the bird, dunk it in scalding oil, slather it with "Butt Burning" sauce, consume it while making a mess of my shirt, and then repeat the process 19 more times? I've been doing this regularly since discovering chicken wings in 1985 when a friend in West Palm Beach, Florida said, "Want to check out this new place called Hooters?"

The National Chicken Council blames the shortage on a combination of circumstances, notably wings' popularity during quarantine and a freak Texas winter storm that saw millions of chickens — and Senator Ted Cruz's reputation — perish. Things have gotten so dire that

Wingstop, a Texas-based chicken wing chain, has encouraged its customers to order chicken thighs instead. I'm not sure I've ever knowingly done this; I do know I've never offered to bring mild and spicy thighs to a poker party. Pleading with a wing lover to seek alternative body parts is like a waiter in a five-star seafood restaurant saying, "We're out of lobster tail but our chef prepares a mean head. Interested?"

Speaking of food that swims in the ocean, Subway, makers of fast-food sandwiches prepared by sandwich "artists," found itself defending whether the primary ingredient in its tuna fish sandwich is actually tuna. The controversy erupted when a New York Times reporter sent the sandwich to a commercial food testing lab, which concluded "no amplifiable tuna DNA was present in the sample."

At least chicken thighs contain chicken.

Subway, naturally, fended itself, stating DNA testing was not reliable. The lab also admitted that whatever was in the sandwich could have been so overprocessed that making an identification was impossible. Former and current Subway employees joined the fray on social media: "I just want to go on record with this: Decades ago, I worked in my dad's Subway and made the day's tuna salad by opening a large can of what was unquestionably tuna and mixing it with a truly alarming amount of mayonnaise," one of my Twitter followers

The "is it or isn't it" tuna crisis hasn't affected me like the wing shortage, but only because, during the pandemic, I discovered Subway's veggie



subs are quite tasty and the healthiest option on its menu. Consuming one lessens the guilt I'll feel when snarfing mass quantities of chicken wings, providing I choose not to sell them on the black market. That 10-pound bag in my freezer might just pay for my daughter's college education.

So, add wings to the list of hard-tofind quarantine items, alongside toilet paper and hand soap. While state legislatures argue how, or even if, to teach critical race theory in schools, consider adding "Critical Sandwich Theory" to curriculums. Somebody needs to get to the bottom of a tuna's heritage. The Pandemic of 2020 may be over but the weirdness it spawned continues to haunt us, even at mealtimes.

It's enough to make you scream. Or whisper.

Greg Schwem is a corporate stand-up comedian and author of

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Updated 07/09/2021

# Reading and dancing with Easton Library

The Easton Library will be releasing its second family-oriented "Drum, Dance and Sing!" video, created by Guinean master drum-



mer, dancer and choreographer M'Bemba Bangoura on Wednesday, July 21. The "Drum, Dance and Sing!" video will be located at

> Easton Library's website: easton.sals.edu and at the Easton Library Facebook page.

> Anyone without internet services may watch the video in the library's meeting room on July 21 at 2 p.m. Please call the library before coming to reserve a spot!

> M'Bemba started playing the diembe (West African hand drum) when he was just 7 years old and started playing professionally at age 14. Today, almost 60 years later, his dedication to this music has taken him to the far

reaches of our world and introduced him to thousands of other musicians, artists and dancers.

For centuries, the history, beliefs and folklore of West African communities have been kept alive through the tradition of music and oral storytelling. Stories have been passed through the ages by Griots, who are musicians, poets and historians. The music, the movements and even the instruments themselves tell the stories.

Contact director Jennifer DeCarlo at idecarlo@sals.edu or Easton Library at (518) 692-2253 with questions about the Summer Reading Program.

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### **History Happened Here**

# Asa Fitch, Jr., NY's first entomologist

Jim Nolan Journal & Press

Last issue, we told you about the life and contributions of Asa Fitch. Fitch was born in Connecticut, trained to be a doctor, and served as a doctor, judge, and Congressman while living in Salem. This issue, we introduce you to his son, Asa Fitch, Jr.

Born on February 24, 1809, Asa Fitch, Jr. was named for his father. Despite a professional family background, young Asa had an erratic and disconnected early education—due in part to the limited facilities that Salem afforded at the time - and spent some time in search of a suitable career.

In 1826, almost by chance, he came upon an announcement for the Rensselaer School in nearby Trov. headed by Amos Eaton. The school, founded by Eaton and Stephen Van Rensselaer, had an allscience curriculum and was the only one of its kind in the country.

Fitch was drawn to this new venture in scientific education and enrolled in its second class. Indeed, he came just in time to be admitted as a participant in another of Eaton's experiments in scientific education—a traveling school of science, set up on a barge on the newly opened Erie Canal, for the observation of geological formations and the collection of specimens.

Fitch became the youngest member of a group of twenty men of all ages and conditions, including Joseph Henry, who became a world renowned

### **Chicken BBQ**

The Old Saratoga Reformed Church in Schuylerville will host a Chicken BBQ at the American Legion, on Saturday, July 25 from 3-5 p.m. On the menu will be a half chicken cooked by the American Legion members, baked potato, Cole Slaw, roll and dessert. The cost is \$12. There will only be 200 dinners available for purchase, so please reserve yours by calling 518-695-6638. Pick up will be at the American Legion on Clancy Street.

scientist, and a son of Governor DeWitt Clinton. On this tour, which is recorded vividly in Fitch's diary, the young man already displayed an interest in and inclination toward the study of insects, which was to be his major occupation.

After completing the educational program at Rensselaer, Fitch next devoted himself to the study of medicine, first working with his father and then attending lectures at Rutgers Medical College and Vermont Academy of Medicine. Fitch, Jr. finished his medical education with an apprenticeship to a practicing physician. He

> served briefly as an assistant professor of natural history at the Rensselaer School, then traveled to the Illinois frontier.

While in Illinois, Fitch, Jr. sought to establish himself in the joint pursuit of medicine and science. After a year and a half, he returned to the family home in Salem, where he remained for the

rest of his life.

Despite Fitch Jr.'s extensive medical education, his interest in medicine was secondary to his zeal for natural history acquired under Eaton's inspi-

ration. He retired to the family farm, giving up medicine for agriculture. With it, however, he combined the tion and study of

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insects, especially in respect to their injurious or beneficial effects upon crops.

Fitch, Jr., who became known as the "Bug Catcher of Salem," began publishing reports about insects in 1845. Between 1854 and 1870 he received modest financial grants from New York State for his work and was named the first entomologist in the service of New York State.

His numerous reports, published regularly in the Transactions of the New York State Agricultural Society, were widely circulated and acknowledged for their combination of sound scientific knowledge of insect life cycles with the conditions and problems of agriculture. From his obscure



rural home and small laboratory in Salem, Fitch carried on a wide correspondence.

His achievements, stemming from Eaton's zeal for applied science, laid the foundation of economic entomology as an American science. Entomology subsequently acquired a more professional character; but Fitch, Jr.'s role in it was perhaps the epitome of early American science, practical and dedicated to improving people's lives.

Fitch, Jr. kept a lifelong diary, begun at the age of twelve. This diary not only contains information about his family history. This expansive work has served as a source, along with his father's "Notes

for a History of Washington County," for many other historical writings about Washington County including History of Washington Co., NY 1737 to 1878 published in 1878. The original diary and many of his scientific notebooks reside in the Yale University Library.

The Asa Fitch, Jr. Laboratory, or "Bug House," was built about 1825 and enlarged about 1860. It is a small two-story, gable roofed frame rectangular building with a lean-to addition. The "Bug House" and family home in Salem are on the National Register of Historical Places." Asa

Fitch, Jr. died on April 8, 1879. He is buried in the family plot in Salem's Evergreen Cemetery.

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



# Sip & Paint at Slate

The Slate Valley Museum is welcoming back The Traveling Paints for the second installment of its 2021 evening art series, Sip & Paint on Slate, Colors of the Seasons.

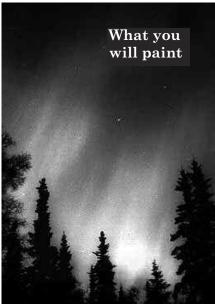
During the summer Sip & Paint event, participants will create a vibrant night scene on deep purple slate quarried from the Slate Valley. Attendees will be led by an instructor from The Traveling Paints in making their own painting, all while enjoying drinks and the company of other aspiring artists.

The event will be held on Friday, July 23 from 7-9pm at the Museum. Pre-registration is required. Tickets are \$40 per person and include all art materials, a beverage ticket, and snacks. Drinks will include wine and a selection of non-alcoholic options. Anyone plan-

ning to consume alcoholic beverages should come prepared to show valid ID.

Space is limited. Those interested in registering can visit the Museum's website at www.SlateValleyMuseum.org, locate the event on the calendar, and download a registration form. You can also call the Museum at 518-642-1417 or email Wendy at associate@slatevalleymuseum.org.

This event is the second in a series of workshops focused on emphasizing Slate Valley slate's natural colors to create seasonal landscape scenes. Later this year, the Museum will host two more events, one a fall scene in late September on red slate, and then a winter scene in late November on gray slate. Registration is currently open for all sessions.



The Slate Valley Museum is located at 17 Water Street in Granville, NY. More information is available on its website, www.SlateValleyMuseum.org. The Museum also has pages on Facebook and Twitter.

# **Local history cruises**

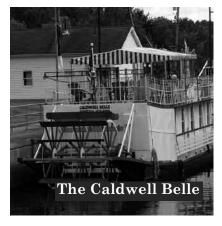
Hudson Crossing Park and Mohawk Maiden Cruises announced that they will offer free local history cruises this summer on an authentic chain-driven sternwheel paddleboat. The weekend cruises —which will take place on July 24 and August 28 beginning at 2 p.m. — are sponsored by The Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor and the NYS Canal Corporation.

The cruises will feature history presentations from Hudson Crossing Park historians as the Caldwell Belle paddleboat meanders through the picturesque Champlain Canal. Each cruise is limited to 20 participants and masks are required.

Reservations can be made at mohawkmaidencruises.com/ca

lendar.html. The boat launches from Lock C5 in Schuylerville, adjacent to Hudson Crossing Park.

For more information on the cruises, call 518-350-7275 or go to HudsonCrossingPark.org. The website also includes information on additional feebased history cruises, which help with the park's ongoing fundraising efforts.



### Women's circle

A monthly women's circle will begin on Friday, July 16 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 143 Main St., Greenwich. The focus will be: "What Fire Burns Within You?" Offered on a sliding scale of \$15-25/woman. This is not affiliated with any specific religion. Facilitated by Teresa King, who has been facilitating circles and workshops for 24 years. Info: teresaking1@live.com or thelargerpicture.com.

# Vermont battle's 250th

Did you know that – six years before the Battle of Bennington – the Green Mountain Boys bravely made history in Bennington and that at the same time the entity that became "Vermont" was born in Bennington? The history that happened in July 1771 will be celebrated in the same location on the 250th anniversary, which is this month!

On the afternoon of Sunday, July 18, 2021, 1-4 p.m., the 250th anniversary of the historic "Breakenridge Stand-off" will be publicly celebrated in and around McWaters Park in North Bennington by local and regional volunteers with history tours, presentations, re-enactors, a grand ceremony, etc. Admission is free to all. A custom T-shirt will be available for purchase.

Years in the making, a decisive confrontation occurred on July 19, 1771 at James Breakenridge's farm in north Bennington. A New York sheriff's posse, including the Mayor of Albany, lawyers, magistrates, and militia clashed with the emerging Green Mountain Boys militia at Henry Bridge which crosses the Walloomsac River, stopping the serving of papers and blocking the New York surveyors. The success of Hampshire Grants settlers in resisting the New York land claims made July 19, 1771 the birth of the Green Mountain Boys, and in a sense, the birth of Vermont!

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#### **REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

The Washington County Local Development Corporation is seeking proposals for separate Audit and Accounting Services for a five-year period beginning with the fiscal year ending December 31, 2021. Requests for Proposals for Audit and/or Accounting Services are also available upon request from Deanna Derway, Executive Director, Washington County LDC, 383 Broadway, Fort Edward, NY 12828 -(518) 746-2295 - dderway2@washingtoncountyny.gov. The RFP's can also be downloaded from the WCLDC website at the following address: https://www.wcldc.org/949/ Online-Forms

Proposals must be received on or before 4:00 PM on Friday, September 3, 2021. The WCLDC strongly encourages Minority and Women Business Enterprises (MBE/WBE) and section 3-eligible businesses to submit their qualifications.

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### Local teacher's Rusticator to play at HCP

Natalie Jew Journal & Press

A band with local roots, Rusticator, will take the stage at Hudson Crossing Park as a part of their 2021 Summer Music Series on Thursday, July 22 at 6 p.m.

Expect to be charmed by thoughtprovoking and toe-tapping originals; plus covers from your favorites – including the Beatles and Grateful Dead. Attendees are invited to bring picnics, blankets, and chairs. Hudson Crossing Park is a carry in/carry out facility and this is a smoke-free event. Well-behaved leashed pets are welcome.

You may reserve a front row spot for a group of four people for \$30 or a general admission ticket for \$5 per person. Visit www.HudsonCrossing-Park.org for more information and ticket purchasing options. There will also be tickets available for sale at the entrance of the concert.

The band is led by Tony Califano, who is also a K-6 music teacher for Greenwich Central School.

Their pandemic-released album "Between Lines," made up of four instruments, is a collection of Americana stories about everyday life. "Everything I Love" follows the honky-tonk of life, "Summer's Child" sings of hoping for a child and "Home" is about a walk in the Adirondacks.

It was the natural scenery of the trail that left acoustic guitarist and bandleader Califano in wonder. On a trail by the Miami River, before it became the opening song to the album, he had one line in his head.

"I was hiking Pillsbury Mountain, which is over by Indian Lake in the Adirondacks, and I had gotten this line into my head: We stop to listen to the sound of the Miami River, gurgling through the trees," said Califano. "I had written a few lines of the song when I was hiking, and when I

came home they kind of sat there for a long time."

After that lyric, came the music, and then the rest of the

In their first album, Rusticator only used acoustic (versus electric) instruments, and in their second, they parodied the instrumental sound of a live concert. But for this album, nothing was off limits.

"I had put myself into a box," Califano said. "This new album is just every sound that I could want to use. I didn't really limit my palette at all."

Each song in the album is its own story, according to drummer Derek Dobson.

"This album is about people, it's about the American landscape, it's the sound of a different time of the Adirondacks – more rural areas and simple people. It's the American spirit," Dobson said. "[There are very interesting meta-inside stories. You don't need to know that to be a listener, but being behind the scenes I

# or \$30 for a group to sit up front.'

get joy out of knowing that it's about something."

The song Dobson loves the most is the one Califano wrote hiking (the one which inspired the album cover of a topographical map).

"The notes that are played are chosen very carefully. The fiddle solo Joe [Gumpper] plays is very soft and tender – he doesn't overplay it and it fits the song" Dobson said. "Everything moves in and out [and] things, don't get in each other's way."

The music is about going to an-



other place, according to bass player and vocalist Jordan White.

"Songwriting is about creating a place that listeners can come to with me – whether it's a honky-tonk bar, a long ride in a car while you're missing someone or a steamy bedroom," White said. "It seems to be one of the great powers of music to create something where before there was nothing."

What White loves about the 'Tickets are \$5 each album is it's a collaboration between friends. To him, the album is another chapter of the band's history.

> "This album is a sort of sign-post, or maybe a trail marker. This album marks a particular point in history for the band. It's about being a human here on this crazy and wonderful planet Earth," White said. "We were brought together by a mutual love of music, so I guess the inspiration would be music itself."

> In the album, there are musical hidden gems according to Dobson.

> "Anybody who's reading this or anybody who is interested in finding those sonic little mysteries after a couple of playthroughs, [the final mixl that's one good place to look," Dobson said.

While every member of Rusticator has another job, they make time for the music because it's what they love to do.

"We don't want to be famous rock stars or anything, but we want people to hear us. That's something we agree on," Dobson said. "We like to play and write our music and we want other people to hear it and at least give it a chance."

While this pandemic had closed most venues. Rusticator still played their music virtually. But White looks forward to playing live.

"We just love to make music together and share that with as many people as we can," White said. "I'm grateful that the venues that support live, local music are able to reopen and bring people the great community-building, healing power of music. And I'm hopeful that folks will continue to support local music. especially now that we've all had to go without things like this for so long now."

Their music is on all streaming platforms (including Amazon Music, Apple Music, Pandora and Spotify) and on www.rusticatormusic.com. "Between Lines" launched on their website last year.

### **New at the Bancroft Library**

The Bancroft Public Library has some new and exciting things going on this summer! We have two summer reading programs for kids and adults to enjoy! The first program gives you a chance to learn about planets and the solar system! You can find the sun in the window of Bancroft Public Library, right in the center of the town. From there, go explore the rest of the solar system, using the maps you can pick up inside the library. Our community solar system will show you not just how far away from one another the planets are, but also how big or small the planets are compared to each other and the sun. The models of each planet and the space between the planets are made to scale. Each stop on the map has the name of the planet, a 3-D printed model of the planet and some facts about the

planet. Many thanks to the technology department at Salem Central School for help with the 3-D planets. After you complete your journey, you can return to the library during open hours and claim a pack of solar system goodies and a new book (while supplies last). Thank you to the Stewart's Holiday Match Grant for funding this program.

Our summer reading challenge is "Read Your Way Across the U.S.A." Pick up a flier at the Bancroft Library with details about the program. Chart a course across the country and read your way through it in whatever way you choose. Color in each state you visit! You can read a novel that takes place in each state, read a biography about someone from each state, or for books without a clear location, color in a state of

your choosing! At the end of summer, return your map for an entry into our drawing for a Northshire Bookstore gift card!

We are very excited about our newest addition to the library which is our Game Lending Library! If you love to play games, be sure to come visit us this summer. We have so many games to choose from----kids games to adult! Using

your library card, you can check out and borrow the games for a week. You may recognize some of the games such as Uno, Risk, Taboo, or Yahtzee, but there are many games

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you may have never heard of like Concept, Azul, Villainous, plus many more! Come see us and check out all of our new games! The Game Lending Library was funded through the SALS Challenge Grant.

### **New Honors inductees**

Salem Washington Academy's National Honor Society welcomed ten new members on Thursday, June 17, 2021. Though the new members were full members as of November 2020, the chapter wanted to officially recognize them in a formal ceremony.

They are:

Front row (L-R): Silvia Escobar, Pascia Offield, Auriella Mancine; middle row (L-R) Autumn Fleming, Logan Morris, Emily Curtis; and back row (l-r) Quinn Donaldson, Brendan Lee and Aiden Gillis.

Carol McPhee and Vicki R. Perkins is the chapter's co-advisors.



### **Bottskill Baptist**

Bottskill Baptist Church of 26 Church Street, Greenwich, invites you to worship this summer. Each Sunday at 9:15 a.m., Pastor Sandra Spaulding has a new message based on bible stories learned during Vacation Bible School. This series will run through-out July and August, ending on September 5th. Information about the church is available on our webpage www.bottskillbaptist.org or their Facebook page. Upcoming topics include David and Goliath on July 18, a guest speak on July 25 and Moses on August 1.



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### **Greater Greenwich Chamber of Commerce Events**

# Lace up your running/walking shoes

The annual Whipple City 5K & 10K has been announced by the Greater Greenwich Chamber of Commerce for Saturday, August 14, 2021. The races are family-oriented events that take you

through the beautiful village and farmland of Greenwich. New York.

The races will begin promptly at 8:00am in front of Greenwich Central Middle School on Gray Avenue. Packet pick-up and same-day registration available starting at 6:45am. The 5K is a gentle upslope out and a quick downslope back, starting and

ending in front of the school. The 10K follows the 5K course and then continues through the beautiful countryside over rolling hills. Following the 5K, at approximately 9:00am, children under the age of 12 will participate in the Kids 1K Fun Run.

Interested participants should visit greenwichchamber.org/whipplecity5k to register online or download a form to mail-in or drop off. Paper registration forms can also be picked up at the

> Greater Greenwich Chamber of Commerce office at 6 Academy

> 5K registrations received prior to Thursday, July 31 are \$25 per individual; registrations after July 31 are \$30. Same day registration on August 14 is \$35. 10K registrations received prior to Thursday, July 31 are \$35 per individual; registrations after July 31 are \$40. Same

day registration on August 14 is \$45. Kids 1K Fun Run registration is \$5 per child.

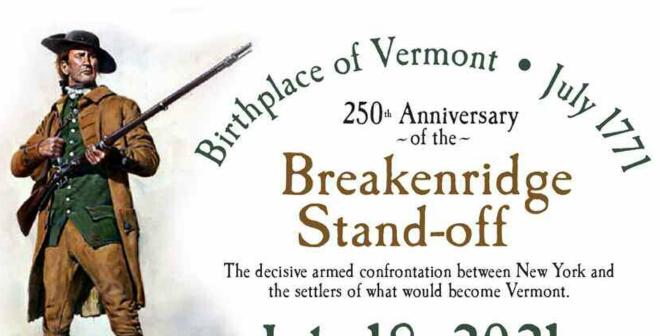
Water and light refreshments will be provided after the races. Adults registered by July 31 will receive a Whipple City 5K & 10K event t-shirt. First place overall male and female runners of the 5K and 10K will receive a decoy trophy from Dux' Dexes Decoy Co. Ribbons will be given for top three male and female finishers in their age group. All participants in the Kids 1K Fun Run will receive ribbons.



Scan to register.

A portion of the race proceeds go to support the Greater Greenwich Chamber of Commerce Scholarship awarded to a Greenwich Central School graduating senior pursuing a business program at a New York State school of higher education.

More information and updates can be found online at greenwichchamber.org/whipplecity5k.



### Mark ye Calendar!

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# A mid-year economic assessment

#### Jill Schlesinger

Special to Journal & Press

As mid-year approaches, it's the perfect opportunity to catch our collective breaths and take stock of where the economy is--and could be heading. Welcome to Intermission 2021.

US Economy: The economy expanded at a 6.4% annualized pace in the first quarter, and for all of 2021, US growth is expected to increase by more than 7%, according to Grant Thornton Chief Economist Diane Swonk. If so, it would be the strongest yearlong pace since 1984, when it was 7.2%. If the numbers are just slightly better than that, it would be the strongest pace in 70 years, when the post WWII boom occurred. The welcome pickup in growth comes after the worst contraction since the Great Depression.

Employment: The economy should continue to add jobs throughout the year, but with a labor

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market in flux, it's hard to predict with any certainty how many of the more than 7 million jobs that have been casualties of the pandemic recession, will be fully recovered - and when that full recovery might occur. Estimates are all over the pace, but most economists agree that the labor market should look more "normal" sometime in 2022.

Inflation: When I asked Swonk about the spike in prices, she responded, "We are in the Great Unknown." While it was expected that inflation would surge in the short term, what is not clear is just how much of the increase will burn off. "High prices are the ultimate corrector to high prices," says Swonk, which means that when stuff costs too much, consumers and businesses pull back. That process is unfolding in the goods sector of the economy but will take some time to work through the service side. Swonk believes that prices should moderate by the end of

Federal Reserve: Although the economy is "strong," and "solid", the Fed is focused on employment gains, which have retreated from the blistering pace that was anticipated, and inflation, which is likely to run hotter than previously predicted. The situation puts officials in a tricky position: they are tasked with the dual mandate of full employment and price stability, but sometimes those two goals are in conflict.

Right now, central bankers are counting on price increases being "transitory", or temporary, which allows them to focus on fostering an economy that will put more people back to work. But how long will the Fed allow inflation to remain above its desired threshold of 2%, before acting to curb it? In the past, they have erred on the side of raising interest rates sooner, rather than later, which could potentially snuff out the recovery. Consensus is that the Fed will not raise rates until well into 2022.

Housing: The hot housing market may be cooling, as would-be buyers are sick of the endless search process, which often culminates in getting out-bid. Both existing and new home sales are slowing down, mostly because there are still so few homes for sale. Unfortunately, low inventory levels have pushed up prices. However, those higher prices, combined with a tick up in mortgage rates, has made home purchases less affordable. Those conditions argue for a slow-down in house price gains over the second half of the year.

Markets: After the first six months of the year, which featured volatility in meme stocks, Bitcoin, and NFTs, the more traditional parts of the stock and bond markets seem to have settled into more boring, range-bound action. When fears of inflation escalate, the sellers take over; and when those fears recede, the buyers jump in. Until there is a clearer direction, there is likely to be more of the same.

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 \$10 Amazon gift card.

#### **Upcoming blood donation events:**

Saratoga Springs

**7/22/2021:** 12:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., VFW Post 420, VFW Post 420, 190 Excelsior Ave.

**7/26/2021:** 12 p.m. - 6 p.m., Saratoga Casino Hotel, 342 Jefferson Street

Salem

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

Greenwich

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

### From the Publisher's Desk

# The humble art of the staycation

#### Darren Johnson Journal & Press

Normally by this time of year my family and I would have taken one, maybe two full-bodied vacations. You know, the kind of trip where you queue to get on a plane, argue with Expedia while sun burning, and buy tacky keychains that will pile up in your junk drawer for the next 75 years.

But, then, the pandemic happened, and, well, let's say owning a print paper in the midst of one isn't the best financial move, and I realized – hey, we have tacky keychains not far from here!

Besides, my daughter graduated

college, we got her a car via the kind and honest folks at Battenkill Motors, and she promptly decided to do a whirlwind

driving trip all over the country with it – Battenkill owner Jon Cullinan told me at the soft opening of Wallie's the other day that Kaylee got the car just before the big Used Car Shortage of 2021, so, phew!

Now it's just my wife and me, and any trip we tried to plan got thwarted by rain storms, so we decided just to staycation. I mean, we do live in an area that attracts icecream eaters from Brooklyn (and paddle-boarders from the Bronx who don't know how to swim). If it's good enough for them...

Of course, seeing the Amish, who have a bakery stand on North Road in Greenwich (open mornings to about 7 p.m. daily except Sundays) always feels like a step back in time. The kids are so cute, as well. The prices are good. Seven bucks for a pie, three bucks for some donuts, four bucks for bread. The quality is good, too.

And Sunday? Why not head to the King Bakery Donut Cart on Main Street in Cambridge? Holy cow – I can't believe the Greenwich Dunkins gets lines that back up

onto the highway; King's is so much better. Do yourself the favor, Greenwichians, and drive the extra 15 minutes to

Cambridge. It's open 8 a.m. to noon.

I'm a sucker for Lake George. It's only about 20 minutes away. The dog can swim at a beach there. And the arcades. We really need to bring one of those arcades to Southern Washington County. Here's where you can buy I ♥ to Fart T-shirts, and those tacky keychains. I recently found one with my name on it − a rare find. I ate at the last



-christopher smith illustration

Howard Johnson's restaurant in America. It looked dark mustard, the same as it did when my parents took me there a century ago, but was a bit overpriced and the food not very good. Ah, the cost of nostalgia ... is the same price as an I ♥ to Fart T-shirt, which makes sense to get after going to the HoJo's.

The fireworks sponsored by Fort Miller Group at the Fairgrounds on July 4 were really spectacular. About a half-an-hour long, the show was as good as any you'd see on vacation.

And then, also 20 minutes away, there's the madhouse that is Saratoga Springs, where New York City driving rules apply and where, in a line to get bagels at Uncommon Grounds, I get to hear advantaged kids a third my age debate about massage tipping etiquette in Dubai vs. Tokyo vs. some other exotic place

I'll never get to visit. My parents' idea of a trip was Gaslight Village, for crying out loud. Cheap car trips are in my DNA.

(Apparently, as I had overhead, it's insulting to tip for a massage in some countries vs. others. To these young visitors, with my bag of halfoff, day-old bagels and a Mexican Coca-Cola, I was Larry the Cable Guy, except without the celebrity and charm – which begs the question presented on Page 7 of this paper – how did the Greenwich pee wee football team get Larry the Cable Guy to do a comedy show here 20 years ago? I'll go ask about that on Facebook.)

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### There's a social revolution at work

#### Daneen Skube

Special to Journal & Press

**Q:** My employer is mandating the vaccine. My coworkers are revolting against going back to the office as well as bringing up social change issues and mental health stressors. I'm just trying to keep my head on straight. How can I be productive while our society appears to be in the middle of a social revolution?

**A:** You can be effective in the middle of a social revolution if you trust that polarized conflict is how humans grow and find the eye of this hurricane so you can be a source of both calm and problem-solv-

As a mental health counselor and someone that has done decades of therapy, I've learned that chaos always proceeds progress. If you have been around children, you know that when they return to a younger level of functioning, this apparent deterioration precedes a burst of development.

Just like children, our society and we, as individuals, often regress to progress. From the outside, this progress looks like things are falling apart, but we have to fall apart to fall together better.

When my clients tell me they feel like they are falling apart, I point out that this is how we grow up. The cliche, "It is always darkest before the dawn," is an observation of how darkness proceeds the dawn of new consciousness. If we insist rigidly

on never falling apart, we also never mature.

During this time, avoid drama and power struggles. When people are scared of change, they often look for someone to battle.

The tools that will help you avoid conflict are:

1) Everyone is right. Whatever bold declarative statements your co-workers make, say, "You may be right."

2) Reserve your personal opinions for family and friends, not the workplace.

3) If office drama is unfolding, paraphrase or repeat back what you're hearing. Your ability to reflect both sides will help your co-workers listen and collaborate.

Be aware that during social revolution, your social environment will resemble a gasoline lake. One spark from you and the whole lake can become an inferno. We are struggling to address important issues. How we treat each other, how we treat our environment and how we create reasonable standards of living without discouraging a work ethic. None of us have easy answers for these thorny challenges.

Revolutions are tough transitions because necessary change butts up against historical and institutional habit. I remember when I was young, we called firefighters firemen. Now it seems normal to say firefighters, but at the time, it never occurred to us that firefighters could be women.

Our reluctance to change is like getting out of bed. We hit the snooze button, roll over, hug our pillow and eventually get up. Most of us end up dressed and going about our day. Social revolution follows this same speed. Glacially slow for the impatient and way too fast for those that want to stay

As messy as your workplace may look to you, in this moment, we are growing up. In our workplaces, we have the opportunity to provide an eye of calm in this hurricane of necessary social change for both ourselves and for others. Be a force for collaboration and finding solutions in your workplace, and both you and your team will thrive!

#### The last word(s)

**Q:** There are times in meetings when the group falls silent. I often feel as the manager I should chime in even though I don't have any new ideas. Should I fill the silence since I'm the leader?

A: No. even as the leader you should not break the silence if you cannot improve upon it.

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saquah, WA 98027. Sorry, no personal replies.

### **Greenwich student-scholars announced**

The Greenwich Junior-Senior High School Sophia Traver, Roxy Vanderhoff and Teagan announced its NYSPHSAAA Scholar Athlete Team designations.

Spring Sports: Girl's Outdoor Track and Field, Boy's Outdoor Track and Field, Softball, Baseball and Girls Lacrosse.

In addition to the team recognition, the following student athletes earned individual designation as a New York State Scholar Athlete (had a GPA of 90% or better for the first marking period).

Outdoor Track/Field Girls: Cate Abate, Kiersten Alling, Danielle Boyea, Keegan Collins, Tayler Cristaldi, Molly Ford, Lauren Marci, Ellery Mays, Grace McFarren, Esther Moore, Nina Sgambelluri, Isabelle Solan, Wright.

Outdoor Track/Field Boys: Matthew Bink, Charlie Gartner, Ryan Hawrysz, Kyle Karp, Dillon Niles, Connor Smith and Jacob Ziehm.

Boys Lacrosse: Gavin Blair, Hunter Dixson, Colin Hughes, Declan Kelleher, Kadyn Mac-Neil, and Noah Davis.

Girls Lacrosse: Lilly Peck, Ava Hamilton, MacKenzie Dixson, Kaitlyn Lavoo, Caitlyn McClay, Mary Estramonte, Molly Abate, Mia Manera, Maeve Kelleher, Lauren Chuhta and Tess Merrill.

Baseball: William Hamilton, Kuzmich, Aidan McPhail, Dutch Hamilton and Joseph Skiff.



Softball: Kiley Allen, Reese Autiello, Sophia Boice, Faith Ingber, Keira Kirk, Allison McQueen, Norah Niesz, Jocelyn Spiezio and Grace Autiello.

### RC churches update

The Battenkill Cluster's weekend Mass schedule is: Holy Cross on Sunday at 8:15 a.m., Immaculate Conception, Saturday at 4 p.m. and Sunday at 10 a.m., St. Patrick's, at 11:30 a.m., St. Joseph's on Sunday at 10 AM, and Notre Dame-Visitation, Saturday at 4 p.m. and Sunday at 11:15 a.m. Fr. Ed Kacerguis continues celebrating Mass for YouTube at www.tinyurl.com/SJG-liturgies.

The area Catholic Churches will begin celebrating weekday Mass starting in July. The schedule is: Beginning Mondays, July 12 at Immaculate Conception, Tuesdays, beginning July 5 for Holy Cross, and at St. Patrick's, on Wednesdays. All daily Masses are at 9 a.m.

The Diocese of Albany has changed the suggested donation for Mass intentions to \$15.

Sr. Gussie's new address is: Sr. Augusta Ann Burgess, CSJ, Parkland at Shaker Pointe, 365 Watervliet-Shaker Road, Watervliet, NY 12182.

## **Battle presentation**

The public is invited to a presentation of a draft of The Siege of Saratoga Battlefield Project, a preservation initiative sponsored by Hudson Crossing Park, funded through a grant from the National Park Service's American Battlefield Protection Program (ABPP) on Tuesday, July 20, 2021 at 5:30pm. The meeting will be held in the Saratoga Town Hall building at 12 Spring Street in Schuylerville, in the North Wing Conference Room. Directional signs will be posted.

In July 2021 the Public Archeology Facility, or PAF, a research center at Binghamton University (SUNY), completed the draft report of the Siege of Saratoga Battlefield within the Towns of Saratoga, Northumberland, and Easton. This project compliments an earlier pilot study of the battlefield within the Town of Greenwich conducted in 2017. One of the main objectives of this project is to survey community members and stakeholders to gain a better understanding of their willingness to participate in ongoing preservation and interpretative planning.

Have your voice included as part of the conversation about this incredible historical resource! Strong community participation is an important part of the continuing effort to place more of the Siege of Saratoga Battlefield on the Path to Preservation.

## Rare language intro

Jesse Bruchac will teach an "Introduction to Abenaki Language"

workshop at Dionondehowa Wildlife Sanctuary & School in Shushan on Saturday, July 17 from 1 to 4:30 p.m. The cost is \$30. Scholarships available. Register at 518-854-7764 or dionondehowa@yahoo.com.

## **Greenwich seniors**

The Greenwich Senior Citizens meet at 12 noon the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at Bottskill Baptist Church Community Room, 26 Church Street, Greenwich. Crafts or projects are led at 10 a.m. All

Seniors (50+) welcome. Membership dues: \$10 per year. Events: September day trip to MacHaydn Theatre; November overnight visit to NYC, Rockettes, 9-11 Memorial Museum and more, Call 518-937-1828 for more info.

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## 'In the Heights' is ready for its premiere

Jazz Tangcay

Variety Special to Journal & Press

As very early Oscar prospects start to emerge, a few pundits are placing bets on how many nods Jon M. Chu's "In the Heights" could garner.

Possible contenders include the original song "Home All Summer," written by Lin Manuel Miranda and performed by Marc Anthony. Cinematographer Alice Brooks has been garnering attention for her work on the film, highlighted by the reflection shot during the film's opening number and editor Myron Kerstein could earn recognition for his work, if not from the Academy, then from his peers at the ACE Eddies.

Kerstein recently spoke with Variety, breaking down how the introduction number "In the Heights" was not in fact shot over consecutive days, but rather took the entire shoot to happen.

Having worked with Chu before on "Crazy Rich Asians," the director brought in his trusted editor to be by his side from the beginning.

#### Cutting the "In The Heights"

Kerstein said:

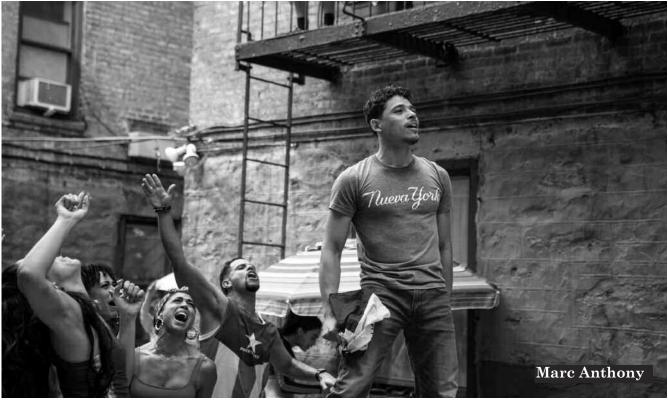
Jon had shown me some storyboards cut together with rehearsal footage. I started crying and he said, 'Remember that feeling.' All of my choices for every musical number, every scene was just trying to capture that feeling.

The opening was about whether we were going to use jump cuts or words on the screen, or stop a scene on a manhole cover, and then spin it back up with a record scratch. We could stop a scene to show Usnavi (Anthony Ramos) and Vanessa (Melissa Barrera) flirt. We wanted to plant our flag to say that this wasn't going to be a regular Broadway show.

With the beach, we were showing that Usnavi was going to narrate this film from there and he could talk to us directly or sing and break that fourth wall.

From Vanessa's boot to a door slam or the coffee maker or aerial footage, all these things we were showing the audience how we were going to tell our story. I tried not to overcut the choreography and definitely did not treat it like a music video.

I was working on that for six months. It was



shot over the course of the shoot. We had to shoot the salon ladies for exteriors and interiors. For example, the inside of the salon was on a set in Brooklyn so that was shot on one day, and due to scheduling, the interior was done another time.

The beach was shot on Long Island to stand in for the Dominican Republic.

It was a long process of figuring out the pieces. The manhole cover was not supposed to turn into a record scratch, but that was invented in the edit.

Another scene, with the iPad showing the map, took a long time because we had to figure out our interface.

The starting and stopping of the music was something Jon wanted to do, it's not in the musical. He wanted to be tricky with the audience and tease them that it wasn't going to be all the way through.

The small detail even with me cutting to the birds on the lamp was something shot by the second unit, that was added in much later. Alice Brooks wanted her second unit to capture all things about Washington Heights, and that little piece came in over the course of the shoot. So, I thought, 'Okay, let's build a montage of the city and we're going to put that in here.'

'The beach was shot on Long Island to stand in for the Dominican Republic.'

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### **Cody's Column**

# Revisiting my quarantine traumas

Cody Fitzgerald Journal & Press

Coming up on my year and a half anniversary of writing here, I want to do something I've always wanted to do but never felt it'd been a long enough time period to do. Today I'm going to bring back some quarantine trauma for all of you, and revisit one of my first articles, "Staying Fit and Social Distancing." Here goes (watch for my commentary in italics)-

With the recent news that we're supposed to be staying in our houses and social distancing, it can be hard to stay on top of your day to day schedule. If you're anything like me, you've exhausted every episode of The Office and you can only name so many twigs in your lawn before it becomes weird. (I can confirm that I watched every single episode of The Office in quarantine and I now know the layout of my entire backyard.)

Unfortunately my relationship with Pop Tarts has progressed to serious levels (honestly, I'd been doing really good, but now that I reread this, I want a pop tart), preventing me from becoming a fitness expert. However, after some extensive research, discussions with trainers (this may have been a baseless lie, I do not remember contacting trainers nor do I know who I'd even reach out to for this) and an intense staring contest with a bottle of Powerade, I have composed a list of things you can do to stay active during the quarantine.

Go For a Walk – My go to not-physically-demanding-yet-very-healthy exercise is going for a walk. Throw in some earbuds, or don't and take in nature as you go. As a professional walker (been walking since age one, my crawling skills have slowly faded unfortunately), I must advise that if you are listening to music you check your surroundings and make sure there is no other life in your radius before you start singing the song. Not that this has happened to me. (I'm glad my humor has evolved beyond bait and switch shock garbage. I'm disappointed in year-ago Cody.)

Go For a Run – On the contrary, you can go for a run. This is a really rewarding and fun activity to partake in, or if you're anything like me, you have a thirty second run, thirty minute walk system. (Still applicable.) Fun fact, I unofficially hold the world record for fastest cramp (13.4 seconds). Long story short, water is your friend. (Genuinely, I hope you all took this advice. Quarantine did one thing and one thing only, and that was reminded me to stay hydrated.)

# 'I unofficially hold the world record for fastest cramp (13.4 seconds).'

Clean the Lawn — This is usually disregarded as a chore but lack of allowance may immediately discredit this as a leisure activity, but there is some fun in it. (No.) Pick up some sticks, bring out the lawn chairs and inevitably rush them all back into the garage when we get our monthly surprise snow storm.

Play an Active Video Game – Admittedly, my video game knowledge ends with Candy Crush, but I have heard of several active video games that you've probably got stuffed away just like me. I haven't touched a video game since elementary school but within thirty minutes I was dancing to *Promiscuous* on my old

Wii and letting go of the remote during the bowling game nearly shattering my television. (Wii Sports and Nelly Furtado got me through quarantine, if I'm being honest.)

Work on Your Breathing – I'll admit, I initially thought breathing exercises wouldn't do much for me but they help a lot. Although I struggled initially with the counting up to ten aspect (again, easy joke. Get better at this, man), you can very easily record your breathing on the in two seconds, out four system that I definitely did not come up with myself.

These are just a few ideas of things to keep you busy during the quarantine. Remember to stay safe, wash your hands and remember your Netflix password.

(Honestly, better than anticipated. I really expected a plethora of "COVID Sucks!" jokes and we avoided those, so I've already got some free points on that. The severe lack of a Pringles joke and Trump comment make this one fall short for me though, C+.)

Cody Fitzgerald is a 2021 Schuylerville High

School grad satirizing anything and everything he can get his hands on. Aspiring to become "one of the cool" High School English teachers, he hopes to share this outlook/coping mechanism with future generations.



### **HCP \$10K grant**

Hudson Crossing Park has been awarded a \$10,000 legislative grant from the New York State Assembly in support of children's environmental educational programming for local school children in grades K-12.

The grant, which was sponsored by Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner of the 113th District, will allow Hudson Crossing Park to

continue to offer free environmental educational programs both in-person and virtually for public and homeschool students in Saratoga and Washington Counties.

Assemblywoman Woerner said, "I am pleased to provide this funding to support programming at the park and I look forward to (Hudson Crossing's) future successes.".

HCP is by Lock 5 in Schuylerville. Visit hudsoncrossingpark.com for more info.

### Win this restored tractor!

Eighteen months ago, the Greenwich FFA chapter received a generous donation of a 1945 Farmall H tractor from the family of Terry Waite. Terry was a Greenwich FFA Alumni, former FFA chapter president, and a man well known for serving the local agriculture industry during his lifelong career at Capital Tractor. Terry was an avid supporter of the Greenwich FFA chapter, and among other things, volunteered to prepare his famous pig roast at the chapter's annual banquet for many years. Over the last 18 months students have worked tirelessly to honor Terry's memory as they have la-

bored to restore the tractor. Terry would be proud to see the agricultural mechanics experience students gained during the project. Restoration of the tractor was completed on June 5th, 2021, Terry's birthday.

The tractor will be raffled off on September 25, 2021. The drawing will take place at the Greenwich Legion Post who will be hosting a chicken barbeque to support the Terry Waite Memorial Scholarship at GCS. Tickets are \$20 and only 500 tickets will be sold, so buy yours



today! Tickets are available at Capital Tractor, Salem Farm Supply, or by emailing ckelly@greenwichcsd.org All proceeds will support FFA activities at Greenwich Central School.

This project could not have been completed without the expert advice and assistance of Salem Farm Supply, Capital Tractor, Doug Germain, John Mattison, Eric Pearson, Bob Wilcox, Bill Briggs, Tyler Larmon, and Jordan Booth.

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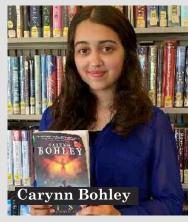


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# Works by local authors at Bancroft

The Bancroft Public Library recently had a chance to chat with two Salem authors, Carynn Bohley and Autumn Fleming. Each of these two, talented young authors recently published a book that you will want to read.



Carynn's new young adult book Darkness Rise is currently available at the library. The book is a fantasy about growing up in the city of Sospes where magic is illegal. Wielders (people with supernatural powers) are ban- but we are sure it won't be her last. ished if discovered. The book is filled with suspense, adventure, and secrets! It's a great read for young adults and adults would enjoy the book as well. Carynn's other writing has included several short stories, a novella, and she also works as a ghost writer. She is currently working on a sequel to Darkness Rise.

Autumn's book, Virago, is a young adult fiction book about a woman named Aelwen. Aelwen wants to see her country, Corova, restored to its former glory, but during her efforts to do that a new enemy rises and threatens not only Corova, but the world itself. The book takes you on her journey and draws you into her world as she attempts to save it. This is Autumn's first publication,

Come visit us at the Bancroft Public Library in Salem to check out Carynn's and Autumn's new books. The books may also be purchased on Amazon.

Visit the library's website or Facebook page to view an interview with these two



amazing young authors!

# Wallie's of Greenwich finally arrives!

Darren Johnson Journal & Press

The long-awaited opening of Wallie's of Greenwich on Main Street after three years of contruction and pandemic-related delays began with community group walk-throughs and a Greater Greenwich Chamber of Commerce mixer on July 8, with the introduction of a pub menu later that night. Word started to spread over social media about the soft opening, and the next night many people from the community filled the bar and dining area, which restored a previous footprint of a building here that was quite popular and also known as Wallie's for seven decades until 2003.

Currently, the restaurant is operating Wednesdays through Sundays 4 to 9 p.m. The renovation was partially funded through \$800,000 from a New York Main Street grant and an Empire State Economic Development grant, applied for by the Village of Greenwich, as well as through private investment.

Ted Bearor, a restaurateur with over 20 years experience owning and operating esteemed restaurants, is co-founder and general manager for Wallie's of Greenwich.

He stated: "The project was akin to a working archeological site. As we removed layers of walls, floors and ceilings added since the 1800's, we found some surprises – some good, some not so good. In the foundation were newspapers from August 1914 reporting on the opening days of World War I, with headlines on kaisers, czars and kings sending soldiers into battle. Some of these papers we were able to frame and display on the walls. Also found were some old menus from the 1960s and other neat items."

He added: "On the not so good side, the sill of the east and street side of the building had rotted,



forcing us to jack up the whole building and re-cap the stone foundation and replace the sill. We found windows in between the pub and dining room, learning they were two separate structures; a house built in the later 1800s, and a former barn/blacksmith shop from around the Civil War era (hand cut logs with bark and moss where the floor joists under the old dining room). Several times we uncovered through demolition a new challenge, and had to re-draw the designs with our architect, and go back at it.

"We spent a year of demolition, asbestos remediation, redrawing the plans, starting again, followed by 18 months of construction, and ready to open

in April 2020, and then waited a year for the pandemic to finally open," he said. "In the new pub/green room, we found brick walls and hand hewn beams.

"Kuzmich Restorations was able to preserve and restore these features into the beautiful Pub and loft area you see today."

The menu so far has several sandwiches, including the Fish-n-Chips Po' Boy, the Reuben Denken-Burger and the Wallie Burger; a few salads; several appetizers, including Pretzel Breaded Chicken Twisters and Deep Fried Cowboy Bites; a couple of soups; and 12 draft beers and other drinks. Prices are typical for the region.

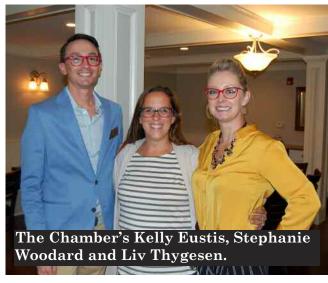
Bearor says that having an anchor restaurant in the village will help revitalize the area. He'd counted over 20 empty store fronts nearby when they started restoring Wallie's, but now sees many of them filled. "New businesses sprout up and take risks with us," he said, adding that even other restaurants and a microbrewery in the village will benefit. "We hope to see Greenwich as a destination, where people don't just say, 'Let's go to Wallie's for dinner,' but 'let's go to Greenwich for dinner."

The Chamber's President, Liv Thygesen said, "The mixer at Wallie's was a wonderful event to provide a unique member's only exclusive sneak peek into an iconic staple in our community. The mystique surrounding the three years of renovations has had the entire community in a stir and to provide this 'before opening glimpse' shows that



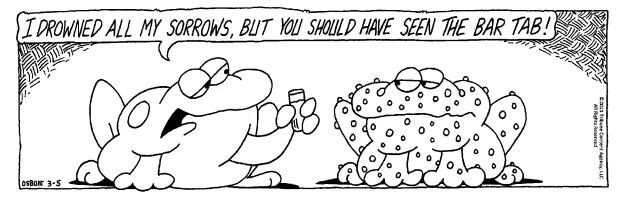
we as the Chamber, are here for all businesses. We look to connect businesses on all fronts – economic, educational and social."

Bearor added that the Wallie's team would like to thank many people: "Local officials have been very supportive; Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner, former NYS Senator Betty Little, Mayors David Doonan and Pam Fuller, Sarah Idleman and Don Ward, Mike Yevoli from NYS ESD, Laura Oswald from Washington County Economic Development, Deanna Derway from the LDC, the local IDA, the amazing Sharon Reynolds our grant administrator, and the skillful craftsmen from (Chris) Kuzmich Restorations who brought our vision to life. The full list of helpers and supporters is very long, but we are appreciative of everyone who lent us a hand and kind word along the way."



### **The Funny Page**

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#### Gasoline Alley by Jim Scancarelli

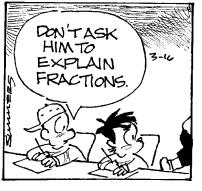


#### **Bound & Gagged** by Dana Summers

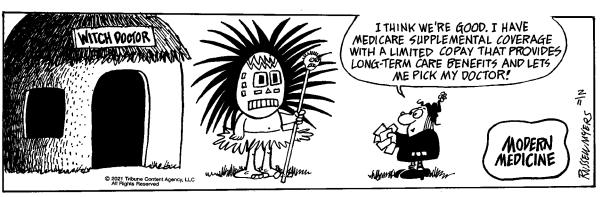


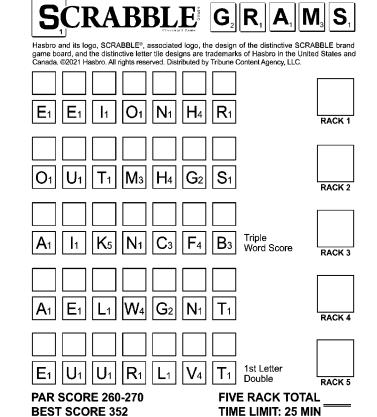
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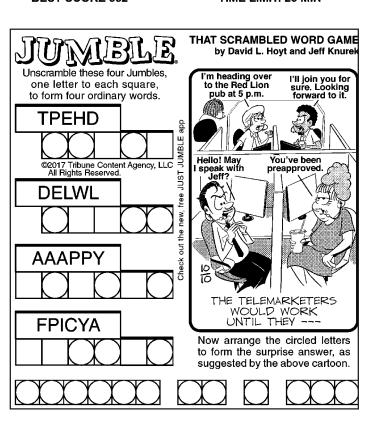




#### **Broom Hilda** by Russell Myers









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### **Washington County Historical Society**

### **Tour the Museums at Penope Farms**

Washington County Historical Society is pleased to be hosting its second program on local history which was originally scheduled for summer 2020. The Museums at Penope Farms at 56 Scotch Hill Road in the Town of Jackson will be open to the public on Sunday afternoon, July 18, 2021 from 12 noon – 4 p.m. Owner, Dick McGuire would like to invite the public to tour his museums on the hill. Bring a picnic lunch and a chair to sit on and enjoy the amazing view of the Route 22 valley below.

The museums have expanded over the years and there are now 12 theme museums. They include: a library and music museum, Post Office, antique tools, large and small (2 museums), household utensils, a collection of art work by the older sister of McGuire's father, Jennie Mae McGuire Bennett (an early 1900s artist), a dairy museum, a chainsaw museum, and a museum of Dick's personal mementos.

Dick enjoys having visitors at his

museums and recently shared the history of how the museums came to be. In the 1970s, his father and three other retired farmers began to collect old farm equipment so that future generations would see tools from when horses were still used to plow the fields of Washington County. These men started the Washington County Farm Museum at the fairgrounds in Easton.

Dick, himself, merged four small farms to create Penope Farms. Stored in the barns were plenty of antique tools and equipment so he decided to start his own museum right on his farm.

It started with 4 rooms in two barns about 1978. Over the years, individuals have given him items, some were purchased at auctions and sales greatly expanding his collection. He added new buildings, the most recent in 2019 which houses his personal mementos.

The main farm containing 3 mu-

seums was built in 1790. Meander leisurely back into yesteryear. The museums feature hundreds of items from 1800 to the early tractors of the

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This event is free and open to the public. Donations are gratefully accepted. The event will be held rain or shine. Please join us!

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### **An Artist's Take**

Political Cartoon of the Week by Joel Pett



### Cambridge Crossword

(solution page 24)

#### **Across**

- 1 Eldest Baldwin brother
- 5 Sales staffers
- 9 Fettuccine, e.g.
- 14 Capital NW of Napoli
- 15 Suffix with stink
- 16 Value system
- 17 \*Football score
- 19 Atlanta campus
- 20 Barge movers 21 "I'd like to help"
- 23 Island near Bora Bora
- 26 Soft French cheese
- 27 Chess pieces and board, e.g.
- 28 Lennon's love
- 29 Palm starch
- 31 Sausage on a grill
- 33 We, to Henri
- 35 Deli counter cry
- 37 Got to one's feet
- 40 Spout, as oil
- 41 Starts to fly, with
- 43 Nashville venue
- 44 Yarn coil
- 46 Like peanut-but-

#### ter pie

- 47 Wall St. events for young compa-
- 48 Monterrey years
- 50 "God" prefix 52 Brian of rock
- 53 MLB dugout boss
- 55 Pouty look
- 57 Screenwriter Nora
- 59 Smooch that misses everything
- 61 Movie-rating org.
- 62 Unarmed, to a cop
- 63 Night driving need, and what can go with the starts of the answers to
- starred clues 68 Proverbial waste maker
- 69 Puzzle guy Rubik
- 70 Pt de gras 71 First name in per-
- fumery 72 Tolled
- 73 Business envelope abbr.

#### Down

- 1 The "A" in MoMA
- 2 Place to go in London?
- 3 Big Aussie bird 4 Desert landscape
- features
- 5 Arcturus, for one 6 Greek Cupid
- 7 "Batman" sound effect
- 8 Underwater detector
- 9 Apple pie prep tools
- 10 Prefix with sphere
- 11 \*Musical song generating extended applause
- 12 Velvet-voiced Mel
- 13 Until now
- 18 Simple shelters
- 22 Women's
- 23 Barbecue pair
- 24 Aime of "8 1/2" 25 \*Confinement
- that might involve an ankle monitor
- 26 \*Right-angled flying toy 30 Mechanical part

- 32 Yours, to Yvonne
- 34 Area below the
- 36 Computer repair person
- 38 Maine college town
- 39 Bagless vacuum pioneer
- 42 Border collie, say
- 45 Candidate
- 49 "Help!"-ful soap pad brand
- 51 October gem
- 53 Papier-
- 54 Biting desert lizards
- 56 Aisle escort
- 58 Israeli seaport
- 60 Evangeline Lilly's "Lost" role
- 61 Public education advocate Horace
- 64 Period often named for a president
- 65 Received
- 66 Two-bagger, for
- 67 Half a score ... or a perfect score

**ANSWERS ON PAGE** 26.

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

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Find these words that are associated with eating.

Bagel Banana Cheesecake

Chips Coffee Cookies Croissant Eggs Hamburger **Hot Soup** Hotdog

Ice Cream Juice Meatloaf Muffin **Omelet Pasta** Pizza Ribs

Rice **Roast Beef** Salad Salmon Sandwich Sausage Shrimp Tuna

Vegan Wrap Waffle **Yogurt** 

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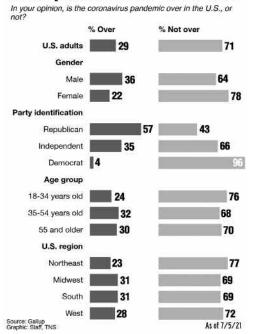
#### 9 to 5 by Harley Schwadron

# LLC All Rights Reserved Dist. CHWADRON 4-2 "Sims, I never like to over-analyze things. Heads I'm right, tails you're fired.

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### **Fast Facts**

#### Is the pandemic over in the U.S?



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## An elegy for the Afghan war

Lance Allen Wang Journal & Press

"Once we leave here, this country will start circling the drain," I would say to friends while I was stationed in Iraq. "Afghanistan?" I would add, "Once we leave there, there'll be no circling. Straight down the drain." I took no satisfaction in saying it then, and I take no satisfaction in watching it play out now.

When I took off the uniform for good in 2009, hanging up the combat boots and riding off into the sunset of retirement, I moved up to the North Country and made new friends and new connections, especially in the veteran community. As the Iraq War wrapped up, one of the questions I wanted to ask my Vietnam veteran friends was, "How did it feel when you saw the TV news showing North Vietnamese tanks crashing through the gate of the Presidential Palace in Saigon?" The images were one of the iconic scenes of the fall of Saigon in April 1975. Most of them told me that by that point, two years after the last American combat troops left South Vietnam, they really didn't pay attention. Life had gone on, they were no longer emotionally invested, if they ever were, in the fate of Vietnam. For many of them, their war consisted of going overseas to survive with their buddies and then come home.

While they didn't give me the answers I wanted or expected, it turns out that their experience at least let me feel a bit more "normal" for the empty feeling I got watching ISIL take possession of Mosul in 2014. I was never invested in the fate of Iraq. I considered a unit deployment to Iraq that brought everyone home a success. By 2007, when I shipped overseas, it was common knowledge that the vast quantities of Weapons of Mass Destruction that we barreled into Iraq looking for weren't there. But we were in, we were committed, and that was that. My Vietnam buddies also went to war predicated on a lie. The Gulf of Tonkin Resolution of 1964 maintained that an increase of forces in Vietnam was justified by an



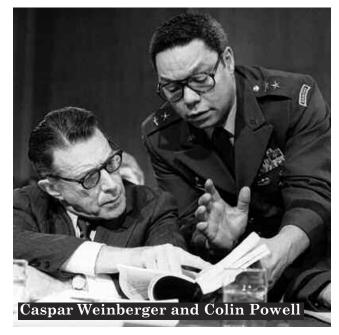
alleged attack by North Vietnamese patrol boats against a US Navy destroyer, the USS Maddox. As for the truth underlying the resolution, President Lyndon Johnson summed it up: "Hell, those d--n, stupid sailors were just shooting at flying fish."

As for Afghanistan, though, that was "the good war." The one with the direct line to 9/11. By December 2001, the Taliban, who had provided safe haven for Osama bin Laden and Al Qaeda, had been sent fleeing into the mountains, surrendering their authority as the illegitimate "legitimate government" of Afghanistan. Right there was one potential off-ramp from Afghanistan. But we staved, although Afghanistan was treated as a poor stepchild in the shadow of the Iraq War. With typical dark soldier humor, we referred to the Iraq War as "the big show" while we were there and called Afghanistan "the side show." Much like Korea back in the day, Afghanistan was a forgotten war. There was a brief resurgence of interest when we killed bin Laden in Pakistan in 2011. Another potential off-ramp. But we stayed. Our troops spent blood waiting for someone to make a decision as to what we were going to do about Afghanistan. Much like a dog that finally catches the car it was chasing, we had it, now what were we going to do with it?

# 'Our troops spent blood waiting for someone to make a decision.'

It was like we never learned the lessons of Vietnam. Three months PRIOR to the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution, President Johnson had a moment of extreme clarity about Vietnam with his National Security Advisor, McGeorge "Mac" Bundy: "It's damned easy to get in a war, but its going to be awfully hard to ever extricate yourself if you get in."

Sometimes, like in the run-up to the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution, and the run-up to Iraq, events take on a momentum of their own we end up at war anyway. Historian Barbara Tuchmann quoted German chancellor Bethmann-Hollweg's response as to how World War I happened—"Ah, if only one knew." We can get caught up in the momentum, but we dare not suggest that we were blind. We had all the information necessary to make smart decisions about Vietnam and didn't. I would suggest that we will be able to look back and say the



same about Iraq and Afghanistan.

The military documents "lessons learned" during and after events. I always scoffed at the idea, because like many things in life, it always seems to be lessons RE-learned. In the shadow of Vietnam, Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger and later Chairman of the Joints Chiefs of Staff General Colin Powell developed guidelines to avoid the type of entanglement which the war became.

Powell Doctrine #2: "Do we have a clear attainable objective?"

Powell Doctrine #5: "Is there a plausible exit strategy to avoid endless entanglement?"

Some of these principles were thrown out the window during the administration of President George W. Bush, and the end results were predictable even 20 years ago.

I'll just say this, on behalf of my comrades who served there, both those who made it home and a few who sadly, did not. Like those who fought all our previous wars, they went where our country told them to go and did what our country asked them to do. They didn't declare war, rather they were among the one out of a hundred in this country who wear the uniform and do our dirty work. They deserve nothing but honor and respect, and may their legacy be that the lessons re-learned be applied, not re-learned again, painfully, in yet another generation.

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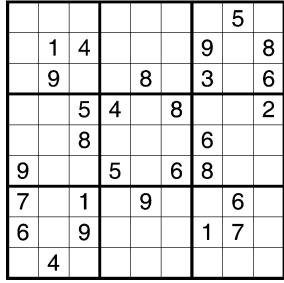
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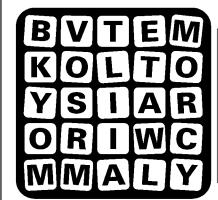
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# Fort Salem Theater announces schedule

Following an extended and sold-out run of "The Marvelous Wonderettes," Fort Salem Theater continues their 2021 summer programming with "Next to Normal" (July 23-August 1), followed by a free reading of "Nietzsche! The Musical" (August 21), written by Salem locals Kimerer LaMothe and Geoffrey Gee. Just announced fall and winter programming includes "Always Patsy Cline" (September 3-12), "The Diary of Anne Frank" (October 8-12), Ted Vigil in "A John Denver Christmas" (November 26), and an end-of-season holiday concert "There's No Business Like Snow Business" (December 10-12). Tickets for all productions are now on sale at www.FortSalem.com.

"Next to Normal" performances are Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30PM, and Sundays at 2:00PM.

All performances are on the Fort Salem Theater mainstage, located at 11 E Broadway, Salem NY 12090. Tickets range from \$22-\$30.

Hailed as "brave and breathtaking" by The New York Times, "Next to Normal" is a contemporary Broadway musical and winner of the Pulitzer Prize for Drama in 2010, becoming only the eighth musical to ever receive the award. Written by Tom Kitt and Brian Yorkey, "Next to Normal" brings to the stage a typical American family as they cope with loss and the unpredictability of a mother's deep struggles with mental health. In addition to the show's Pulitzer Prize, the original New York City production received 11 Tony Award nominations.

The cast is led by guest artist Rebecca Paige as Diana. Paige has appeared across the country in "Jekyll & Hyde" (Lucy – Column Award Nomination), and "Evita" (Eva Peron – Column Award Nomination).

August 21, "Nietzsche!," a brand





new musical, reveals the hidden heart of one of the most influential philosophers in modern times — Friedrich Nietzsche. Few know about the tangled relationships that shaped his work and his legacy. This musical unfolds as a series of flashbacks that occur in the midst of an argument between two women: Lou Salomé, Nietzsche's love interest, and Elisabeth, his anti-Semitic sister. What happens between them will determine the fate of Nietzsche's greatest teaching: a radical love for life on earth.

Running Sept. 3-12, "Always Patsy Cline" is laced with emotion and endless entertainment. The time is 1961, and the place is a Texas Honky Tonk, where Patsy befriends Louise, a long-time fan from Houston. They became lasting pen-pals until a tragic plane crash took Patsy's life at the age of 30. Relive this true, toe-tapping story through Louise's eyes, taking us back in time to catch Patsy's greatest performances with backstage stories as only an insider could share.

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