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## The County Fair returns

**After losing last year to the pandemic, it's back and jam-packed with fun!**

The Washington County Fair is roaring back after not being able to run in 2020 due to the pandemic. All of your favorite exhibits, food vendors, events, music, games, rides and more will be here. We devote several pages to this year's fair. Our "Through the Decades" column looks at past fairs.

**Please read more on pages 7, 9, 16 and 17**



## Greenwich EV stations

The Village of Greenwich unveiled two more charging stations for electric vehicles, bringing the total number of such stations here to four. Residents ask "what for?," considering how few electric vehicles we see around here. But the goal is to bring in more visitors. Plus, more EV cars are being made.

**Please read more on page 2**



## Who has electric cars in Greenwich?

**Pam Fuller**  
*Journal & Press*

A couple of weeks ago, two new electric vehicle charging stations went online in the parking lot of Village Hall. The Village had been working on the EV charging stations for about a year. We applied for and received a grant from NY-SERDA for the hardware, and we applied for and received a grant for the electrical work from National Grid.

Our two EV charging stations are the second set to go live in the Village of Greenwich, following the two that were installed in the YMCA parking lot a few months ago. We are part of the ChargePoint network; electric car drivers look up stations on the ChargePoint App, and then the App gives them driving directions. The App provides information about whether the particular charging station is available. In order to use the station, car owners need an account with ChargePoint, which calculates how many hours they are plugged in. No payment is required at the charging station.

We announced the charging stations on our FaceBook page, and a user asked, “Who has electric cars in Greenwich?” That’s a good question, and when it comes to electric charging stations, another good question might be “What came first, the chicken or the egg?” Will people be inclined to buy electric vehicles if they don’t know where they will be able to get them charged? Most people who own EV vehicles plug in at home with a 120V outlet or a 240V home charging station. But when they go on the road, it’s frightening to consider running out of electricity and having your car coast to a stop. The term for this is range anxiety.

According to a report on the website Plug in America, just as when a motorist runs out of gas, EV vehicle owners who have run out of juice can call Triple A. The company prepared for this scenario by investing in a fleet of recharging trucks that have the ability to recharge the electric vehicles enough to drive to a recharging station within 10 minutes on the charger. They did this in 2011. But the company hasn’t had as much demand for the service as they expected. For one thing, all models of electric vehicles start sending out dashboard warnings well before the vehicles run out of power—both audible and visual. The range of current electric vehicles is much farther than earlier versions of the cars, too.

Back to the original question, “Who has electric cars in Greenwich?”; we honestly don’t have that data. Our goal for the EV charging stations was to attract more people to visit Greenwich, and we thought

that the stations would be a benefit to EV drivers, who consult their phone apps to identify charger locations and plan their trips. Our thought was that they could plug in their vehicles and walk down to Main Street to visit one of our restaurants. Or they could drive their vehicle to Greenwich to visit friends or family and enjoy a convenient place to charge up. In fact, one of the people who work in the Village office has a relative who drives up from Brooklyn in her Tesla. Before the chargers were available in Greenwich, she had to ask someone to drive to Saratoga and pick her up at one of the EV charging stations there, and then do

**‘The goal is to attract more people to visit.’**



**A Greenwich charging station**

the reverse when she wanted to leave. It was much more convenient for all parties when the new stations opened in the Village.

Another comment on our Facebook page concerned the cost of the electricity to run the stations and who will pay for it. By law, the Village cannot give services away, so we charge for the charge. But the amount of electricity used is minimal. A full charge costs the user approximately \$2.40.

The number of electric vehicles in our country is predicted by analysts to rise quickly as automakers have set goals for themselves and the President announced a new target last week. If the plan is successful, by 2030 (9 years from now) half of new vehicles sold will be electric powered. To encourage the increase, construction of a nationwide network of charging stations, financial aid for carmakers and suppliers to make changes in their manufacturing facilities, and financial incentives for individual consumers to purchase electric vehicles will be

available. Although most of the EV technology was pioneered in the U.S, the percentage of EV vehicles here lags behind Europe and China. The difference can be mostly attributed to a combination of regulations and consumer incentives, and also now that large vehicles like trucks are being produced in EV versions, we may see more acceptance in the general public. After the President announced the new target, U.S. car manufacturers as well as the United Automobile Workers union expressed support of the EV future.

Electric vehicle users write in user groups online that we have is a long way to go before the system is problem free. They say that the vehicles don’t get the mileage between charges that manufacturers promise, and they report that the system for finding charging stations is prone to errors, with the locations and availability often incorrect.

*Pam Fuller is Mayor of the Village of Greenwich.*



# Greenwich board discusses pot referendum

**Cara Granata**  
*Journal & Press*

The regular Greenwich Town Board meeting was held in person on August 10 at 7:00 pm, led by Supervisor Don Ward. A topic of conversation over the last few board meetings centered around the state's new cannabis laws and how they will impact the town of Greenwich. Enacted in March, the state's Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act allows local governing bodies to "opt out" of allowing marijuana dispensaries and consumption sites in their communities. Municipal parties have the option to opt out of these laws by the end of the year.

The board discussed the marijuana referendum, which they had hoped to get on the general election ballot for this year, although certain time constraints did not allow for this. Because of this, a special election is in order for the town where, after the board opts out, is subject to a permissive referendum by a citizen petition. A special election could cost anywhere from \$600 to \$900 and would be held in December. The board concluded that the fairest thing to do was let the people of Greenwich decide how the new laws will impact the town.

Similarly, the topic of the state law allowing for marijuana consumption in areas designated for smoking was discussed.

Also discussed at the meeting was unfinished business from previous meetings, including the traffic circle and its lights. Built in 2004, the circle and lights have just recently required maintenance. The New York State Department of Transportation has been contacted and it has been concluded that the maintenance is the responsibility of the Department of Transportation, who will send out a team to fix the lights.

## Farmer Tom

On Saturday, August 28, the Greenwich, Salem, and Argyle libraries invite you to come and enjoy a fun and exciting performance by Farmer Tom Walsh. "Farmer Tom" will entertain you with funny songs and stories about life on the farm. Kids and adults will enjoy his celebration of reading! The performance times are as follows: Greenwich Free Library - 11:00 a.m.; Salem Historic Courthouse - 12:15 p.m., and Argyle Free Library - 1:30 p.m.



Scenes from the 2021 summer program, including Supervisor Don Ward joining the fun –mal lambert photos

Additionally, the team plans to fix the curving and the bricks of the circle before the winter.

Other repairs have been made to the town and were discussed at the meeting. This included the issue of parking on Lincoln Avenue. Since the addition of no parking signs, parking has slowed up and is expected to cease completely. Along with the traffic circle, Hudson Riverside Park is seeing remediation with repairs to the siding and doors.

Finally the board reflected on the fun the campers had at the NYS Department of Health certified Youth Program this summer; 112 young campers had a safe and fun time field tripping to Strikezone and FunSpot. The board thanked those who made this experience possible for the children.

"We registered 112 campers, averaging about 75 to 90 campers on a daily basis. Six weeks goes quick but the camp would not be a success without the hard work of the counselors and Food for Kids. Special thanks to Nessel Brothers for supplying lunch meats, Stewarts and Ice Cream Man for providing ice cream and Jay's Pizza for their pies. On the last day the water slide was a great hit. The kids were having such a great time, I gave the slide a try!" Ward said in a statement.

The summer fun is not yet over, however, as the Washington County Fair will take place Monday, August 23rd to Sunday August 29th. The board is hopeful and optimistic that Covid-19 will not interfere with this perfect end to the summer.

# Owl Pen Books store, home for sale

**Jim Nolan**  
*Journal & Press*

Many area residents and people from all over the country have ventured to “the bookstore almost nobody can find.” Situated on a back road off a back road, the Owl Pen is about 7 miles north of the Village of Greenwich and about a mile straight up from Cossayuna Lake. The proprietors Hank and Edie are well known to most people in this neck of the woods. Perhaps you would like to know how it got there.

In 1944 Barbara Probst, a 27 year old editorial assistant at Mademoiselle magazine, left her apartment in New York City to spend two weeks with friends in the little Washington County town of Argyle. While exploring the backroads of Washington County, her car radiator overheated in front of a rundown farmhouse.

Since this overheating problem had happened before, she carried a pitcher in her car in order to get water and refill the radiator. Barbara approached the abandoned farmhouse and discovered it had been partially enveloped by wild raspberries, burdock, and sumac. What she could see of the house revealed broken windows and sagging doors.

She walked into a meadow and found a spring. As she returned to the car, she turned around and decided this is where she would start a new life. For Barbara Probst, it was as simple as that. She found the owner and with \$1,000 in war bonds she bought the house, outbuildings, and 12 acres of land.

In the first summer, with the help of friends, she rebuilt what had once been hog quarters. Another dilapidated building on the grounds surrendered its weathered boards for interior walls. Cobblestones from a collapsed and overrun fence were used to build a fireplace. The little building became her home that summer.

The problem of earning a living resolved itself when she read a few books on farming, hired herself out as a migrant worker and picked potatoes for local farmers. She also picked apples. A short time later, Barbara started an egg business after purchasing six hens. She read books on chickens and her egg business grew and thrived. She added sheep and pigs to her farm. She continued to repair the main house in her “free” time and eventually moved into it.

After sixteen years, in 1960 Barbara decided to start Owl Pen Books with over 1200 books she pur-



**The bookstore**

chased for \$25 from an estate. She started using the renovated hog quarters as her bookstore. Soon, she found herself spending more time with the books than with the animals. Little by little, she sold the animals.

Barbara bought more books, sold them, and bought more. Gradually, the book inventory grew to over 40,000 books. By then she had converted the chicken barn into a bookstore. She also acquired some rare books, mostly on New York State history. In addition, she started a year round search service.

Somehow she found time to manage the bookstore at Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs. It was there that Skidmore Professor of Botany and Ecology, Hank Howard, first met her. In 1980, Hank and his wife Edie Brown visited Owl Pen. While checking out, Barbara mentioned she was getting tired of the daily grind of owning such a large bookstore. On his way out, Hank said, “If you ever consider selling, let us know.” This was pre-internet, but Hank and Edie had been running a mail order bookstore out of their home in Galway for over two years.

It took a while, but eventually Barbara contacted Hank and Edie and they came to terms on a

sale of the house, the bookstore, and the 12 acres. They moved in and took over operation of Owl Pen. Hank joined Edie fulltime in the bookstore two years later when he retired early from Skidmore. Together they sold books and traveled throughout the United States purchasing collections of books.

Over the years, Edie said, “They added pieces of land to the original 12 acres as the land became available.” Today, the property comprises 100 acres, most of which is conserved. The house was so well renovated by Barbara that it stands pretty much the way it was when they bought it in 1980. The house is over 200 years old.

Articles about Owl Pen have appeared in the Washington Post, the Philadelphia Inquirer, and Adirondack Life. These articles brought many out of town visitors to the bookstore. More than one area resident has been asked, “Can you tell me how to get to the Owl Pen Bookstore?”

Hank died last year at the age of 92. Edie has decided to put the house and bookstore on the market. She is determined to find a buyer who wants to continue operating the bookstore. Interest has been brisk and soon Owl Pen Books may have a new owner who will carry on the tradition started by Barbara Probst and carried on by Hank Howard and Edie Brown.

On a personal note, I frequently have visited Owl Pen, looking for local and New York State history books. One winter (Owl Pen is closed in the winter months), I visited an online book vendor that carries these types of books. I ordered a book and expected it to be delivered in about a week. Later that day, I received a call from Edie Brown asking if she could bring the book over to my house and save me the cost of postage! It turns out Owl Pen also lists selected parts of their collection on this online bookseller’s web site. Now that is service!



**The 200-year-old home**

# Celtic band to perform at HCP

Hudson Crossing Park in Schuylerville will host the last concert in their 2021 Summer Music Series on Saturday, August 21, 2021 from 5-7 p.m. with local band Craic Agus Ceol. Craic Agus Ceol is Gaelic for “fun and music,” and that’s exactly what CAC brings to the stage with their upbeat folk-rock style of traditional, contemporary, and original Irish, Celtic, and American music. You will be sure to be excited by this versatile group.

Attendees are invited to bring picnics, blankets, and chairs as well as picnics or take out from one of our amazing local eateries. Please remember that Hudson Crossing Park is a carry in/carry out facility. This is a smoke-free event. Well behaved leashed pets are welcome.

Front row spots for pods of 4-6 people are available for \$30 and general admission tickets are \$5 per person. Online reservations may be made online via

[www.hudsoncrossingpark.org](http://www.hudsoncrossingpark.org). There will be ticket availability at “the door” the evening of the concert.

When possible/necessary, rain dates will be held on the next evening. If a rain date is not possible full refunds minus processing fees will be issued. Please note that all Hudson Crossing events follow the current CDC and Saratoga County health guidelines and recommendations regarding Covid-19.



Craig Agus Ceol

## Jacob Houston popup show

Jacob Houston will be having a Pop Up Gallery to display his original art on Sat. and Sun., August 21st and August 22nd, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

Houston is a regional artist who has received several awards at a national level. He has painted many local scenes.

Original paintings, limited edition prints, framed and

matted prints, a new line of greeting cards, 2022 Jacob Houston Art calendars, Christmas cards, and note cards will be available for sale.

The gallery is located 2 miles east of the village of Greenwich at 2432 State Route 29. See Houston’s art at [www.jacobhoustonart.com](http://www.jacobhoustonart.com).



Jacob Houston -dj photo



On Wednesday, August 4th, the Greenwich Fire Department a group from the Greenwich Library stopped by to learn about fire safety from Past Chief Kevin Shephard. -mal lambert photo



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# CFC acquires former Toy Works property

Comfort Food Community (CFC) is pleased to announce their recent purchase of the former Toy Works building located at 101 Fiddlers Elbow Road in Greenwich, NY.

The facility is an immediate upgrade for its existing programs – the Fresh Food Collective and Student Weekend Nutrition Program. The Fresh Food Collective recovers surplus food from local farms and then distributes that food to pantries, soup kitchens and libraries throughout Washington, Warren and Saratoga counties.

In 2020, Fresh Food Collective redirected

130,000 lbs. of healthy food to at-risk households. With expanded refrigeration and improved facilities, Ashley Bridge, Food Recovery Manger, plans to increase that impact: “We can easily double the amount of food that we recover and distribute with the new facility. We recovered a lot of food last year, but we also had to turn a lot of food away. The new facility is going to make the handling, storage and distribution of food much easier. It will allow us to get even more healthy food to our community.”



The Student Weekend Nutrition Program delivers meals for students over weekends, school breaks and the summer break. Participation doubled last year – the program now delivers 9 meals per week to 46 students. With additional room for storage and packing, the program will reach more students and will incorporate more fresh food into students’ meals.

This milestone was made possible through the support of The Maurice Sendak Foundation and an anonymous donor. Comfort Food Community would like to extend their appreciation for these generous contributions.

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## Past county fairs

**Kaylee Johnson**  
*Journal & Press*

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

### 100 Years Ago

**August 24, 1921**

The Cambridge Fair closed Friday afternoon after one of its most successful years of its history. The attendance was larger than it has been in several years, and the exhibits and attractions were very good.

Among the principal winners of the prizes were the following exhibitors:

Heavy draft horses – Mrs. A. W. Peter of Cambridge

Holstein cattle – Greyfields Farm, Greenwich

Brown Swiss cattle – Gibson Bros., Hudson Falls

### 80 Years Ago

**August 20, 1941**

The Cambridge Fair this year will be known as the “Golden Anniversary Fair” because it is just 50 years since the first fair was held at Cambridge. It will open next Wednesday, August 27, and continue through Saturday, August 30, offering daily programs of varied and popular features.

The first three days will feature harness racing. The Cambridge Track has always been amongst owners of fast trotters and pacers, and the managers assert that the events this year will be up to the high standards of the past. Sanctioned auto races will feature more than 100 laps of speed Saturday. The main race, a 30 lap event, has drawn some of the best racers of the East. More than 20 drivers are ex-

pected to compete for prize money during the afternoon.

### 70 Years Ago

**August 15, 1951**

The 57th Anniversary of the Washington county fair will be observed this year with the opening of the fair on Tuesday, August 21st, at the fairgrounds near Greenwich. The fair, which will continue through August 25th, is under the auspices of the Cambridge Valley Agricultural Society.

In addition to exhibits, there will also be midway attractions of rides, shows and various concessions, and on Thursday and Saturday nights there will be fireworks displays. Band concerts will also be presented. One of the features of the fair will be a horse-pulling contest on Saturday.

### 60 Years Ago

**August 16, 1961**

Washington County will have the opportunity to honor one of its distinguished sons August 25th at the Washington county fairgrounds at Greenwich. This date has been proclaimed, “Ed Foster Day,” to recognize his outstanding accomplishments in the field of agriculture.

Mr. Foster was born in Argyle, attended local schools and graduated from Cornell University in 1925. After serving as an extension agent in Chautauqua and Suffolk counties, he has been executive secretary of New York State Farm Bureau for the past 30 years. In 1960, he was given the “Alfred E. Smith Award” by the New York State School Board Association for his great contributions in the field of education.

### 40 Years Ago

**August 27, 1981**

Approximately 9,000 people attended opening day of the Washington county fair Monday, according to Floyd Harwood, fair treasurer. This marked a rise in attendance for the first day from last year.

It's the 20th year that the fair has opened at its present location and this year the grounds are hosting 162 exhibitors, approximately 125 concessionaries, and an unofficial cow count, as of Tuesday, of 563. The horses are a little harder to give a count on because many are not on the fairgrounds for the entire week. Throughout the week, there will be about 100 horses present.

Food available at the fair ranges from milk to tacos and many visitors walk around with only one hand free, the other busy holding whatever is going to be consumed.

### 30 Years Ago

**August 15, 1991**

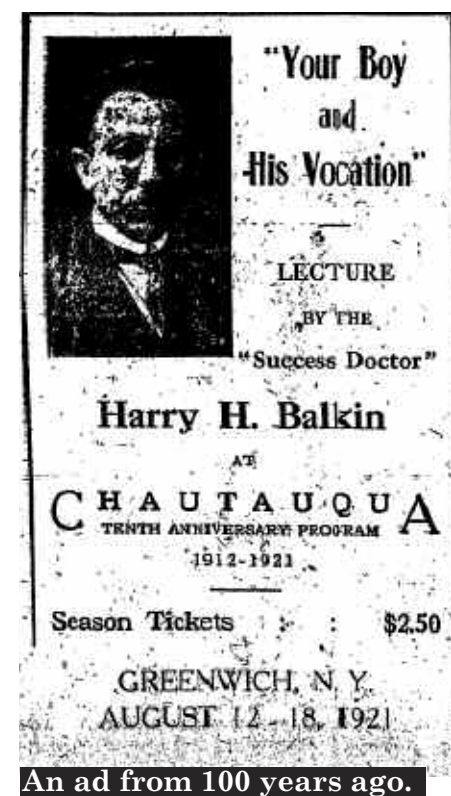
The 101st Washington county fair is a field nearly ready to be harvested. It is the county's premiere event of the year and heralds the biggest, best and greatest of what is made and produced here.

That the fair is about to come to full bloom is more evident. The grounds have been mowed, display areas marked off and a fresh planting of carnival rides, midway games, 4-H projects and farm raised animals, and a wide variety of business and fraternal fair booths are being readied for the 1991 Washington county fair. All stops are being pulled out as the clock counts down to Monday's 5 p.m. official opening.

### 20 Years Ago

**August 23, 2001**

The Washington County Fair got underway on Monday, August 20th,



with little fanfare if comparing its opening a year ago. Most vendors were in place for the five o'clock opening of the fair. The five mile race was the first event on the fair schedule.

The major event of the evening was the Ladies Demolition Derby and Smokey Green was providing the musical entertainment.

About five in the afternoon, dark clouds and thunderheads could be seen in the sky. Some appeared to be headed towards Greenwich and Easton but veered to the north.

Despite the tracking of storms on the weather maps, rain in this area was not predicted. After the first round of the demolition derby, the announcer informed spectators that a water cart was being brought in to water the arena to slow down the traction of the cars in the derby. Witnesses can attest that the cart was not needed. Within ten or fifteen minutes rain descended into a deluge and people sought the nearest shelter.

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## An agricultural tradition for over a century

**Kate Sausville**  
*Journal & Press*

The month of August brings a lot of changes. The days get a little shorter, and the nights start to feel crisp. The leaves and plants start to lose a bit of their early summer luster. I swear even the air starts to smell different. For over a century the end of August in Washington County means only one thing for most families, it's time for the Fair! The summer season has always been a busy time for many farms, as our short growing season means they must plant and harvest in that time. The Fair gives busy farmers a chance to show off the fruits of their labor and socialize with other farm families.

The Fair also gives us non-farm folks a glimpse into farm life. Since my girls were toddlers, we have taken them to the Fair and our first stop is always the barns. We are fortunate to know many of the families who show their animals, and every year we head to Barn 3 to see the Andrew family of And-Land Farms out of Eagle Bridge. Edith (Andrew) Phillips said her family has been participating in the Washington County Fair for over 50 years. When asked how they choose which cows to show, Edith spoke about how they carefully select animals for their appearance, stature, and frame. The cows' legs need to be straight under them, they should have a straight top line (spine), and they can't be over or underweight.

They are looking for a rectangle shape of the cow. Once the cows are chosen, the real work begins. The cows are put in different pens and are given different feed depending on their needs. Training



the cows to show well can start early. The cows need to learn to walk on a lead, when to stop, and how to set their feet just so for the showing. Cows should also be acclimated to being around other animals as well. Some kids start working with animals in early spring, but Edith says about 4 months of work to get the cows ready is typical. Edith grew up showing cows, and now her daughters, Sophie and Lilly carry on the tradition.

Another long-time Fair family are the Nolans of Shaker Hollow Farm in White Creek. According to Bridey Nolan, her father Larry has been bringing cows to the Fair since 1968! Bridey has been showing cows since she was 5, and this will be her 16th year. Like Edith, Bridey says the Fair has just been a tradition in their family. Both Bridey and Edith said the Fair was their family vacation growing up. Like any family vacation, there are costs associated with showing animals at the Fair. There are entry fees, Veterinarian fees, and supply fees. Bridey says showing cows at the Fair is like a beauty pageant. The cows need to be washed, blow-dried, and products applied to make them shine. Before the Fair the cows get clipped (haircuts) which helps show off their body to the best advantage – sounds like the bathing suit portion of human pageants!

Dawn (Harrington) Slater grew up showing cows. Her boys, Jackson, Jordan, and Jami-son now show sheep at

the Fair. Dawn said she feels the sheep are a bit easier to train than the cows. The showing portion is similar to the cows, with sheep being carefully groomed and washed before they are shown. The whole family helps out, with Dawn often giving the sheep their pre-showing bath! Sheep are raised for their fleece, milk, and meat, though Dawn said the sheep her boys show wind up as pets on her family's farm.

Brian Wells Sr. and his family also exhibit at the Fair. Brian had already been making and canning jams and jellies for a few years before he decided to enter them. In the past, they have also shown their bunnies and chickens. His son, Brian Jr. started showing pigs a few years ago when



**Elysia from Shaker Hollow Farm. It has the correct proportions for showing.**

there was only a youth class showing option. The fair now has an open class showing, which means anyone can show, so now Brian Sr. enters pigs as well. A few years ago, Brian Sr. talked his mother into entering her jams and jellies and now they engage in friendly competition each year over who will have the best. Brian says that between him, his wife Bonnie, and his son Brian, they have over 150 entries in the Fair this year. Like the other families, Brian says there are additional costs to participating in the Fair, but feels the benefits far outweigh the cost. As he points out, without exhibitors, there would be no Fair.

Everyone I spoke to was thrilled that the Fair would go on this year. When asked how people felt when it was canceled in 2020, Edith said many were devastated. While that may sound extreme to those of us who don't farm or show in the Fair, it is more understandable when you realize the year-round work that goes into exhibiting at the Fair. Bridey is thrilled the Fair is on. She points out that the lessons learned from exhibiting your cows at the fair, such as hard work, discipline, and perseverance, last a lifetime.

The Fair has something for everyone, with shows, rides, food, and displays. I am looking forward to visiting with friends, eating my weight in sugar fritters, and taking in some of the shows. See you at the Fair!

*Kate Sausville is a resident of Greenwich.*



# I want my own Amazon space craft

**Greg Schwem**

*Special to Journal & Press*

It never fails. All the good Father's Day gift ideas appear after the holiday.

I don't mean to sound ungrateful. I loved the barbecue tools and swimmer's headphones that my wife and daughters gifted me last month. But had I paid more attention to Amazon founder Jeff Bezos' space quest, my wish list might have looked very different.

Bezos, we all know by now, recently completed a short journey to space aboard something called the New Shepard rocket. Named for first man in space Alan Shepard and launched on the 52nd anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing, the craft returned safely and intact, allowing Bezos to resume duties as the world's richest individual.

The capsule was completely automated, allowing Bezos and his three passengers to do absolutely nothing during the ride other than admire the views, the strongest evidence yet that space tourism could soon be a real thing.

As long as tourists are willing to climb into something that, no matter how you try and sugarcoat it, resembles the male phallus.

The design was confirmed by millions on so-

cial media who used it as additional fodder to unload on Bezos and his desire to spend billions on space travel while so many Americans live below the poverty line.

Seethe in anger all you want, Bezos haters. I will reserve judgement and applaud Bezos' efforts, provided he agrees to run Blue Origin, his space exploration company, the same way he runs Amazon: Enable consumers to purchase whatever product their heart desires affordably and conveniently.

Admit it, isn't that why we all use Amazon? We know that no matter what material good we see in a store, it can most likely be found cheaper on Amazon. We execute a few mouse clicks and then wait excitedly for whatever we ordered to arrive on our front porch. Well, we're not always excited; the toilet brushes I recently ordered filled me with no adrenal rush whatsoever.

Bottom line? I want my own spacecraft, and I'm counting on Bezos to deliver it to me. I have ample room in my backyard to set up the launchpad. The area is also free of trees and power lines, ensuring a safe and unencumbered launch of my new spaceship.



Bezos' three-person crew included a family member, his brother Mark. My only sibling lives eight hours away, but my wife enjoys quick getaways. Then again, she would probably prefer a little peace and quiet in the house, even if only for a quarter hour. So, I'll leave her behind and ask a few of my male friends from the neighborhood. At least one needs to bring beer. Again, since computers will guide us through of our journey, there is no need to select a designated driver.

Once we return, we will have the ultimate excuse for laying on the couch and doing positively nothing. For as long as we desire. Demands that we get up and mow the lawn, take out the garbage or fold the laundry will be met with, "Hey, I was just in space!"

So, Jeff, please make good on my requests before late September, as my birthday falls at that time. Christmas at the latest. I have big plans for my spaceship in 2022.

Oh, and I'd also like free shipping.

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



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# Library Director Search

Greenwich Free Library is in search of a new Library Director. Our small public library is a community hub and provides a wealth of services and programming. The ideal candidate has 3-5 years of library work experience. A degree in library science is preferred but we will consider any candidate with library experience possessing a minimum of an Associate's degree.

This candidate should have experience with grant writing, the ability to supervise and support staff and volunteers, and willingness to perform community outreach. This is a full time position with flexible hours that will require some evenings and weekends. The library director is responsible for ordering materials, developing programming and special events, managing the budget, producing an annual report, and representing the library to the Board of Trustees and to the town and village boards. An ideal candidate will understand small towns and has strengths in forging and maintaining relationships.



The Greenwich Free Library offers a competitive salary, paid vacation, and flexible hours. A background check will be required. Greenwich Free Library is an equal opportunity employer.

**Applications must be received by September 3rd.** Interested candidates should send their resume to GFL, 148 Main Street, Greenwich, NY 12834. Attn. Dave Wever.



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# Schuylerville troupe announces season

While the pandemic still seems to have us on the edge of uncertainty, one thing is certain – the love for theater and the community that makes up Schuylerville Community Theater is (successfully taking precautions and) making strides to get live theater back into all our lives. And this community theater is more community reliant than ever!

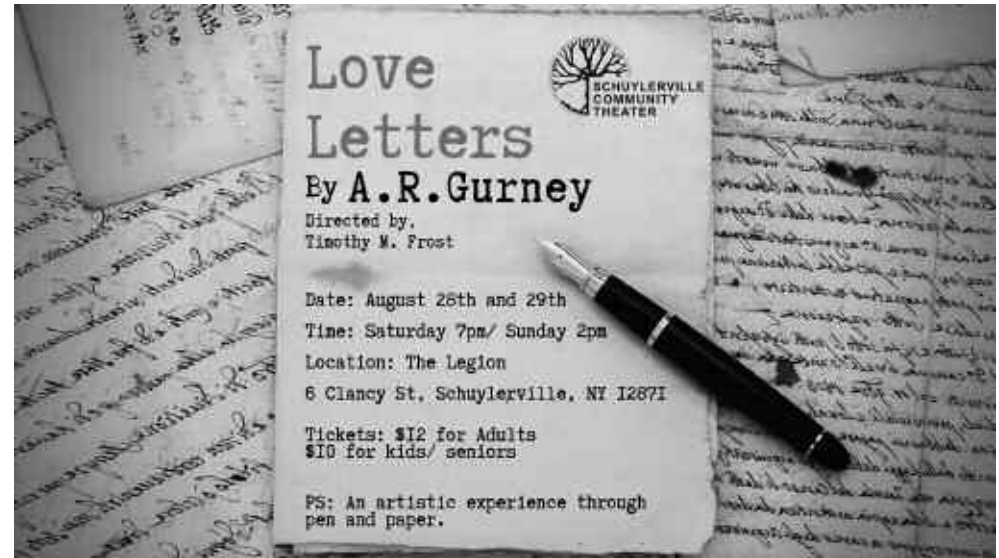
The children's summer production of *Matilda Jr. The Musical* went off well with many thanks to the venue who made it happen – the American Legion in Schuylerville. The August show for SCT will go up at the American Legion in Schuylerville and in Sept the show is scheduled for the venue at the Parish Center in the Church of St. Peter in Saratoga.

*Barefoot in the Park* will be SCT's production in October and is also at the Parish Center at the Church of St. Peter in Saratoga

"The pandemic has made us more of a traveling theater group than we

once were, but honestly we just see it as an opportunity to get in front of more audiences who may not have seen us before when we were based in the one location," says Lorraine Thompson, producer for the current shows.

With the help of several generous venues, Schuylerville Community Theater is jumping into their season with both feet executing a full schedule of shows. The most immediate, upcoming production (scheduled for Aug 28 & 29) is *Love Letters* featuring the local talents of William Howard III and Lisa Greenwald, directed by Timothy Frost. *Love Letters* follows the characters of Andrew Makepeace Ladd III and Melissa Gardner, both born to wealth and position, and are childhood friends whose lifelong correspondence begins with birthday party thank-you notes and summer camp postcards. *Love Letters* progress through a lifetime, making it eloquently clear how much they really meant, and gave, to each other over the years—physically apart, perhaps, but spiritually as close as only true lovers can



be.

This production is being presented through special arrangements with Dramatists Play Services, Inc. Tickets are \$10 Seniors & Students /\$12 Adults.

The following show (scheduled for Sept 24-26) is a spectacularly written original play named *2020: The World on Pause*. The original script was written by three Schuylerville Community Theater members, Pat Douglass, Drew Greenwald and Matt Riechel – and is featuring the talents of Andrew Greenwald, Logan Haynes and Annette Rei-

tano.

*2020: The World on Pause* made its debut last year as a virtual event and is being performed on stage with a live audience at the Parish Center of The Church of St. Peter in Saratoga this time around. It is an honest and sometimes humorous perspective into the many lives that were touched during the pandemic of 2020. This show promises a mixture of serious drama, tragic moments and even some relatable comedy. There is something for everyone in this dynamic production.

This is a revival of a virtual production done last year and includes a live audience, more characters, new vantage points and a revised, poignant ending.

And what does a theater group (trying to get back to what it loves) do for an encore – they hold their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala on October 3<sup>rd</sup> (only 15 months late) and do one more show for the Fall season *Barefoot in the Park* on November 5, 6 and 7, once again in Saratoga..

Tickets for all shows or the banquet are available by calling 518-695-5480. You can always visit the SCT Facebook page or [www.scttheater.org](http://www.scttheater.org) for the most information on all their activities.

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# Wear your 'Argyle' socks!

The Argyle J. A. Barkley Hose Co. Auxiliary is making plans for a Thistle Day Parade, in conjunction with a townwide celebration, on Saturday, September 18, with step-off at 2:00. The theme for this year's parade is "Thistle Day...Celebrate Argyle's Scottish Heritage".

The Auxiliary urges area families, churches, organizations and businesses to participate by entering floats and/or marching units. Entry forms are needed for placement in the parade line-up. We would also

like to encourage our youth to enter their decorated bicycles. No entry forms are needed for this category, but we do need to stress that helmets are required for all participants. For entry forms for floats, or if there are any questions, call 518-638-8667.

Following the parade, there will be a pre-order chicken BBQ offering the Argyle Firefighters' famous BBQ chicken with baked potato, corn & roll at the firehouse on State Route 40. Tickets for the BBQ need to be

purchased in advance either online or in person at the firehouse on Tuesday evenings and Saturday mornings...the time to be announced soon.

Rumor has it, that the town has plans for musical entertainment after the parade to be followed later in the day with fireworks. Stay tuned for more information as plans develop!

Come wear your Argyle sox, and kilt if you have one, and experience a small taste of Scotland with us!

## Boomerang Book Sale

The Friends of Greenwich Library are going to have a Boomerang Book Sale on Thursday, September 2, 2021, 4 – 7 p.m.

This will be the library's first post Covid event in our new and reimagined space in the downstairs of the Greenwich Library.

The library had just reopened prior to everything being shut down in March, 2020. Since that time everything has been on hold except

for the entire library getting a makeover upstairs and a few books being donated to the Friends Room.

Organizers are excited about being able to offer their first Thursday Boomerang sale.

With a new plan in place, they are now accepting book donations once again. In an effort to offer quality books, the guidelines for donations are as follows:

Fiction (hardcover and paperback) no older than 10 years

from copyright date, children's books, biographies, local authors/interest, cookbooks.

Space is limited so the library is being selective with donations. Good, used books and CDs are very much appreciated.

After eighteen months of inactivity, library staff say they are looking forward to seeing all their faithful customers, meeting new friends and getting books, CDs and music selections into patrons' hands.

## Legal Notice

### 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@washingtoncoun-

tyny.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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## Legal Notice

### SCHOOL TAX COLLECTOR'S NOTICE GREENWICH CENTRAL SCHOOL

Towns of: Argyle, Cambridge, Easton, Fort Edward, Greenwich, Hebron, Jackson, & Salem

Owners of real property located in that portion of the Greenwich Central School District, County of Washington, New York, take notice that taxes will be received from September 1, through October 31, 2021.

Taxes may be paid in person or by mail to Greenwich Central School District, District

Office, 10 Gray Ave., Greenwich, NY 12834, between the hours of 8 am and 4 pm, Monday through Friday.

**Please present your tax bill with payment.** From September 1 through October 1, 2020 NO PENALTY will be charged.

A two percent (2%) penalty will be added from October 2, 2021 through October 31, 2021. All unpaid taxes will be turned over to the Washington County Treasurer by November 5, 2021.

Tomarra McCall  
Tax Collector  
Pub. August 16

## Spirit Investigator visits Hebron

The Hebron Preservation Society hosts a presentation on Thursday, September 2 at 6:30 pm to be held at the East Hebron Presbyterian Church, 6559 State Route 22, Hebron. Becky Shott, Spirit Investigator and Communicator, has been involved in the paranormal long before it gained popularity as enter-

tainment on television. Born with the ability to see, hear, and speak with what we call ghosts or spirits, SHott recognized that she has unique abilities and, at the age of 20, began researching them, reaching out to others like herself to learn more, and then respectfully began to investigate them. Over the last 20+

years she has been featured on ABC's *Scariest Places on Earth* and NBC's *The Today Show*. Becky will present a program that shows her abilities and how they work. She will also show photographs of what she believes are captured paranormal. This program is free and open to the public.



## What NY's green mandates mean Upstate

Liv Thygesen  
Journal & Press

By signing the 2019 Climate Act, New York state demonstrated its tyrannical reaches into transforming our economy and leaving upstate responsible for New York City. On the surface, this plan is appealing to many as it addresses perceived energy deficiencies and economic difficulties.

The “codified technology-specific energy goals” of this plan seek to achieve 70% Clean Energy by 2030, and 100% zero-emission electricity by 2040. This has become New York State’s top priority. It is critical to understand what these numbers and terms mean. Clean energy as outlined by NYS is the efficient production of energy that does not negatively impact natural resources or create additional impacts on “climate change.” The technology-specific goals relate to electrical output from the various sources of “renewable” energy. New York State is pushing for 6,000 MW distributed by solar by 2025, 9,000 MW by offshore wind by 2035 and 1500MW energy storage by 2025 and 3,000 MW by 2030. The only sources considered renewable per the Climate Act Plan are wind and solar. Currently 88% of New York State is powered by hydroelectric. By 2025 the technology-specific goals have NYS 70% powered by wind and solar and 0% by hydroelectric.

On the front of economic challenges and “disadvantaged communities,” the Climate Act plan seeks to invest in lower income housing areas, create housing, transportation, reduce pollution and workforce development. This information was developed by the Climate Justice Working Group and is based on input from six public statement hearing. It is open for public hearing and available for reading on the DEC website. The Climate Justice Working Group claim:

“Disadvantaged communities shall be identified based on geographic, public health, environmental hazard, and socioeconomic criteria, which shall include but are not limited to:

a) Areas burdened by cumulative environmental pollution and other hazards that can lead to negative public health effects.

b) Areas with concentrations of people that are of low income, high unemployment, high rent burden, low levels of home ownership, low levels of educational attainment, or members of groups that have historically experienced discrimination on the basis of race or ethnicity.

c) Areas vulnerable to the impacts of climate change such as flooding, storm surges, and urban heat island effects.”

The key terms to pay attention to are “urban heat island effects”, “low levels of home ownership” (beehive apartments in large urban areas), “storm surges” and “cumulative environmental pollution.” These terms and several others are not relative to most of upstate New York. There are no “urban island heat effects” to be found in the fields of Easton or the

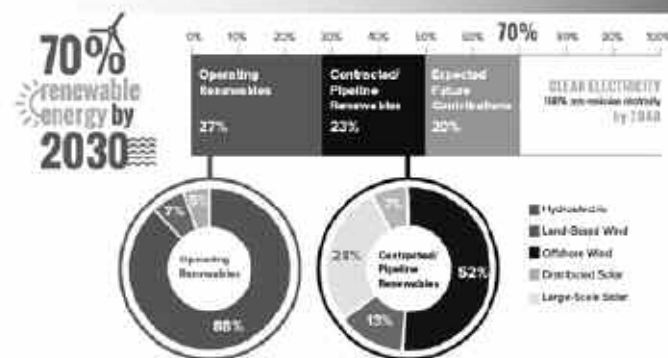
mountains of Warren county. The NY-Sun Program claims to target landfills or Brownfield land and use incentives to bribe municipalities into installing solar

“farms” on said properties.

Yet, there is a massive state funded movement to move all of New York City’s electricity to the fields of Easton and beyond in Upstate.

In an interview in October 2010 Governor Andrew Cuomo stated, “We need to do a better job of transmission. We need to get the power from upstate New York, Western New York, low-cost power from Canada down to the metropolitan area of New York City. That’s basically a challenge of transmission lines. In the years surrounding 2010, upstate residents fought and won a legal battle against the New York Regional Interconnect’s (NYRI) \$2.1 billion plan. The plan proposed to construct haz-

### Climate Act: Path to 70% by 2030



### Energy Storage Deployment in NYS

As of October 31, 2020:

- 96.43 MW of installed capacity
- 561 projects

As of April 30, 2021:

- 1,027 MW contracted, under development
- Over 100 commercial and bulk projects



ardous transmission lines that would destroy the environment and potentially create health and safety risks for upstate residents. Cuomo admitted in a January 2021 interview that the biggest dilemma the New York City is facing is the spacing between where the “renewable energy sources” are creating power and the power consuming locations downstate and in NYC. “The historic and compounding challenge in New York has been sending the renewable energy from where it is being produced to where it is needed.”

Cuomo announced a competitive process to determine the best transmission projects for state financing, starting with the following open bids:

- A transmission line spanning about 330 miles from the Northeast Adirondacks to New York City
- A line that will provide increased capacity from Massena through Marcy to Rock Tavern in Orange County, and a new line underground to carry power to New York City

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## Bench dedicated

Members of the Schuylerville Class of 1981 gathered at Hudson Crossing Park on Friday, July 30, 2021 for the dedication of a park bench that was purchased in honor of their classmates who have passed away.

The memorial, which was made possible through donations from members of the class of '81, is located overlooking the Champlain Canal and Lock C5 at Hudson Crossing Park, giving all who visit a peaceful place to sit and reflect. This project was conceived after the passing of Mike Booth, a well-loved community member and member of the class of 1981, and is also dedicated to fellow classmates Jeff Lavoy, Laura Hajos, Dan Hulka, Mike Lebaron, Brent Leone, Dan Thivierge, Claire Boivin, and Craig Wood.



**(cont.)**

• A line from Leeds, Greene County, to New York City

Despite the transmission lines already deemed illegal and extremely hazardous, Cuomo and the Climate Change Committees of New York state are continuously attempting to make upstate power NYC. Offshore wind is also a major component to the State's "renewable" energy plan. The state is building two wind "farms" just over 20 miles off the coast of Long Island. These facilities include a new offshore wind tower manufacturing facility which will be built in the Port of Albany. Like the transmission line legali-

ties and health risks, the offshore wind "farms" have met with heavy scrutiny from the Long Island fishing community. It is feared that the towering turbines will disrupt life sustaining fishing grounds and jobs of the local food markets and supply chains.

*To be continued next issue...*

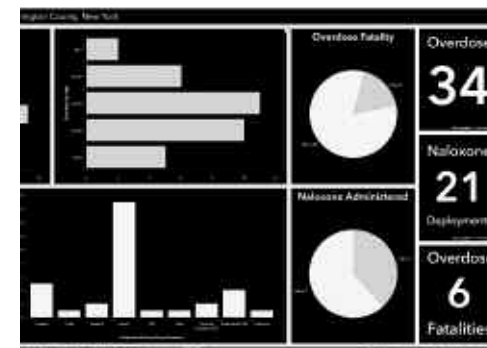
*Liv Thygesen has been a marine, educator and community advocate. She owns Sip & Swirl in Greenwich.*



## County overdose tracker

The Washington County Sheriff's Office has released a new public dashboard that will display overdose trends occurring within Washington County. Sheriff Murphy announces the new resource, as he recognizes the value in being able to share local substance abuse statistics with community partners and the general public, as substance abuse has continued to increase both locally and nationally.

Washington County is comprised of several village police agencies who respond and investigate their own overdose calls within their jurisdictions. All of the village police agencies within Washington County were invited to partner with the Sheriff's Office to include their statistics within the dashboard. Partnering agencies involved in this collaborative effort



include Hudson Falls Police, Cambridge-Greenwich Police, Whitehall Police, and the Granville Police Department.

The dashboard was created with assistance from Washington County Department of Real Property and the Information Technology department.

The dashboard can be accessed via [bit.ly/3yKangN](https://bit.ly/3yKangN).

## Volunteers wanted for Tractor Parade

The Greater Greenwich Chamber of Commerce Holiday Lighted Tractor Parade Committee needs YOU to help make the Tractor Parade happen!

Planning for the 9th Annual Holiday Lighted Tractor Parade is on the way. This popular community event in Greenwich will take place November 20th but only with the help of our business owners and community members.

The first Tractor Parade committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 4th at 6:30pm at the Greenwich Chamber office at 6 Academy Street. Be involved in one of the most popular events in Washington County.

If you plan on attending the meeting, or would like to stay involved for future meetings or volunteer on parade day, please email [info@greenwichchamber.org](mailto:info@greenwichchamber.org).

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# Everything you need to know about...

Haleigh Eustis  
Journal & Press

After a full year of quarantine, self-isolation, and far too much Netflix — summer is finally here! With vaccines being pumped out, slowly but surely, life is beginning to feel normal. Amongst the summer excitement, days on the lake, the Saratoga Racetrack, and lounging in the sun, Washington County's favorite attraction will be back — the fair. Excitement is in the air as the county prepares for the last week in August, the 23rd through the 29th, to end the two year long wait to continue this event. To learn details about this year's fair, I was fortunate enough to interview Rebecca Breese, who is currently a member of the fair committee.

The Washington County fair is notable for being the biggest agricultural fair in New York state since 1840! Rebecca was elated to inform me about the fair and it's up and coming events. Though there is plenty of excitement, COVID is still an obvious threat with numbers increasing every day. When asked about the pandemic, Breese assured me of a set-in stone plan. Going along with CDC guidelines, fairgoers do not have to be vaccinated, but those who are not are strongly encouraged to wear a mask while strolling through the fair — masks aren't necessary when drinking or eating. Breese mentioned that social distancing will be put into place, as many vendors and attractions will be spread apart, and half ways will be open to create more space. To combat COVID, there will be plenty of areas around the fairgrounds specifi-



cally for hand sanitizing stations and free-standing sinks. Above all, Breese noted that sanitation of bleachers, picnic areas and bathrooms will be a top priority to ensure fairgoers feel comfortable and safe. Though the Washington County Fair is focusing heavily on their safety, its workers are going by honor code. It's encouraged that people attending stay diligent towards others' health and safety.

**Admission this year will reflect previous years.** This year's fair will have a general admission of twelve dollars, for ages 14 and up. Parking is free per usual, as well as admission for children 13 and under. Be sure to plan your trip accordingly, since there are specific days during the week that can cause prices to change for some. Wednesday is "Senior Day" — any senior citizen 62 years old and older can enter the fair for six dollars. The following day (Thursday) is Military Appreciation Day — provide military ID proof and enter the fair for six dollars as well!

**Attractions will be copious this year and will fea-**

**ture fan favorites!** Returning this year, the fair will feature "Hot Dog Pig Races" and "Circus Incredible," which features talented acrobatic performers, Lyric Wallenda and Simon Arestov, who are frequent returning acts of the fair. Along with popular returning performances, the yearly milking demonstration will be available for viewing every day of the fair, be-

## 'Senior Day is Wednesday; Military Appreciation Day is Thursday.'

tween the hours of 2:30 to 6:30 PM and will be located in the AG Center. Along with active farm demonstrations, local vendors will be selling goods from their farms as well.

**There will be no lack of live performers as the schedule is packed full of talented artists every day!** Featuring the *Greene Brothers* (Aug. 23rd), the *Adirondack Fiddlers* (Aug. 25th), *Big Sky Country Band* (Aug 27th), *Hill Country Cloggers* (Aug 29th) and *Jeff Williams* (Aug 23rd-25th), the list continues on



The big push



# attending the Washington County Fair

and on, assuring new performances that will keep people on their toes. As some of these bands are returning favorites, excitement is beginning to brew as their performances approach closer and closer. In addition to musical performances, livestock shows are back as well. Along with FFA's Farmland, there will be no shortage of pig, cow, horse, goat and rabbit shows for viewing. The entire layout will be located on the Fair website. This year will also feature the exciting "Big Push Birthing Center," which will take place on the 28th and 29th, Saturday and Sunday from 10AM to 10PM. This is a volunteer, hands on experience to care for newly birthed dairy cows. Monitored by on-hand professionals to ensure the comfort of the animals, this experience demonstrates how to properly raise livestock in a safe and healthy manner.

**Amongst the relaxing performances, and the interactive volunteer demonstration, many are looking forward to the week-long Grandstand!** What would be considered the opposite of relaxing, the Grandstand events are full of excitement and action that will entertain the entire family! Monday night will start the fair off with an absolute fan favorite — the Demolition Derby. The following day (Tuesday) will be packed full of Rodeo excitement, as WCF brings two shows to the fair. Wednesday through Saturday will consist of varying tractor pull shows, and Sunday night will come full circle with one last Demolition Derby to end the excitement of the fair!

**Though the Demolition Derby brings enjoyment to the fair, Washington County's Fair would be lacking without rides.** Fortunately, Amusements

of America is back with their classic rides that will thrill and excite those of all ages. From the beautiful views at the top of the Ferris wheel, to the feeling of flying on the swings, there is sure to be a ride for everyone. By the side of rides, an abundance of carnival games and endless prizes are sure to keep people entertained at the Midway. To enjoy these exciting rides, tickets will be for purchase at the fair or beforehand. One ticket costs \$1.25. Twenty tickets cost \$20 and fifty tickets will cost \$50. There will be three ATM machines located on the fairgrounds, and unlimited ride days will be on Tuesday, Friday and Saturday. Each stamp will cost \$25, and can be purchased in the Midway — ride times will vary depending on specific days . . .

**Monday: 5PM to 10PM**

**Tuesday to Saturday: 12PM to 11PM**

**Sunday: 12PM to 9PM**

**'Their "bucket full of cookies" should be an absolute hit this year.'**

**As if the rides and attractions weren't enough, no fair is complete without the fabulous fair food.** The smell of sweet cotton candy and delicious fried food is sure to make anyone's mouth water, and this year will be no different. Breese was excited to inform me about the food vendors that would be present this year. Food booths such as the 4H Club,



A past FFA booth

to the Lions Club serving delicious food and ice cream. Breese also mentioned the return of the Maple House which will have everything ranging from maple ice cream, to coffee and cotton candy! Breese was particularly excited to introduce the new *Black Sheep Honey Cookie Company*, which has been featured during the Washington County food truck nights this summer. She predicts that their "bucket of cookies" will be an absolute hit this year! If you're also looking to graze, local produce and goods this year, Washington County will be hosting a mini farmer's market that will be located right at the fairgrounds.

Breese explains that there will be local milk products from Bunker Hill, cider and cider donuts from Hick's Orchard, meat sticks from Nestle Brothers and the list continues. This farmer's market will prove to be a great representation of all the farmers in the area. Not only are customers buying fresh, but they are able to meet the dedicated individuals who run the companies, farms or

markets that we all enjoy.

**This past year has proven as a struggle for most people.** There were ups . . . and definitely downs — though, as a whole, the Washington County community pushed on. The Washington County Fair is an event that many enjoy but may not realize the effort that is put into an event of this scale. Breese explained that hundreds of people have worked together to bring this event to the county, but it has been nothing but a joy doing it. When questioned whether vendors were hesitant to be at the fair during COVID, Breese said that there truly wasn't much difficulty convincing vendors to attend. Many were excited to be able to sell on the fairgrounds and are looking forward to seeing people fill the fair.

Thank you so much to Rebecca Breese for all the wonderful information and her time and effort in helping make this year's fair possible! For more information on schedules, performers, or Grandstand events, check out [www.washingtoncountyfair.com](http://www.washingtoncountyfair.com).

# Covid recession casts long shadow

**Jill Schlesinger**

*Special to Journal & Press*

Just over a year ago, the National Bureau of Economic Research's (NBER) Business Cycle Dating Committee announced that the United States economy officially entered a recession in Feb. 2020. The pandemic put an end to the longest expansion in US history (128 months) dating back to 1854. The recession call was easy in this case because economic activity essentially stopped in March 2020, as workers were sent home and in-person commerce ceased.

Thirteen months after stating the start date for the decline, NBER is out with the bookend declaration: The COVID recession lasted just two months, from Feb. 2020 to April 2020, which makes it the shortest US recession on record. The announcement does not mean that everything was honky dory in May 2020 -- "the committee did not conclude that the economy has returned to oper-

ating at normal capacity." NBER underscored that while the worst of the recession ended last spring "economic activity is typically below normal in the early stages of an expansion, and it sometimes remains so well into the expansion."

When NBER made the recession call in June 2020, I wrote that COVID had caused a "giant economic hole" in the economy. Since then, the hole is far shallower, but it's still there. After contracting by 3.5% in 2020, the economy is on track to expand by more than 6% this year, which means the total size of the economy is back to where it was before the pandemic. The same is not true for the labor market.

The overall unemployment rate stands at 5.9% with 9.5 million people out of work. Those numbers are a vast improvement from the worst days of the pandemic in April 2020, but COVID continues to cast a long shadow over the economy and the job market. The Labor Department said employment indicators "remain well above their levels prior to the coronavirus pandemic." As of June, nonfarm payroll employment is up 15.6 million since April 2020 but is down by 6.8 million, or 4.4%, from its pre-pandemic level in Feb. 2020.

One reason that the recession was short is that the government acted quickly. Congress and the Federal Reserve learned the lesson of the Great Recession of 2008-09 and stepped-up financial support for individuals and businesses, allowing most Americans to remain solvent and safe during the darkest days. However, many of the federal pandemic-relief measures, like enhanced unemployment payments, forbearance

on student loans, and the national eviction moratorium are set to expire in the next 90 days. The hope is that the economic progress that has occurred will now be self-sustaining and strong enough to get millions of Americans back to work.

Unfortunately, government efforts were not enough to stop small businesses from going under. A Federal Reserve study found that there were about 200,000 more business closures during the 12 months of March 2020 through Feb. 2021 than during pre-pandemic times, a rate that "is about one-quarter to one-third above normal." Of those, about 130,000 were small businesses, and the majority (about 100,000) occurred in nail salons and barber shops.

Potential business failure has not stopped entrepreneurs from getting their own gigs off the ground. Far from the image of those who were couch-surfing and streaming for days on end, many sidelined workers used their time off to think about how to launch their own businesses. With excess savings and in some cases, stimulus checks in hand, Americans have started a record-breaking numbers of new businesses in the 16 months since COVID reared its ugly head. That kind of optimism may be the brightest spot amid the long shadow of COVID's financial fallout. Must I help a friend if doing so tells her too much about me.

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## PennyDot now in Greenwich

PennyDot Realty announced the opening of its new office at 124 Main Street, Greenwich.

"I have always loved Greenwich, as a town and as a community. I grew up here and went to school here," says Penny Spiezio, Broker-Owner of PennyDot Realty. "It felt right to us to make this move. When the decision came to a pivotal point, I looked at what I thought the future was going to hold in Washington, Rensselaer, Warren and Saratoga counties, the towns we currently serve and where we want to make our mark. This additional location seemed like a natural choice."



## Everything old seems new again

**Darren Johnson**  
*Journal & Press*

The historic families that had owned this paper likely would have felt a bit jealous if they could know that, someday, the owner of this paper would be producing this edition via an Atlantic City Boardwalk hotel. But, alas, I took the photo of the salt water taffy on this page to prove where I am, which you will see soon in your mailbox or on newsstands. As long as the hotel Wi-Fi allows me, I will be uploading this edition to the printer's server soon, and then I'll grab the bundles of finished newspapers on my way back to Greenwich. Ah, technology.

But don't begrudge me this little midweek car trip. Since the pandemic, I've only gotten out of the

state for business. I don't think I've been in an actual swimming pool in two years. And I used to swim all of the time. Hard to believe seeing me now, but I even lifeguarded a bit when more youthful. My family and I used to go on vacation a lot more – but the pandemic stifled all that.

Yes, definitely, the pandemic has been a horrible thing, and many have died, which shouldn't be forgotten, but one positive is that it has created a psychological reset for many, including myself, where we can now appreciate things we had grown weary of, or had forgotten about.

Atlantic City is a place I've been to many times. My parents even took me here a few times as a kid.



And, on the surface, much of the Boardwalk seems run down today, but it's still functional. The ice cream and funnel cakes still taste good. The beach is fine – I feel like Atlantic City is almost *underrated*. The hotels are much more affordable than, say, Myrtle Beach, and, like there, you can just pull your Wonder Wheeler full of chairs and a cooler about 100 yards from your room onto the sand as the waves crash.

The little store in my hotel sells newspapers, and, while I get newspapers all of the time, I rarely get to hunker down with one, being so busy making a living. I grabbed a New York Post – the one after Andrew Cuomo announced his resignation – and it was great. So much content – for only \$2. Yes, a lot of the pieces had a bite to them – and in this day and age people use that as an excuse not to buy newspapers – but they are missing out on a great educational value. Sure, one or two stories in any paper may

clash with our Facebook-algorithm-hypnotized worldviews, but how about the other few dozen stories? Why miss out on them? Being on vacation, and having the ability to look at a paper uninterrupted, helped me appreciate what a wonder they really are.

**'The pandemic has created a psychological reset.'**

Yet, I digress. I also find myself looking forward to county fairs, and even the state fair. As my daughter had aged out of being wowed by baby animals and merry-go-rounds, and my stomach started rebelling against deep-fried-anything, we stopped going a few years ago. But we're going to do the Washington County Fair and probably the New York State Fair this season. Stomach be damned. There's always Zantac.

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# Overcoming a workplace betrayal

**Daneen Skube**

*Special to Journal & Press*

**Q:** *I want to learn to stop obsessing about an important betrayal by a trusted colleague that I have experienced. I think about this betrayal about five times a day and can't stop feeling devastated. I feel stupid that I trusted this person. How can you heal from a betrayal by someone at work you trusted?*

**A:** You will heal from a devastating betrayal at work if you are willing to do two things; 1) Stop beating yourself up for trusting this person. You are only hurting yourself more after someone else has hurt you. 2) Take a deep look into how this betrayal happened and what you can learn from it to avoid this issue in the future.

Some people think that if they work with someone they will always maintain a safe emotional distance. However, when we study relationship attachment there are three things that promote emotional connection; 1) proximity 2) proximity and 3) proximity. Whoever we see regularly and daily are most likely to become our closest relationships.

If you are emotionally healthy the people you see regularly are people you will come to like, trust and confide in. You should be more worried about your mental health if despite regular exposure you never get close to anyone at work.

Beating yourself up because you trusted someone untrustworthy is just proof you are human not

proof of being stupid. We often prolong our suffering after someone has treated us poorly by engaging in being angry at ourselves because we think we should see everything coming.

If we were all completely precognitive life would get pretty boring since we would know everything before it happens. Sometimes we feel surprised by good situations and sometimes by bad but both test our adaptability. Whether our unexpected event was good or bad we can always learn lots from our experiences.

Look back at your relationship with this colleague and ask yourself the following questions:

- 1) How did she treat people that could do nothing for her?
- 2) What was her track record on loyalty and empathy with friends and at work?
- 3) What signs looking backward do you think you might have missed?

We may feel uncomfortable when we work to learn from our history. In hindsight many red flags we missed may seem obvious. The point of learning from history isn't to get upset you missed these flags. The point is you can apply your new awareness to future relationships.

When you feel betrayed it is easy to decide to trust no one and that's not effective or necessary. However, you may now put on a new set of glasses when you meet someone. You will ask yourself the

three questions above. You'll realize that how this person has treated others will probably also be your fate. You'll extend yourself less and give people more time to show you who they really are.

A last comforting thought is to know that someone that loves themselves is incapable of being cruel to another. If you've met someone that treated you badly they are only defining who they are in the world and not who you are. Do not make the mistake of believing you deserved poor treatment just because some people are incapable of loyalty or empathy.

## The last word(s)

**Q:** I do not understand why certain co-workers are refusing to get the vaccine? Is there a reason people will make decisions that defy science, medicine, and logic?

**A:** Yes, fear is a more powerful motivator than any amount of rational data. When people are afraid they will do nothing rather than do something that they see as an unknown.

*Daneen Skube, Ph.D., is an executive coach and appears on FOX's "Workplace Guru" each Monday morning.*



## Woodlands Cemetery to sell historic house

Woodland Cemetery, a not-for-profit historic cemetery located on 40+ acres in the Village of Cambridge, New York, announces that the four-bedroom colonial house, barn and large lot located at 7 Cemetery Ave in Cambridge are now offered for sale. The properties, located at the corner of North Union Street and Cemetery Avenue across from Woodlands Cemetery, were built in 1922 for the use of the cemetery superintendent.

Robert Wright, president of the Woodlands Cemetery Board of Trustees, explains, "The handsome house has served its purpose well over time. In recent years, changes in the cost of maintenance and the growing advantages of home ownership for prospective superintend-

ents have made the house an unused burden. It has become evident that cemetery staff no longer want to live in these premises as part of their salary."

This has posed a challenge to the Woodlands all-volunteer board of directors, with the ongoing cost of maintaining a house of its size and style are outpacing what prospective cemetery managers will accept as a compensating benefit.

"At the lot owners annual meeting on January 25, 2021, the Trustees were directed to pursue the sale of the property" continues Wright. "As a result, the Trustees recently voted to offer the house, barn and lot for sale."

While the house has been occupied until re-

cently, it is in need of some repairs. The expansive barn is in similar condition.

"We are encouraging anyone who is interested in purchasing the property to contact their local realtor," says Wright.



# Notable ACC alumni

SUNY Adirondack is seeking nominations for 2021 Trailblazers, the college's society for distinguished alumni.

Now in its fourth year, the Trailblazer Society looks to identify and honor alumni who have achieved significant success in their careers or have made a substantial impact through philanthropic efforts and community service.

"Our distinguished alumni are true leaders and have blazed a trail in their careers and communities, paving the way for future generations," said Danielle Brown, director of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving. "It is inspiring and heartwarming to see how far our alumni have gone while re-

maining so connected to their time at SUNY Adirondack."

The 2021 class of SUNY Adirondack Trailblazers will be selected by a committee of distinguished faculty, alumni and SUNY Adirondack leaders, and a ceremony will be held in the fall to honor and induct the new members.

To nominate a SUNY Adirondack alum, visit <https://sunyacc.edu/give/suny-adirondack-trailblazers>. The deadline for submissions is Thursday, Sept. 30.

For more information, contact Danielle Brown, director of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving, at [brownd@sunyacc.edu](mailto:brownd@sunyacc.edu).

## RC churches update

Sunday Mass at Holy Cross Catholic Church is at 8:15 AM and St. Patrick's celebrates on Sunday at 11:30 AM. Weekday Mass is at 9 AM on Tuesdays at Holy Cross and Wednesdays at St. Patrick's. The Altar Rosary of Holy Cross hosting coffee hours with the help of parishoners on the first Sunday of each month. All are welcome. The Parish is still in great need of greeters, lectors, and Eucharistic Ministers. Call St. Patrick's office if you can offer some assistance at 518-677-2757, or email at [battenkill-catholic.org](mailto:battenkill-catholic.org), to learn more about it. The bulletins have additional informa-

tion available and can be found on the site. St. Joseph's continues to post Sunday Mass on YouTube at 10 AM.

Jeff Peck suggests readers of fiction might be interested in a couple of books. J.F.Powers novel, "Morte d'Urban" which won a National Book Award for fiction. It is the story of Fr. Urban Roche, of a fictitious religious order is sent to a remote retreat house in rural Minnesota. Another author is Deacon Ron Hanson, known for writing westerns. A major film, "Marianne in Ecstasy," set in a cloister in New York in 1906, is based on one of his books. Both are powerful and entertaining.

## Baker Family Reunion

The 156th Baker Family Reunion will only meet virtually this year because of the lingering effects of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The meeting will be held virtually on Zoom on August 14 at 1:00 pm. To receive information on how to attend the meeting, please visit The Baker Family Reunion Facebook page.

Judy Farnan-Farago, president of the Baker Family Reunion of the descendants of James and Ruth Post Baker said it was decided to cancel the 2021 in-person Reunion out of an abundance of caution. The 2022 reunion will once again be held in person. This is only the third time an in-person reunion has been cancelled since it was first held in 1865. The other year was 1943, in the depths of WW II.

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# RAM free medical/dental clinic to visit

Remote Area Medical- RAM® – a major nonprofit provider of pop-up clinics delivering free, quality dental, vision and medical care to underserved and uninsured individuals — is set to be in Greenwich, NY, on October 2 & 3, 2021 to provide free care.

Volunteers are also needed. Contact RAM for more details.

To fulfill its goal of treating as many people as possible, RAM is still in need of licensed dental professionals and vision professionals to volunteer their time throughout the weekend, including Dentists, Dental hygienists, Optometrists, Ophthalmologists, Opticians, and Ophthalmic Techs.

All RAM services are free, and no ID is required. Free dental, vision, and medical services will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis.

Services available at the clinic will include dental cleanings, dental fillings, dental extractions, dental x-rays, eye exams, glaucoma testing, eyeglass prescriptions, eyeglasses made on-site, women's health exams, and general medical exams.

The 2-day clinic, in collaboration with members of the local community, will be held at the Washington County Fairgrounds, located at 392 Old Schuylerville Rd., Greenwich, NY 12834.

"Remote Area Medical is glad to be able to help bring free services to those in need in the Greenwich community," said RAM CEO Jeff Eastman. "This has been a challenging time, and access to health-care is more important than ever before.

Thank you to all the volunteers who are coming to help those in need."

Due to time constraints, pa-

tients should be prepared to choose between DENTAL and VISION services. Free medical services are offered in addition to dental or vision services to every patient attending the clinic.

The patient parking lot will open no later than 12:01 am, Saturday, October 2 and remain open. As patients arrive at the parking lot, they will be provided with additional information regarding clinic opening processes and next steps. Patients

should be prepared with their own food, water, medicines, and clothing, when arriving early. Bathrooms will be provided.

Clinic doors open at 6 am on Saturday, October 2. This process will repeat on Sunday, October 3.

RAM encourages everyone who would like services, especially dental services, to arrive as early as possible. In some situations, such as inclement weather, volunteer cancellations, or other circumstances outside of RAM's control, the

parking lot may open earlier or a smaller number of patients served. \*Clinic closing time may vary based on each service

area's daily capacity. Please check RAM's clinic FAQ page for more information.

In response to



A scene from a past clinic

COVID-19, RAM has incorporated and developed new disinfecting and safety processes. All patients will be required to wear a face covering and must undergo a COVID-19 screening before entering the clinic. Guests and

family members of patients, including pets, will not be allowed to enter the building. New air flow, disinfecting processes, and capacity limitations have also been put in place to ensure the safety of patients, staff and volunteers.

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## A brief news run down

**Cody Fitzgerald**  
*Journal & Press*

Lately, there's been so much going on in the news that it's hard to keep track of who's doing what and what's happening. I wanted to make these headlines a little more accessible and user friendly, so here's a brief rundown of what's going on in the news lately-

- Uproar after masses discover Stewart's hot dogs don't come in the package
- Several New York weatherpeople quit, citing long days
- Delta Airlines attempts to sue COVID for defamation
- Every scientist and doctor in the country says you should get a vaccine, but your pastor and racist uncle say no. Who do you trust?
- NBC hosts scramble to find someone who actually watched the

Olympics so they can report on them

- Studies show young people "more receptive to logic"
- Eric Clapton still sucks
- Republican efforts to redraw districts in the Electoral College thrown out after it was discovered the proposal was done with a crayon
- Six Flags announces new "COVID Coaster," with the hills and drops mimicking a graph of the United States' COVID cases
- Marjorie Taylor Greene to join "Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader" reboot as one of the elementary students
- Facebook memories notes that you were lying on your couch and crying eating ice cream one year ago today
- TLC holds open auditions for new people to exploit
- Ron Desantis bans seatbelts

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- (Pringles joke)
- People with a brain rose to remind you that we shouldn't be cancelling unemployment, and the minimum wage should go up; those opposed replied with "naa naa na poopoo, I don't care" and then blew a raspberry
- Studies show Republican trust in science is diminishing
- Studies show scientists' trust in Republicans is diminishing
- Meghan McCain critiques Chris Cuomo for nepotism (this one isn't even a joke, the satire is writing itself)
- Disney shuts down in hail mary effort to not pay female stars
- Andrew Cuomo writes book praising himself on how he's handled his controversy
- Jesus jealous of George Orwell for quickly gaining steam on the "message taken severely out of context" rankings
- Jeff Bezos comments on his phallic shaped rocket, "What? It was supposed to look like me!"
- Tom from MySpace makes reappearance to say "you didn't want me and look what you're stuck with now"
- P & R rally to leave alphabet

after not wanting to be associated with the letter Q anymore

- Studies show that if you think Simone Biles is betraying her country to focus on her mental health, but you proudly announce that you're unvaccinated, you should shut up
- Rudy Guiliani will be downgraded to racecar bed in prison, warden says
- To much surprise, Cody Fitzgerald finishes an article on time and it's longer than 10 sentences

There you have it. Busy times, but I hope you're up to speed on everything going in the world. Until next time, make sure you pre-plan your space trips and check that your rocket cannot be taken out of context.

*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.*



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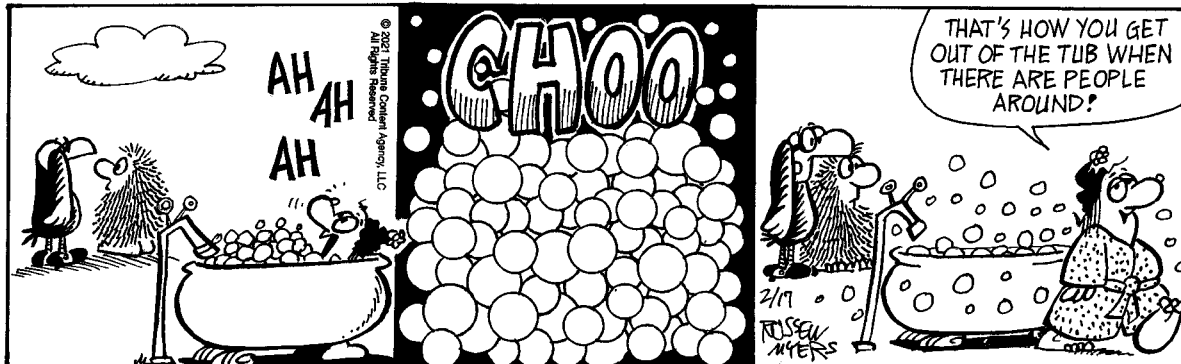
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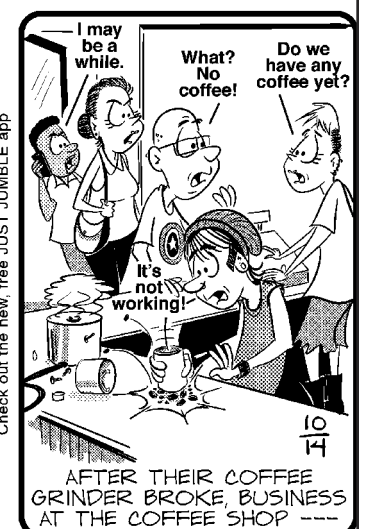
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## James L. Miers, Jr., 69

James L. Miers, Jr. went home to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on June 29 at Saratoga Hospital.

He was born on September 19, 1951, in Brooklyn, NY, to Lenore (Menis) and James L. Miers. He graduated from New Dorp High School in Staten Island in 1969.

Jim moved to Sturbridge, Mass., where he operated a contracting and maintenance business. He attended Seminary College and was a Bi-Vocal Pastor at Sterling Baptist Church in Sterling, Mass. While residing in Massachusetts, he worked alongside FEMA and Red Cross. He was also Disaster Relief Coordinator for the Baptist Convention of New England.

In 2000, Jim moved to Schuylerville, when he met Ronalee Myers. He loved this little village and purchased the (then) Empress Motel in 2001. After major renovations, he re-opened it as the Old Saratoga Motor Inn. Jim and Ronnie worked together operating this motel and her Bed and Breakfast, The Dovegate Inn. Jim also opened a hot dog stand, Frankly Speaking, on the motel property. He loved being known as “the

hot dog man.” The couple enjoyed meeting a wide variety of people and have many stories about their guests. Jim retired from the hospitality business in 2017.

Jim became involved in the operation of the Village. He served on the Schuylerville/Victory Board of Water Management. He was also a Trustee for the Village of Schuylerville for a number of years.

He served many years on the committee of the Turning Point Parade. He was a member of the Schuylerville Lions Club.

Jim was predeceased by his parents, his aunt and uncle, Lena and Rocky Amedure, his special aunt Violet Menis, and his beloved dog, Harley D.

Jim was very proud of the accomplishments of his daughter and son and loved them dearly. He is survived by his daughter, Michele (Kadion) Phillips and his son, Michael (Brianne) Miers, both of Fiskdale, Mass., and his life partner, Ronalee Myers. He is survived by his sister, Theresa (Drew) Pandolfi of Englewood, Fla., his brothers Thomas Miers (Philomena Denker) of Staten Island, NY, and Timothy Miers. He is also survived by Ronnie’s sons, Brian (Jamie), Adam (Beth Woodward) and Philip (Danielle) Myers, all of Schuylerville. Jim’s love for his grandchildren was beautiful. He adored them all! Aubyn, Brandon and Tyler Phillips, Mackenzie, Sawyer, and Charlotte Miers, Natalie Myers, Lucy Myers, Louis and Charlotte Myers, as well as the “bonus grandkids,” Kaylee and Ashton Foster and Maxx Liptak, will all miss Poppie. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews, as well as his former wife, Diane Galati Miers of Sturbridge, Mass.

The family would like to thank his aide, Samantha Estrada, and her husband, Fernando, for responding to his calls at a moment’s notice and giving him such loving care. Thank you, too, to his team of doctors: Dr. Robert Nielson, Dr. Nicholas Kondo, Dr. Carlos Ares, Dr. Dahoui, Dr. Hogan, and, especially, Victoria Phillips, and the staff at the Rubin Center.

Jim has donated his body to the Albany Medical College Anatomical Gift Program in the hope of medical findings that may help to cure diabetes, heart disease and kidney diseases.

Donations may be made to the Schuyler Hose Company or General Schuyler/Wilton EMS in Jim’s



memory.

A Celebration of Life was held on July 31 with many friends and family members attending.

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# Cambridge Crossword

(solution page 24)

## Across

1 Hang out in alleys

5 Sporty sunroofs

10 Job jar item

14 Cuatro y cuatro

15 Sprightly movement

16 Lamb pen name

17 Source of damaging rumors

20 Vietnam holiday

21 "What the Constitution Means to Me" award

22 Like Boo Boo and Baloo

23 Lead source

24 Novelist Deighton

25 Wile E. Coyote's supplier

26 Buzz among local gossips

32 Takes short cuts?

34 Part of S&L

35 FDR 34-Across org.

36 One of 1,225 in the first published edition of "War and Peace"

37 They have their

pride

39 Put a halt to

40 Is for a few

41 Carson forerunner

42 Hostess snack cakes

43 Nickname of two Six Flags roller coasters

47 Tavern orders

48 Apollo vehicle, briefly

49 Many miles

52 Entertained

55 Vegas rival

56 Hot Dijon season

57 Question asked with a raised voice, as demonstrated in three long puzzle answers

60 Verdi opera

61 Pants style

62 Retin-A target

63 Altar words

64 Stall for Time?

65 Clarinet need

## Down

1 Greet formally, as

at the start of a sumo match

2 Earth tone

3 Mutant big cat

4 \_\_\_ Gatos, California

5 Late game show host with seven Emmys

6 "Gran \_\_\_": 2008 Eastwood film

7 \_\_\_ in a blue moon

8 Kissing on the kiss cam, for short

9 Even

10 Her Majesty's service?

11 Others, in old Rome

12 Put one's name on the line?

13 Immortal "Citizen"

18 Opinion surveys

19 Image creators, for short

25 Loads

27 Monkey relative

28 Biota growth

29 Undecided

30 Owl's call

31 Catches some z's

32 Places for hot waxes

33 One pulling in pushers

37 Outgoing officeholder

38 Perfect Portions pet food brand

39 Abel, to Adam

41 Throwback diet

42 Handmade stadium sign

44 Gut courses

45 Becomes less overcast

46 Playwright Ibsen

50 Even things

51 Said 63-Across a second time

52 Antioxidant-rich berry

53 Downton Abbey's Daisy, for one

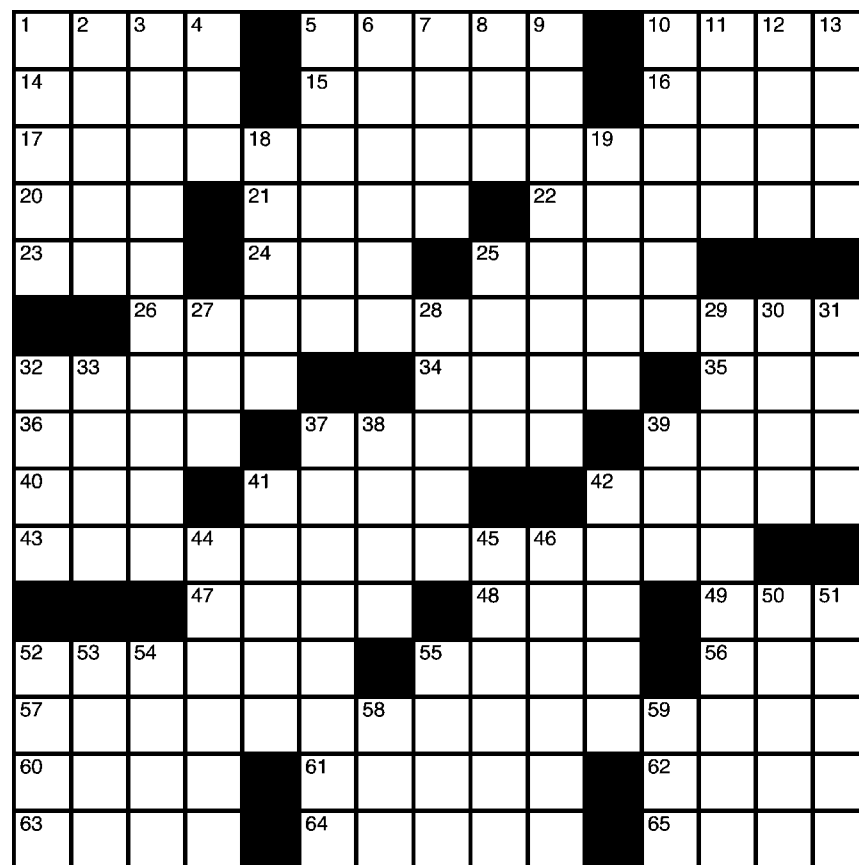
54 Go back, on a PC

55 Default result

58 "Bali \_\_\_"

59 AirPods spot

ANSWERS ON PAGE 26.



## Word Find

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

Find these words that are associated with college orientation.

Admissions Advisor

Bookstore  
Boxes  
Bursar  
Campus  
Check-in  
College  
Credits

Curriculum  
Dorm  
Freshmen  
Lamp  
Laptop  
Lessons  
Move In

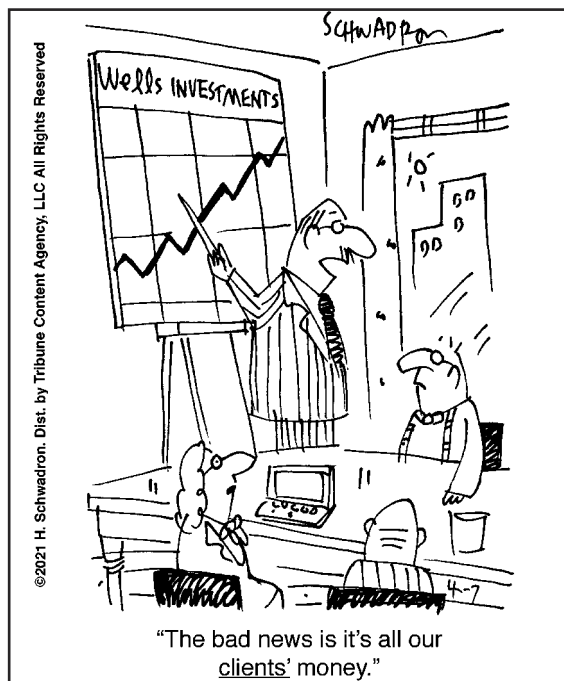
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Roommate  
Schedule  
Setup  
Tour  
Towels

Visit  
Welcome

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9 to 5 by Harley Schwadron

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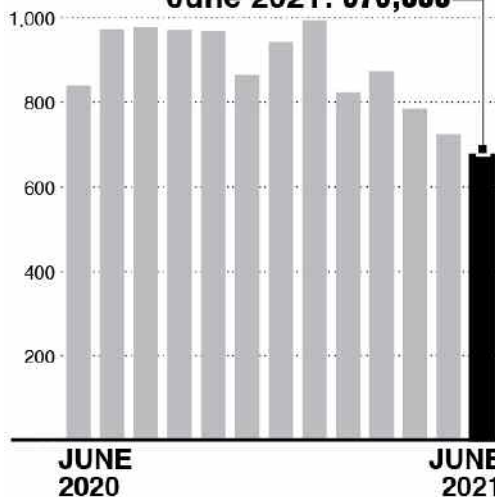


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## New residential sales

New houses sold, seasonally adjusted, scale in thousands

June 2021: 676,000



Graphic: TNS  
Source: U.S. Census Bureau



# Cannabis: Let facts inform legislation

**Lance Allen Wang**  
*Journal & Press*

One part of the Enlightenment thinking that resulted in the Founding Fathers' movement toward this Constitutional Republic was the focus on science and the movement away from superstition, a relic of the Dark Ages.

The Enlightenment was a product of the Renaissance. Some of our Founders were themselves scientists – Benjamin Franklin one of the foremost among them. Thomas Jefferson loved “the tranquil pursuit of science,” and James Madison was a member of the American Philosophical Society, which was the oldest of our nation’s scientific societies. Their focus on facts and evidence led John Adams to speak of government itself as a science.

I often get upset when I see Americans reacting to superstition. If enough people believe a falsehood, that represents a market for anyone who can profit through others’ ignorance. Soon, you have spokespersons for these falsehoods, and eventually you have an alternate reality.

Case in point, cannabis. More commonly known as marijuana, cannabis was a common weed used for religious, medical, and recreational purposes, with the earliest evidence of use dating back to 3500 B.C. Its modern use in the West dates back to 1842, when a medical officer with the East India Company brought some back from Bengal to Britain, where it sparked interest. In the United States, it became popular in later 19th century medicines as well as among poor laborers who could scarcely afford alcohol as a means of relaxation.

Now, let’s stay in the United States, and we’re going to skip forward to 1930. We see the brand-new Federal Bureau of Narcotics, with a brand-new Director, Mr. Harry J. Anslinger. In 1930, the nation is still in the middle of Prohibition, the Constitutional prohibition on the production, importation, transportation, and sale of alcoholic beverages. The Bureau of Investigation (later Federal Bureau of Investigation – a.k.a. the FBI), with its Director J. Edgar Hoover (who was rapidly developing into full-blown celeb) was getting all the attention and all the funding.

Anslinger, however, had tricks up his sleeve. When he took over cannabis enforcement in 1930, he quickly learned to dispose of information

counter to the direction he wanted to take things – for instance, the American Medical Association sent testimony where 29 of 30 pharmacists objected to the banning of marijuana. One wrote that the proposal to ban it was “Absolute rot. It is not necessary. I have never known of its misuse.” The only letter to remain in the Bureau’s files was the one from the dissenter.

He also learned that focusing on the poor laborers who used it allowed him to court racism in the United States. One of his articles advised “Reefer makes darkies think they are as good as white men.” He specifically targeted jazz musicians, including Billie Holliday and Charlie Parker.

New York City Mayor Fiorello La Guardia was among the first to commission an actual study on the impact of marijuana. The 1944 La Guardia Committee Report findings completely contradicted those of Harry Anslinger. Despite Anslinger’s stories, the study found smoking marijuana did NOT cause insanity, and did not lead to addiction in the “medical sense of the word.” However, the stories gained traction and marijuana would be banned in the United States, even becoming classified a Schedule I substance, meaning “no currently accepted medical use.”

Because some of Anslinger’s salacious stories about the consequences of cannabis use were so over the top they inspired films like the inadvertently silly

**‘Fellow veterans want to get off medications. Who am I to blame them?’**

1930s and the later Sid Davis production “Seduction of the Innocent” (showing how a puff on a marijuana cigarette leads the girl next door to become a heroin addict and prostitute).

So, is this article meant to say that cannabis is harmless? No, it is not. For one, cannabis has been shown to have a negative effect on the developing adolescent mind – as does alcohol. However, I think that following the science tells me that at the VERY least, it has medical uses. I see fellow veterans who want to get off prescription anti-depressants and anti-anxiety medications and try marijuana instead. The same for others who want to get off opiate painkillers. Who am I to blame them if they think it’s worth a shot?



So based on facts, what would I recommend?

To start with, legalize cannabis at the Federal level, and remove it from Schedule I. Regulate it like an intoxicant for retail sales, regulate it like a medicine for medical use. Legalizing it will destroy the underground economies based around it, and allow the taxes gained to be put to public use. Legalizing it will allow law enforcement to focus on the more important issue of the trafficking of opiates, both prescription and non-prescription.

Note that legalizing something doesn’t mean the sanctioning of it. This is not government saying “Pot is good.” This is government saying, “This should not be a Schedule I substance. You are an adult, and as such you make choices. We will ensure you have the best information to make your choice, and we have set product standards so you won’t be a victim of fraud. Should you choose to use it, we have defined lawful behavior while you are under its influence. So long as you stay within those boundaries, then this is your business and we have nothing further to say about it.” I think the Founders would agree, including our hemp-growing first Chief Executive.

Any government that wants to intrude further about what should be a personal and medical issue, not a legal issue, is a bigger government than this Republican is willing to support.

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(solution below)

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## Answers

**Boggle:** APE MOLE PUMA MOOSE KOALA  
MOUSE WHALE HORSE ALPACA

**Jumble:** TOTAL DEPTH LUXURY JARGON

**Final Jumble:**  
GROUND TO A HALT

# The Environment

## Farmland preserved

The Agricultural Stewardship Association (ASA) is pleased to announce the permanent protection of over 300 acres of farmland in Rensselaer County. On July 26th ASA staff completed back-to-back closings on two farms. The Luskin Family conserved 145 acres of critical dairy support land located in the Town of Pittstown. Immediately following, Hay Berry Farm, a 167-acre U-pick operation located in the Town of Hoosick was also protected. Funding for both farms was through the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program administered by the United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resource Conservation Service (USDA NRCS). ASA's Forever Farmland Fund provided the match.

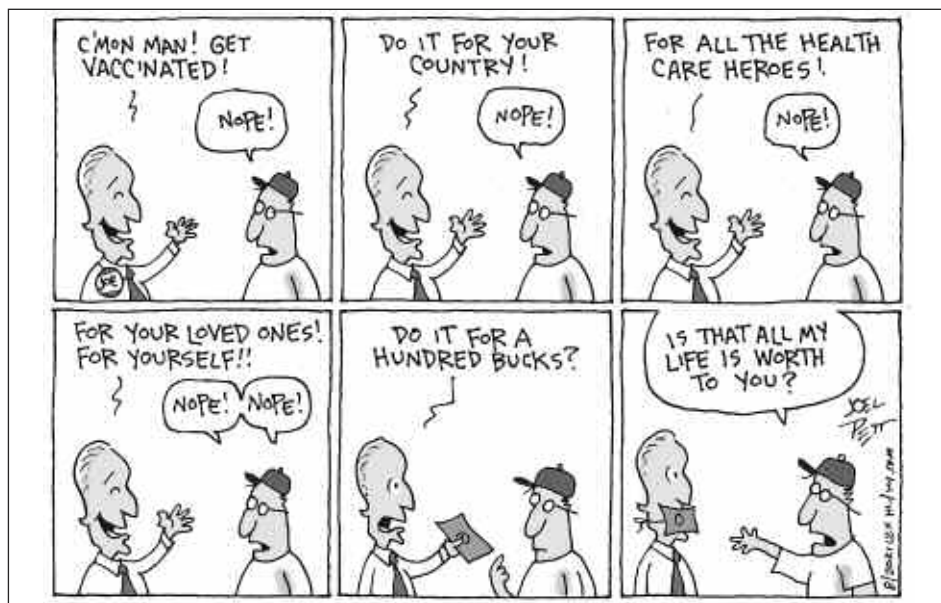
The Luskin Farm is owned by Nate and Meghan Luskin who purchased the Pittstown property in 2015 and have continued to lease the land to a nearby dairy farm. Nate and Meghan have strong ties to the community and

feel deeply that protecting the land with a conservation easement was the right thing to do for the future. The property is adjacent to 400 acres of land already conserved by ASA and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Hay Berry Farm is owned and operated by Lawrie Nickerson. purchased the property in 2007 and converted it from a dairy farm to its current U-pick operation with an on-site farm store featuring blueberries, lavender, honey, mushrooms, pumpkins and perennial herbs and flowers. Since 2007, Lawrie has focused on regenerative farming practices and has planted over 7,000 hazelnut trees on its re-contoured slopes. Lawrie is striving to prevent run-off and erosion. "My goal," Lawrie explains, "is to create a diverse landscape that maintains a natural balance. I see a new future for my farm with the investments I've been able to make in permaculture design and plantings."

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