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After the fire



TEAM PHOTOS 16



-kelly eustis photo

The historic Wilmarth building on Main Street in Greenwich is downed by fire, and an alleged arsonist is in custody. We remember the history of this building as a community picks up the pieces.

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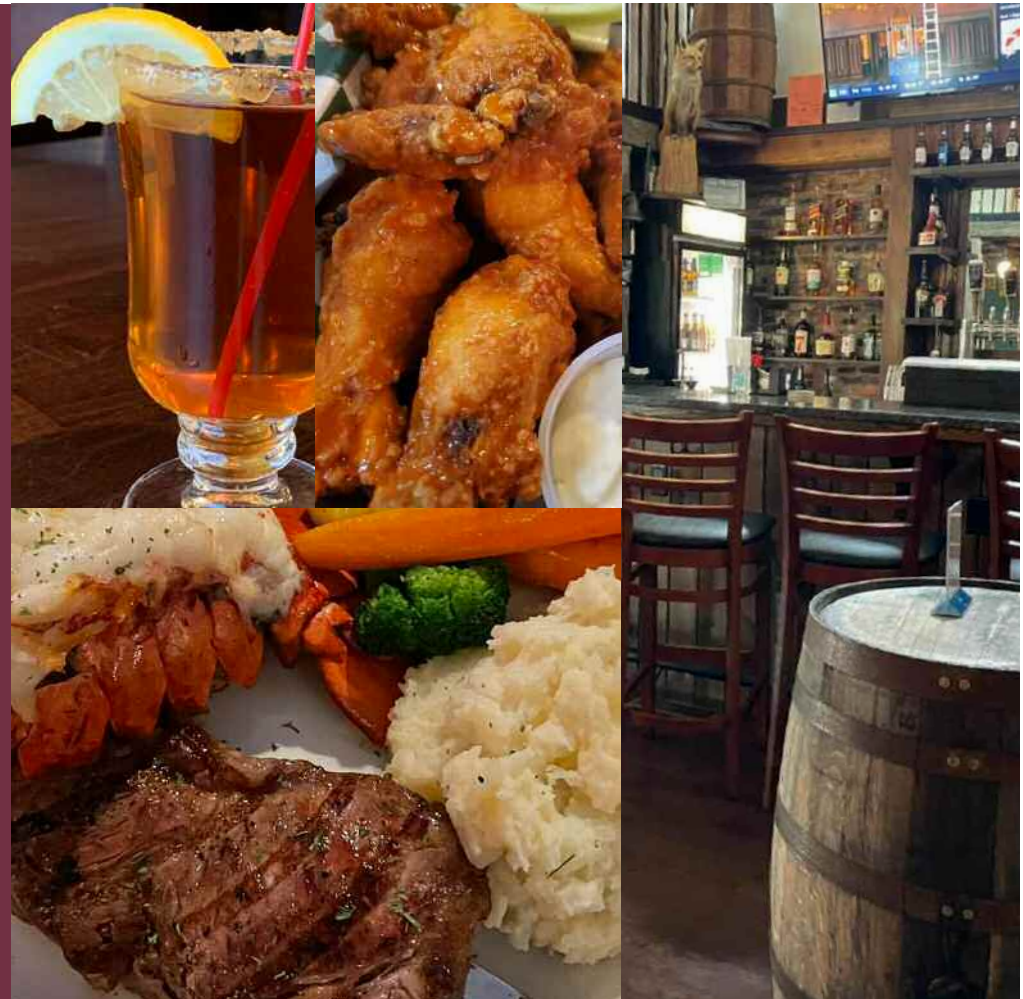
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Who do you think you are?

Kate Sausville
Journal & Press

When I recently got the opportunity to take a DNA test, I jumped at the chance. My Father's side of the family is a bit of a mystery and the lack of knowledge has always felt like a missing piece. We don't know much, as my grandfather's parents died when my grandfather was young. There was some speculation that my great-grandmother was indigenous/native but nothing definitive. Due to this, I've never really felt connected to my father's side of the family. My mother's side of the family, however, is an open book. Stories and photographs abound, and I bet most of my family could tell you how Guiseppa (Joseph) Manzerra left Italy in 1919 on the President Wilson. Family legend is that he was so sea-sick on the voyage that he never returned to Italy because of it. He came through Ellis Island and eventually made his way to Troy, NY. He would marry another Italian immigrant, and they would raise four children in South Troy. Due to the closeness of my mother's family, I grew up identifying strongly as Italian-American.

Since we were not sure of my paternal great grandmother's ethnicity, I had hoped getting a DNA test would answer some questions and give me a greater sense of connection to that side of the family. Several weeks went by and I finally got the results. Not surprisingly I found out I am mostly Irish, Scottish, and English. Although I identify closely with my Italian relatives, I am only 9%

Italian, according to Ancestry. There is not a drop of indigenous/native DNA. The mystery remains, for now.

Knowing your history, and having connections to it, has been on my mind a lot lately. When I moved to this area over 20 years ago, I was warned to be careful about what I said, as most people here are related through blood or marriage. I've probably stuck my foot in my mouth more times than I can count. One memorable time I was working locally, and told a co-worker about a house that I drove by often that needed to have the siding finished already. Only to discover it was his house (Sorry, Ed!) In my defense, I'm sure his wife was happy that he finished the project soon after that.

The connection to the area is one I notice frequently. You see it in the familiar last names on the memorials around town, or on the school gym walls or banners. High school kids playing now are playing for the same team their parents, and sometimes grandparents played for. There is a lot to be said about a town that people want to stay and raise their families in, because they were raised here and want the same life for their children. Connection is important. It gives us a sense of self; it is good for our physical and mental health. Connection is often forged by shared history.

This past week, the town of Greenwich suffered a loss of part of their history. The 19th century Wilmarth Building was badly damaged by fire and had to be torn down. The building had several businesses and apartments in it, and was a large and beautiful presence in our downtown area. While the fire raged, we saw the best of our community. The Episcopal church located across the street took in those residents who lost their homes, providing comfort and warmth while they waited for news. The firefighters worked hard to contain the fire and try to minimize the damage. Several residents dropped off food and donations for the first respon-

'Feelings of connection are what make us want to do good things for others.'

ders. Many residents used social media to give updates and keep neighbors informed of road closures and power outages. Within a few hours, the first fundraisers were started.



Tearing down Wilmarth
-kyle vandewater photo

While some might say it was tragedy that brought the community together, that would be shortsighted. A study out of Berkeley suggests that feelings of connection are what make us want to do good things for others. I've noticed that our local residents support their neighbors all throughout the year in different ways. Those who love where they live want others to feel the same connection to their town that they have. The fire may have changed the village landscape, but through photographs and stories the shared history and connection will remain. The sense of connection supersedes even DNA, and I will continue to proudly identify as a Greenwich Italian-American. Even if I've only lived here for 20 years, and my Italian blood is a measly 9%.

The Greater Greenwich Chamber of Commerce is handling donations for the fire victims. They can be reached at (518) 692-7979.

Kate Sausville is a resident of Greenwich.



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The rise and fall of the Wilmarth building

Sandy McReynolds
Journal & Press

Sadly, the Wilmarth Block joins the list of structures on Main Street in the Village of Greenwich that have been ravaged by flames in February: Crystal Café 1909; Greenwich House 1912; Greenwich Theatre 1913; White Swan Hotel 1971; Diondahowa Diner 1977; Brownell Tire Service 1997.

Its loss leaves a hole in the historic district. There will be a generation soon, which will grow up with only knowing the gap, and not the grandeur of the connected buildings.

Nearing its 130th birthday, it was built in 1892 by John and Albert Richards for George E. Wilmarth and constructed on what was the site of the ancestral home of Mr. Wilmarth. This was the last single-family house in that business stretch, and was moved to the rear of the bank to continue use as a rental. This move would accommodate the new three story brick building—the Wilmarth. Few photos are seen of that section of Main Street prior to the brick structure added. One is the well-known 1888 snow storm photograph, in

which you can see the roof of the house if you look closely.

After Mr. Wilmarth's passing in late 1903, the Wilmarth building was purchased by Charles H. VanNess and F.L. Townsend. At this point, the building would be referred to as the VanNess – Townsend Building in advertisements. The two held offices on the second floor, with VanNess having several occupations: lawyer, insurance and real estate agent. The two large storefronts were occupied by John A. McDougall and his large

dry goods store. He would remain here until March 1911, when the Cronin Brothers from Granville took possession of the space and opened their department store, everything from clothing to groceries were available.

VanNess and Townsend would sell the building in 1923 to the Consolidated Electric Company for a sum of \$14,000. Cronin Brothers announced that same year their purchase of the Gibson Block (where Just Meats is now located) with a move date of April 1924.

The Consolidated Electric Company did extensive remodeling on the main floor. The front of the store would be the showroom, and the back was dedicated to office space. Electrical heaters, dishwashers, ranges, refrigerators were on display along with a large assortment of lighting fixtures—and all were available for purchase. By the outbreak of World War II, the company had changed to New York Power and Light and the office space would be



'Drafted men would board the bus out front.'

used for the local draft and rationing boards by early 1942. Drafted men from the Greenwich area would board the bus out front of the building and head off to boot camp with community members cheering them on.

After the Hill Block fire 1951, Holmes Pharmacy relocated to the

Wilmarth Block and would remain for many years. Other occupants of the building over time have included Plumb's Optometrist office on the second floor, Bill Peltier radio and television sale and repair store, John C. Granger's dentist office, and Buzz's Barber Shop. By 1975, the building was owned by Bob Mesick, who owned an insurance agency which later merged with McPhillips.

The upper two floors that were not being used for office space, was used predominately by fraternal organizations over the years. Union Village Lodge, No. 253 I.O.O.F. (Odd Fellows); Diondahoo Encampment No. 13 I.O.O.F.; Philip Schuyler Council No. 28, U.A.M.; Battenkill Commandary No. 28 L.L.; G.A.R. (Grand

Army of the Republic) Post Albert M. Cook No. 326; American Legion; Randolph Club; Elks; and the Ashlar Lodge Masons—who installed a large safe on the third floor which remained with the building.

The Wilmarth was purchased by Marta Ward in late 1987, who over the next couple years would renovate the historic building. Rather than lowering the ceilings, one of the nice touches was to instead, raise the floor. This would allow the historic tin ceilings to remain exposed. The end result of the renovation was a split of apartments and office space that kept the historic charm and majesty inside and out.

Over the years there have been thousands of people in and out of that building for one purpose or another. How many times have we all been by there on a casual stroll or in a rush to get somewhere else as we zip by in our vehicles, never realizing that one day, it would be the last. Though the Wilmarth may be gone, it will forever be in our memories.

Sandy McReynolds is Historian for the Town of Greenwich, as well as Historian for the Greenwich Free Library's Gill Room.



Free media training

The publisher of The Greenwich Journal & Salem Press will host a free Media Training Workshop for small non-profits and small businesses on Friday, Feb. 18, at 2:45 p.m. via Zoom. The event is expected to run about 45 minutes to an hour.

The goal of the training is to provide small operations that can't

afford to hire a professional PR representative some techniques to do that effectively themselves.

The training will help organizations improve their communications, especially with local media organizations, earning them free publicity and better placements for their news releases, in multi-

ple mediums: print newspapers, TV news and social media.

Darren Johnson teaches Journalism and Marketing part-time for two local colleges. He's also been a college marketer, conducting similar workshops for in-house PR teams.

Log in to the talk at [zoom.30wire.com](https://zoom.us/j/30wire.com).

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American Rescue Plan Act: What does it mean for the town?

Jim Nolan

Greenwich Town Supervisor

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) was signed into law on March 11, 2021. It provides direct relief to cities, towns, and villages due to the negative economic impact of the Coronavirus.

The Town of Greenwich has been awarded \$336,101.55 through this program. How can the funding be used? The Treasury Department, which administers the program, lists four areas where funds can be used:

1. To respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency or its negative impacts
2. To provide premium pay to essential workers
3. To recover loss of revenue to provide public services
4. To make necessary investments in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure.

It is important to note the ARPA funds can't be used to lower taxes.

Clarification

Regarding our interview story last issue with Salem Supervisor Evera Sue Clary, we want to clarify the White Church was able to be painted and restored by a very generous, anonymous donor, as well as volunteers holding benefits. The congregation of the White Church hired a contractor with the money raised. "The generosity of the donor made it possible, Clary added. "Just an amazing endeavor all the way around, so want to make sure credit is given where credit is due."



Responding to a public health emergency or its negative impacts involves identifying a public health or economic impact on individuals or groups of people and designing a program that responds to those impacts. Groups impacted could be households, small businesses, nonprofits, and impacted industries. This also includes programs or services to support long-term housing security including development of affordable housing and permanent supportive housing.

Premium pay for essential workers would be providing bonuses to workers deemed essential during the health care crisis.

Recovering lost revenue to provide public services includes things like highway maintenance, parks, and public safety. A study done in late 2021 by an outside consultant identified \$232,000 in lost revenue for the Town of Greenwich.

Investments in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure includes investments in water infrastructure, providing culvert repairs, replacement of storm sewers, and extension of broadband services to eligible areas.

ARPA funds can be used to cover allowable costs incurred March 3, 2021 or later. The deadline to obligate the funds is December 31, 2024 and the deadline to expend the funds is December 31, 2026.

In 2021, the Town used \$26,312.50 of ARPA fund to pay for the Route 29 waterline study, creation of material to obtain a grant to update the Town's 2004 Comprehensive Plan, purchasing cloud software services for additional cybersecurity, updated computers, and Hudson River Park studies.

How will the additional ARPA monies be used? The Town Board will examine possible uses for the remaining monies after obtaining input from Town residents and then prioritizing projects that will not only qualify for ARPA funding but will bring the most benefit to the Town.

As the Town moves forward in this endeavor, some very positive results can be achieved. Stay tuned.

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



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Norman A. Bouchard, Jr., 71

Norman A. Bouchard, Jr., 71, of Salem, passed away Monday, February 7, 2022 at his residence.

Born December 30, 1950 in Concord, NH, he was the son of the late Norman Arnold Bouchard, Sr. and Barbara Wells Bouchard.

Norm graduated from Pittsfield High School in Pittsfield, NH and lived in Salem for many years. He was currently working at Hollingsworth & Vose in Clarks Mills and has been with the company for over 25 years.

Norm had many passions which include being an avid guitarist and listening to music, especially the Beatles who he saw in concert in 1968. Norm always said the music soothes the soul. He was a self-taught musician who couldn't read music notes. He learned by sound. Norm played in the band, Sweet Silver Blue where he was the lead guitarist. He also played in numerous bands in the past years. Norm had a gift of making guitars and also building computers. He enjoyed riding motorcycles and adored his grandchildren and loved his dogs as well as the dogs of family mem-

bers. Norm was a frequent shopper of Amazon and they will miss him!

"When the night was quiet and I would be out at the campfire under the open sky full of stars, I would hear him playing his guitar in his music room and it just made the world ok". This was a reflection by Norm's next-door neighbor.

Norm is survived by his wife of 42 years, Rhonda Richmond Bouchard who he met when they worked at CB Sports in Bennington; his children, Norman Arnold Bouchard, III and his wife Logan of Greenwich and Michael George Bouchard and his wife Jill of Cossayuna; brothers, Michael Bouchard of Pittsfield, NH and Dave Bouchard and his wife Nancy of Pembroke, NH; grandchildren, who called him Grandpa Norm and Papa Cookie, Colin Bouchard, Cooper Bouchard, Kinley Bouchard and Rexton Bouchard; one niece and two nephews, Kelsey Bouchard Smith, Chris Bouchard and Josh Bouchard.



Calling hours are from 3-5 pm on Wednesday, February 16, 2022 at the McClellan-Gariepy Funeral Home, 19 East Broadway, Salem. A service will begin at 5 pm with Rev. Debbie Earthrowl officiating.

Memorial contributions in Norm's memory may be made to the Salem Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 360, Salem, NY 12865. To offer condolences to the family, please visit www.gariepyfuneralhomes.com

Robin C. Hanks, 80

Robin C. Hanks, 80, of Salem, passed away Saturday, January 29, 2022, at her residence.

Born April 1, 1941 in Glens Falls, she was the daughter of the late Frank and Ida (Hicks) Cowles.

Robin graduated from House in the Pines in Norton, MA and received her Bachelor's Degree from Milwaukee-Downer College.

Robin was an Occupational Therapist working in Schenectady, Denver, Burlington and several nursing homes and health care agencies including Washington County public Health where she retired from.

Robin was a member of the First United Presbyterian Church of Salem and a past member of the Historical Society of Early American Decoration. She was a member of the Washington County Children's Committee, the Daughters of the American Revolution and at one time a member and President of the Salem Central School Board.

Robin also loved being creative whether it be

drawing, painting, quilting, knitting, crocheting, reading, crafts and gardening. Robin was determined to master anything she did no matter what disability she had. Robin loved being around her children and grandchildren and loved animals.

In addition to her parents, she was also predeceased by her step-mother, Joanne Cowles.

Robin is survived by her husband of fifty-one years, D. Dean Hanks; her children, Darrow D. (Kara) Hanks and Holly B. (Travis) Keys, all of Salem. She is also survived by a brother, F. Waite (Marcia) Cowles of Greenwich; a sister, Nancy (Eric) Wilson of Bryant, AR; mother-in-law, Jane Wilson Hanks of Florida; grandchildren, Chloe Hanks, Hannah Hanks, Dillon Hanks, Elliot Armstrong, Holden Keys, Austin Keys and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Services will be at a later date and will be announced.

The family wishes to acknowledge the wonderful care given to Robin by Judy Shaw, Eileen Slim Reid, Krystal Boice, Deborah Foster and Charity

Rushinski.

Memorial contributions in memory of Robin may be made to the Salem Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 360, Salem, NY 12865 or the Salem Vol. Fire Dept., P.O. Box 449, Salem, NY 12865 or Shriners Hospital for Children, 2900 Rocky Point Drive, Tampa, FL 33607.

To offer condolences to the family, please visit www.gariepyfuneralhomes.com

Arrangements are with the McClellan-Gariepy Funeral Home, Inc. in Salem.



Louis Imhof, 90

Louis Imhof peacefully passed away on Saturday, February 5, 2022 at his home in Prestwick Chase, Saratoga Springs, NY with his devoted wife, Carol, by his side. Born in NYC on December 19, 1931, he had just celebrated his 90th Birthday with all his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was a child of the late John (Jake) and Matilda (Tillie) Imhof of NYC and brother of the late John F. (Jack) Imhof of Gainesville, Georgia.

He attended grade school at PS13 in NYC and graduated from Wagner College after serving in the Air Force, having been honorably discharged after receiving The National Defense Service Medal and The Good Conduct Medal.

He was an accountant by trade, later specializing in small hospitals having worked at St. Agnes Hospital in White Plains NY and then the NYS Department of Health for 21 years.

After retiring in 1994, Lou enjoyed river boat cruises throughout Europe and working his hobby farm with Carol in Greenwich. He was involved with The Greenwich Booster Club when his children were in sports, served on the Greenwich School Board and was the Chairman of the Wash-



ington County Conservative Party for many years.

Lou was devoted to his family and loved his Irish Setters. He was known to have an unerring moral compass and was always ready to help someone in need. He was a quiet supporter of community causes. He had a great sense of humor, a ready smile and dazzling blue eyes. He was a very generous man.

Lou is survived by his wife of 63 years, Carol Imhof, whom he married June 7, 1958. His son, John Imhof (Tina) of Abilene, TX; daughters, Nancy Schneider (Joe) of Greenwich, NY and Susan Greene (Steven) of Salem, NY; grandchildren, Shea Imhof (David Carmona) of Cambridge, NY, Tristan Imhof (Michael Callander) of Jacksonville, FL, Abigail Imhof (Charles Herring) of Ft. Polk, Louisiana, Rebecca Breese (Mitchell) of Salem, NY and Cassandra Deveau-Greene of NYC; great grandchildren, Addison Wilson, Evelyn Carmona, Ophelia Carmona of Cambridge, NY and Reagan Breese of Salem, NY as well as nephews, John F. Imhof (Olga Biloded) of NYC, Eric Imhof (Kim Spence) of FL and Jeffrey Bean of MD a niece, Carol Illian (Dana) of Maryland as well as multiple grandnieces and grandnephews.

A funeral service will be held at 3:00 pm on Sunday, February 20, 2022, at Compassionate Funeral Care, 402 Maple Ave. (Rte 9 and/or Marion Ave.), Saratoga Springs, NY. Calling hours will be held from 1:00 to 3:00 pm prior to the service.



An interment with military honors will be held at 9:00 am on Monday, February 21, 2022, at Gerald B. H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery, 200 Duell Rd, Schuylerville, NY 12871.

Due to the ongoing public health concerns of COVID-19 social distancing as well as wearing of a face mask is recommended.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Tunnels to Towers Foundation, 2361 Hylan Blvd., Staten Island, NY 10306 (T2T.org) or the charity of your choice.

For online condolences, visit www.compassionatefuneralcare.com

Donna L. Arendt, 75

Donna L. (Carlton) Arendt of Cambridge (Town of Jackson), NY, passed away on Saturday, January 22, 2022, following a short illness.

Donna was born in Cambridge on June 6, 1946, to Harold and Lillian (Wilson) Carlton.

She graduated from Salem Washington Academy in 1964.

Following graduation, Donna found employment with her sister, Pam, at General Electric in Fort Edward. While there, she met her future husband, Ernest A. Arendt, and moved to Hudson Falls, NY.

In 1987, Donna and Ernest opened Frosted Fantasies in Hudson Falls, NY. Succeeding its closure, Donna was employed at Sherwood Medical in Argyle, NY.

After her husband's death, Donna moved to Cambridge, where she reveled in living near her family's farm, assisting with the books, and exploring the countryside in her John Deere gator, with her faithful pups by her side.

She enjoyed front porch sitting in summers at her camp in Gull Bay on Lake George.

Donna was predeceased by her parents, her husband, and sisters Debi and Pam Carlton.

She is survived by her daughter Heather, brothers, Gary Carlton and Greg Carlton, all of Jackson, and a sister, Penny Carlton of Maine. Nephew Gary J. (Courtney) Carlton of Jackson, nieces Tara (Ron) Lashway of Massachusetts, and Trina (Dave) Carlton of Ballston Spa.

While she is sorely missed by her dog,

Schuyler, we know she is grateful to have been reunited with Bootsie, Admiral, Simon, Sydney and Shelby.

At Donna's request, there will be no services. Interment will be at the convenience of the family.

Memorial Contributions may be made to the Cambridge Valley Rescue Squad, 37 Gilbert St., Cambridge, NY 12816 or The University of Vermont Medical Center, Miller Building, Floor 5, 111 Colchester Avenue, Burlington, VT 05401.

Incredible thanks to the team at University of Vermont, Burlington, VT for their kindness, and Donna's care.

To offer condolences to the family, please visit www.gariepyfuneralhomes.com

Arrangements are with the McClellan-Gariepy Funeral Home, Inc. in Salem.

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Obituaries

Harriet Barton Spiezio, 91

Harriet Barton Spiezio, 91, a resident of Greenwich, formerly of Johnsonville, passed away following a brief illness, on Tuesday, February 1, 2022, at Saratoga Hospital surrounded by her loving family.

She was born December 7, 1930, in Greenwich, NY to the late Ellis and Minnie (Haviland) Jones.

Harriet was a devoted Catholic her entire life, more importantly she was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Raising her children and grandchildren were the happiest of times and brought her great joy. She worked for the Greenwich Central School for over 28 years, as cafeteria manager. Harriet enjoyed making crafts, quilts, towels, and homemade gifts which she gifted at Christmas. She liked to watch Hallmark movies and dine out at the Burger Den Restaurant. Hummingbirds made her happy, she loved to take care of her small, feathered friends. Her Yorkie Bijou and her were inseparable and together they were best friends. Harriet's main goal in life was to make her family happy, Wednesday dinners with family were very special to her.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her husbands Gerald Barton and Richard Spiezio; sister Gertrude Longdeau and brother Ellis Jones Jr.

She is survived by her daughters, Paula (Bill) Simmes of Greenwich and Colleen (Ed) Carr of Schuylerville; son Kelly (Cathy) Barton of Hudson Falls; sister Shirley Jones; grandchildren, Anthony (Kahla) DeMarco, Christina DeMarco, Rachael (Steve) Csernica, Samantha (Matt) Fullerton, John (Jess), Heather (Adam), Meghan, Caty, and Max Barton; great-grandchildren Ethan Burch, Rowan and Luke DeMarco, Clayton Carr and Bailey Csernica; several nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews.

A mass of a Christian Burial was held at 10am on Monday, February 7, 2022, at St. Joseph's Church, 35 Bleecker St, Greenwich, NY, 12834, with Rev. Martin Fisher officiating. Spring burial will take place in the St. John's Cemetery, Schaghticoke.

Family and friends were able to call on Sunday, February 6, 2022, from 1- 3 pm at Flynn Bros Inc. Funeral Home, 80 Main St, Greenwich, NY, 12834.

Donations in her name may be made to the Lupus Foundation of America at www.lupus.org or St. Joseph's Church, 35 Bleecker St, Greenwich, NY, 12834.

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

The one-day work week. Because, why not?

Greg Schwem

Special to Journal & Press

Aw, heck, let's just work one day a week.

I mean, we're all overstressed, burned out, mentally exhausted and up in arms that receiving paychecks requires us to do something other than attend spin classes whenever we feel like it. Never mind that our parents, their parents, and their parents' parents clocked in at 9 a.m. and left at 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. True, there was no such thing as Zoom to haunt their weekend plans; but there also wasn't a "Bring Your Dog to Work" day at my dad's office.

We demand a shorter work week. We want Dolly Parton to sing, "Workin' 9 to noon, 'cause three hours should be plenty; Boss, my brain is fried, although I'm still in my 20s..."

Bosses and even politicians appear to be learning the new lyrics, or at least

humming the tune. Last July, Rep. Mark Takano (D-CA) introduced a bill amending the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, reducing the standard work week from 40 to 32 hours. The bill is currently languishing in the House and the chances of it remaining there will only intensify if Congress decides to take Fridays off.

Meanwhile, a nonprofit pilot program, 4 Day Week Global, is encouraging companies to sign up and participate in shortened weeks. The

'Don't even think about asking for a paid vacation.'

website contains a petition, seeking 100,000 signatures from employees who favor working less, even naming specific companies and the number of employees who have already signed. When I checked, the petition had received 114 signatures from Amazon workers, a figure I found shockingly low considering the guy who kept dropping packages at my door the week prior to Christmas appeared to be working about 100 hours a week.

The site points to companies like crowdfunding platform Kickstarter and fintech startup Bolt, which have switched to four-day workweeks. It also posts studies with phrases like "productivity increase" and "laser focused employees" as proof that a three-day weekend is an idea whose time has come.

So, why stop there?

If workers are "laser focused" working four days a week, imagine how sharp they would be if they worked three days? Or two? Or even one? Let's try it. I hereby present to you a company

that requires employees only produce eight hours of weekly work. I'll call it Slacker.

Wait, that company already exists. My bad. Let's call it Slacker. That's a movie but not yet a Fortune 500 company.

Before my company is besieged with applications from enterprising workers who want to change the world providing it doesn't conflict with thrice weekly Pilates sessions, please be aware that working for Slacker does have some drawbacks.

During your one day of employment, you cannot break for lunch.

Red Bull and other energy drinks are forbidden. If you need a "jolt" before starting your weekly eight-hour shift, you're probably not going to fit in at Slacker.

Don't even think about asking for paid vacation.

You will be required to work in an office, which will not contain clocks of any type. I don't need Slacker employees, on their way to the



parking lot to begin their six-day weekends, saying, "Man, I thought 5 o'clock would NEVER get here."

Calling in sick is allowed, but sick days must be made up in full. That's right, if you're sick one day, you must work TWO days the following week. If that makes me a tyrant of a boss, just remember there are plenty of jobs available at Kickstarter, where your workload will quadruple!

I will pay you an honest wage, but don't expect a 401(k) or profit-sharing plan of any type. You'll have plenty of free time to become a Bitcoin millionaire.

Finally, I will not offer a health care plan, but I will provide gym memberships. Slacker employees are expected to use their off time to stay in shape. I don't need any workforce members unexpectedly dropping dead on their off days.

From boredom.

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



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The American Red Cross blood supply is at historically low levels. Those who come to give blood Feb. 1-28, 2022, will receive a \$10 Amazon.com Gift Card via email, thanks to Amazon. (Terms apply. Visit rcblood.org/together.) One place where you can donate is at the Old Saratoga Reformed Church in Schuylerville on Sat., Feb. 19, from 8 a.m. to noon. Visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS.

Back to the future

Michael Levy
Journal & Press

Imagine a story where a crazy white-haired scientist designs a flux capacitor device to power a time machine built in a DeLorean motorcar. He has an energy source that produces the required 1.21 gigawatts of power to leap back and forth in time. All one needs to do to make the DeLorean time machine work is to set the time-machine dials appropriately, accelerate down Main Street in Cambridge (with the approval of the local constabulary of course), and accelerate to exactly 88 mph just before reaching the railroad tracks. (Hopefully, everything works because if it does not, when you hit the railroad tracks in Cambridge at any speed over 10 mph, you will need to a new front end for your car. If you have driven in Cambridge, you know exactly what I mean.)

Well folks, unfortunately that is not this story. Instead, today's story is about a critical aspect of Washington County's industrial past that might be a vital part of its future. This is a story about railroads.

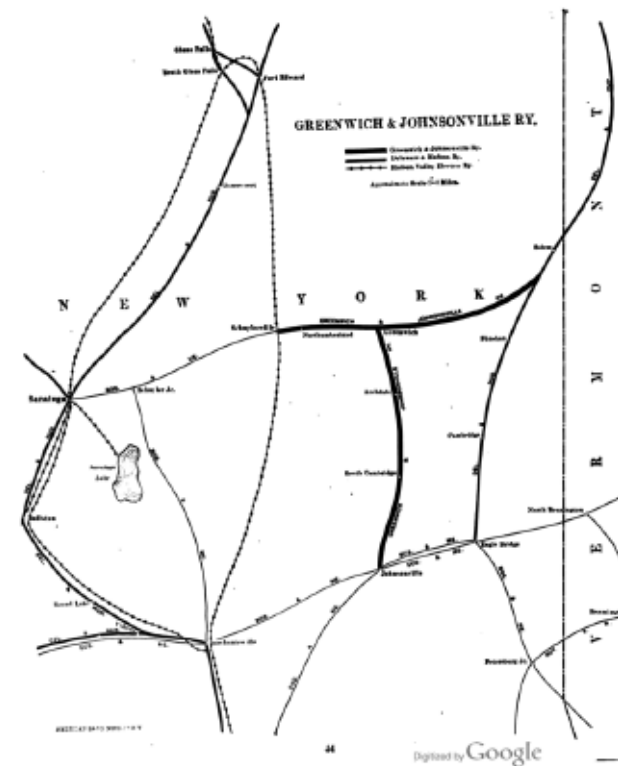
Once upon a time, the Greenwich and Johnsonville Railway was a railroad in Washington

County, founded in 1866 to construct a line from Greenwich (which was called Union Village at the time) to Johnsonville with the line opening in August 1870. The path of the Greenwich and Johnsonville track's is similar to Route 74's.

In the early 1900s, the company extended its line west from Greenwich to Schuylerville, connecting to the Boston and Maine's Saratoga branch. In 1906, the Delaware and Hudson (D&H) took over. Later D&H built the "Salem branch," a 10.12-mile extension eastward from Greenwich to D&H's line near Salem, New York at Greenwich Junction.

In 1982, Mohawk-Hudson Transportation purchased the railroad from the D&H, forming the Batten Kill Railroad (BKRR). This purchase is reported to have given Mr. Crow, Mohawk-Hudson's owner, the unique distinction of being the first African American to own and operate a railroad in the USA. Northeastern New York Rail, a non-profit educational organization, took over in 1994 but BKRR remained the operator. Passenger excursions on the Batten Kill Rambler started on September 24, 1994 but ceased in 2003. In 2008, Bill Taber, the current CEO and President, purchased the BKRR from Mohawk Transportation and Mr. Crow's estate.

And starting in 1851, the Albany & Rutland Railroad went from Rutland VT in the north to Albany in the South, a total of 90 miles. The railroad ran right through Cambridge. The line was comprised of three separate companies: Rutland & Washington (from Rutland to Salem); the Troy & Rutland (from Salem to Eagle Bridge); and the Albany Northern (that ran from Eagle Bridge to Albany). In 1851, the New York Times reported



that "this improvement is the most important to the interests of Albany of any entered upon since the construction of the Erie and Champlain canals."

Now that we have traveled to the past, let us look at our future.

Have you ever noticed that there is there are no interstate highways in Washington County? Some say that means modern progress has passed us by. In reality, it is the promise of opportunity.

In the past, Americans purchased one-way tickets from their rural homesteads seeking new opportunities and better paying jobs in urban centers. This migration continues in the 21st century as people drift to the left and the right coasts for career, with a stopover in Texas' capital city. But as people leave, towns and villages struggled to survive. A long-time resident of Greenwich recently told me that at in the past you could get anything needed in town, everything from clothes to groceries to a haircut. There was a movie theater once. And as we all know, that is not the case today.

But the one thing the pandemic has taught us is that the American economy is easily decentralized, and the careers of many information workers no longer depends on where they live. Citizens no longer need to leave the communities where they reared. Folks can worship in the churches or syn-



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agogues they were raised in; their children can be in the same Scout troop that they themselves joined a few decades before. Profession no longer comes at the high price of losing one's sense of community and belonging.

And where would people prefer to live in the fu-

ture? I bet most would prefer the bucolic character of Washington County over any industrial locale with its tangle of interstate highways, traffic, crowds, industrial pollution, and strip malls that look the same as every other strip mall in the USA.

So why not create high tech hubs in Washington County that cultivate new business and create high paying jobs? How does green energy, light electronics manufacturing such as robotics, or biotechnology sound to you? The naysayers will proclaim that there are no highways and there is no way to move the goods that these industries will produce. My response is that we can look back to when Washington County was an



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Greenwich Seniors

The Greenwich Senior Citizens had a very successful 2021 with growth in membership and activities. The members voted not to meet during January and February 2022 due to the increase in COVID 19 in the local area.

A trip, open to the public, is planned for April 28 – May 1, 2022 to Norfolk, VA to attend The Parade of Nations and Virginia International Tattoo. In addition to 3 Breakfasts & Dinners, the trip will include a Driving tour of Norfolk Naval Base, Chrysler Museum of Art, Dinner aboard Spirit of Norfolk and Performance of the Virginia International Tattoo featuring over 1,000 military and civilian performances from several nations. Additionally, there will be reserved seats at the 69th Annual Parade of Nations, NATOfest activities and a visit to Mac-Arthur Memorial. For more information, please email greenwichseniors@gmail.com or call 518-638-8937 or 518-937-1838 for pricing and information.

Hudson Headwaters at ACC

Hudson Headwaters Mobile Health is now delivering primary care services at SUNY Adirondack. The mobile health center will be on campus twice a month to serve students, faculty and staff.

The mobile health center is staffed by a family nurse practitioner, Christine Calistri, a registered nurse and a medical assistant. Hudson Headwaters Mobile Health Program Lead Kristin Waller, who also serves as the onsite medical assistant, recently attended SUNY Adirondack's winter student orientation day.

"We brought the unit onsite so students and other campus community members could tour through and get to know us," explained Waller. "The mobile team is thrilled to offer services to SUNY Adirondack and hope our flexible options, such as online appointment scheduling and same-day sick appointments, appeal to busy students and campus staff."

Learn more. Call 518-623-0871 or visit hhhn.org/mobilehealth.

industrial powerhouse and local commerce used rail transportation to move goods. Our future is rooted in the past. We can have it all if we can begin to think differently.

So let me end this story with a relevant quote from the fictional white-haired scientist, "Where we're going, we don't need roads." Just a random thought!

Michael Levy is a government manager residing in Greenwich. He is also a Commercial Pilot and a Ham Radio operator.



Greenwich super offers State of the Town

Felicia Reich
Journal & Press

The town board held a meeting on February 8, in which Supervisor Jim Nolan presented the State of the Town 2022 report, which included:

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

“The Town of Greenwich was awarded \$336,101.55. We received half of this amount (\$168,050.77) in 2021.”

Of that, \$26,312.50 went “to reimburse the town for the waterline study, comprehensive plan grant application creation, cloud software, updated computers, and the Hudson River Park Study Expenses.”

The remainder totals \$141,738.27.

“The Town will receive a check for \$168,050.78 in the Summer of 2022. This money must be spent by 2026.”

Nolan provided that there have been new guidelines released for how this money can be spent.

Before making decisions, the Town Board will seek public input. “We’ll probably do that through a public forum,” Nolan went on. “First we’ll release the guidelines that the state has recently gotten out, so people know what it can be spent on... Then we’ll listen to the public to see what areas they’d like to see that money spent.”

Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA) Study

“While the name usually brings bad connotations,” Nolan began, “this is truly a great opportunity for us.”

This study, which was largely completed in 2021, encompasses the Village and the commercial Route 29 corridor of the Town.

“Public information sessions were held in January 2022. Village and Town Board approval is expected this month.”

Nolan noted that there is a meeting set for next week to carry out that approval. “The Village is meeting Monday night to approve it and once they do, we will approve it Tuesday night.”

“After that, we will be able to apply for BOA designation and the expanded funding/grant opportunities will then open up. We will use this study to update the Town Comprehensive Plan

and our future 5-year Town Strategic Plan.”

Update of 2004 Town Comprehensive Plan

While the town’s grant request to fund an update in 2021 was rejected, there is the opportunity to reapply in 2022, said Nolan.

Nolan affirmed, “I will talk to the board about whether we do want to reapply to get a grant to update that comprehensive plan from 2004.”

Commercial Corridor Waterline Study

Nolan provided that a consultant from BNL produced a report. “We looked for funding through a program and it wasn’t deemed eligible through that program,” he continued.

“Some tweaks were made last year. We’re still looking at that and deciding what to do.”

Hudson River Park

“The bids that were received in 2021 for doing renovation work on the main building in the park came in above the grant money we had to spend.”

“The prior Board decided to wait until 2022 with the hope that costs will come down. This issue will be revisited soon by the current Board.”

Battenkill Riverside Park

Updates to the park include new playground equipment that was installed in 2020 and the bathroom building that was painted using the Washington County Alternative Sentencing Program.

“Plans have been discussed to update the basketball and volleyball areas. Since there are issues blocking a resumption of swimming, the idea of installing a Gannon Park -like splash pad has been proposed.”

In response to a public comment on the need for another splash pad, Nolan clarified that he brought the idea forward after it was originally proposed last year, “in order for the children that go there to have a water experience.”

Summer Youth Program

Last year saw a record over 100 campers, commented Nolan. “This year,” he went on, “the pro-



Greenwich Free Library

gram will be held over five weeks instead of six.”

The change in the camp schedule reflects a potential staffing conflict with the high school baseball schedule, in which the program leadership and many counselors participate. Those five weeks, it was said, will include more activities.

Furthermore, “We plan to add swimming days and continue Friday trips in this condensed format. More counselors will be hired to accommodate an anticipated increase of kids.”

COVID

“Your clerk and her staff have helped distribute a good number of rapid test kits provided by the County to our Greenwich households,” said Nolan.

“In order for you to keep informed, virtual attendance at public meetings continues to be an option,” he added.

Library Funding

The town board will work with the library to gradually decrease the Town’s contribution which increased several years ago when the library was in fiscal stress.

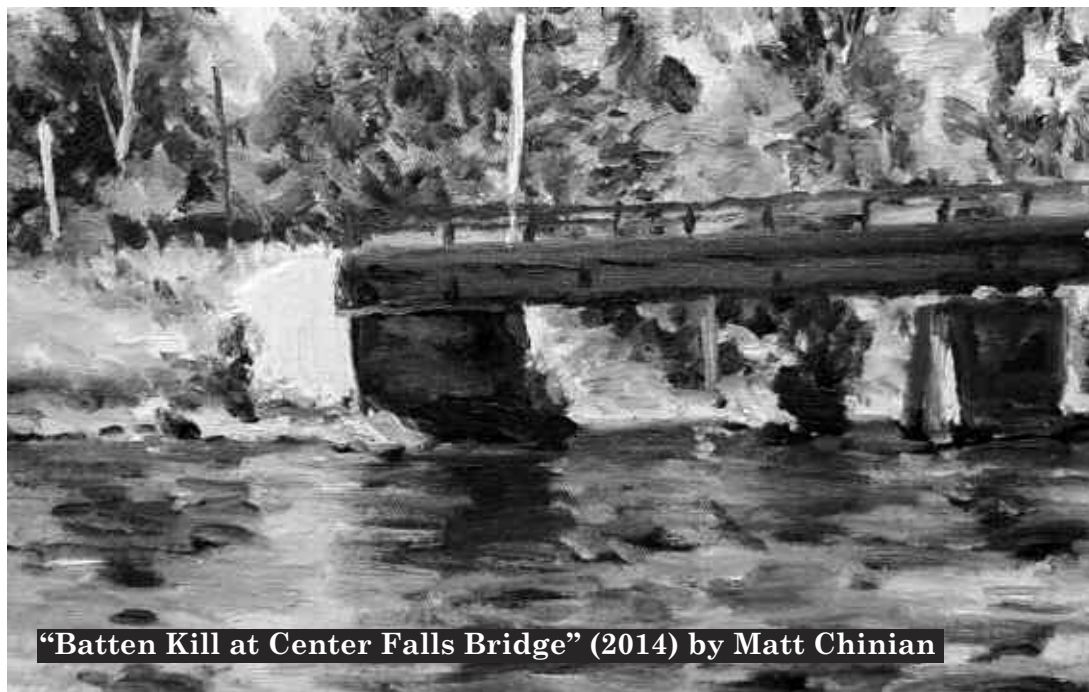
“This will be accomplished by the Library shifting funding to the Library Tax. This is tax neutral and taxpayers incur no additional burden,” said Nolan.

Chinian exhibit

When Matt Chinian returned to his love of landscape painting ten years ago, he didn't think that a new style of painting would emerge. But in late 2021, he coined the phrase "prosaic realism" to capture his category of art that follows Hopper, John Sloan, and the Ashcan School of social realism, with Matt's focus being on non-specific places of our area here in the northeast.

To celebrate ten years honing his craft, his first event of 2022 will be on Sunday, February 20, at 138 West Main Street in Cambridge, NY. Matt's studio will be open from 12-4 p.m. where he will host guests in-person to discuss and view his prosaic realist art. From 2-2:30 p.m., Matt will host his first hybrid Facebook live feed with a question and answer session to follow.

Artist and resident of Cambridge, NY Matt Chinian studied cast and landscape drawing under R.H. Ives Gammell in the early 80s, later graduating from Bennington College with a major in painting and sculpture. His career in public sculpture fabrication, sign making, and fiberglass casting gave way to carpentry and building restoration when he moved to Cambridge in the 90s. Ten years ago, Matt returned to landscape painting and over the past decade, his style of prosaic realism emerged.



"Batten Kill at Center Falls Bridge" (2014) by Matt Chinian

Your news here

Getting a blurb in The Greenwich Journal & Salem Press is quite easy. Just send it as plain text to editor@journalandpress.com by deadline, which is usually around the 25th or 10th of each month. Include a photo, if possible.

(cont.)

Seniors

"Funding for the seniors was increased in 2021. The seniors group now meets at the Bottskill Baptist Church," he said.

Highway

Five miles of road were paved in 2021. A culvert replacement grant was fully funded by the State. The Ferguson Road culvert will be replaced this year and the Christie Road culvert will be replaced by the end of July 2023.

Providing an update: "A Purchase Order was approved in 2021 for a 2022 International Dump Truck with a stainless-steel box. The truck should be delivered by 2023."

The Town mourns the passing of Highway employee Bob McKernon, the report added.

Assessments

Housing prices and values increased by double digits over the last two years. As per past practice, every year the Town's assessments will be reviewed to ensure assessments are at 100% of value.

"This does not imply taxes will go up," Nolan emphasized. "Since assessment questions were brought up in 2021, I have asked our Town Assessor Colleen Adamec to organize a presentation on the assessment process for our March Town Board meeting."

Cannabis

The meeting's agenda included a discussion of cannabis which will be covered along with the up-

date in another article in this newspaper.

Plans for 2022

On behalf of the Town Board, Nolan cited this year's plans to include BOA certification and funding. "Mayor Fuller and I have scheduled monthly meetings to keep coordination between the Village and the town on all [BOA] activities."

Furthermore, there will be a public hearing to see how citizens would like ARPA money spent.

In terms of the Highway Department, the board will work with the Highway Superintendent and develop an Equipment Replacement Plan.

Finally, a five-year strategic plan is on the horizon for the town board.

"If you don't have goals, you don't know where you're going," concluded Nolan.

Women's Sanctuary meets

The Women's Sanctuary continues in Greenwich.

The next circle will be held on Sunday, Feb. 27 from 2:30-4:30 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church's Parish Hall,* 143 Main Street. This month's focus: What are You Transitioning through? Offered on a sliding scale of \$20-30/woman.

Local women who would like to be better heard, accepted and understood are invited to the Women's Sanctuary. In safe space, women will have the freedom to be who they are, speak their Truth, be nurtured and supported. Please bring a journal, pen, mask and an open heart. To register, contact Teresa King at teresaking1@live.com or thelargerpicture.com.

*The Women's Sanctuary is not affiliated with any specific religion.

The Great Reshuffle of 2022

Jill Schlesinger

Special to Journal & Press

The Great Resignation is so 2021. This year, we should replace that term with a new one, according to LinkedIn Principal Economist, Guy Berger. With millions of Americans quitting their jobs since last summer, it's easy to understand why we all hopped on the Great Resignation bandwagon.

Before we get to the replacement term, a little primer: the report on which economists declare that the number of resignations is at an "all-time record" is called the Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey (JOLTS). The survey began in 2001 and as such, it captures the past two decades, but not seismic events in the labor force like the Depression and World War II. That said, as the labor market has recovered, millions of workers have quit their jobs voluntarily amid millions job openings. Did most tell their bosses to take their jobs and shove it? Sure, but that does not mean that they are never going to work again. Berger contends that workers are switching jobs, not eating bonbons on their couches, which means that the Great Resignation is more of a Great Reshuffle.

Employees at all earnings levels have been seeking higher pay, flexibility, and work-life balance. As postings became plentiful and labor shortages pinched various industries of the economy, a slew

of Americans realized that they could seek better opportunities if their needs weren't satisfied.

For example, those who were furloughed or worried about being exposed to a front-line job in leisure and hospitality found that they could land jobs in warehousing and transportation. By doing so, they could lock in higher pay, benefits, and a more consistent schedule. The shift amounted to a massive change in each sector's workforce, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. From February 2020, the pre-COVID peak, through the end of 2021, employment in leisure and hospitality dropped by 1.2 million and during the same time frame, employment in transportation and warehousing was up by 218,000.

The trend of moving from one sector to another suggests that the labor market is experiencing a reshuffle, rather than a flat-out resignation. Berger noted that in trying to find workers, those sectors most deeply impacted by the COVID recession have been forced to right-size pre-pandemic low wages to entice eligible workers to fill open positions. He noted that pay growth in leisure and hospitality is up 16% from a year ago, more than twice the pace of inflation, while warehousing pay growth is up 8% annually. Knowing that there are ample jobs for higher pay may help explain why so many people are able to quit freely. "It is not a coincidence

that hires, quits and wage growth are extremely elevated right now," explained Berger, "this is all part of the Great Reshuffle."

In addition to transitions among sectors, Berger said that the pre-COVID trend of Baby Boomer retirement has added to the Great Reshuffle. The Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis found that "there were slightly over 2.4 million excess retirements due to COVID-19 by August 2021, but Berger contends that it is not yet clear whether older workers who left amid COVID and its variants are done for good, or whether they might re-join the labor force. Research from the Center for Retirement Research at Boston College suggests that there has been "only a small increase" in workers claiming Social Security retirement benefits, so there many older workers could find their way back to work as COVID retreats.

Berger notes that we are still in the early stages of understanding the Great Reshuffle and its lasting impact, so it would behoove us to be open to the story changing over the next months and even years.

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Middle Falls Winter Shopping

The Middle Falls Fire Department is hosting its annual Winter Shopping Event on Saturday, February 19th from 9 am to 2 pm. This will be the first shopping event held since February of 2020.

MFFD is an all-volunteer department and relies heavily on the support generated from the events and banquets held at the fire house as well as a handful fundraisers throughout the year.

When Covid hit in March of 2020 and NYS suspended all gatherings, they lost a great deal of revenue it continued with the canceling of the 2020 Washington County Fair, the single largest fundraiser the department has each year. In 2021 the department was able to host limited gatherings. As we enter a new year, there is new hope for a year of events and fundraising.

The Winter Shopping Event will host over 30 local artisans, crafters, and vendors. These small business owners have also struggled the past 22 months. Please stop by on Saturday, February 19th and show your support for both the Middle Falls Fire Department and these local business owners.



Should Greenwich opt-in to cannabis?

Felicia Reich
Journal & Press

Many townspeople weighed in on the cannabis issue during the Feb. 8 Greenwich town board meeting. A large majority of the public who spoke expressed their views in favor of opening a dispensary in town.

Among those who spoke was Holly Harris, owner of Greenwich's Windy Hill CBD Oil and Wellness Boutique. "I think by the town opting out we are financially losing on revenue... I think sometimes we're stuck looking at a dispensary like your corner bar and it's not," Harris said.

"Having my CBD business in this village, I can tell you that people are coming in and they're looking to heal. That's what I feel a dispensary will do."

The previous board had voted on a resolution to opt out of cannabis dispensaries and smoking lounges, in order for the new board to set a referendum vote.

"I felt that with three new board members it deserved discussion again," Town Board Supervisor Jim Nolan said. "In addition, some business people have come forward to us saying that they would like the opportunity to establish dispensaries. Then finally, there was a [Facebook] referendum with people signing... saying they did want a dispensary."

Those both present online and in person urged the town board to put the cannabis discussion to a public vote.

However, the door may have closed for the board to put the decision to referendum. It was suggested by Town Attorney David C. Klingebiel that the board is "beyond the date that [they] can send it to referendum. That had to be within the same 45-day period as the petition."

What the board can do, said Klingebiel, is "amend the current local law by either eliminating dispensaries or onsite consumption, or the board can repeal the entire law thereby opting into both."

Additionally, the board can carry out a voluntary vote in which the board has the ability to act on what the public wants, though not through a binding referendum.

While many people were in full support of the town's endeavor to open a dispensary, a retired New York state trooper, former town board member, and 73-year Greenwich resident Keith Mann spoke on the contrary. Now a pastor, the resident said, "I've just seen so many consequences of what can happen with consumption and addiction."

His main concern was with the federal implications. If someone were to file a complaint on a household growing marijuana, for instance, those that have jurisdiction to make an arrest are "either a U.S. Marshall or the FBI."

He submitted supporting information to the board "indicating what can happen under the federal law," which will be reflected in the meeting minutes as part of the public record for people to be able to see.

Argyle truck fire

Early Thursday morning, an Argyle highway employee was putting finishing touches of snow removal and sanding on a fairly remote dirt road when he heard a loud "pop". Alarmed to see flames coming up through the floor of the truck around the shift lever, he immediately turned off the truck and jumped down. His fire extinguisher was little help in battling the fire with 50 pounds of hydraulic fluid on board and the truck was quickly engulfed. The Argyle Fire Department sent two fire trucks in response arriving within minutes of the call. Due to the winding, narrow conditions of McEachron Hill Road Ext one fire truck approached from each end to battle the fire. Highway Superintendent Mark St. Jacques said that while the driver was "shaken up" by the incident, thankfully no one was injured.

By 6:00 that morning, the driver

had arrived at the highway garage to prepare the 2005 International snow plow with a load of sand. He conducted the usual morning maintenance checks before starting his rounds. He had no indication that anything was wrong until almost three hours of plowing, just before 9:00 a.m. The 17 year-old truck, which had the distinction of being the first town truck to be bought brand new, is now a total loss.

Superintendent St. Jacques said he was heartened and overwhelmed by the offers of help from nearby towns and the county. Many local highway departments learned of the fire through the 2-way radio network and immediately called to offer support. Calls came from highway departments in Salem, Hebron, Fort Edward, Hartford, Greenwich and Washington County itself. St. Jacques said he will probably take the county up on the offer



to provide a plow truck to have on hand in case there's another big snow. He said it is very difficult to get a replacement now due to the impacts of Covid on inventory and the shortage of used trucks avail-

able. The town had already ordered a plow truck from International well before this loss, but have no idea when it will be filled due to a huge backlog at the company.

-Robin Lyle

The Roving Photographer

Scenes from local varsity games



Jocelyn Spiezio

Since our last issue, Greenwich girls basketball has won their league with a 20-0 record and the boys also continue to win. They each had Senior Nights. The cheerleaders also were honored, taking 2nd place in the 20th Annual Scotia-Glenville Spirit Invitational. We post photos live on Facebook and Instagram. *Basketball photos by Dan Pemrick; Emilee English, cheerleading.*



Ryan Skiff on Senior Night



Kaitlyn Lavoo, Megan Randall, Sophia Tomczak, Madison Genevick and Morgan Randall. Top Row (left to right): Mia Sausville, Sara Douglas, Kathryn Campbell, Kelsy Smith, Sydney Baptie, Roxy Vanderhoff, and Kylie Wilbur.



Deontae Bennett

Greenwich indoor track shines

After a canceled season, in 2020-21, indoor track and field returned, albeit with a more limited schedule. There was no league meet, but in its place was a leaderboard through January 22, which was used to designate WASAREN League All-Star status. Two individual athletes per event earned t-shirts for the designation.

Greenwich throwing standouts Kiersten Alling and Keegan Collins were named in the shot put and weight throw and weight throw, respectively. Ali Spiezio (high jump), Danielle Boyea (pole vault), Teagan Wright (3000M) and Nadia Chincola (55M hurdles) rounded out the individual all-stars, while members the 4x200M relay team of Molly Abate, Julia Sgambelluri, Mackenzie Dixson and Tayler Cristaldi were also cited.

For the GCS Boys, Christian Vandoren (pole vault) and Noah Davis (weight throw) were named

all-stars.

On January 30th, Greenwich competed in the Division IV Sectional Championships at Hudson Valley Community College. The throwers were at Shenendehowa on January 28th. Teams earned points for 1st through 6th places in the events (10-8-6-4-2-1).

The throwers led the charge. Keegan Collins won the night in the shot put (35' 1/2"), with more than a two-foot personal best throw. She also won the weight throw, with a toss of 39' 4 3/4". Teammate Kiersten Alling was second in both events and close behind, with performances of 33' 8 1/4" in the shot put and 38' 6 1/2" in the weight throw.

The 4x200M relay team of Molly Abate, Julia Sgambelluri, Mackenzie Dixson and Tayler Cristaldi won a scintillating race, edging second place Stillwater by less than two tenths of a second,

in 2:00.18. Molly Abate was also 4th in the 55M race (8.01) and second in the triple jump (29' 9 1/4"). Ava Hamilton was 5th in the triple jump (27' 11 1/4"). Tayler Cristaldi was 4th in the 300M



Kiersten Alling and Keegan Collins

race (47.36), while Teagan Wright scored in the 1500M (3rd, 5:28.28) and 3000M (4th, 12:21.15). The 4x400M relay team of Tayler Cristaldi, Ellery Mays, Mackenzie Dixson and Liz Marci was 4th (4:55.21). The girls team finished 2nd in the fifteen team meet, with 78 points, behind only Stillwater.

For the boys, Christian Vandoren scored in the pole vault (3rd, 9'), triple jump (6th, 33' 6 1/2") and high jump (5th, 5' 2"). Noah Davis was 6th in the weight throw.

Keegan Collins, Kiersten Alling and Molly Abate have met the standards for the state qualifier meet, which determines which Section 2 athletes will compete at the state meet. There are no classifications by school size in indoor track and field. The top two in each event earn spots and a third may also make states by achieving a very high standard.



Molly Abate, Mackenzie Dixson, Julia Sgambelluri, Tayler Cristaldi



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Marian E. Wilbur, 92

Marian E. Wilbur, 92, a longtime Greenwich resident, passed away Thursday, January 27, 2022 at the Fort Hudson Health Care Facility in Fort Edward.

Born January 2, 1930 in Easton, Pennsylvania, she was the daughter of the late Richard and Jennie Keller Culver.

Marian grew up in Cambridge and was a graduate of Cambridge High School. She was a loyal attendee at many Cambridge Class Reunions. She married Joseph A. Wilbur August 26, 1948 and raised 6 children. She was a homemaker and bookkeeper on the Wilburholm Farm.

Marian was a longtime member of the United Church in Greenwich. She had been a Sunday School Teacher, Elder and Guild member. She volunteered at Mary McClellan Hospital in Cambridge and multiple other organizations in the

Greenwich area. She was a member of both the Greenwich and Schuylerville Senior Citizens, and Farm Bureau.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was predeceased by one son, John Wilbur; and two brothers, Robert and Richard Culver.

Survivors include her children, Elaine (John) Eaton, Tom Wilbur (Leeann Foss), Nancy (Gary) Spiezio, Alan (Jean) Wilbur, Margaret (Craig) Nolan, and daughter-in-law Linda Wilbur; sister-in-law Pat Culver; cousin Carole (George) Powell; 18 grandchildren, 37 great grandchildren, 4 great great grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

Spring burial will be in the Greenwich Cemetery.

Memorials can be made in her memory to the United Church, 37 Salem St., Greenwich, NY 12834.



Arrangements are under the direction of Flynn Bros. Inc. Funeral Home, 80 Main St., Greenwich, NY 12834. Online remembrances can be made at www.flynnbrosinc.com

RC churches news

Sunday Mass at Holy Cross Catholic Church is at 8:15 AM and Tuesday at 9 AM. St. Patrick's celebrates on Sunday at 11:30 AM and Wednesday at 9 AM. Immaculate Conception in Hoosick Falls is Saturday at 4 PM and Sunday at 10 AM and Monday at 9 AM. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available before Mass at Holy Cross at 7:45 and at St. Patrick's after the 11:30 Mass, or by appointment through St. Patrick's office. Electronic donations are also appreciated and is available at www.battenkillcatholic.org/donations.

Visitors are always welcome. The Church wants everyone to be safe. If you are concerned about the weather, don't drive, be safe. If you are not feeling well, please stay home and take care of yourself. Masks are still required in Church. People may request their annual donations statement by calling St. Patrick's office at 677-2757.

St. Patrick's Knights of Columbus continues with the 50/50 program. A \$10 a month donation will make a person eligible for prizes up to \$250. Three prizes are given monthly. Contact Rich MacDougal for information.

Fr. Peter can be reached at the office at Immaculate Conception by phone at 686 5064. Information on the Synod on A Listening Church, the learning center has prayer and worship resources, information on the liturgical season, spirituality, social justice, and more, can be found on a link on the parish website.

Letter to the Editor

No LED

Dear Editor,

I alerted Greenwich's mayor to an increasingly common medical emergency: LED-streetlight-caused epileptic seizures. I sent supporting materials from medical researchers, doctors, epilepsy specialists and people suffering adverse reactions to LEDs. She wrote back saying Greenwich plans on converting all village streetlights to LEDs, and enclosing an unrelated 'policy paper' from the Illuminating Engineering Society. Astonishingly, neither her letter nor that paper say one word about epilepsy or seizures.

Cambridge's trustees also knew in advance that LED streetlights would cause LED-light-reactive seizures. They also went ahead anyway. The village lighting bill is indeed lower: \$5 per resident, per year, or 1.5 cents a day. For my family, Cambridge's savings have cost us my entire personal income, left

me with permanent bodily injury, chronic post-seizure after-effects, cut me off from medical care, disrupted my household, burdened us with staggering stress, and – when the LEDs are lit - left me risking brain damage and death on every village street except a short stretch of sidewalk by our house. I guess I'll have to confine any future emergencies, and all evening activities to my trustee-designated, epileptic's restricted zone.

This is medical bigotry. Light-sensitive people won't just put up with it. Cambridge's trustees and National Grid are being charged with Human Rights violations. Other LED-lit villages are being sued. Perhaps co-incidentally, last year National Grid began requiring communities switching to LEDs to carry \$5,000,000 liability insurance. Are you sure LEDs make sense for Greenwich?

MarieAnn Cherry
Cambridge

Fire guts historic Greenwich landmark

Helena Winterbottom
Journal & Press

Built in 1892, the Wilmarth building, on 126 Main Street subsequently burned down on Sunday, February 6th. It housed seven tenants some of whom had been living there since the 1980s. The fire is currently being labeled an act of arson, and suspect John Fox, 48, of California is the primary suspect. He is currently in custody; the Cambridge-Greenwich Police Department is handling the case in tandem with the New York State Police. The building stood three stories tall and allegedly the suspect jumped from a second-story window around the time the fire broke out, fleeing the scene.

“It was quite stunning for me to stand and watch,” said the owner of the building, Marta Ward, in a phone interview. “My main feelings right now are the horror at what my tenants had watched. I had most of the residential tenants for quite a long time, some since 1989. It’s hard to see something you worked on and cared about destroyed . . . The community has been wonderful. I have been giving some gifts to some of the residential tenants.”

Sadly, two pet cats belonging to the Wilmarth building’s tenants perished in the fire, but only one person was harmed, Fox. Eight people were in the building during the time of the fire. The building was notably historic, built in the 19th century and having ties to Civil War families. The building housed seven tenants and several businesses, four of whom lost their offices to the fire. Businesses were located on the first floor, while residences were located on the second and third. Businesses included Penny Dot Realty, Clifford Oliver Photography, Judith Klingebiel CPA, and a hair salon called Simply Divine. The fire broke out at around noon — fire crews arrived shortly after the alarm went off and volunteers from the American Red Cross helped at the scene.

The brick building, unfortunately, was unsalvageable and promptly taken down with a backhoe for safety purposes. There is currently a GoFundMe running to “Help the families affected by Greenwich fire” with a goal of \$5,000 to “help those who lost everything in the Greenwich fire on Main Street”. Another GoFundMe, organized for Photographer Clifford Oliver Mealy, who was a tenant of the Wilmarth building, raised twice its projected goal of \$10,000 in less than 23 hours. Mealy was the owner of a popular photography studio and lost most of his equipment in the blaze. On February 10th, the township of Greenwich held a meeting to “answer any questions you may have regarding your rights as a Crime Victim, explain the criminal process to you and provide guidance regarding available resources to assist you in your recovery”.



—mike levy photo

ery”. The Washington County District Attorney’s Office Crime Victim Specialists were in attendance at the meeting held at 6 Academy Street, Greenwich.

Resources for victims of the fire or those looking to support a relief fund for victims can go online to battenkillstrong.org. This page includes several resources and postings regarding the fire from the Greater Greenwich Chamber of Commerce, including: office furnishings, temporary office relocation, temporary housing, insurance claim assistance, clothing and personal items, restoration of property, food access, and mental health services. On Sunday, February 6th, the Chamber of Commerce posted a statement to this site regarding the fire: “Our hearts are broken for our friends, neighbors, and members as we witnessed the fire today at the Wilmarth Building on Main Street in the Village of Greenwich. To the residents and businesses affected by the fire, we extend our support in any way we possibly can . . .”

To understand the feelings of those affected by this tragedy would be a great feat, as both the victims and the community seem gutted by

the event. The Wilmarth building was a key part of the Greenwich community and its historical status was widely remembered as members of Greenwich mourned the loss of the building. There is hope that with the resources available and the support of the town, the residents of the Wilmarth building may be able to quickly rebuild their lives.

The Greenwich Fire Department, who was credited for knocking down the fire and preventing its spread to neighboring buildings, was supported by the Middle Falls Fire Department, Easton Volunteer Fire Company, J.A.Barkley Hose Co. No.1 Inc. (Argyle Fire/Rescue), Cossayuna Volunteer Fire Department, Cambridge NY Fire Department, Salem Volunteer Fire Department Inc, Hartford Volunteer Fire Co, Quaker Springs Volunteer Fire Department, Schuylerville Fire Department, Victory Mills Fire Department, Fort Edward Fire Department, Kingsbury Volunteer Hose Company, and South Glens Falls Fire Company Inc., along with the Easton-Greenwich Rescue Squad and Cambridge Valley Rescue Squad, Inc.

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Understanding your coworkers

Daneen Skube

Special to Journal & Press

Q: *With Omicron spreading like wild fire our company is still going to be remote for many months. I've noticed over the last two years how difficult it is to read co-workers and managers nonverbal communication via phone or video. Are there tools you teach clients to help reduce misunderstandings during remote work?*

A: Yes I teach clients during remote work to frequently use verbal paraphrases to ensure they're not misunderstanding during phone or video conferences. If we repeat back in our own words our best guesses as to what others are saying we make sure we're on the same page as people we work with.

As convenient as remote work is the problem is seeing someone's face on a tiny screen makes it impossible to read nonverbal cues. Only hearing a voice on a phone means we can only make guesses about what someone is thinking and feeling.

When we're in person our intuition about the feelings and thoughts of others is usually that we are unconsciously reading their body language. We study the faces and bodies of our team to see how they are reacting to us and ideas. Without this critical data we end up floundering in work meetings.

The other issue is human beings have a tendency to fill in no data with negative assumptions. If a co-worker falls silent on the phone we believe he hates our idea. If we cannot read a reaction during a video chat we make up that our co-worker is upset.

If on video chats or phone conferences we frequently say, "Let me see if I understand what you're saying," everybody wins. If we misunderstood information people have a chance to correct it. If we're correct, people we work with feel validated and important to us.

Remember a paraphrase does not have to be accurate. You do not get a prize for being right at work. You get a prize for correctly understanding others. A paraphrase is always just your best guess on what you're hearing. Being wrong is just as important as being right since in both paraphrasing situations you learn about reality.

It's impossible in our workplaces to navigate decision making, collaboration, and brain storming without accurate data about other people. Before we all went remote we may have taken for granted how useful face-to-face interaction was in gathering this data.

We can adapt to remote work without losing accuracy but only if we add new interpersonal skills that emphasize double checking our assumptions.

If anyone in your meeting objects to paraphrasing simply add, "I've learned it's easy for me to misunderstand others and it's important to me to work hard at listening to you. This is the only tool I know to see if I am tracking what you are telling me." People then feel flattered and important and will support you paraphrasing.

A marvelous feature of human beings is our creativity and adaptability in the face of new circumstances. A permanent gift of our two-year pandemic is just how fast and effectively we can all adapt to challenging situations and still remain productive.

You'll find when you return to face-to-face interactions your habit of paraphrasing will be automatic and still benefit you. In the meantime, you'll reduce misunderstanding those tiny little faces on your laptop!

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Historical Association event

Twenty-five years ago the Greenwich Historical Association's Spring Annual meeting included a presentation given by an Eagle Scout candidate. The scout had compiled an inventory of barns in the Town of Greenwich, including photos and interviews with the current owners. It was funded in part by the Greenwich Historical Association, and is a good example of the kind of project the Association has continued to support since its charter was awarded in 1981.

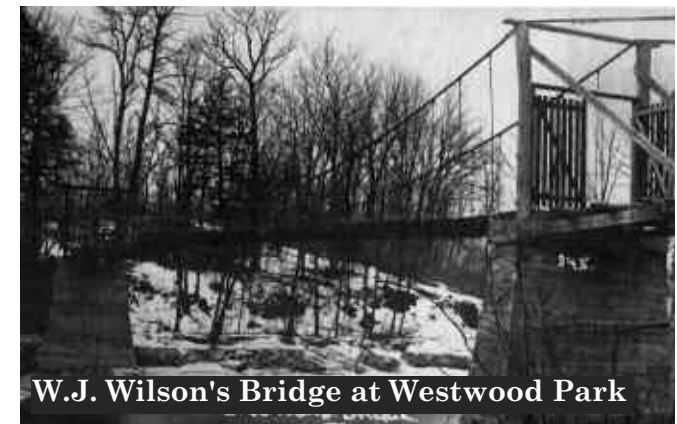
The Greenwich-Easton Historical Association (GEHA) is actively seeking new members, particularly individuals who can help identify opportunities for the Association to provide information and

support to individuals who are engaged in learning about our region's history.

The GEHA will hold its Annual Meeting Sun-

Topic: 'The Parks of Greenwich.'

day, March 6, 2-4 p.m., in the Community Room of the Greenwich Free Library. There will be an election of officers, a short business meeting, followed by a program: "The Parks of Greenwich Over the Years," by Sandy McReynolds. Take a PowerPoint stroll with Sandy to learn the history of the many parks that are and have been in Greenwich throughout the decades. Some were short-lived or



W.J. Wilson's Bridge at Westwood Park

lost to time. Others have flourished and are still a central part of the Greenwich community.

Plan to attend, and consider becoming an active member of the Greenwich-Easton Historical Association. For more information about the GEHA visit their Facebook page.

Things for kids to do for Winter Break

Shirley Renauld
Journal & Press

Winter Break is coming up – a break from school at least. Who is happy? Students? Teachers? Parents?

Great time for the great outdoors:

It's Ski Week at Willard and free-choice skiing and tubing, too, of course.

Have you ice skated at the rink by the Youth Center in Fort Hardy Park? It's open every day noon to 9 PM – and you can't beat the price. Free. Thanks, Kevin, Adam and Mayor Dan. But they can use help, so volunteer anytime, including for fund-raising.

Where else can you skate, ski or snowboard – or even go sledding or tubing?

Can your (or a friend's, neighbor's, relative's) yard be used? Get out in new snow to do tracking like Peter did in the Snowy Day*. Or look for tracks that an animal made. What one? Make your own tracks by snowshoeing. Listen for sounds. What is making them? Why?

If the snow is heavy and moist enough, you will think of building a snowperson or other sculpture. How creative can you be decorating it? How could anyone lose a mitten while building like in the *Missing Mitten Mystery***?

Before you go inside, look for two things: 1- Lilac and forsythia bushes. You can "prune" some branches to take inside. Put them in water to force the leaf buds to open – we could use some sign of Spring!

2 - A stone***.

You're cold? When you go in, leave the snow outside, undress near the door, and for "brownie

points" clean up the snow and hang up clothes to dry.

Speaking of a snack, how do you make your own hot cocoa or popcorn?

Time to relax. Are you keeping a journal? Add to it, including illustrations. Do you keep it under your mattress? But beware, someone will find it some day. Remember what happened to Anne Frank and her diary. Read: *, **, and more. There should still be enough moonlight, so read *Owl Moon*. Bob Henke reminds us that this is owl time so look for them in daylight. But enlist family to go owling as in the book.

This is a perfect time for family activities. Yes, the fun we've talked about, and more outside:

- Family hikes – So many places to go, so many things to look for. Remember how places look now for how they will look at other times of the year.

- Do you have adults who ice fish? They might teach us how to do it safely. Most of it will be catch-and-release. Did you read in this newspaper about the tournament at Scout Camp? (Hi, Scouts! Do you remember fun times at summer camp there?)

- Snowmobiling has been scarce this Winter, but if your family has interest, check with the Riegers at Country Power Products who started a club years ago or David Campbell about safety classes, rules and locations.

- As you end your outdoor jaunt, perhaps after a windy time, collect broken branches for a bonfire. Don't forget to check the cupboards for marshmallows.

And indoors, good time to use more tools together both in the kitchen and in the shop. ***The stone helps you make Stone Soup. Maybe

you better read the book first to get the right recipe and hope you chose a stone with the best flavor. Of course you'll make your favorites. How many ways to make Mac and Cheese? Mom's or grandma's generations might have favorite family recipes in recipe books or on cards in recipe boxes.

(Yes, not on your phone!) Reap the rewards of making from scratch and using utensils you never had before.

In the shop: What needs repairing? What hand tools do you need and how do you use them? Someone into woodworking? Watch what they can make and help with sanding and painting at least. Oh, great, time to bring in more firewood. While you're at it, make a collection of sawdust for later projects.

Lest we forget, if we need an official reason for time off this week, it is Presidents' Week, Presidents' Day on Monday. Why? Before it's spent, look closely at pieces of money, both coins and bills. Which presidents' profiles do they have? Are they different, depending on when they were minted? What are the pictures on the backs? Why? Did you ever play Heads or Tails with someone, for fun or for a reason? Want extra money?

Rub the Heads and Tails.

When was a coin toss used during the football playoffs? By the way, did you enjoy the Super Bowl? How about the Olympics? Did you learn about a new sport? Can we do it locally?

It will soon be a new month! You can start putting away your red because March 1 is Mardi Gras for which the colors are green, gold and purple.

March 2 is Theodor Seuss Geisel's birthday. Who is that? Stay tuned.

Winterfest, snowmobiles at HCP

Beat the winter blues by getting outside and having some fun during Hudson Crossing Park's 5th Annual Winterfest and Take a Friend Snowmobiling event Sunday, Feb. 27, 11am – 2pm.

Visitors will have the chance to learn about ice harvesting on the Champlain Canal, watch a cold-water rescue demonstration by the Schuyler Hose, enjoy the HCP sledding hill, take part in

the snow sculpture contest, and much more. Families are also invited to try their hand at winter tracking and cooking over an open fire, with plenty of hot chocolate and goodies on hand to snack on from the bake sale.

Adults 18 years and up will be able to learn how to safely operate a snowmobile and drive it around an established path system on Hudson

Crossing Park's grounds. Children are invited to accompany a parent, guardian, or an experienced snowmobile club member. Area clubs will have sleds available for use. This event is produced by Saratoga County Association of Snowmobile Clubs, Washington County Association of Snowmobile Clubs, NYS Canal Corp., and the NYS Snowmobile Association.

Of the People, by the People, for the People

Roger De Korp
Journal & Press

In November 1863, four months after the Battle of Gettysburg in the American Civil War, Abraham Lincoln delivered the battlefield memorial dedication speech which came to be known as “The Gettysburg Address”. This address was taught in American schools throughout the years; I recall that my teachers gave it great importance, but I don’t think many of us as students understood how truly important it was (I understand from some current high school students, it receives cursory instruction now). While the very short dedication speech is significant in its entirety, the final part of the final sentence is the most important in the long term, and resounds especially today; it says: “...that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain - that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom-and that govern-

ment of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth.”

What it means:

“Under God” says that we and our government receive power and approval from God. This wasn’t a little thing then, and it’s not now. The United States of America was founded, fought for, and won its freedom aligned with Christian-Judeo principles; this is one of our foundations. Worship of God and trying to live up to those beliefs leads to the pursuit of right instead of wrong, to be good neighbors and citizens, and be tolerant of others, even those who don’t believe what we do or who are different than we are in whatever form that is. For us today, perhaps the sharp decrease in church goes over the last several years has contributed to what seems to be a decline in these beliefs and behaviors.

And even more so, that decline is due, in part, to the denigration of those who believe in those Christian-Judeo principles and even the principles themselves by many in our leadership and media.

“...Shall have a new birth of freedom” referred to the emancipation of the nation’s Black slaves, and their upcoming freedom. Earlier in this line of the address, Lincoln stated “...that from

these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion...”; this speaks of the thousands of men – the vast majority of them white – who died to make reality that “All men are created equal”. After the war concluded, the Thirteenth, Fourteenth, and Fifteen Amendments were ratified setting

‘There are those today who would want people to believe we haven’t evolved.’

the foundation for equality for Blacks. Sadly, progress from there was agonizingly slow; resistance in all parts of the country to the ideal of “all men are created equal” prevented just progress. Then in the 1950s and more so in the 1960s, we started to finally see real movement in civil rights, and it continued from there. There are those today who would want people in this country to believe that we haven’t evolved at all; not from 1992, not from 1962, not from 1922, and some not even from 1862. This belief takes many forms, most of which are best suited for another article, but currently “voting rights” is the new false narrative being perpetrated by the Left. Currently and for years now, no citizen of this country is denied the right to vote if they follow their respective state’s voting laws; all states give equal protection to every one of their citizens, despite what Joe Biden, Chuck Schumer, and Stacy Abrams, et al would have you believe. There is zero voter suppression. The right to vote, which Blacks fought for through the decades, includes their vote being counted legitimately and not being diluted by potentially

fraudulent ballots which the “Voting Rights” bill almost insures. The true goal of this bill is to create one-party rule where, in fact, these “voting rights” will ensure that their one-party rule will remain in perpetuity, and thus will insure no one will have voting rights.

Lastly, “and that government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth” spoke of a country that was not yet one hundred years old and not certain to survive the horrific conflict of the war. It also spoke to that our government is answer-

able to the people who are citizens of this country. “Of the people” referred to that the government was formed by the people of the country. “By the people” meant our leaders came from among their country’s fellow citizens. “For the people” referred to government for all citizens, not for those who were “by the people” (the people who are supposed to represent us). This is most important; the far left in this country has been allowed to hijack their party to legislate, or attempt to legislate by any means necessary policies and laws that are clearly not “for the people”. This President and this Congress, where the majority holds the slimmest of margins, is attempting to make “of, by, and for the people” disappear. We the people cannot let that happen.

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High School Musical 4: False Oppression

Cody Fitzgerald
Journal & Press

Last week, on February 10th, a group of Ballston Spa juniors and seniors paraded into their high school maskless, harassing other students, chanting and “exercising their freedoms.” Today, I am going to exercise mine and talk about how and why this was so dangerous, and what it means going forward.

On all technicalities, these students are only a year or two younger than me, so I could in good conscience go all in on one of my long uber political pro-mask tangents, and that’d work, but I want to do something different today, and that is to try and nip this “we’re being oppressed” narrative in the bud, because it is wrong and it is vile. You being asked to wear a piece of cloth

on your face is not the same as being genocided because of your race, getting shot by a police officer because of your skin color, getting denied equal pay because of your gender, not being able to participate in everyday activities because of your gender identity or not being able to get married because of who you love. YOU ARE NOT OPPRESSED.

I try to be funny in these columns

‘When students were sent to the library, they claimed they were being segregated.’

and, I like to think at least, that I usually am. Today I’m going to make an attempt, but put bluntly, I’m pissed. If you’d asked me the day of, I’d be saying I want to publicize every student that participated’s name and desired college, hoping those schools would see it and reevaluate their decision. I would tell you that these kids should be expelled. I want to be the bigger person. I’m not going to bash these students, and I’m not going to rant about masks. You all know how I feel, I trust the

science, not what Facebook or Tucker Carlson has to say once he hits puberty. I’m writing this to hone in the message above and how disgusting I think it is that students, parents or ANYONE think that the situation we are in right now is at all comparable to slavery, the Holocaust, or anything else.

I’m not going to use names or give out any specific details, equally out of respect and what I would assume is legal obligation, but I’ve heard numerous accounts of students comparing themselves to civil rights activists or saying that they are glad this happened during Black History Month, because this white student feels as though they though are doing work equivalent to that of Martin Luther King Jr. or Rosa Parks. When students were sent to the library, they complained that they were being segregated. This is a failure of the United States educational system, and something that needs to be seriously looked at going into the future.

People have been beaten, battered, brushed, chained, murdered because of who they are, and that is the real discrimination we are seeing, and that’s just on the surface. The microaggressions and systemic issues that have been built into the system in this country ARE in the Constitution which, ironically, seemingly has no mention of “no citizen shall, in time of epidemic, be required to endure a brow covering.”

To see the copious amounts of parents, or anyone, online praising these kids for “fighting the good fight,” or “standing up for their rights,” proves to me that we have a serious lack

of understanding in this country of what it means to have your rights taken away, and the closest thing these people will ever see to that is getting thrown in Facebook jail for a few hours (which, to clarify, is still light years away from what real oppression looks like).

I want to end this by doing what is one of these student’s worst nightmares, and completely turn the attention away from them. If you are/know a teacher reading this, I want to direct your attention to the Black History Month website, or if you’ll be so bold and type in a full web address, <https://blackhistorymonth.gov/for-teachers/>. This website has tons of material for teachers to bring into the classroom for Black History Month (and beyond, please) and teach students about the true stories and history of black culture and oppression of the black community in the United States and even outside our borders. Essentially, you’re teaching Critical Race Theory without saying it and attracting every Republican within 5 miles a la turning on a lamp in July and getting swarmed by mosquitoes. Even if you’re not a teacher, please take the time to read up on these materials and educate yourself, which is something everyone, including myself, needs to do.

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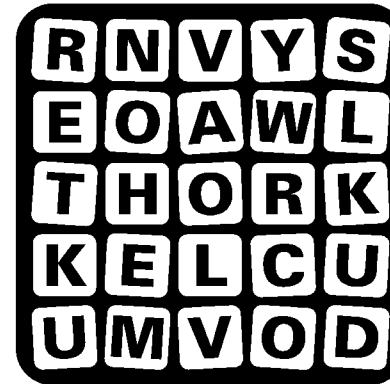
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- 0-10 = Try again

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



7-11-21

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Boggle BrainBusters Bonus

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

Find AT LEAST 10 BIRDS in the grid of letters.

Answers to Last Sunday's Boggle BrainBusters:
CUBA MALI PERU HAITI SPAIN NEPAL CHILE JAPAN

6	8	2	4	8	9	1	7	9
1	8	9	7	2	6	8	4	9
9	4	7	1	9	8	8	2	6
7	9	1	9	8	4	2	6	8
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8	9	6	2	7	1	9	8	4
2	6	8	8	9	7	4	9	1
9	1	9	6	4	2	7	8	8
4	7	8	8	1	9	6	9	2

R	U	M	B	A	C	O	L	L	E	G	E	B
P	R	N	F	B	S	H	O	E	S	C	S	R
E	P	R	O	M	A	M	A	M	B	O	D	E
P	O	L	K	A	S	L	X	C	R	N	S	A
H	U	S	T	L	E	Q	L	I	G	H	G	W
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J	M	O	D	E	R	N	O	M	R	O	G	N
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I	M	Z	T	W	S	W	X	O	G	L	E	E
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J	S	T	O	M	P	A	R	T	N	E	R	

Temperance, will, fire

Darren Johnson
Journal & Press

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

140 Years Ago
Feb. 23, 1882

We are told that 70,000 men go down to drunkards' graves every year. We believe that the responsibility for these deaths reaches beyond the rum drinker, and even beyond the rum-seller. We believe that the State that grants licenses, and suffers as the saloons exist, must

share largely in the responsibility. But who is the State? Are not the voters the State? Then the voters are responsible for the crime and wretchedness occasioned by the liquor traffic. Not all the voters, however, are responsible, for thank God, there are some who are determined to wash their hands of the great sin, and say, by their votes, that the curse of intemperance shall not go unchecked another year. —Written by the ladies of the Women's Temperance Union.

MICKIE SAYS

IF YA HAD A VOICE 'AT
COULD BE HEARD FORTY
MILES, WOULDN' IT HELP YA
TELL FOLKS WHAT YA GOT
TO SELL? WELL SIR, AN AD
IN OUR PAPER WILL GIVE
YA A FORTY MILE VOICE



CHARLES
SUGHRUE

120 Years Ago
Feb. 19, 1902

The will of Mrs. Jane M. Savage, late of Argyle, has been admitted probate. She made the following public bequests: United Presbyterian Church of Argyle Village, \$2500; Prospect Hill cemetery association, \$2000; Union free school district No. 10, Argyle, \$2000; Board of Home missions of the United Presbyterian Church, \$1000; Board of Foreign Missions of the United Presbyterian Church, \$500. The value of the estate is \$15,441.11 and John. B. Conway is the executor. Mrs. Savage was the widow of Dr. James Savage, who died about 25 years ago.

90 Years Ago
Feb. 17, 1932

Damage estimates at \$25,000 was caused early Monday by a fire of undetermined origin that wrecked the old Taylor Block in East Street, Fort Edward, sending three families into the near zero weather scantily clad. Louis Tamer, who resided with his family on the second floor of the west end of the building, was awakened at 4 a.m. by the crackling of flames. He discovered the fire on the stairs leading from the basement. Tamer ran through the building first arousing his wife and two children, and then to the apartments of Tony Abanate and his four children, who occupied the fourth flat in the east end, and the family of Tony Gabriel, who resident on the second floor of the annex. All fled to the streets and were taken by the neighbors. Tamer sent in an alarm. ... The building was valued at \$20,000.

70 Years Ago
Feb. 20, 1952

An 11-year-old Saratoga Springs school girl called station WGY Monday morning to report that the public schools in that city would be closed that day. The closing was announced

Senior trip to Pa.

The Olde Saratoga Seniors is hosting a trip to Pennsylvania Amishlands on May 16-18, 2022 (3 days, 2 nights). Package includes 2 Nights Lodging; 2 Breakfasts; 2 Dinners; performance of David at Sight & Sound Theatre; Guided Tour of Amish Countryside; Kitchen Kettle Village at a cost of \$399 per person double occupancy. For a flyer and more information contact Pat Temple, 518-338-2329.



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1920 Essex Roadster Winter Top \$900.00.
1918 National Chubby Roadster \$250.00.
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1922 Overland Coupe, new \$800.00. Used for demonstrating
2 Ton Federal Truck \$300.00.
1 1/2 Ton Federal \$700.00.
2 Ton Reo Truck \$500.00.

The New Commercial Garage Co., Inc.

26-28 Church Street Saratoga Springs, N. Y. Phone 288

An ad from this paper 100 years ago

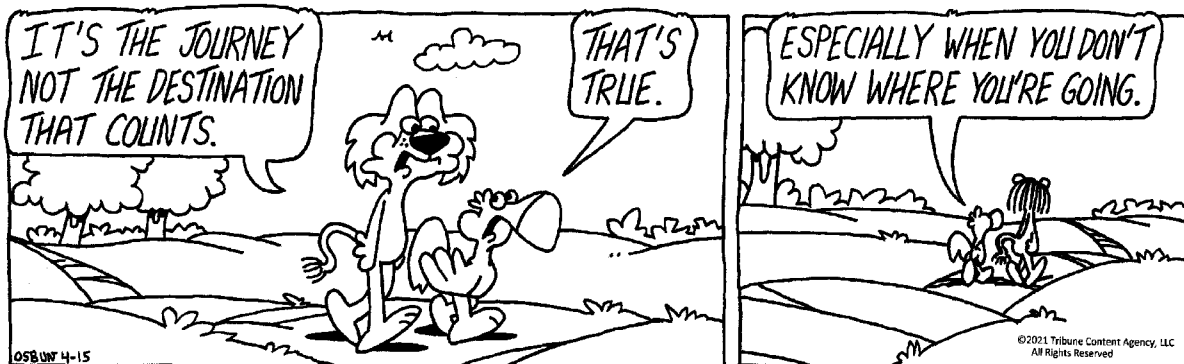
over the radio, but was quickly denied by Saratoga school officials.

30 Years Ago
Feb. 27, 1992

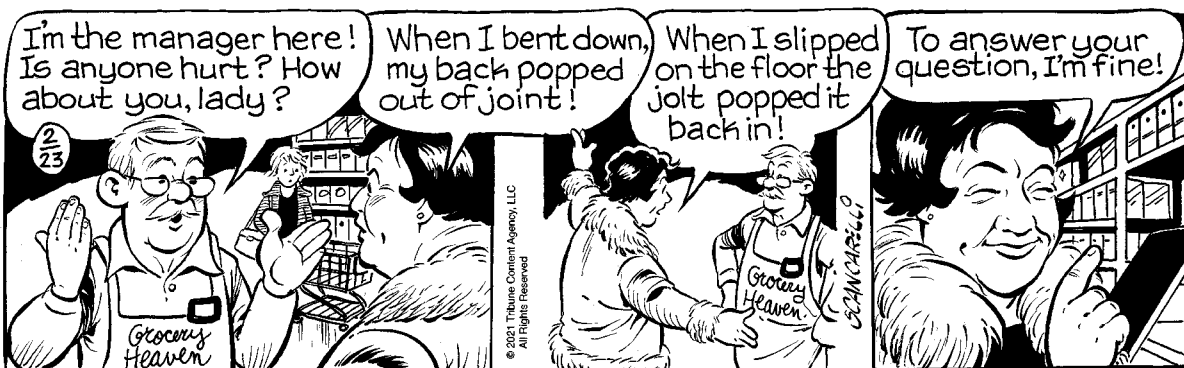
The Wilmarth building at 126 Main Street will be the site of a new business in Greenwich. The firm of Pattison, Sampson, Ginsberg & Griffin, PC, attorneys and counselors at law, will establish a branch office as of March 1 in Suite 2A. The [Troy-based] firm, consisting of 14 attorneys ... [has] interest in this area due in no small part to the fact that one of their associates, Mickki Davis Harrington, is a lifelong resident. Mrs. Harrington, formerly Mickki Davis, graduated from Greenwich Central School in 1983 and is married to Scott Harrington, also a Greenwich native.

The Funny Page

Animal Crackers by Fred Wagner



Gasoline Alley by Jim Scancarelli



The Middletons by Dana Summers



Broom Hilda by Russell Myers



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A ₁	I ₁	I ₁	U ₁	T ₁	N ₁	M ₃	RACK 1
A ₁	E ₁	Y ₄	R ₁	R ₁	N ₁	T ₁	RACK 2
A ₁	E ₁	D ₂	R ₁	V ₄	T ₁	N ₁	1st Letter Double RACK 3
A ₁	I ₁	P ₃	R ₁	H ₄	S ₁	W ₄	Triple Word Score RACK 4
E ₁	O ₁	U ₁	Y ₄	G ₂	R ₁	N ₁	RACK 5

PAR SCORE 255-265
BEST SCORE 340

FIVE RACK TOTAL
TIME LIMIT: 25 MIN

JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

OVPIT				
○	○	○	○	○
MUPEL				
○	○	○	○	○
CHDNER				
○	○	○	○	○
GTELIP				
○	○	○	○	○

Print your answer here:

○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Today's Guest JUMBLER is **JASON CHATFIELD**
Artist for GINGER MEGGS

11-16

AFTER GINGER GAVE THE KANGAROO A COFFEE, HE WAS ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

U	S	M	A	P	P	B	S	S	E	P	I	A		
S	T	O	N	E	T	O	O	L	A	X	O	N	S	
P	O	R	T	R	A	I	T	A	R	T	I	S	T	S
S	P	A	S	M	S	O	V	O	T	I	R	E		
A	L	Y	S	X	S	W	T	O	T					
A	H	I	K	A	L	I	S	A	R	I				
L	E	M	O	N	R	I	N	D	N	O	V	A	S	
L	A	P	S	E	I	N	J	U	D	G	M	E	N	T
A	D	E	L	E	K	E	G	E	R	A	T	O	R	
R	O	S	A	C	I	T	Y	H	I	S				
S	E	A	L	E	T	T	N	I	N					
A	L	T	S	T	A	I	O	P	E	N	T	O		
C	L	I	C	K	I	T	O	R	T	I	C	K	E	T
R	E	V	U	E	I	N	C	O	N	C	E	R	T	
E	N	E	M	Y	N	S	A	T	O	R	S	O		

Puzzle
Answers
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Changing how we live on our planet

Teresa M. King
Journal & Press

The Covid-19 Pandemic has made life more challenging for most of us. And at the same time, many gifts have come from it. Our air is cleaner, people have slowed the pace of their lives down and less gasoline is being consumed, because more people work remotely. I would say that acts of kindness have increased significantly, too. An important byproduct of the pandemic is that it has forced all of us to become much more conscious of our actions. And it has opened our eyes to see how much needs to change on the Earth.

I have very specific ideas about how we can affect great change and improve the quality of life for people and for all living things. These ideas revolve around two concepts: Honor and Acceptance.

If we truly and completely honored the Earth, there would be no

air pollution, no water pollution or desecration of the land. The air we breathe would become healthier. The waters we drink, cook with, swim in and bath with would be much cleaner. All living things would thrive and probably live longer.

If we honored and accepted each other for who we are, with all of our differences, there would be no division, no bullying, no discrimination or bigotry. We wouldn't have enemies and war would become a thing of the past! Everyone would be able to live with greater ease.

If we could see each person as our neighbor, knowing deep in our bones, that we are all part of one large human community, we would learn to work with each other to accomplish our goals.

Most likely, we would save a great deal of time, money and energy doing so.

How do we honor the Earth? We

spend more time in Nature. We appreciate her beauty and pick up garbage along the way. We notice how the seasons change and learn from the Earth's wisdom about the cycle of birth, life, death and re-birth. We learn from the Elements by flowing like a river and embracing the winds of change. We notice that the trees that weather storms well are the ones that are flexible and have deep strong roots. We will remember to feed our inner fires.

How do we learn to accept each other? It begins with flipping a switch on black and white thinking. Most of life happens in the gray zone. Things that are initially seen as polar opposites, can be re-assessed with wider vision that reveals a deeper truth; those opposites are actually part of the whole. Spend time observing how many things are seen as "either/or." We would be wise to embrace "and" more often.

I learned a great deal about accepting differences from the members of the International Council of 13 Indigenous Grandmothers. I had the good fortune to meet them in 2009. Their most powerful teaching is that they see their differences as a source of Strength. Some of them come from Mexico, the Highlands of Central America, the Amazon Rainforest in Brazil, Nepal, Tibet, Gabon in Africa and the Arctic Circle. They spent 12 years visiting each others' homelands and shared

their ancient wisdom traditions. They learned each others' teachings, sacred ceremonies, ways of healing and prayer. The 13 Grandmothers unconditionally honor each others' ways and they honor each other as Sisters.

When an individual chooses to see with this kind of vision, it changes everything. It changes how you see and what you see. It opens a person to greater understanding and deepens one's ability to have compassion for others.

When we can learn to see more similarities between us than differences, we will have reached a much higher and deeper place within ourselves. I believe that if we can do this, we will be more kind, gentle and patient with our sisters and brothers, here and abroad. We will discover that we have become much more able to love others. And from this place, we will find deep Peace.

Teresa King facilitates the Women's Sanctuary, a monthly women's circle in Greenwich, NY, and Arlington, VT. She is also a member of the Greater Bennington Inter-

faith Council. Teresa can be reached at teresaking1@live.com or www.thelargerpicture.com.



An Artist's Take

Political Cartoon of the Week by Dana Summers



Next issue mails 3/2

The next issue of this newspaper will be in stores 3/1 but not mail until 3/2. That's because of this short month and our logistics with a new printer that's further away, as well as how the weekend breaks this month. Also, be sure to renew your subscription if you haven't yet!

Cambridge Crossword

(solution page 24)

Across

1 Where to find an OR

6 "The Magic School Bus" network

9 Retro finish

14 Implement associated with its own age

16 Impulse conductors

17 They may work on profiles

19 Jerks that surprise you

20 Lacto-__ vegetarian

21 Fade

22 Prince __ Khan

23 Austin festival, briefly

24 Recent delivery

25 Sushi bar order

26 Consort of Shiva

28 Diwali garment

31 Strip often twisted

34 Stellar spectacles

37 Cause of a faux pas, perhaps

39 Singer Adkins

known by her first name

40 Draft portmanteau

41 Parks of Alabama

43 __ slicker

44 Possessive pronoun

45 Body with arms, usually

47 Riga resident

49 "Henry & June" diarist

50 Additional characters, in gamerspeak

52 Chi preceder

53 Would consider, after "is"

56 Seatbelt campaign slogan

59 Variety show

60 Together

61 Hostile force

62 Org. concerned with secrets

63 Sculptor's subject

Down

1 Org. with red, white and blue

trucks

2 Pre-sign sign

3 Acting incentive

4 Not sitting well?

5 Wave generator?

6 Hawaiian fare

7 What might cause you to forget your lines?

8 Some Eastern Europeans

9 Couldn't stand, maybe

10 Turnoff

11 One who's typically up

12 Opener

13 It can be fixed

15 Univ. helpers

18 Tiffs

23 Move like a cat burglar

25 __ breve

26 Jeans parts

27 Radio host Shapiro

29 Sore

30 Oblong tomato

32 1952 Winter Olympics host

33 Really liked

something, man

35 Priests, at times

36 They're usually toward the front of an orch.

38 "Brooklyn Nine-Nine" title: Abbr.

42 Some choir members

45 Stravinsky's "Le __ du printemps"

46 Talk show host who voices the adult Dory in "Finding Dory"

48 Eschew the diner, maybe

49 Wafer giant

51 Foul film

53 Nebraska native

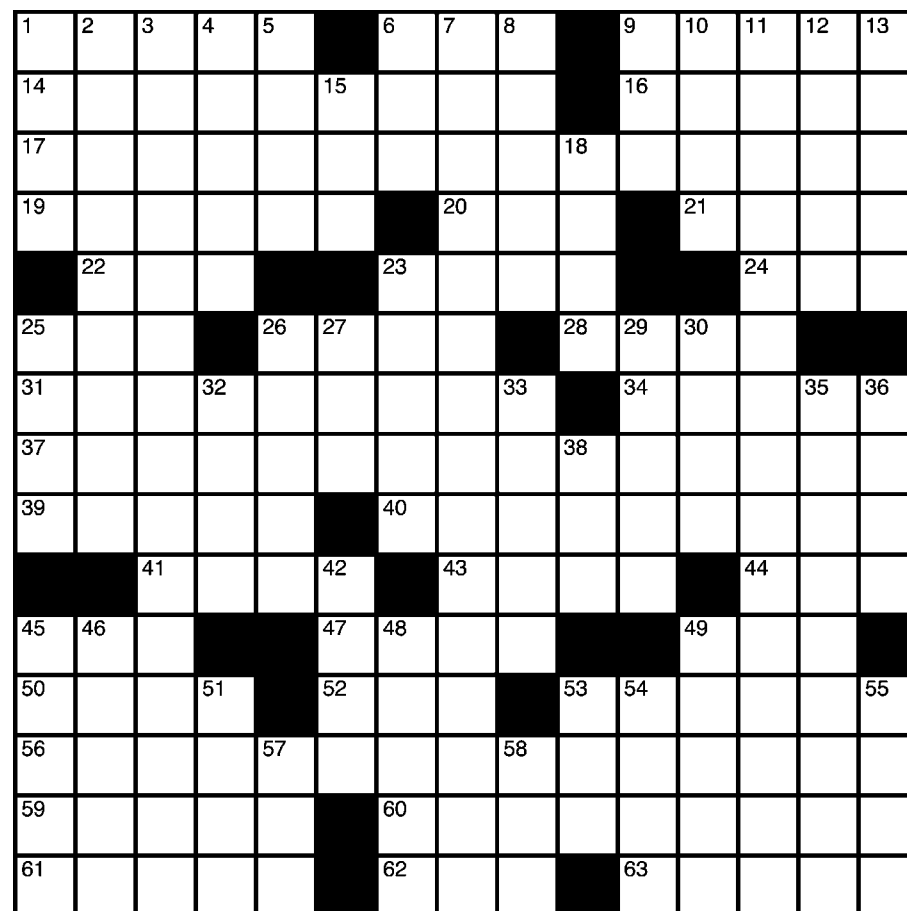
54 Pub order

55 Gustav Mahler's composer brother

57 Decoding need

58 Red Seal record label company

ANSWERS ON PAGE 26.



Word Find

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

Find these words that are associated with dance.

Ballet

Ballroom
Boogie
Breakdance
Cha Cha
College (dance)
Conga
Disco
Hustle

Jazz
Jitterbug
Latin
Lindy
Mambo
Modern
Music
Partner
Polka

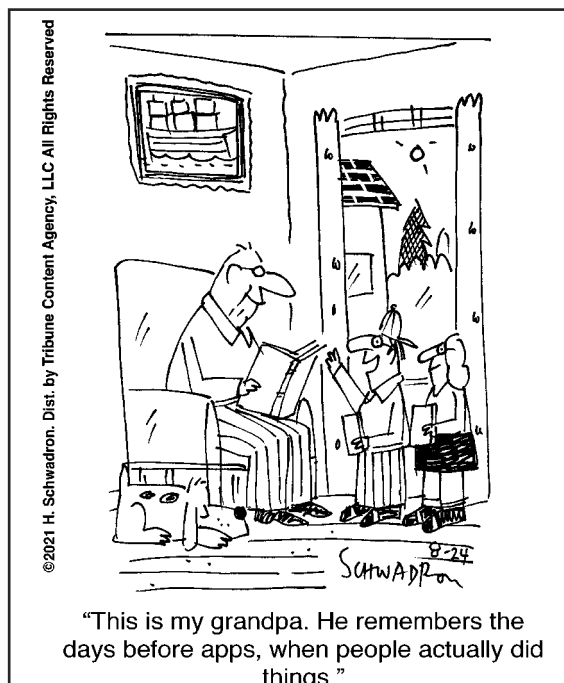
Prom
Rumba
Shoes
Square
Stomp
Swing
Tango
Theatre
Twist

Waltz

Find Mr. D'Agostino's puzzle books on Amazon.com.

9 to 5 by Harley Schwadron

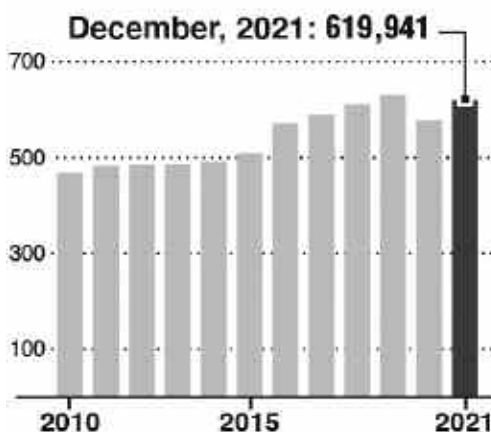
Fast Facts



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Airline employment

Employment at U.S. passenger airlines, scale in thousands of full-time equivalent jobs in December of each year



Graphic: TNS
Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics



Become a Native American for five bucks!

Lance Allen Wang
Journal & Press

Last week I received a note from a constituent asking me about something called the “Dawes Rolls.” The Dawes Rolls explain quite a bit about our country’s relationship with Native Americans, and as often happens, the idea represented the best of intentions, but the execution was riddled with corruption and mistrust.

The United States’ relationship with America’s natives was fraught from the outset. As our nation expanded, a cycle took place where we made treaties and alliances with native nations and then replaced them with betrayal, exile, and wars of extermination. Lands would be allocated to the natives by the American government, and then as resources were discovered on Indian land, the Indians would be relocated.

By the 1890s, when Indians were no longer considered a major threat to America’s expansion, only then did popular culture look upon them as a noble but primitive people who were unable to keep up with modern times. Indians who once fought proudly on the frontier now reenacted their battles as part of “Buffalo Bill’s Wild West Show,” creating the Old West of legend (as opposed to the far more brutal one of reality) for paying audiences.

The government had formed a Bureau of Indian Affairs in 1824, who’s duty was to “protect domestic and dependent nations,” which was the legal standing of Indian tribes as confirmed by the Supreme Court in 1832. The instruments of Federal authority were the Army as well as an additional army of

Bureau of Indian Affairs’ “Indian agents.” The agents were variable in quality – some truly cared and did their best

to improve the natives’ lot in life. But others were exceedingly corrupt, either skimming funds sent out to support the reservations or colluding with white settlers to steal land.

Ely Parker was a Tonawanda Seneca from western New York. During the Civil War, he rose to become a Brigadier General and personal Secretary to none other than General Ulysses S. Grant. In 1865, he penned the surrender documents when Robert E. Lee capitulated to Grant.

Lee, seeing Parker at the surrender, said, “I am glad to see one real American here.” Parker, in words that have echoed through our history, said in response, “We are all Americans.” Pretty strong words, considering that Parker’s people didn’t even have the right to vote until 1924.

However, even Parker couldn’t survive the corruption of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Elevated to the top job there by President Grant in 1869, he would be forced to resign in 1871. Parker’s aim of clearing up the corruption in the Agency made him many enemies, and the political pressure on Grant was simply too much. Sadly, Parker, Native American and patriot, would die in poverty in Connecticut in 1895.

In 1893, the United States Congress created the “Dawes Commission.” The purpose of the commission was to divide up land on tribal reservations for allotment to Native American heads of families and individuals. The first order of business was to determine who was eligible for the allotment. Thus, the Dawes Rolls, officially the “Final Rolls of Citizens and Freedmen of the Five Civilized Tribes.” The process was less than accurate, but better than anything that existed to that point. The enrollments started in 1896, but the process was chaotic and enrollments were declared null and void and tossed out. The enrollments began afresh in 1898 and continued primarily through 1907 (with an additional 312 accepted as late as 1914).

‘The process was chaotic and enrollments were tossed out.’

A key problem was that there was corruption alongside opportunity and motivation for fraudulent enrollment. While there were documentation requirements, the documentation was easily created through affidavits, and for the right price, nearly anyone could find themselves on the Dawes Rolls as a Native American. The expression “five-dollar Indian” was often used derisively to describe a non-native who bribed their way onto the rolls as an avenue for cheap land and possible other Federal set-asides for Native Americans.

“The Cherokee Nation once fought to disenroll [Oklahoma] Governor Kevin Stitt’s Ancestors. Documents show the Oklahoma governor’s connec-

tions to the tribe may have originated in an act of fraud more than 100 years ago.” High Country News, 2/24/2020

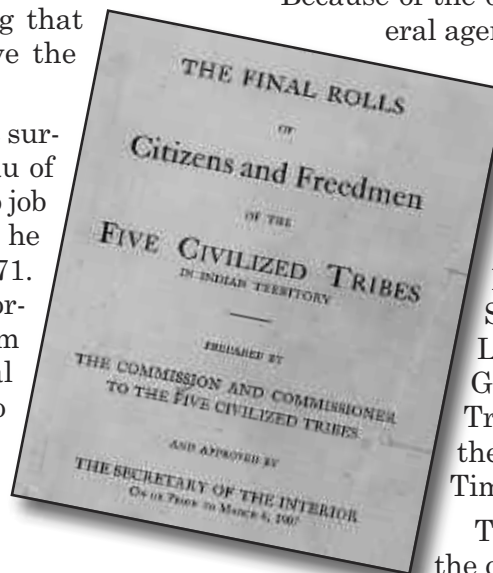
Because of the often-justified mistrust of Federal agents, as well as a track record of broken treaties, abuse, and racism, a percentage of Native Americans refused to enroll with the Dawes Commission at all.

“INDIANS ALLEGE FRAUD; Dawes Commission Said to be in a Plot to Seize Land. Charge of an Attempt to Gain Possession of Delaware Tribe’s Property and to Influence the Supreme Court.” New York Times, 9/29/1903

This whole affair could explain the controversy in which Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) found herself a few years ago. She had claimed Native American ancestry based upon an “old family legend.” It is entirely possible that an ancestor had filed their information on the Dawes Rolls, legitimately or illegitimately. Her father’s last name was Herring - there are none on the Dawes Rolls. Her mother’s maiden name was Reed, however, and there are 163 of them on the rolls variously listed as Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Creek and Seminole. I’m not saying this is what happened, but because of how the process was conducted, this was easily a possible outcome.

In the end, are you a Native American because your name shows up on the Dawes Rolls? The answer is a solid “maybe.” It would require a bit of genealogy to connect yourself to someone on the rolls which are over a century old. But it requires more than that if you want to find out the actual truth – including understanding whether it is based on a true family history, or whether it is a matter of a five-dollar gold piece changing hands when the temptation of cheap land was too much to bear.

Lance Allen Wang is a Councilman in the Town of White Creek who is also an Iraq Veteran and retired Army Infantry officer. He lives in Eagle Bridge, N.Y., with his wife Hatti.



Legal Notice

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING GREENWICH CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a resolution adopted by the Board of Education of the Greenwich Central School District on January 18, 2022, a special meeting of the qualified voters of the School District be and the same is hereby called to be held in the cafeteria of the Greenwich Primary School Building, 10 Gray Avenue, Greenwich on Tuesday, March 15, 2022 from 12:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of voting on the following proposition:

PROPOSITION

Shall the Board of Education of the Greenwich Central School District be authorized to (1) construct, reconstruct, renovate and improve various School District buildings, facilities and sites, acquire original furnishings, equipment, machinery or apparatus required for the purpose for which such buildings, facilities and sites are to be used and pay costs incidental

thereto, at a maximum cost of \$3,605,000, (2) expend \$925,000 from unappropriated fund balance to pay a portion of the costs of such purpose, (3) levy the necessary tax therefore, taking into account state aid and the amount expended from unappropriated fund balance, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education, and (4) in anticipation of the collection of such tax, issue bonds and notes of the School District at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$2,680,000, and levy a tax to pay the interest on said obligations when due?

The vote upon such proposition shall be by ballot registered upon voting machines and by absentee ballot. The hours during which the polls shall be kept open shall be from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. or for as long thereafter as necessary to enable qualified voters who are in the polling place at 8:00 p.m. to cast their bal-

lots. A qualified voter is one who is (1) a citizen of the United States of America, (2) eighteen (18) years of age or older, and (3) resident within the School District for a period of thirty (30) days next preceding the date of the vote. The School District may require all persons offering to vote to provide one form of proof of residency pursuant to Education Law section 2018-c. Such form may include a driver's license, a non-driver identification card, a utility bill, or a voter registration card. Upon offer of proof of residency, the School District may also require all persons offering to vote to provide their signature, printed name and address.

Absentee ballots may be applied for at the office of the School District Clerk.

Applications for absentee ballots must be received by the School District Clerk at least seven days prior to the vote if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or on or prior to March 14, 2022 if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter.

The Education Law also makes special provisions for absentee voting for "military" voters of the School District. Specifically, the law provides a unique procedure for "military ballots" in school dis-

trict votes. Whereas absentee ballots must be received by the voter by mail, a military voter may elect to receive their absentee ballot application and absentee ballot by mail, email or facsimile. The military voter must, however, return their original military ballot application and military ballot by mail or in person.

The District Clerk of the School District shall transmit the military voter's military ballot in accord with the military voter's preferred method of transmission. All absentee ballots must be received in the Office of the District Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m. on March 15, 2022. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available in the office of the School District Clerk from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. prevailing time on each business day prior to the day of the election. Any qualified voter may challenge the acceptance of the ballot of any person on such list, by making his challenge and reasons therefor known to the Inspector of Election before the close of the polls.

Dated: January 18, 2022

Rachel Logan

District Clerk

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1/27, 2/10, 2/24, 3/3

New pastor, Debbie Johnson

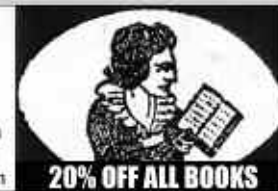
Hebron United Presbyterian Church in Hebron, NY recently welcomed their new Interim Pastor, the Rev. Debbie Johnson, who began her call there on December 16. Pastor Johnson (Debbie) is a native of northeastern PA, where she received her B.A. in Social Welfare from Bloomsburg University and Masters of Social Work from Marywood University in Scranton, PA. As a social worker, she worked in the fields of Addiction, Children's Mental Health, Domestic Violence, and Hospice. Johnson graduated from Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, VA in 2005 and worked in hospice and as the Interim Director of Christian Education for Harbor View Presbyterian Church in Charleston before receiving the call to be the Chaplain at the Presbyterian Community in Clinton, SC in May of 2009. She was ordained as a Minister of the Word and Sacrament in August of 2009 in Charleston.

After leaving chaplaincy in SC, Johnson served as the Interim Pastor at Faith United Church in Oswego, NY and recently served for three years as the Designated Pastor of two small churches in Central Pennsylvania: Bellefonte and Milesburg. She is excited to be returning to Interim Ministry at Hebron and is looking forward to becoming a part of the local community. Pastor Debbie is the mother of three grown children, and "Grandma" to six. For enjoyment, she loves attending live theatre shows, and has acted in several shows with the Laurens County Community Theatre in SC. Pastor Debbie is an avid animal lover and has a dog and a cat, both rescue pets. She can be reached by calling the Hebron United Presbyterian Church at (518) 854-3729.

Pastor Debbie will serve as interim minister in the pastorate formerly held by Rev. Laura Mitchell who now serves as Pastoral Care Coordinator at Saratoga Hospital.

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G'wich board meeting notes

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February 8th's Greenwich town board meeting saw many updates and announcements. Before getting into the agenda, the town board recognized the fire that happened in town on Feb. 6.

"Our hearts, thoughts, and prayers go out to the victims, the apartment dwellers, the business people who lost everything in that fire," said Councilman Jim Nolan on behalf of the town board.

"We also want to thank the fire personnel, EMTs, the people from Saint Paul's Episcopal Parish and all others who are reaching out."

Organizations such as the Greater Greenwich Chamber of Commerce and GoFundMe pages are helping the individuals with necessities such as clothing and gift cards.

Next, the town board recognized retiring members of the board Steve Patrick, Eric Whitehouse, and former supervisor Donald Ward as upstanding and crucial parts of the Greenwich community.

"The town of Greenwich is indeed fortunate to have had the services of [Steve Patrick, Eric Whitehouse, and Donald Ward] on the town board and [their] other endeavors," said Nolan, "and therefore be it resolved that the board of Greenwich on behalf of the entire community acknowledges the

services that [they] have given and continues to give to the town, and extends a unanimous vote of thanks and appreciation for the dedication and loyalty that [they] have provided."

In addition to Steve Patrick's 28 years as a board member, has been a coach for the Greenwich High School track team for 29 years and was a dedicated educator for the Greenwich High School.

Eric Whitehouse, who served on the board for 16 years, coached at Greenwich High School and volunteered on the Easton Greenwich Rescue Squad.

Furthermore, Donald Ward served on the board both as a member and as town supervisor. He is the Chaplain of the Greenwich Veterans of Foreign Wars and a member of the Greenwich Fire Department.

The meeting proceeded to its first piece of town business, which included a statement from townsperson Barbara Peters on her efforts regarding the town's commercial real estate policy. Peters expressed concern after her application for a building permit on her property in Greenwich and similar applications from others (one of which was a multi-housing development and the other a commercial business) were denied on the basis that Greenwich is an established agricultural district and that commercial businesses are not allowed in agricultural districts.

"Thus," she presented, "the legal standard has been set and established: two houses per land parcel and no commercial businesses to be allowed in agricultural districts, specifically Greenwich but throughout Washington County."

Peters raised, however, that building permits had in fact been issued for the Amish community to build housing development and sawmills. Having spoken with code enforcement officers from both Argyle and Greenwich, she was told the buildings and sawmills were non-commercial. "The trees are cut into lumber and sold outright for profit, or the Amish make sheds which they also sell for profit," she said.

Peters cited "expensive, unnecessary changes and standards" she experienced with her building project as an abuse of code enforcement's power.

Following, minutes from the Planning Board meeting were approved, with the proposed solar park to be built off of Bald Mountain Road highlighted as an agenda item for further discussion.

Included in the Assessor Report was the announcement of an Exemption Information Meeting at the Greenwich VFW that was held on Thursday February 10th.

The town received correspondence from NYDOT on a potential solution in the instance the town power went

out. If the town wanted to participate in that program, "it would entail the town buying the generators, having them available, bringing them there and hooking them up," Nolan added. "Then, of course, when power comes back on we take them out."

Supervisor Nolan expressed no personal interest in the town participating in the program, but agreed to reach out for more information. No decision was made during the meeting on that matter.

Town board clerk Joanna Messina reported on a proposed program in partnership with Cornell University regarding local roads.

Working with a Highway Department employee, "an intern from Cornell who is studying [asset management] will come in and install a software for us and they will input the data for all the roads in the town of Greenwich, including when they were paved and the status of them."

The data will continue to be uploaded by Messina or another town employee in order to generate an annual report on the road work needed in town and how best to carry it out.

The cost is minimum wage for the intern for an average of 10 weeks in the summer, as well as training for the Highway Department and town employees. The board agreed to get a dollar amount before moving forward with a decision.

Included also in the meeting was the appointment of new planning board members Morgan Steinert and Tom Guthrie.

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Local history

Heritage Hunters will present a Zoom program, "In Memoriam: Casualties of the Battles of Saratoga." The program will be Friday, Feb. 18, at 1 p.m. It will be led by Eric Schnitzer, Interpretive Ranger and Military Historian, with the Saratoga National Historical Park in Stillwater. Eric will discuss his research in identifying the American casualties, using a variety of methods including genealogy. Non-members can contact Ginny at 518-885-9309 or bhumphre@nycap.rr.com, for the Zoom link to the free program.

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