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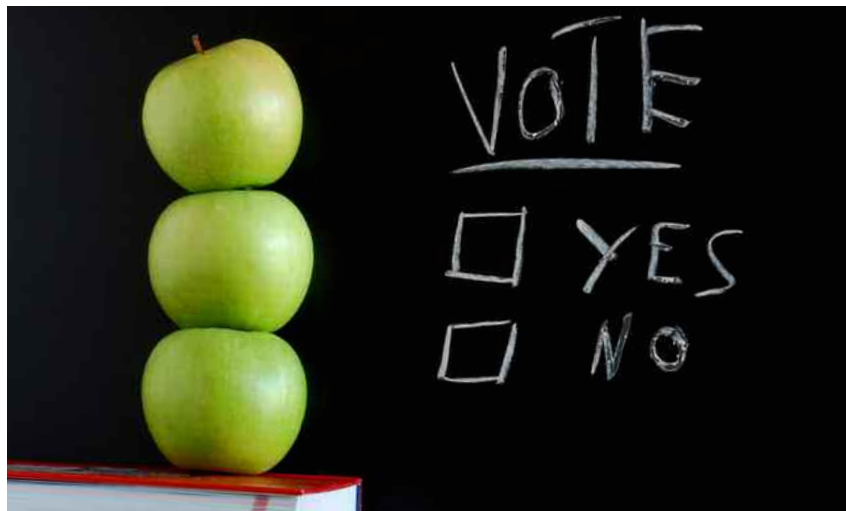
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Lots of letters, questions



FLAGS RETURN 3



We received many letters and questions from the public as school vote nears

The Journal & Press has gotten an unprecedented number of letters and questions for candidates before a contested school board election in Greenwich and budget vote on May 17. We're going to ask the candidates *your* questions in a "Meet the Candidates" forum and will post the audio on our site.

Please read more throughout this issue

Regional pizza

Saucy opinion writer Michael Levy goes to New York City and enjoys some great pizza. Then he returns to Washington County to compare and contrast, getting slices from local eateries. Agree or disagree with his take? Write us at food@journalandpress.com.

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Mental Health Awareness Month

Kate Sausville
Journal & Press

Since 1949, the month of May has been dedicated to Mental Health Awareness. As we are (hopefully) coming out of a pandemic, it is a good time to raise awareness of mental health issues. The last few years have been challenging for many, my own family included. Isolation, fear, and uncertainty caused a large increase in people with anxiety and depression, according to the World Health Organization. Even now as we are getting back to normal activities, many are still left with the trauma of having lived through a global pandemic.

Mental health has often been a taboo subject, and people with anxiety or depression were often thought to be of weak character. We now

know that is not true, there are many possible causes for depression such as faulty mood regulation by the brain, genetic vulnerability, and stressful life events. Children diagnosed with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and Autism often have higher rates of depression and anxiety than their neurotypical peers.

Symptoms of depression can vary. Some warning signs are isolating, thinking negative thoughts, and feeling sad. More serious signs of depression include feeling sad or de-



pressed most of the time, no interest in activities you once enjoyed, difficulty with sleep, either falling asleep, not being able to sleep, or sleeping too much, significant changes in weight, and recurring thoughts of death. Anxiety can present as rapid heart beat, racing thoughts and excessive worry, or anger. If you are having these symptoms, talk to your doctor.

Taking care of your physical health can improve your mental health. Diet is important. Vegetables, fruits, whole grains, and lean proteins should be making up most of your meals. Sounds easy, right? I recently tracked my meals using an app and was shocked to realize I hardly ate any vegetables in a day. Yikes! Healthy foods tend to keep you full longer and give you energy. This brings me to my next point. Exercise, exercise, exercise. Our bodies were truly not made to sit all day. Take walks, go for an easy hike, ride your bike. Aerobic exercise is thought to release the chemical dopamine, which helps

boost your mood. We are fortunate to live in an area that is ideal for getting outside and moving, so take advantage of it.

People were not meant to be alone, which is partly why the pandemic was so difficult on so many. Nurture relationships and find ways to be involved in your community. Having a connection and feeling needed is important to our positive mental health. Find healthy outlets for stress, such as talking to friends, engaging in a hobby, or even reaching out to a therapist. Avoid using alcohol to cope, as it acts as a depressant on the body and can lead to issues with addiction.

There is no shame in being depressed or anxious. If you have been experiencing depression or anxiety, reach out and get help. Life is too short to suffer needlessly.

For more information on what you can do to raise awareness, visit the National Alliance on Mental Illness at <https://nami.org/Home>

If you would like to participate in a local event, the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention is hosting the Hike for Hope at Prospect Mountain in Lake George on Sunday, May 22. The hike begins at 10:00 AM.

Kate Sausville is a resident of Greenwich.



Cambridge plant sale

The Annual Plant Sale to benefit the Cambridge Historical Society & Museum will be held again this year at Coral's Corner at 35 North Park St., Cambridge, NY. The sale will be held on Friday, May 20th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, May 21st from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be a large variety of garden vegetable plants, hanging baskets, perennials, shrubs, flowers of all kinds and more, just in time for Memorial Day remembrances and for starting vegetable gardens.

This sale has been held for many years at various locations and is always very popular. Proceeds from the sale will benefit the Restoration Fund at the museum, enabling many building projects, having had to wait through the past two long years, to be accomplished.

Vets parade returns

The Greenwich Veterans Parade will return for the first time since before the pandemic began. VFW Post 7291 Commander Tim Taylor tells us: "I would like to invite and encourage all Veterans to join us in the Memorial Day Parade on Friday, May 27. If you cannot do the entire parade, fall in as we pass on Main Street or attend the service at the Post following the parade. It is hoped that we can provide rides for those who cannot march." More details in our next issue.

Greenwich Town Board meeting notes

Felicia Reich

Journal & Press

May 10's town board meeting heard many town updates to existing projects and ongoing infrastructure. Included was a presentation from the fire department on their 53 total active members and a report from the highway department, among other agenda items.

Solar on Earth gave a presentation regarding electric bills for the Town of Greenwich. This state government program in partnership with the solar array developers gives you credit on your national grid bill. At no cost to the building owner, those who join the program get a guaranteed 10% off their electric bill every month. If you'd like to sign up, don't wait. The program takes about six months to start receiving the credits due to the long waitlist.

Next, Christine Dartt gave a presentation about changing her family's property to commercial. Back in 2007, the property line ended right at her parents' house, so they were zoned as rural agricultural even though her parents operated two businesses, a car business and a motel. Dartt subdivided, but has yet to be able to find a buyer for the 3.61-acre property housing the family's motel. Dartt appeared before the Town Board to appeal the 2007 zoning decision. The Town Board decided to do some more investigation on extending the commercial zone boundaries to include the motel.

The highway department gave an update on the road repairs they have been addressing. The main subject included in the report regarded the department's upcoming purchase of a new grader. Various equipment companies and costs were discussed. After the departure of Jeff Derby (see our previous issue), Ken McPhail, current foreman, was named Interim Highway Superintendent for the remainder of the calendar year. There will be an election in November for the 3 remaining years of the term.

Supervisor Jim Nolan provided his Supervisor's Report, stating on the following items:

Veterans Banners

The Town and Village received 37 applications for Veterans Banners during our first cycle. These 37 banners will be created and installed by Memorial Day. Our next cycle of applications has started and will end on May 25 at 2 PM. These banners will be installed by July 4.

Town of Greenwich Spring Clean Up

The Town of Greenwich Spring Clean Up will be held on Saturday, May 14 and Sunday, May 15 from 7 AM till 4 PM each day. Items NOT accepted are paint or paint cans, liquids, tires, household waste, or hazardous waste. Drop off is at the Town of Greenwich Highway Garage, 650 County Route 77, Bald Mountain Road.

Summer Youth Program

The Town of Greenwich hosts a NYS Department of Health certified Youth Program. It consists of two separate programs – a half-day and a full-day program.... The dates for this year's summer youth program are Friday, July 5 through Monday, August 5. See the Town's website for more.

Village/Town Comprehensive Plan

The Town has identified the need to update the Town of Greenwich 2004 Comprehensive Plan. The Town and the Village went through a rather comprehensive study of a portion of the Village and Town with the BOA study. One result of this study was the realization of how important Town/Village cooperation is for furthering the goals of each. I would like to propose we discuss combining the results of the BOA study with the development of a joint Town/Village Comprehensive Plan. This not only makes sense since the Town and Village are so intricately entwined as far as our residential and economic future is concerned but grant funding opportunities are enhanced when there is demonstrated municipality cooperation.

Assessment Inquiries and Review Board

The Town of Greenwich reassesses properties each year at 100% of value. The assessments you received recently are based on house sales data from July 1, 2019 to July 1, 2021. The average increase for homes under 5 acres was 14%. Houses with larger tracks of land and lakefront houses had higher increases in assessed value.

If you would like to speak with the Town Assessor, you can visit Town Hall on Tuesdays or Thursdays, 9 AM to Noon and 1 PM to 4 PM. If you would like to grieve your assessment, Grievance Day is May 25th. Call one week ahead of time to make an appointment.

Town-wide assessment values can be viewed online through the Washington County website. Additionally, there is a hardcopy available for

examination at the Greenwich Town Hall.

Road Paving and Repair for 2022

After a catastrophic winter consisting of several freeze/thaw cycles, several Town roads are in dire need of repair and improvement. As discussed earlier in this meeting, we are prioritizing these needed repairs and improvements and starting this work earlier than in past years. The Town is dedicating close to a half million dollars to this effort and is marshaling resources to develop a comprehensive database and longer range plans for repair and improvement of our Town roads. A comprehensive Supervisor's Report can be found on the Town Board website.

Finally, the Town Board voted to approve the LaBella proposal for updates to the heating, electric, and septic of the Town Offices at 2 Academy Street; there will be a public hearing regarding an amendment to the town Code of Ethics at the next Town Board meeting on June 14th; and Supervisor Nolan will be signing an agreement with the Greenwich Free Library to transfer \$35,000 to the library for their services to the community.

Flags return

Volunteers returned 79 flags to poles in Greenwich earlier this month. This is part of a new program begun in town last year. Helping organize the flag posting were David and Marie Troy, Mike Savage, Ken Charron and Mike Smith of Greenwich DPW. Organizers wish to thank all donors and volunteers.



Big events planned for Hudson Crossing

The Lake George Arts Project and Hudson Crossing Park are teaming up to present a fine art exhibition and sale at the Albany Symphony Orchestra American Music Festival Community Concert at Hudson Crossing Park on Saturday, June 11, 2022.

This is a great opportunity for regional artists to be a part of an exhibition that will be seen by over 1,000 people.

Join the Albany Symphony Orchestra and Hudson Crossing Park for a day full of activities for all ages for Trailblaze: NY, a free community concert and part of the 2022 American Music Festival series. There will be activities in and around Hudson Crossing Park and the greater Schuylerville and Greenwich area throughout the day culminating with a FREE performance at 7pm by the Albany Symphony Orchestra. The full-day event features food and beverage vendors, an art exhibition and sale, and more in the park field in the evening.

Participation not only supports

us through commissions on art sales, but it also helps us spread the word about the amazing things we do in our communities.

Hudson Crossing Park's mission is to tie environmental responsibility to economic revitalization, and to engage people of all ages in making informed choices for a sustainable future.

The Lake George Arts Project's mission is to provide exposure and income opportunities to professional and emerging artists, and to provide quality arts programming for the residents and visitors of the Lake George region.

Learn more at: hudsoncrossing-park.org/call-for-artists.

Zucchini Brothers

Hudson Crossing Park will kick off their 2022 Summer Concert Series with Jack and Steve Zucchini on Thursday, May 19, 2022, from 6 - 8:30pm on the HCP stage.

Jack and Steve Zucchini bring humor, fun, and plenty of talent to



Zucchini Brothers

the stage, with this concert that's perfect for all ages! Be sure to pack a picnic dinner and enjoy a beautiful summer evening out with friends and family in the HCP field, and kick back and enjoy the special Zucchini Hudson "Rivergrass," a fresh sound that synthesizes diverse musical styles, a variety of instruments, and lots of fresh air and sunshine for added inspiration.

Tickets are \$5 per person at the "door."

The HCP Summer Concert Series showcases local musicians in a laid back, family-friendly outdoor atmosphere every third Thursday of the month from May - August. Please remember that Hudson Crossing Park is a carry in/carry out facility. All concerts are smoke-free events. Well-behaved leashed pets are welcome.

This event is made possible in part through the support of Adirondack Trust, Stewart's Shops, and Wordhorse Strategies.

SOAR for Kids

The HCP Education Team this summer

will host "Soar with S.O.A.R.," exploring everything from our animal and insect friends that soar through the air as well as a lot of stuff in between. As always, there will be tons of hands-on activities and opportunities to explore the outdoors, so gear up and get ready to SOAR!

For 2022 HCP will be offering two programs: A half-day program for children entering 1st and 2nd grade, and a full day program for those entering 3rd through 5th!

Week One: For children entering 1st & 2nd grades; July 11 - 15, 2022, 10am - 12pm, \$75 per participant.

Week Two: For children entering 3rd - 5th grades, August 8 - 12, 2022, 10am - 2pm. \$150 per participant. For more information, visit: hudsoncrossingpark.org/soar.



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Salem BBQ

The Salem Vol. Fire Dept. Inc. will be hosting their annual Memorial Day Weekend Chicken BBQ on Sunday May 29, 2022. This will be a pre-sale take out drive through event only. Pick-up is from noon-1pm.

Dinner tickets are \$15 each and include: ½ Chicken or a ½ Rack of Ribs, Baked Potato, Baked Beans, Roll and a dessert. Tickets are available at: Salem Hardware, A & J Agway, Salem Firefighters, or by calling 518-321-9430 or 518-461-3317.

Gilchrist honored

On May 4, Argyle Town Supervisor Robert Henke presented a proclamation on behalf of the town recognizing the many years of service Gary Gilchrist provided to the Argyle American Legion and to the Argyle community. With Robert, along with members of Argyle's Legion, was the newly elected Post Commander, Mike McGraw. Supervisor Henke remarked he was the beneficiary of participating in the American Legion's Boy's State government and leadership program in his youth; an experience which he remembers fondly and one which Gary emphasized as Post Commander for over fifteen years. It read:

The Town of Argyle would like to recognize and commend one of our most upstanding citizens, Gary Gilchrist, for his service to the country, to American Legion Post 1518, and to the citizens of the town of Argyle.

Gary served in the 2nd Marine Division from 1960-1964 then in the Marine and Navy reserves for several additional years. He joined the Argyle Legion in 2003 and two years later, in 2005, he became Post Commander. He served in this capacity until 2011, took one year off, and was again elected to Post Commander, serving

from 2013 until March 2022. The duties of a Post Commander are many and the service of the Legion to the community is wide-reaching from organizing the Memorial Day Parade and services to providing support and facilities for community members in need. However, there are two programs that Gary Gilchrist was instrumental in re-establishing after a long hiatus which have particular importance to the community.

The first of these was resuming the placement of flags on the cemetery markers of veterans in Argyle cemeteries.

The second program of note Gary has said is his most proud accomplishment. This was the re-establishment of the Boys and Girls State Programs for our High School students. As a graduate of the Boy's State Program, I can attest to its value and importance to the students chosen to attend.

It is more difficult to describe the work and heart Gary Gilchrist has poured into Post 1518 during some tough times with declining membership and other difficulties but it is not at all hard to notice and proclaim our appreciation for his efforts and service.



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Remember, the school vote is May 17

To the Editor:

Why should you care about School Board elections?

Greenwich School Board elections are coming up on Tuesday, May 17. I'm guessing there are quite a few people who don't plan on voting. Some think there is no point because they don't have children in school anymore. Others have never had kids in the school system so the elections are just not on their radar. Still others may think their vote doesn't matter so why waste your time when you "have better things to do". Our last Town board elections are a clear example of why that is not true and how every vote counts, with races being decided by the smallest of margins. But aside from that, what do you get from casting a vote in the School Board elections even if you have no children in school? You keep the value of your home. There is a direct correlation between home values and the quality of the schools in your community. People looking to relocate to a new area, with or without children, look to the quality of the schools in making their decision on where to settle.

Greenwich Schools are ranked very high on many metrics, but would that continue if we did not vote to put qualified people on the School Board? I think not. We need people with a background of championing and understanding children's needs; of understanding the many challenges children face as they grow up; knowing how to support their mental health and knowing what resources are needed to achieve those goals. Therefore, for the reasons stated above, I support Amy Foster, Thom Powers and Heather Mattison for the Greenwich School Board. Combined they bring a wealth of knowledge and experience I feel will keep the Greenwich schools on their current trajectory and keep Greenwich a place families seek to live. Please mark your calendar for Tuesday, May 17 to make your voice heard. Polls will be open from 8am to 8pm.

Jen Braucher

Greenwich, NY

To the Editor:

We are living through some contentious and frankly, 'crazy' times. Our current political institutions and communities are under attack and are not working for the majority of people. The rhetoric on fringe bases of the political spectrum are the common arguments that continue to gain weight and requires an abundance of our time and energy. I am running for the Greenwich Central School Board of Education not as a politician, but as a father of two students within the district, a husband of a teacher in the district, and a community member. I want to focus on issues that are affecting the education of our student population that will have the most profound impact on their success in the future, the success of the Greenwich Community in the future, and the success of our citizenry in the future. I value civil discourse and learning from other people's opinions and perspectives. I will examine a problem through the lens of its impact on our student population and its impact on our teacher's ability to address the increasingly more challenging student population and cultural and societal distractions.

I have been a School Psychologist over the past 13 years within a public education system. I have worked with students from a wide range of backgrounds and with varying different abilities. I evaluate students' cognitive, neurocognitive, and academic skills as well as their social-emotional wellbeing. I work closely with teachers and administrators, implementing systems and modifications and accommodations to the academic setting. I believe my education and experience as well as my commitment to the strength of our educa-

tion system will be a benefit to the Greenwich Central School District.

Our board needs to be functional, rational, and reasonable. Our board needs to be an example of civility to our community and children. Given the opportunity, I will use my knowledge and expertise to bring an open-minded and rational voice to the Greenwich Central School Board. Thank you for your support.

Respectfully,

Thomas A. Powers

Greenwich, NY

To the Editor:

My name is Amy Wise Foster and I'm running

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Greenwich Youth Center Supply Drive
for
Adopt -A-Soldier
When: May 3rd -May 20th
Collection Boxes will located at:

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for Greenwich School Board. I have been a resident of Greenwich for the last 18 years and I have grown to love this community, in large part because Greenwich has not only welcomed our family but created a sense of belonging for our 3 children. My husband, Leigh and I have immersed ourselves into our community by volunteering, coaching and participating in community events.

For the last six years, I have held a leadership role within our PTSA. I served as President for five years and now am serving as Vice President of Operations. During that time, we provided support to faculty and staff in a number of ways, such as assisting with funding for the cultural arts program and field trips, upgrading devices and equipment for the music, physical education, and art departments, and replenishing classroom resources. We also supported students in a variety of ways. We raised money throughout each school year, in order to provide 4-5 scholarships annually for graduating seniors pursuing a career in education, leadership, and/or social services. My role within the PTSA has provided me opportunities to work closely with building principals, faculty and our superintendent. I have also served on various school committees as a parent representative.

Many people know me as the former Director of the YMCA, although prior to my role at the YMCA, I spent almost 20 years working as a Social Worker. I have worked in both the non profit and education sector. As Director of the Battenkill YMCA, I was grateful to work in a community leadership position. This allowed me to meet a vast number of Greenwich residents and discuss issues such as politics, religion, fundraising, wellness, and mental health. I learned the importance of communicating in a non-judgmental, unbiased way in order to truly listen to ones' perspective. I believe that serving the community as school board member requires many similar skills.

I am a strong advocate for children's needs. Currently, I am a Clinician with Northern Rivers where I work with at-risk families and assist them in strengthening skills as caregivers and link them to services within their community.

I am excited for the opportunity to join the school board because I believe I am a strong communicator and listener. I'm interested in support-

ing the needs of all children within the district, and collaborating with essential stakeholders. It would be an honor and privilege to serve my community in this capacity and advocate for parents and students as well as the community at large.

Thank you so much for your support!

Amy Wise Foster

Greenwich, NY

To the Editor:

Thank you for devoting so much attention in your last issue to the upcoming Greenwich Central School District elections. These elections are important because the public schools are the most important local institution funded by local taxpayers. They do many things, and they do them well.

The public schools provide all children in the district with academic and practical knowledge, as well as many of the social skills they need to live a happy and prosperous lives. The public schools also provide all the people of Greenwich occasions to gather in support of young people's activities including athletic competitions, stage shows, and concerts. And they provide grounds where all of us can play games and get outdoor exercise. In these ways the public schools build a sense of community and provide the basis for friendships among children and their parents that last a lifetime.

What are these things worth? Every year when a new school budget is put before the voters we are all asked to consider this question. And typically we hear a lot rhetoric from critics who seem to always think their taxes are too high regardless of what kind and quality of services those taxes help finance. These ideological critics seldom take time to assess all the value provided by tax supported public institutions because that requires serious thinking about complicated problems, rather than simple knee-jerk reactions.

Happily in this year's school board election offers a list of candidates, most of whom seem ready to do the kind of complex evaluations we should expect from all members of the school board. However one of the candidates has provided us with evidence that she is not up to doing this difficult work.

Liv Thygesen's explanation why she is running for school board, quoted in the Journal & Press, should discourage voters from supporting her. Thygesen says, "In a school system where student enrollment has been declining at an average of 16%

annually and the budget has been increasing 17% annually, it is critical to analyze the school's financial priorities and budgeting." The second part of this statement is of course true; it is always critical to analyze financial priorities and budgeting. But the first part of the statement, the reasons Thygesen gives for doing this, are patently false.

Enrollment in Greenwich schools fluctuates from year to year, and it has declined recently. But it has not dropped "16% annually" as Thygesen claims. She does not make clear what base year she employs to come up with her measure of changes in the school budget and enrollment. But let's assume it is 2016-17 so that her description of these trends covers the regular five-year term of board members. In 2016-17, 1042 students were enrolled. In each of the next five years, fewer students were enrolled. This year there are 921 students in our public schools, an almost 12% decline the last five years. If Thygesen's claim that 16% annual declines were true for these five years, just 435 students would be enrolled in our schools today! Her claim is either an outrageous fabrication, or an egregious arithmetic error.

Thygesen makes a similar claim about budget trends. The school spending proposal before the voters for the 2022-23 school year is \$23,309,400, a 3.1% increase over this year's actual expenditures. Moreover, since 2016-17 the total five-year increase in the actual school budget has been just 14.4%. If Thygesen's claim were correct, annual 17% budget increases since 2016-17 would mean that the school budget for this year should have been nearly \$45 million dollars, a figure almost double the actual monies spent.

We can speculate and disagree about the reasons why Thygesen chose to emphasize fiscal issues based on falsehoods in the presentation of herself as a candidate. But these falsehoods should not be ignored by the voters on May 17th. We simply can't afford to put a person on our school board who plays so fast and loose with facts and numbers.

Ronald Edsforth

Greenwich, NY

To the Editor:

Congratulations to the staff and Board of Education of the Greenwich Central School District!

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The Junior-Senior High School has been named #2 in the Glens Falls metro area by US News and World Report. This could not have happened without the support of the Greenwich and Easton communities, parents, Board of Education, and a dedicated and professional staff. I am in awe.

Our schools and community are not ones to rest on our laurels. We need to ensure that the excellence demonstrated in the Greenwich educational

system continues into the future. One way to do that is to attract, recruit, and retain highly qualified and professional staff, in every arena of the school. And one way to do that is to start with a Board of Education that respects and supports professionalism, makes data-driven decisions, and provides for the safety of our students.

After several conversations with Amy Wise Foster, Heather Marie Mattison, and Thom Powers, I am convinced that these candidates for the Greenwich Board of Education will fulfill just those parameters. They are all level-headed pro-

fessionals, they each have children in the Greenwich Central Schools, and they each have a deep history of volunteerism and public service in the community.

Please join me in supporting Amy, Heather, and Thom on Tuesday, May 17, the day of the Board of Education and school budget vote. Polls are open 8am to 8pm in the primary school gymnasium.

Mary Lou Stern

Greenwich

Questions for School Board Candidates

The Journal & Press moderated a “Meet the Candidates” night for the contested school election for Greenwich CSD on May 11, too late for print.

School budget and board elections are May 17. Greenwich CSD’s 2022-23 proposed budget is \$23.3 million; this would be an increase of \$719,081, or 3.18%, over last year, if voters say yes. There also are three contested school board races. Polls open 8 to 8.

We solicited questions from the public in advance of the “Meet the Candidates” and have listed them below (some sent in multiple questions; we won’t be able to get to all of them, but will ask at least one question from each asker). If the May 11 even is recorded, we will post a link on JournalandPress.com with their answers.

- After reading candidate summaries only one candidate mentioned having experience in development and monitoring of the budget. The school budget is the highest tax burden on the Greenwich residents. What experience do you have with budget formulation and execution? And what plans do you have to lessen the tax burden?

- One voter asked all of these questions: What do you feel differentiates you from your opponent? How can the board be more accessible to the community as a whole? Do you have any specific suggestions for improving the relationship between the board, the community and the students? How would you determine your budget priorities? What changes would you like to see made regarding current district curriculum and policies? What are

your thoughts on incorporating social justice into the district’s curriculum? Why? Please comment on the statement, “When parents say they want their children to be taught division, they mean mathematical not racial.” Do you feel policies permitting transgender students to use facilities matching their gender identity violate the bodily privacy of non-transgender students? What would you like the community to know about the school board? How do you plan to maintain a quality of the upcoming expansion and improvements to the school’s athletic fields and facilities without creating a financial tax burden for the community?

- The taxable portion of the budget increased \$263,299 despite increased federal and state aid. The overall budget increased \$719,081. If only 1% of the budget was trimmed the taxable portion of the budget would decrease from \$263,299 to \$30,205. Saving the taxpayers and reducing the annual upward trend of the school budget. Would you favor reducing the school budget by 1% to save taxpayers in times of inflation and possible recession?

- These came from the same writer: Do you believe Racial, Diversity or Transgender Studies should be taught at our school? Do you believe and support allowing transgender students access to restrooms rooms of their choice, e.g.. biological males in female restrooms? Do you support allowing non-biological girls to participate in female athletics? What do you think our school needs to do to increase the percentage of students attaining minimum grade level achievement in Reading, Writing and Math?

- Would you support a cap on the percentage of

debt service even more stringent than allowed by state law?

- What are your thoughts on the BOE adopting a policy on DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. How do you feel about banning books?

- President Biden’s recent statement that children belong to their teachers while at school is similar to Virginia Governor McAuliffe’s statement that he didn’t “think parents should be telling schools what they should teach.” Do you believe parents should have input what the schools teach? And do the constitutional rights of parents to raise their children end at the schoolhouse door?

- What is your assessment of the financial health of the district? Are you satisfied with the current school budget as proposed? Why, or why not? How would you balance your legal responsibilities as a board member with any personally-held political beliefs that may contradict state or federal law?

- What motivates you to want to become a school board member? What do you value most about the educational program in Greenwich? What do you think could be improved about the educational program in Greenwich? COVID certainly has had an impact on student learning. How do you envision Greenwich teachers supporting the needs of students over the next few years to build an even better educational program? What do you think the BOE can do to support teachers? What do you see as the board’s roles and responsibilities?

Grace Snell, 85

Grace Erma (Morey) Snell, 85, a resident of Easton, passed away in the early morning hours on Sunday, May 8, 2022, at her home surrounded by her loving family.

She was born February 10, 1937, in Argyle, NY, to the late Leon and Florence (Dunlop) Morey.

Grace was the matriarch of the Snell family and was a pillar of the Easton community. She was a woman of great strength and courage, she had a beautiful smile, and a kind and generous heart. She was a straight shooter, and you always knew where you stood with her; in many ways she was a force to be reckoned with. She was always donating her time and energy to a worthy cause. For many years, Grace worked side by side with her devoted husband Ron, running the family business Snell Construction, Inc.

As a young child, Grace and her family moved to Greenwich, NY, where she lived on Mill Street until she married. She attended Greenwich Central School where she was a strong athlete. Grace played softball, basketball, and was the goalie in field hockey. She also played the clarinet and played in the marching band and participated in the All-County Music Festival. As a child, Grace also enjoyed going to the movies every weekend with her mother and siblings, at the White Swan Hotel. Her mother and grandmother also helped her to become a talented seamstress.

Grace married her beloved husband Ron in 1956 at the Bottskill Baptist Church. She always laughed fondly that they forgot their marriage license and Ron had to drive home, at the last minute to retrieve it before the ceremony. She was extremely proud of the three beautiful and talented children that they raised together. Through the years Grace and Ron worked side by side running a General Store in Easton, selling Christmas trees, installing swimming pools, and running construction and septic businesses. Grace loved answering calls for the businesses and chatting with customers about their needs, both business and personal, and sharing stories about her family.

The drowning death of a dear friend in the river inspired Grace to teach children how to

swim. She worked hard to earn her credentials to become a swim instructor, and started teaching lessons at The Greenwich Beach, and then moved onto the Willard Mountain Pond, and the Easton Valley Pool. Eventually, with the cooperation of the Town of Easton, Grace welcomed the children of the Easton community to her family pool for decades.

In the summer, her whistle could be heard, from 8 am to noon instructing children on their strokes and diving techniques, while parents sat on blankets on her green grass watching from afar and chatting with friends. She always ended the swim year with a day of free swimming, ice cream and soda to celebrate the accomplishments of each child.

Grace had a passion to ski from the time she was a little girl. She started instructing at Willard Mountain in 1962 and was an excellent skier. Grace enjoyed taking ski trips with her Willard Mountain buddies to local mountains, picnicking at the top of Willard on nice days, and dancing the night away in the lodge at the end of the night. She persevered through a devastating ski accident that injured her knee by rebuilding her muscles at home, with daily weight strengthening exercises. She worked as an instructor at Willard Mountain until 1999.

Grace loved flowers! She took immense pride in her flower beds, and the beauty of her Rhododendron and her Trumpet Vine brought her joy every spring. She also loved to mow her lawn. Mowing allowed Grace to escape into the beauty of nature and not worry about anything, while getting a nice tan. She also loved feeding and watching birds, playing cards, biking and dancing with her late husband Ronald, stargazing, watching satellites and the International Space Station's path through the night sky, rug



hooking, needle point, enjoying the glorious sunsets out her kitchen window, and capturing memories with her camera. Taking joy rides in her '72 Chevy Impala, or using it to drive officials in local parades, also put a smile on her beautiful face.

Grace loved to dance with her husband, especially the Jitterbug. She was a member of the Country Guys and Gals Club, and she and her husband would go square dancing throughout the area in their early years. Many fun times were had dancing the night away at Burton Hall. Volunteering was also especially important to Grace. She was a volunteer for the Washington County Board of Elections and loved to volunteer her time to the fundraising events for the Greenwich Lion's Club. Grace found immense pleasure in producing themes and decorating for the Lion's fundraising events at the Greenwich Elks Club. Grace and Ron also made many wonderful memories vacationing at Daytona Beach in Florida.

Washington County Fair week was always a favorite time of year for Grace, even though it took her away from her refreshing pool during one of the hottest weeks of August. She enjoyed the hustle and bustle of setting up displays for her family's business, running the Snell Beef and Bun Trailer with her family, and getting to talk, talk, talk to friends! For the past decade or so, her favorite day of the year at the fair was the annual Sunday family

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Pizza, pizza, pizza!

Michael Levy
Journal & Press

After a two-year, two-month, and two-day hiatus, during a world-wide pandemic that was simultaneously occurring, I made a day trip to New York City on May 4th. Yes, I went from the Village of Greenwich to NYC's Greenwich Village, both of which have a Bleeker Street coincidentally. I departed home at 4:43 AM, drove down Route 40 through the morning darkness and a moderate rain arriving at the Amtrak's Albany-Rensselaer train station for the 5:55 AM to NY's Penn Station. Then a quick hop on the subway and I was in Greenwich Village shortly before 8:30 AM for the day.

Around noon, I heard a stomach rumbling that signified it was time to get some food in it. After such a long time of being away, I unconsciously was craving real New York style pizza. So, I thought of my options in the West Village.

One of the most famous pizza places in NYC is John's of Bleecker Street. John's coal fired brick ovens churn out hundreds of crispy pizzas a day. But they only sell whole pies – much more than one person can eat in a sitting. I needed to go elsewhere.

Heading a block south on Bleeker St, and then traversing three doors east to 7 Carmine Street, is Joe's Pizza, a "Greenwich Village institution". Joe's Pizza appears in the "Grand Theft Auto" video games as well as in the movie Spider-Man 2 (2004) where Peter Parker works as a delivery boy. In 2022, Joe's Pizza appeared in a commercial for "Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness" which opened in theaters on May 6, 2022. Unfortunately, the combination of Joe's great pizza slices coupled with their media popularity, leads to this place being filled with tourists. And when the various Pizza Tour companies stop in, add another 10-20 people inside a small space who are sampling but a bite or two of this consummate NY slice. I decided that I would go elsewhere to reduce my exposure in these times of rising Omicron rates.

Accordingly, I decided to visit my old standby, Phil's at 226 Varick Street. Phil's hit all the pizza

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benchmarks - size, quantity of ingredients, crispness and char of the crust, blend of sauce and cheese, bendability, and finally, taste. This place was busy, but not so busy, that one couldn't grab a slice and be out in a New York minute. Phil started this business in the 1970s and closed during the COVID-19 pandemic. He never reopened. I was disappointed when I saw that a new pizza place was now occupying Phil's space. Napoli's Pizza opened in January 2022. But is this still an old-school neighborhood joint that offers slices? My stomach decided that we would give Napoli's a try to find out. As it turns out, it is a worthy successor to Phil's. The cheese slice that I had was even better than my memories of Phil's. Despite a Yelp rating of 3.5 stars based on two ratings, Napoli's was a very scrumptious slice.

After my day in NYC, I headed back to Penn Station to catch the 4:40 PM Amtrak back to Albany. I arrived home in the Village of Greenwich around 8:15 PM.

The next day, I began to wonder why of all the food choices in the Big Apple why was I craving NYC pizza so much. I was like a man marooned on a desert island for a couple of years. I have been known to partake of a local slice or two every now and again, so why did I have this yearning?

'The offering had the right amount of zesty tomato sauce, but would have been better with more cheese.'

With my taste buds calibrated to the pizza slice from Napoli on May 4th, I decided to check out some of the slices available in southern Washington County. Accordingly, on Saturday, May 7, 2022, I threw my leg over the old Yamaha, setting off on my Pizza Taste Test Adventure.



I went to pizza establishments representing three cities in the southern part of this county – Salem, Cambridge, and Greenwich. Each pizza place visited was selected by an almost scientific method which was mostly based on their Yelp rating. Importantly, all of the cheese slices mentioned in this article could be purchased for \$3 or less, so if you disagree with my assessment, you can always write your own review and send it forth as a "Letter to the Editor".

I ate a cheese slice in each location. Normally, I would limit myself to two cheese slices for lunch but in the interest of this very important research, I would eat three.

First stop in this research was Pizza World in Salem. It is at the corner of Route 22 and Shushan Rd (Route 64). As I arrived, I saw several police cars with their lights flashing, thinking that a terrible accident had occurred. As it turns out, the police were just directing traffic for the Tour of the Battenkill bicycle event. I went inside Pizza World, grabbed my pizza slice from a rotating glass case, and ate it outside while watching the cyclists whiz by. This pizza slice was particu-

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Grace Snell, 85 (cont.)

breakfast, followed up with watching her great grandchildren enjoy the sights and rides of the fairgrounds, and catching up with friends.

The most important people in her life were her family, especially her precious grandchildren and great grandchildren who fondly called her Mimi. She was always there for them at a drop of a hat, was their biggest cheerleader, and would support them in any way possible. She was immensely proud that she was able to teach all her grandchildren to swim and ski. Grace was the hub of her family, maintaining traditions and values. She taught her entire family the importance of love, perseverance, generosity, courage, hard work, determination, and humility. Grace was one of a kind, and she will be missed by all who were lucky enough to know her.

Grace was predeceased, by her cherished husband Ronald Snell Sr., brother John Morey; stepbrother Carl Hogan; stepsister Eleanor Hogan; brothers-in-law Rodney and Glen Snell and sister-in-law Betty Wilbur; and great grandson Emmit Snell.

She is survived by her loving children Ronald (Gina) Snell Jr. of Easton, Sherri (David) Clark of Cambridge, and Harold J. (Tracy) Snell of Easton; grandchildren, Chalen (James) Lathrop, Brooke (Richie) Record, Doug (Tanya) Lathrop, Jason Snell, Ryan (Tai) Snell, Noah Hebert and Ian Snell; great-grandchildren Aidan, Emily, Logan, Domonick and Paxton; brother-in-law Ashley Snell, as well as many beloved nieces and nephews.

Family and friends may call from 4 to 7pm

on Thursday, May 12, 2022, at Flynn Bros Inc. Funeral Home, 80 Main St, Greenwich, NY, 12834. A funeral service will be held the following day at 11:30 am on Friday, May 13, 2022, at the funeral home, with the Rev. Sandra Spaulding officiating. Burial will take place in the Easton Rural Cemetery following her funeral service.

Donations in her memory may be made to the Greenwich Lions Club, the Easton/Greenwich Rescue Squad, or the Easton Volunteer Fire Department.

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

Scout trip to Mass.

Members of Greenwich Scout Troop 6027, sponsored by Greenwich Elks Lodge #2223, recently traveled to Boston, Massachusetts, where they spent several days. The boys and their leaders camped at Nobscot Scout Reservation, near Framingham, MA. They visited Plymouth Massachusetts, where they saw Plymouth Rock, the Plymouth Patuxent Museums and the Mayflower II. In Salem, Massachusetts, the Wax and Witch Museums were visited, as well

as the Charter Street cemetery and Witch Trial Memorial. The Scouts walked the Freedom Trail and earned a trail medal for their effort. The Boston Tea Party Ships and Museum were found very interesting, as was the view from the observation deck at the Wharf. Whether a fan or not, a trip highlight was attending a Boston Red Socks game at Fenway Park. Scouting is a year-round activity in Greenwich. Anyone who has completed fifth grade or is 11 years of age should contact Scoutmaster Jeff Conkey.



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larly good and there was a large amount of flavorful cheese on it. The sauce was tasty, but I wish that the crust had been baked a little bit longer to give it some real crispness.

Next stop was Clark's Pizza in Cambridge. That side of Cambridge was hopping because of the Morgan's Roundup fundraiser event being held for Morgan Bates' family. This event was in the park adjacent to the IGA store. There were pony rides, basket raffles, face painting, with D.J. John Wooddell providing the music. There was food for sale such as a pulled pork dinner, hot dogs, hamburgers, French fries, and more. Since I was already stuffing my face with pizza for lunch, I purchased a pulled pork dinner to go, for later con-

sumption.

Clark's slice was self-served from a rotating glass case, which looked to be a clone of the Pizza World one. Clark's offering had the right amount of zesty tomato sauce, but it would have been better with more cheese added. The bottom was crisp with a notable screen pattern embossed on the bottom. Note that I am happy to see that Clark's has recovered from their fire a few months back.

Last stop was Jay's in Greenwich. Last year, one of the free local newspapers published a "Best of Washington County" section with Jay's being rated as the second-best pizza place. (Joe's in Whitehall was number 1 in the county.) Truth be told, I was expecting more from this slice. It looked good and was easily the largest that I sampled on Saturday. It was a bit light on the pizza sauce and the cheese could have been more flavorful. The

crust had a notable sweetness which the rest did not. However, I did like the springtime mural painted on Jay's windows – well worth heading over for a slice just to see this artwork for yourself.

With the high-quality agricultural products available in Washington County, why can't we have the best pizza in New York? Can we make pizza here using locally fresh and tasty ingredients? As an offshoot of agrotourism, why not create a self-drive "Slice of Washington County" pizza tour that will wow summer visitors who have tried the rest but now can have the best! Just a random thought.

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



Legal Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION

GREENWICH CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a public hearing of the qualified voters of the Greenwich Central School District, Washington County, Greenwich, New York, will be held in the High School building in said District on Monday, May 9, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. prevailing time, for the presentation of the budget.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a vote will be taken of all those qualified to vote at School District Meetings in said District at the Greenwich Primary School Building, Greenwich, New York, on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 and the polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. E.S.T. until 8:00 p.m., E.S.T.; at such time the voters of the District will vote upon the following matters:

ANNUAL BUDGET

To adopt the annual budget of the School District for the fiscal year and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District.

BOARD OF EDUCATION SEATS

To elect one five-year term commencing July 1, 2022 and expiring June 30, 2027, to succeed Laura Lemoine whose term expires on June 30, 2022.

To elect one two-year term commencing May 18, 2022 and expiring June 30, 2024, to succeed Stacy Perkins who vacated her position on October 14, 2021.

To elect a one-year term commencing May 18, 2022 and expiring June 30, 2023, to succeed James Nolan who vacated his position on December 22, 2021.

PROPOSITION #1 - EQUIPMENT

Resolved, that the Board of Education be authorized to: (1) acquire one (1) school bus and two (2) transportation vehicles at a cost not to exceed \$195,500; (2) expend such sum for such purpose; (3) levy the necessary tax therefore, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education in accordance with Section 416 of the Education Law, taking into account state

aid and trade-in values; and (4) in anticipation of the collection of such tax, issue bonds and notes of the District and/or enter into installment purchase agreements at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$195,500, and levy a tax to pay the interest on said obligations when due?

PROPOSITION #2 - ESTABLISH A CAPITAL RESERVE

Resolved, that the Board of Education be authorized to establish a Capital Reserve Fund in an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000, with a probable term of ten (10) years, for the purpose of financing the construction, reconstruction, renovations, additions and improvements to various District buildings, facilities and sites, and the acquisition of furnishings, equipment, machinery or apparatus required in connection with such buildings, facilities and sites, with such Capital Reserve Fund being funded from unallocated fund balance and future budget surpluses?

LIBRARY PROPOSITION

Shall the Board of Education be authorized to increase the appropriation to support the Greenwich Free Library from \$103,519 to \$106,044 and the appropriation to support the Easton Library from \$44,123 to \$45,190 annually?

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required to fund the School District's budget for 2022-2023, exclusive of public monies, may be obtained by any resident of the district during business hours beginning fourteen days before the vote, except Saturday, Sunday or holidays, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education shall be filed with the Clerk of said School District at her office in the Middle Grade school, not later than Monday, April 18, 2022, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Each petition shall be directed to the Clerk of the District and shall be signed by at least 25 voters of the District, must state the name and residence of the candidate and shall describe the specific vacancy for which the candidate is nominated.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots/military ballots will be obtainable between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, except holidays, from the District Clerk. Completed applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m., prevailing time, on Tuesday, May 17, 2022.

A list of persons to whom absentee ballots are issued will be available for inspection to qualified voters of the District in the office of the District Clerk on each of the five (5) days prior to the election between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on weekdays prior to the day set for the annual election and on May 17, 2022, the day set for the election. Any qualified voter present in the polling place may object to the voting of the ballot upon appropriate grounds for making his/her challenge and the reasons therefore known to the Inspector of Election before the close of the polls.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the qualified voters of the School District shall be entitled to vote at said annual vote and election. 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 annual vote and election. The School District may re-

quire all persons offering to vote at the budget vote and election 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.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to a rule adopted by the Board and in accordance with Sections 2035 and 2008 of the Education Law, any referenda or propositions to amend the budget, otherwise to be submitted for voting at said election, must be filed with the Greenwich Central School Board of Education at the Middle Grade Building on or before April 18, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. prevailing time; must be typed or printed in English, must be directed to the Clerk of the School District and signed by at least 25 qualified voters of the District; and must state the name and residence of each signer. However, the School board will not entertain any petition to place before the voters or any proposition for the purpose of which is not within the powers of the voters to determine, or any proposition which fails to include a specific appropriation where the expenditure of monies is required by the proposition.

Rachel Logan
District Clerk

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Journal & Press

Unlike towns that no longer have a newspaper, our region is fortunate to have competitive elections, thanks, in part, because candidates can use this paper as an open forum to express their ideas. And, when there's a controversy, we're not shy about reporting it. We get asked to moderate debates and promote events that deserve to be noticed, helping them get attendance and fund-raise. It's safe to say this newspaper is a good thing.

However, about a third of all newspapers in the country have gone out of business in recent years – almost all of them smalltown weeklies

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and semi-monthlies. Others have become “ghost newspapers,” mostly just publishing press releases and not much else. They survive on legal advertisements and obituaries.

We've survived in part because we have a sister paper, Campus News, which hits colleges and allows us to get better deals for printing and syndicated content, and also gives us access to quality college journalism students, who occasionally also write for The Journal & Press.

They do good work. They are objective, well-trained, and can allow us to cover more meetings and do more profiles of businesses, non-profits and people.

We'd like to hire more college students to cover more town and village and school meetings and events, and record our region's living history – and have created a separate fund for that purpose.

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Sgambelluri, Nevins appreciation

Each year, CASDA and its community partners have celebrated the outstanding achievements of graduating seniors through their Students and Teachers Who Make A Difference Award. They have recognized and celebrated students for a number of reasons and allow high

schools to choose who to recognize and why. This award is also unique as it asks the nominated student to choose a teacher to celebrate for their inspiration and playing a crucial part in their education.

This year Greenwich High School celebrates Nina Sgambelluri as a student in the school who makes a difference.

“Despite being one of our busiest students, Nina's pleasantries never waiver. She is polite, well spoken, thoughtful and...funny. I know how much she is carrying day to day but I can count on her unassuming stroll through our hallways. She never misses a ‘good morning’

or ‘thank you’...I am not sure how she does it all, but she makes it look easy. Nina comes from a close family who prioritize not only hard work, but also human connectedness...and it shows. Nina recognizes that her actions today make a difference in the world around her tomorrow. Among all her responsibilities and endeavors is her want to be patient, tolerant and kind to others. This is always with her. Being a good person to the people she shares her world with matters to her. This National Honors Society Vice President dreams big. She sets ambitious goals...and then outperforms. Nina makes a difference,” said Becky Catlin, a counselor at the school.

Nina has chosen to celebrate John Nevins as a teacher who has inspired her and played a crucial role in her education.

“Mr. Nevins creates a rare haven in his classroom by treating mistakes not as failures but as opportunities for his students to learn and grow,” Sgambelluri said.



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Don't bail on bonds

Jill Schlesinger

Special to Journal & Press

What happens when the so-called “safe” part of your portfolio loses value?

That's the conundrum that diversified investors are facing, as they confront this year's drop in bond prices. While most are used to absorbing the swings in riskier assets, the 2022 bond market rout is unrecognizable to many.

Before you bail on your bonds, let's talk about how to think about the current situation.

First, an overview. A bond purchase is essentially a loan to an entity, which can be a government, a state, a municipality, or a company. The loan is established for a predetermined period (30 days to 30 years), at a fixed rate of interest (hence the asset class's official name, “fixed income.”) Borrowers are on the hook for interest payments, either at periodic intervals (usually every six months), or at the end of the agreement, when they repay the obligation in full.

Because bonds deliver a consistent stream of in-

come, investors have seen them as an integral part of diversified portfolio. Fixed income investments have historically provided ballast against stocks, which are more volatile. But investors are learning that prices for bonds can drop, especially in a rising interest rate environment.

Bond prices are best understood with a simple example. If you purchased a 10-year U.S. government bond that paid 1.6% a couple of years ago, it will be worth less now, when new bonds issued by Uncle Sam are paying almost 3%. Conversely, if you owned a bond that is paying 5% and your friend can purchase a new bond at just 3%, your bond is more valuable today than the prevailing bonds she can purchase. In other words, bond prices generally move in the opposite direction of prevailing rates, regardless of the bond type.

Here's where economics and the Federal Reserve come into the story. Inflation can hurt bonds, because the fixed stream of interest payments will be worth less over time due to rising prices. With inflation at four-decade highs, the value of your future bond payments is reduced. Concurrently, to combat high inflation, the Fed has started a campaign to raise short-term interest rates, adding to the downward pressure on bond prices.

Make no mistake: the 2022 bond market drop has hurt. The Bloomberg Aggregate Bond Index tumbled 6.6% in the first

quarter of the year, its worst three-month stretch since 1980. In general, riskier bonds (“high yield” or “junk”) and those with longer maturities fared worse, while higher quality and shorter-term bonds did better, but at the end of the quarter, no bond investor was pleased.

If you own an individual bond, the falling prices may be uncomfortable, but if you hold on until maturity, you will receive the face value of the bond. It's tougher for those who have seen the prices of their bond mutual funds drop, with no relief in sight.

Before you bail out of your bond positions and stash the proceeds in cash, stocks, or crypto, remember that even as bond prices drop, interest on the bonds within the mutual fund should continue to make interest payments.

Then, as the bonds within the fund mature or are sold, they can be replaced with higher-yielding bonds, which could create more income for you in the future. Additionally, if you are reinvesting interest and dividends back into the fund, you may benefit from purchasing shares at lower prices.

And one more thought that might help prevent you from pushing the sell button on bonds: what seems like the worst asset class today can quickly turn into the hero of your portfolio when the economy and markets change -- and they always do.

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Car wash vouchers

The Cambridge Class of 2026 is selling Hoffman Car Wash tickets with 50% of all sales going to the class. Cost: Basic Exterior Wash \$13; Full Exterior Wash \$43. Ticket orders could also be placed

by contacting Deb Blanchfield at Deb.Blanchfield@cambridgecsd.org or simply visit hoffmanhelpinghands.com/fundraisers/Cambridge2026.

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Houston Pop-Up Show

Jacob Houston Art will be having a Pop Up Gallery to display his original art on Sat. and Sun., May 21st and 22nd, from 11 am- 4 pm each day.

Jacob is a regional artist who has received several awards at a national level. His followers especially like the local scenes which he has painted.

Original paintings, limited edition prints, framed and matted prints, a new line of greeting cards, Christmas cards and note cards will be available.

The gallery is located 2 miles east of the village of Greenwich at 2432 State Route 29. See Jacob's art at www.jacobhoustonart.com



30th Whipple City Festival set for 6/17-18

The Greater Greenwich Chamber of Commerce announces the 30th Annual Whipple City Festival will take place Friday and Saturday, June 17 and 18, 2022 in the historical Village of Greenwich. Festivities for 2022 include a parade, 5K & 10K races, a variety of food, beer, cider, and wine, commercial, and informational vendors.

Unable to hold a full festival in 2020 or 2021, Whipple City Festival will once again take place over two days, starting with Mowry Park on Friday evening and on Main Street in the downtown area throughout the day on Saturday. This Greenwich Chamber presented event has become a beloved tradition in southern Washington County.

The Whipple City Festival Parade will kick off at 6:00pm on Friday, June 17, starting at the Big Lots Plaza and ending at Mowry Park where awards will be presented to participants. Theme for the parade is "Honoring First Responders" and entry is free. After the parade concludes, Mowry Park will have food and beverage vendors along with live music at the gazebo until 9:00pm.

Hugely popular among runners from all over, the Whipple City 5K & 10K starts the second day of the festival at 8:30am on Saturday, June 18. The 5K is a gentle upslope out and a quick downslope back, starting and ending in front of the school. The 10K follows the 5K course and then continues through the beautiful countryside over rolling hills. At approximately 9:30am, children under the age of 12 will participate in the Kids 1K

Fun Run. First place finishers of the 5K & 10K will receive a coveted hand-crafted trophy by Dux Dekes' Decoy Co. A portion of the proceeds from race registrations and sponsorships go to support the Greater Greenwich Chamber of Commerce Scholarship awarded to a Greenwich Central School graduating senior pursuing a business program at a New York State school of higher education.

Closed to vehicle traffic, Main Street in the heart of the Village of Greenwich will be transformed into a festive, pedestrian street fair on Saturday with local businesses and organizations lining the streetsides with tables and tents. Main Street will be closed from Hill Street to Washington Street from 11:00am to 8:00pm. Plenty of food and beverage options will be available from vendors and storefront restaurants. Commercial and informational vendors will have their products or services on display. Kids activities, presented by the Greenwich PTA, and live music will run all day and conclude with headliner Eastbound Jesus.

The Whipple City Festival is a community festival and the proceeds from the event allow the Greenwich Chamber to sponsor other community events throughout the year, which bring people to our area to support our local businesses. This revenue also allows the Greenwich Chamber to ad-



minister services for chamber members, provide advertising, and serve as a source of information to the public on member businesses.

More information, including registration for the parade and 5K & 10K, are available at whipplecityfestival.com. Small businesses, artisan crafters, service providers, and non-profits, are encouraged to submit a commercial or informational vendor application.

Meet the worms

On Sunday, May 22, at 2:30 p.m. in the Greenwich Free Library Community Room, join Chief Worm Wrangler, Bill Richmond, for this all ages event! Learn about red wiggler composting worms - how they are different from earthworms in your yard, and why they like banana peels, apple cores, and moldy strawberries. Adirondack Worm Farm will show you how to set up a worm bin and compost all year indoors, with no odor or mess. Join this event and you'll also be able to see the worms up close (and hold them, if you'd like).

Adirondack Worm Farm is based

in Kingsbury, producing vermicast and composting food scraps (including through a drop-off program at Greenwich Free Library). Since 2019, they have diverted more than 23 tons of food from the waste stream.

Health and safety at the event: The event is limited to 40 participants. Pre-register in advance, or feel free to stop by on the day-of. Mask wearing is appreciated and may be mandated by 5/22. To register, email grn-director@sals.edu, or call the library at 518-692-7157, or visit www.greenwichfreelibrary.org to reserve a spot.

Sting at ball field

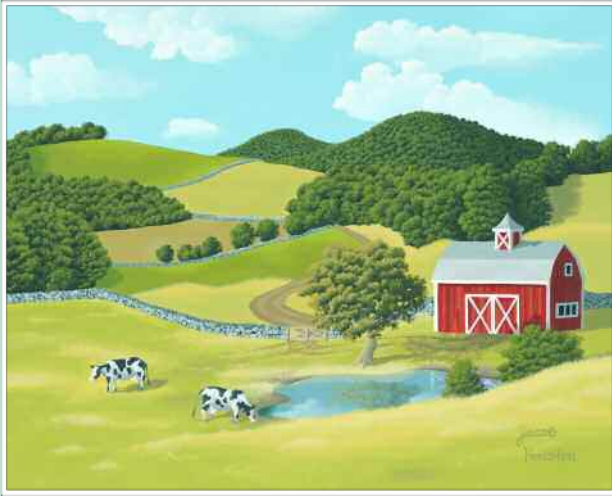
The Cambridge-Greenwich Police Department's Sgt. Robert Danko reported that on May 4, 2022, Lloyd Hall Jr., 59, who lives in the Village of Greenwich, N.Y., was arrested for Endangering the Welfare of a Child. Police say Hall approached a 10-year-old girl after she got off the school bus and gave her a note that professed his feelings about her. Lloyd was arraigned at Washington County Central Arraignment and placed on house arrest starting today. Investigating agencies were the Cambridge-Greenwich Police Department and New York State Po-

lice Investigations.

According to witnesses, Hall was arrested at the Greenwich Little League field, where he had thought he was going to meet up with the victim after a series of text messages. But, on the other end of the messages, instead of the victim, it was police responding as a decoy.



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Community Garden update

Thanks to an anonymous donor and Saratoga Sod the Greenwich Community Garden at St. Joseph's Church went quickly from prepped for a lawn back to a beautiful garden space!



The fence that Access Anvil donated and installed about 8 years ago, and the water lines that the Village of Greenwich DPW manually dug, remain the foundation of the garden.

There are 20 gardeners signed up and assigned to plots, 3 communal areas for tomatoes, beans and pumpkins, and a Children's Garden at St. Joseph's space that will grow cherry tomatoes, peas, carrots, lettuce, strawberries and the sunflowers that were purchased from the fundraiser at the Greenwich Library plant sale to support the World Central Kitchen and directed to Ukrainian relief.

There is a communication board at the garden where messages can be exchanged, a wish list exists and contact information is provided.

"We made a promise to keep the garden beautiful, and I intend to keep that promise" said Rachel Clothier, Country Clovers 4-H.

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Kate Leone, 63

Kathleen A T Leone (Brown) of Schuylerville, NY, passed away on April 21, 2022, at the age of 63 at Albany Medical Center after an undiagnosed aneurysm ruptured in her brain. She is predeceased by her parents Armond “Art” Brown and Geraldine Brown (Brennan). She is survived by her loving partner, Steve Moulton, as well as her children, a grandchild, her siblings and several nieces and nephews.

Kathleen, better known as Kate or “K8,” fit many lives into her 63 years; she was a master of reinventing herself. Kate graduated from Schuylerville High School in 1975 and went on to earn her Associate Degree in Fine Arts at Green Mountain College in Poultney, VT, where she made friends that she’d keep for the rest of her life. She was a lifelong learner, also earning degrees and certificates from Saratoga-Warren VO-TEC (BOCES), SUNY Oswego, Mohawk Valley Community College, and SUNYIT, as well as a Personal Care Aide Certificate from the New York State Department of Health. She was a member of numerous clubs, organizations, and committees, like the National Federation of Business and Professionals Women’s Club. She enjoyed giving back to the schools and organizations that she was affiliated with, like taking part in the Work Based Learning Program through BOCES to provide internships to aspiring art students like she once was. She has always been active in her community, participating in activities such as 4H and reenactments at the Schuyler House when she was younger, and later hosting community fundraisers around the holi-

days. Kate held more positions in more industries than can fit here, but to name a few: she ran a T-shirt screen printing business, became the Art Director for Stewart’s Shops, taught art classes at VO-TEC, had a successful copier sales career, did marketing for the hotel at Fort William Henry, owned a flower shop (Blue Moon Bouquet) in Schuylerville, ran a laundromat with her partner Steve in NH, ran the Greater Schuylerville Youth Program for a time-during which she put on village gatherings like Schuyler Bunny’s Easter Egg Hunt & Roll and Jack Frost’s Flurry Festival, and worked as a personal care aide with clients she grew to love like her own family. She truly did it all!

K8’s primary passion was creating and sharing her art with the world – making digital art, arranging flowers, creating unique furniture and décor, building her beloved tiny house, writing and illustrating her Fabled Familiarz series of children’s books, or even painting kids’ faces at local events. Though she struggled with health issues the past couple years, she persevered and doubled down on her efforts to manifest her ideas and art into the physical world and touch as many lives as possible. Kate once said, “I measure my success in life by the number of lives I can touch in a positive way,” and as anyone knew her can attest, she certainly succeeded. For that reason, we will not mourn the loss of a partner, mother, sister, and friend. Instead, we will celebrate her life the way we know she’d want. The family plans to have a celebration of K8’s life and love later in June with further de-

tails to be announced. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to The Brain Aneurysm Foundation, which is the nation’s only nonprofit organization solely dedicated to providing critical awareness, education, support, and research funding to reduce the incidence of brain aneurysm ruptures.



RC churches news

Sunday Mass at Holy Cross Catholic Church is at 8:15 AM, St. Patrick’s celebrates on Sunday at 11:30 AM, and Immaculate Conception in Hoosick Falls is Saturday at 4 PM and Sunday at 10 AM. The covid infection rates in our community continue to rise. You are encouraged, but not required, to wear a face mask in Church and other large groups. The booster shots are also encouraged.

St. Patrick’s Knights of Columbus will hold their Communion Breakfast on Sunday, May 15 in the parish house. The buffet will be catered by Country Gals Restaurant at 9:00 and the cost is

\$14 per person. Please call Bob Shay at 677-3954 if you plan to attend.

Catholics are usually familiar with the Stations of the Cross, but not the Stations of the Resurrection, also known as Via Lucis, ‘Stations of Light’. There are 14 Stations and they represent something that happened between Easter and Pentecost, while the risen Jesus was walking on Earth. People can go to the prayer page on line for more information and activities.

There will be a Catholic Women’s overnight retreat at Wiawaka, Lake George. It will be June 4 and 5. The Retreat Leader is Mary Rosmus and the fee is \$140. Find online registration at <https://olaqby.wixsite.com/retreat>.

Thursday, May 19, Immaculate Conception Church Hall will be holding a Gift Card Bingo. Doors open at 5:15 and games begin at 6:30. Admission is \$10 at the door for 18 regular games, \$13 at the door, and \$5 for 3 special games. There will also be a Penny Auction, 50/50 raffle and food and drinks available to purchase. Advance tickets can be purchased at the Immaculate Conception Rectory, or at Thorpe’s Pharmacy. Please call Ellen (518-686-5075), or Karen (518-686-4737). Proceeds will benefit the Parish. Please consider visiting the parish website: www.battencatholic.org. People can sign up for Flocknote notifications, prepare for Sunday liturgy, access Adult Faith Formation materials, and more.

Spring into spring!

Shirley Renauld
Journal & Press

We continue to enjoy the sights and smells of progressively blossoming perennial garden and wildflowers, tree and bush flowers and leaves, the activity of the returned songbirds and so much more of Spring life. It's great to do so much more of daily life outside again.

The first perennial fruit is rhubarb. Great-grandma called it pie-plant because that's what she made it into. But you can make muffins or bread with it, too. It's the stem you use, some people even chew on it. But beware of the leaves: they are toxic! Your strawberry plants are regrowing again and look for blossoms. It's good to combine the two fruits in your baking.

But the major work for us all now is vegetable gardening. We're making Farmer Will Allen proud--and we get to reap the rewards ourselves. How

are the seeds that you planted inside doing? Are they big enough that you need to transplant them to individual containers? No matter where we live, there's a place to grow some food: from a country field to along the house, to part of the yard, to containers. In some places they let food-bearing plants, including berry bushes, herbs and useful aromatic plants like lavender, take over a whole yard--don't have to mow at all! There are community gardens and urban agriculture, which is mostly small fruit trees. There are many resources to consult for help; local libraries, bookstores, used bookstores all have sections of gardening books. Cornell Cooperative Extension has specialists in areas: soils and crops, vegetables and fruits to answer questions and they hold classes. Their Master Gardeners do likewise. Thanks, everybody.

Plans made, it's time to get to work outside where the first thing is to prep the soil: Before planting, it's important to loosen, mix and aerate the soil and get rid of anything from last year's growth -- the new roots will have a lot to do to stabilize the plant, collect and disperse water to the whole plant as it grows and produces all season long. Spread the contents of your home compost container (and start a new batch). Does that look like enough or do you need to call the Booths for more? All season long you will have lots of little helpers continuing to do this work in your soil: earthworms!

Finally you're ready for seeding. You've done a lot of planning, making a map of your favorite vegetables to plant: What will climb, like green and yellow beans, cucumbers, second planting of

peas (How are your early peas doing?) along a fence? What will you plant in trenches to grow in rows, like radishes, carrots, beets, bush beans...? How close can they be to help lessen weed growth? Save room for more than one planting -- and keep it weeded while you wait to plant. Are you going to let your tomato plants spread or will you stake or cage them? Many families are now growing vegetables in raised beds with close plantings to help with weed control.

The whole growing season is so weather dependent. Will you need to help with watering? When will the night temperatures be safe to set indoor or greenhouse-grown plants outside? Some people advise to wait until Memorial Day weekend before planting, others say to go by the weather. If a frost is predicted, cover plants, as cut the bottoms off plastic milk jugs and place them over plants.

As we travel around, we see farmers working their fields, too, getting ready for new plantings. Are they plowing, disking to break up the furrows or dragging to smooth the field for planting? Even before, they had to make sure their equipment was repaired and serviced. Will they plant sweet corn for us, field corn or hay for their animals, another grain such as oats, rye or wheat? We will soon find out as it begins to grow.

Team sports can require work, too. Parents make great coaches and leaders for fund-raising. We can all help out with bake sales, raking and clearing the fields after the Winter. Your athletic associations might need to call on the Saratoga Sod Farm. You can pick up your own rolls of sod if you need to do just a repair job or you can have deliveries if you're expanding fields. It's interesting to watch while harvesting is being done. (Thanks, Laurie and Steve.)

Then it's Memorial Day weekend. How will you participate: Enjoy watching a parade? What did they throw out from firetrucks? Who

were the grand marshalls and why? Maybe your group will march in a parade, carry American flags or the banner, ride on a float that you help decorate. If you've been learning to play a musical instrument, this is a time to play it (What is Chelsie at Rural Soul Studio planning?) Good chance to set up a place for your group to sell cookies and lemonade. There could be events at parks. Most important is to display our American flag, say the Pledge of Allegiance and sing our national anthem, The Star-Spangled Banner.

This is another time to learn more about our history: Families take flowers to place in cemeteries on the graves of the ancestors and American flags are placed for those who served in the military. In fact, it started out being called Decoration Day to commemorate the military. We have the Saratoga National Cemetery in our area and it is striking to drive through it especially this time of year with the flags waving in the breeze. There is much history carved on monuments. Take close-up photos to get information about your ancestors and at home add it to your family tree. From monuments in public parks we can learn about people and events in our communities' and nation's history. Of course, your family will have cookouts, picnics, baseball games, sing patriotic songs, attend concerts and maybe even open your swimming pool, readying it for the season. Campgrounds traditionally open this weekend. You might get out your camping equipment.

It is recommended that it is now a safe time to set plants in your garden, those that you've grown inside and what you buy. Especially if you want to grow heritage or more unusual vegetables, visit JimBob's Greenhouse on McGowan Road in Easton. If you call ahead, you will get personalized service and advice from Cindy and inexpensive prices.

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Managing the gender divide at work

Daneen Skube

Special to Journal & Press

Q: *I'm a guy and find many women at work drive me crazy. They cry which makes me uncomfortable. They're critical which makes me defensive. Plus they seem to question every direction from our management. I don't enjoy being politically incorrect but what are the gender differences and how can I manage the gender divide?*

A: You're making a biological -- not political -- observation that men and women differ in how they usually perceive the world. Being aware of research on gender differences will help

you understand and work effectively with these differences.

Research tells us when male or female hormones hit the baby's brain in the womb the brain develops very differently. A middle bridge between right and left hemispheres called the corpus callosum is thick in women and thin in men. A thick membrane allows women to shuttle quickly between left/right brains. Men tend to get stuck in one side or the other.

What this means is women easily move from emotion and language. Men get stuck in either emotion or rational thought. Men often react to women's fluid and easy articulation of

feeling (like crying) by freezing up and wanting to escape.

When we study male reactions to intense emotion we see that male heart rates, blood pressure, and other vitals go sky high. Emotional intensity can flood men and they can go into fight or flight.

When men are flooded they are not judging women's easy emotional expression they just cannot keep pace. Think of it this way: Most men have more muscle mass than most women. Most women are stronger in the face of emotional intensity than most men.

If women were facing the task of lifting a heavy desk, most men would recognize a strength difference and offer assistance. When men are facing the task of lifting heavy emotions, women can recognize this and offer aid as well.

Keep in mind emotions are internal. Verbal expression is external. Skillful interpersonal conversation means both men and women can avoid flooding each other by diplomatically selecting how they express emotion.

Some other tips, during communication women tend to ask questions. Men tend to accept direction. Women do not intend disrespect in their inquiries, but are earnestly seeking more data.

In conversation men tend to get straight to the point. Women tend to provide context and take a while to get to the point. Women may not realize that men stop listening if they do not state their point and work backwards to provide context.

Both women and men can come across as "critical" in discussions. We often find it easier to complain generally (i.e. you never support the team). Rather than make requests specific

cally (i.e. I need your charts before the meeting).

Like most generalizations my readers will find exceptions. If you're interested in this topic, there are many helpful books that go much deeper than my overview. Research on gender differences gives us the understanding to have compassion for the way men and women differ. We can then craft our communication strategies to respond and not just react to gender differences.

The natural differences between men and women complement each other. Where one gender has natural strength the other gender may struggle. The reality is our differences at work can be a source of creativity, collaboration, and inspiration. If we work with -- not against -- the gender divide we each have the freedom to bring our best selves to work.

The last word(s)

Q: *I handle success well and really get down about disappointments. Is there any clever tip for managing disappointment?*

A: Yes, try on the theory that the universe is always conspiring for your benefit even when the road to your dream is blocked. Blocked roads will generally lead you to richer opportunities even if they cost you an initial disappointment!!

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a public hearing of the qualified voters of the Argyle Central School District, Washington County, Argyle, New York, will be held in the school library in said District on Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at 7:00 PM, E.D.S.T., for the presentation of the budget. The budget will be available for review on May 3, 2022 at the Argyle Central School.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the annual meeting of the qualified voters of the Argyle Central School District, Washington County, New York, will be held in the atrium of the Argyle Central School in said District on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at 8:00 PM, E.D.S.T., for the transaction of such business as is authorized by the Education Law.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that said vote and election will be on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 between the hours of 12:00 PM (Noon) and 8:00 PM, E.D.S.T., in the atrium at Argyle Central School, at which time the polls will be opened to voting by ballot upon the following items:

1. To adopt the annual budget of the School District for the fiscal year 2022-2023 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District.
2. To elect one (1) member of the Board for a five (5) year term commencing July 1, 2022 and expiring on June 30, 2027 and to succeed Travis Dessaint, whose term expires on June 30, 2022.
3. To appropriate monies to the Argyle Free Library and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required to fund the School District's budget for 2022-2023, exclusive of public monies, may be obtained by any resident of the District during business hours beginning Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at the Argyle Central School.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education shall be filed with Clerk of said School District at her office in the School, not later than Monday, April 18, 2022, between 8:00 AM and 3:00 PM. Each petition shall be directed to the Clerk of the District and shall be signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the District, must state the name and residence of the candidate and shall describe the specific vacancy for which the candidate is nominated, including the length of the term of office and the name of the last incumbent.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots (where applicable) will be obtainable between the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM Monday through Friday, except holidays, from the District Clerk. Completed applications must be received by the

District clerk at least seven (7) days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk not later than 5:00 PM, prevailing time, on Tuesday, May 17, 2022.

A list of persons to whom absentee ballots are issued will be available for inspection to qualified voters of the District in the office of the District Clerk on and after May 13, 2022, between the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM on weekdays prior the day set for the annual election and on May 17, 2022, the day set for the election, and said list will be posted at the polling place at the election. Any qualified voter present in the polling place may object to the voting of the ballot upon appropriate grounds for making his/her challenge and the reasons therefore known to the Inspector of Election before the close of the polls.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the qualified voters of the School District shall be entitled to vote at said annual vote and election. A qualified voter is one who is (1) a citizen of the United States of America, (2) eighteen years of age or older, and (3) resident within the School District for a period of thirty (30) days next preceding the annual vote and election. The School District may require all persons offering to vote at the budget vote and election to provide one form of proof of residency pursuant to Education Law 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.

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Brophy's college honor

Madelyn Brophy of Greenwich has received the SUNY Oneonta 2021-22 Susan Sutton Smith Award for academic excellence. The award is given each spring to first year students, sophomores and juniors who have earned a grade-point average of 3.9 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

Brophy earned a 4.0 and is majoring in Early Childhood Education (B-6) at Suny Oneonta, while also participating on the women's tennis team who recently won the SUNYAC Championships. The team will be participating later this month in the Division III NCAA tournament.

Named in memory of the late SUNY Oneonta professor of English, the Susan Sutton Smith Award is made possible by the generous gifts of SUNY Oneonta alumni.



Salem giveaway event

On Saturday, May 28th from 8 a.m. to 12 noon, Salem Community Fellowship Church will be holding a FREE Giveaway event at the Church building on 204 Main St. in Salem NY (Former TD Bank Building). There will be clothing and shoes for women, men and children, and small household items, both outside and inside the building in the Redeemed Clothing Ministry (RCM) room.

Parents and schools

Roger De Korp
Journal & Press

“Not sure where this ‘parents-should-control-what-is-taught-in-schools-because-they-are-our-kids’ is originating, but parents do have option to choose to send their kids to a hand-selected private school at their own expense if this is what they desire. The purpose of a public education in a public school is not to teach kids only what parents want them to be taught. **It is to teach them what society needs them to know.** The client of the public school is not the parent, but the entire community, the public.”

This statement was posted, or re-posted, on social media by a former teacher in one of our local school districts; the crux of the statement is exactly how the Governor of New York and her Department of Education want it – as little parent involvement as possible. As for “what society needs them to know.” The question is *whose society?* Since the Communists took over China, children in schools have been indoctrinated to report their parents to their teachers if their parents are critical of the government;

they’ve been told that this is necessary for the needs of society. In the 1930’s, German children were taught that Jews were the scourge of the earth; that’s what that society needed them to know. Up until at least the 1960s, Southern public schools taught that Blacks must be segregated from Whites; that was what that society needed those children to know. Unfortunately, we continue to have to assess “society” and what should be acceptable in that society. Yes, the client of public schools is the public; that’s the point – the public is mostly made up of parents and stakeholders, who are the paying clients, as well as the students, who will someday be the paying clients; it’s certainly not the few who want their progressive beliefs to be aggressively taught. BTW, no parents that I know of who are sending their children to public schools want full control of what their children learn; that has never been stated from what I’ve heard or seen, either in conversation with other parents or at any of the school board meetings I have attended.

Yes, the statement represents the philosophy of the NY State Education

Department, which has demonstrated that it, in fact, thinks that State Ed is the best arbiter of not only what our children should learn, but also their social views should be. With the advent of one-party (Democrat) rule in New York, the State Education department initiates policies which reflect the ruling party’s agenda and it has instituted processes that makes it almost impossible for individual school districts to not follow suit. Governor Hochul (and Cuomo before her), and the State Education Department hold a penal and financial cudgel over their residents, and are eager to wield it if those residents disagree. School districts operate daily under coercion from the State Education Department to follow all their policies or lose the omnipresent state-aid for their districts (state-aid that parents and stakeholders pay for).

A startling example of this is the “Student Gender Identity Guidelines” issued by the State Ed Department in 2015; it was adopted as policy by Greenwich Central Schools that same year as well as probably almost all, if not all, other school districts locally and in the state (GCS Policy #7554); these “guidelines are in reality mandated, as the state has attached it to laws already in place, so to a large degree the school district has little choice (State-aid!!). In short, the policy allows boys and girls to use the bathrooms and locker rooms of the opposite sex if they “identify” as that sex. It also allows a student- athlete who “identifies” as the opposite sex to compete in that sport. In the case of sports participation, the school districts will determine the eligibility of these students. Do most parents want someone of the opposite sex using the same bathroom and locker room as their child? Is it fair for a boy,

who is physically stronger and faster, be able to play against girls? In the case of genders using opposite bathrooms, last year a Loudon County, Virginia male student who claimed he identified as a female, was convicted after: he raped a female student in a girl’s room and after the crime was covered up by the school superintendent, was then transferred to another school in the county – where he molested another girl. Would this happen here? Hopefully not, but the Loudon County school administration thought it wouldn’t happen there, either. As for school sports, we’ve already seen what happened to women’s swimming at the University of Pennsylvania, where a now female has broken many college speed records this past season. After all the years of struggling to get girls and women the chance to participate in athletics, how can actual females or their parents be ok with this? In Greenwich Senior-Junior High School, there is currently a student who identifies as the opposite sex; through Principal George Niesz’s compassionate and common-sense approach to this matter and the student in question’s desire to not attract attention, it’s been resolved in an appropriate manner. However, had the student or their parents decided to push the issue in a different way, under NY State and school policy, it would’ve gone differently.

And so, It is critical that, that parents do get involved with their children’s education, just as they are involved in all other aspects of their lives, despite the wishes of this state’s government and what seems to be a small portion of its residents.

Roger De Korp is a retired retail multi-unit supervisor. He resides in Greenwich with his wife Colleen.



Georgi gardening show

On Saturday, May 21st, from nine to noon at The Georgi Community Room, 21 Adams Lane, Shushan, kick off your gardening season! Choose from perfect Annuals, Houseplants, Vegetable Starts and hardy Perennials – including selections from the Georgi Gardens. And, don’t forget to check out the pieces of memorabilia remaining from the deaccessioning project available for sale in the Community Room.

The Georgi is owned and operated by the Town of Salem with an annual budget built around the interest from a Trust left for the care of the facility along with donations, memberships, and fundraising. All funds raised will be used for the upkeep of the Museum/Grounds/Park. If you would like to volunteer to help with the Sale or Donate Plants from your gardens, contact Laura Dunham at ldunhamtos@yahoo.com.

Battenkill Runs Through It festival returns

The Annual Battenkill Runs Through It River Festival returns on Saturday, May 28, 2022 from Noon to 5pm at the Battenkill Riverside Park (formerly known as the Greenwich Town Beach), just north of the Village of Greenwich on State Route 29.

This free, community supported, family friendly festival has kicked off the summer season on the banks of the Battenkill since 2011. Celebrate the best of the Battenkill & enjoy the largest public park on the Battenkill with kayak and canoe rides, great food by area restaurants and food purveyors, kid friendly, nature inspired activities and trout pinata!

The Battenkill Conservancy started the event as a way to promote greater public access to the river at one of the largest public parks on the river. Prior to the event, the Battenkill Riverside Park, previously known as the Greenwich Town Beach, was closed year round except for six short weeks in July and August. The organization advocated with Town officials that the Park should remain open year round as a recreational resource for the community. Last year was the first year that

the gates remained open allowing for all to enjoy the pavilion, the new children's playground and the river. The festival has also been instrumental in increasing public awareness of the river as one of the area's most important environmental and recreational assets. By highlighting the artistic talents, local products and area restaurants, the festival highlights the best of the Battenkill for residents and visitors alike, who come from throughout the Capital Region to explore the area.

Over the years, the festival has hosted a variety of musical talents from throughout the area including Bob Warren, Peter Maine, Richie & Lynne Bittner, Rural Soul owner, Chelsie Henderson with members of the now popular East Bound Jesus band and more. Old time musical acts lead by George Wilson have included Alan Epstein & Mitch Troop. In 2016, the Adirondack Fiddlers led the crowd with an old-fashioned square dance call. This year, the popular regional band, HEARD, will headline the entertainment which begins with a flag raising ceremony and a community sing-along of America



the Beautiful. Master fiddler George Wilson and friends will kick off the music as DJ Joyce Jackey of WEXT 97.7 & 106.1 public radio emcees the event. Not only does the festival promote the local musical

talents of the area but it showcases younger artists including Lili Love-day and Dancers who traditionally have provided a special ode to the river.

One of the largest public parks on the Battenkill, the Park offers plenty of room for fun river focused activities including fly fishing demonstrations, riparian buffer planting information, a scavenger hunt and the popular "Picky Bug Table" showing the positive connection between bugs and clean water. Nature focused arts and crafts centered around birds will be offered by volunteers from the Grassland Bird Trust. Later in the day an authentic, hand-made Trout Pinata will be offered for more kid fun!

The festival has always delivered on offering a robust and healthy variety of food anchored by the Salem Boy Scouts famous chicken bbq. Side dishes from quality caterers and restaurants such as Amigos Can-

tina combined with home made dishes result in the Battenkill Picnic Plate that satisfies all palates. Vegetarian offerings, kids plates and desserts from talented chefs and specialty bakers will be offered. Given the abundance of dairy farms in the area, one can only hope that some local ice cream will be made available for festival goers.

Mark your calendars, bring your appetite and head on over to the Battenkill Runs Through It River Festival, Memorial Day weekend, Sat. May 28th from Noon - 5pm for a fun, family friendly and healthy river festival for all!

For more info: go to www.battenkillconservancy.org, or www/facebook.com/battenkillconservancy/events



An Artist's Take

Political Cartoon of the Week by Joel Pett



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Salem Sudoku

(solution below)

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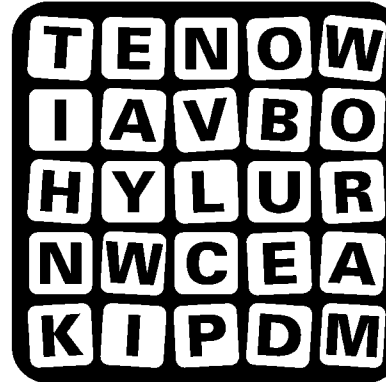
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By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



Boggle BrainBusters Bonus
We put special brain-busting words into the puzzle grid. Can you find them?
Find AT LEAST NINE COLORS in the grid of letters.

Answers to Last Sunday's Boggle BrainBusters:
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Answers

Boggle: RED TAN CYAN BLUE TEAL PINK
WHITE MAUVE MAROON

Jumble: CROAK SIXTY KERNEL RATHER

Final Jumble: ROCKY START

Kid: SLY POND TEST COIL - SPLIT SECOND

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The mastermind of whiskey making

Kaylee Johnson
Journal & Press

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

120 Years Ago
May 21, 1902

A lively Sunday newspaper war has started in the upper Hudson valley, and especially at Glens Falls. Recently there was a company organized by the Upper Hudson News company of Glens Falls, the organizers of that company being several young men of that village. The object of the company was to the whole sale of all Sunday newspapers on the line of Hudson Valley railway, between Waterford and Warrensburgh. Last week Sunday, the company began actual work, and a special trolley car was run from Troy to Warrensburgh, the car being loaded with Sunday papers. The papers usually remain in Troy two hours or more, so it was an easy matter for the trolley to reach Glens Falls and other points well in advance of the milk and mail trains, bearing the papers for the retailers who refused to buy of the "trust." During the past week the brains of retailers who objected to paying the advance prices of the "trust" were active.

100 Years Ago
May 24, 1922

The May term of Washington County court adjourned last Thursday evening after having been in session three days. The final case, that against Paul Phillips, his wife Cora Philips and son, Jesse Philips, was a long-drawn proceeding and attracted much attention. The

Phillips family were charged with illegally operating a still and selling whiskey they manufactured. The result of the trial was the acquittal of Paul Philips and his son and the conviction of Cora Phillips.

However, the jury coupled a recommendation of mercy with their verdict, and Mrs. Philips was let off with a fine of \$200, which was paid. The man described as the star witness against the Phillipses, but who seems to be the "mastermind" of whiskey making activity in Hudson Falls did not get off so easily. His name was James Cleveland, and as reported in this paper last week, he pleaded guilty to violation of the probation laws.

80 Years Ago
May 27, 1942

Discussion over gasoline rationing is beginning to subside somewhat, but there are still many rumors to the effect that there is still plenty of gas, a serious shortage of gas, more gas than there is a shortage for, hardly any gas at all, and so on and so forth. Stories also crop up that rationing is to be given up as unnecessary; that allowances are to be made more liberal; that they will be more severe; that they are not being enforced anyway and that Tom, Dick, and Harry are chiseling shamefully.

The truth seems to be that the use has gas has been very substantially curtailed; that most motorists are using their cars much less freely than formerly; that some stations have run short of gas in the past day or two, and that nobody knows whether or when restrictions will be removed or relaxed.

60 Years Ago
May 23, 1962

The development of 15 acres of land to the north of the present Greenwich Cemetery is now in the planning stage, and the Cemetery association has retained the services of Miss Carol Johnson, landscape architect, who is developing plans for the present undeveloped area and joining it with the present cemetery.

At the present time there are only a few lots left at the cemetery which have not been purchased, and the need for additional lots makes it necessary for the association to develop the land to the north. The association owns this land...having acquired it in 1895 from the Gray family.

40 Years Ago
May 27, 1982

The Memorial Day parade will begin in Schuylerville at 1 o'clock Sunday, May 30th, with Walter Serbu serving as parade chairman as he had for the past 30 years.

Marchers will proceed down Pearl street to Creamery hill and then to Schuylerville park for memorial services. The parade will continue to Broad Street and then north back to the high school.

The high school band, under the direction of Douglas Archer, will perform as the Adirondack Vagabonds Drum corps. Marchers will include mem-

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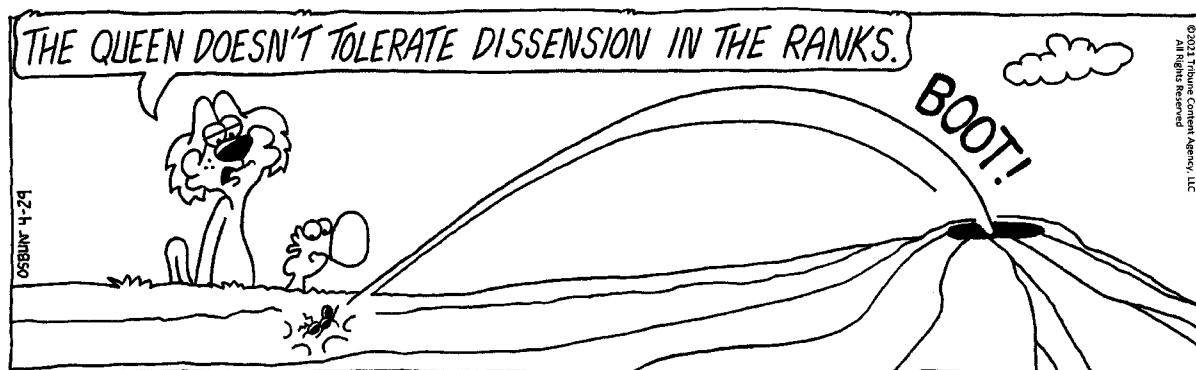
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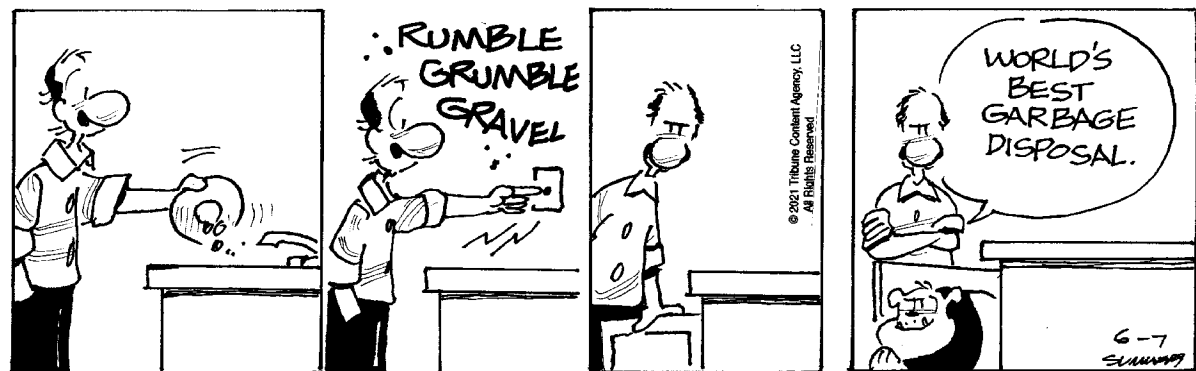
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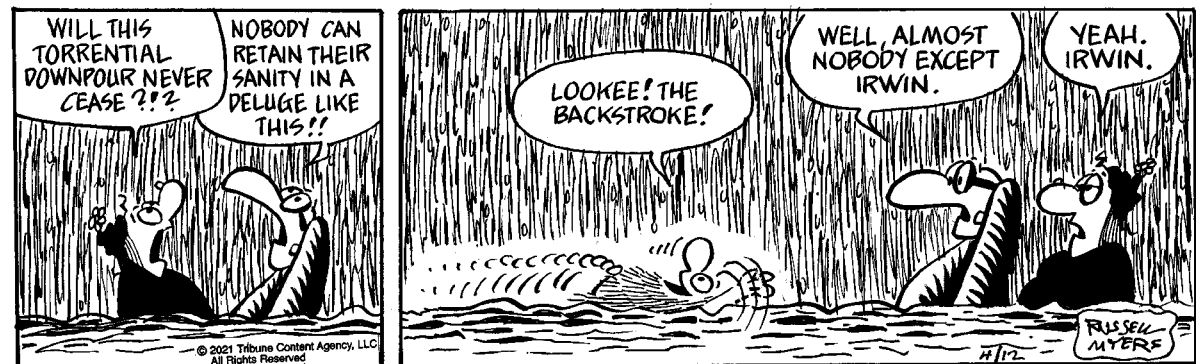
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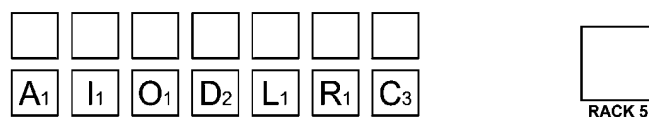
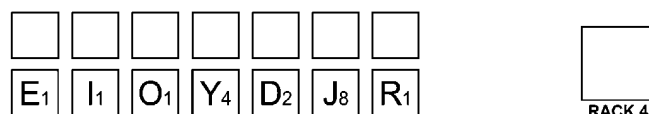
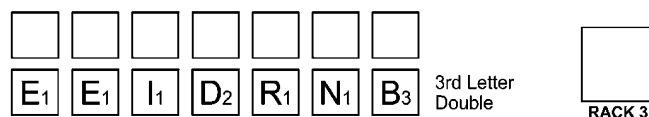
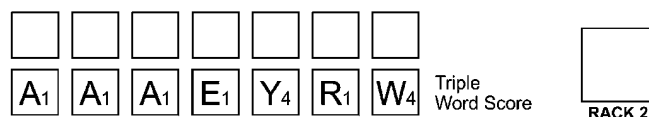
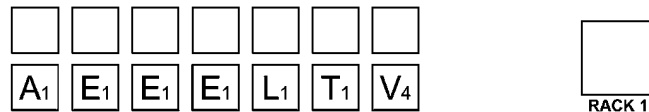


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JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

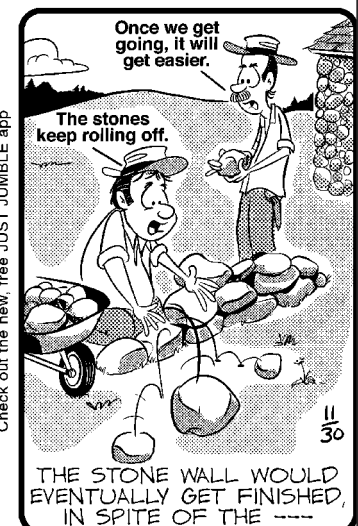
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NKREEL

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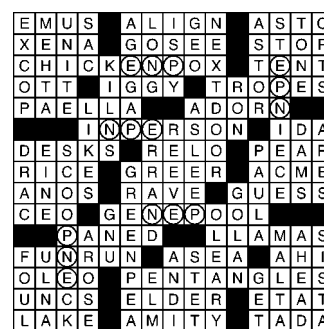


Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here:

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Puzzle
Answers
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Battenkill Kitchen cooks for the community

The Battenkill Kitchen, located at the Historic Salem Courthouse, 58 East Broadway in Salem, NY, is an approximately 800 square foot New York State certified commercial kitchen that has been the heart of countless food focused activities for many years. Managed by volunteers since 2013, the Kitchen has hosted cooking classes and nutritional awareness activities for both adults and children, has been the meal preparation site for events and fundraisers, and is a place where small food entrepreneurs can build their businesses. Until 2003, when the new jail in Fort Edward was completed, it was the kitchen for the Washington County Jail.

Currently, there are 12 members of the shared kitchen program who use the kitchen to prepare and package specialty foods, which are often sold at farmer's markets. In order to be a member, each food maker must have liability insurance, a license from NYS Agriculture and Markets, and pay \$100 a year for membership. They can then reserve time slots, which are available seven days a week, 24 hours a day. The charge for kitchen use is \$25 for the first hour and \$10 for each additional hour after that. The kitchen is equipped with a 40-gallon steam kettle, an industrial size mixer, lots of table space, a Hobart three bay dishwasher, five-shelf convection oven, a walk-in cooler, a four-foot chest freezer, and a variety of tools and pans. At the end of each shift, a cleaning and organizing checklist is completed so that the kitchen is ready for the next member's use.

Shared-use commercial kitchens like the Battenkill Kitchen provide small food retailers with all they need to produce their products without having to invest in expensive start-up costs associated with owning their own facility. It's an affordable way for them to launch their businesses and eventually grow into their own space, if that is their goal. There are very few commercial kitchens in the region offering other food makers the opportunity to share their space. Some members of the Battenkill Kitchen travel from Colonie and Latham, others from Vermont. The Battenkill Kitchen provides a rare and valuable service to the community, especially during stressful economic times. Some of the members have other jobs, and the convenience of 24/7 access to the kitchen, with its high standards for safely and legally producing food for retail, makes it possible for them to increase their income.

One member, Michelle Nagai, of "On a Limb Catering," has been creating her locally sourced seasonal food since 2015. She says, "...the kitchen and courthouse staff were a great anchor for our company—we were new at everything and had a steep learning curve...we've grown and gained some skills. We will actually be moving into our own kitchen this year. I don't think we could have evolved in the way

we did without the support of the Battenkill Kitchen...having an affordable, permitted space to work in, with all the right equipment, just gave us the confidence to go out and bring our products to the community. That helped us grow our customer base and business."

Another member, Michele Bleichert, of "Fat Crow Gourmet," produces gourmet mustards, rubs, sauces,



jams, and scone mixes. She says the Battenkill Kitchen "...really has been instrumental in our growth. The variety of equipment available has allowed us to expand our product offerings and scale up our wholesale business. We now have a brick and mortar store and commercial kitchen in Troy." She adds that Kitchen Manager, Patty Burch, is "simply awesome to work with."

Blue Boot Farm owner, Megan Long, makes award winning Heirloom Tomato Salsa, locally sourced jams, and specialty jellies. She says, "The Battenkill Kitchen has been amazing for our business. We are proud to tell our customers that everything is grown and produced in Washington County."

In addition to providing a significant resource for people wanting to start their own business, the Kitchen is an asset to the community in other ways. It's a cooking classroom for the summer kids' program, Lunch, Learn & Play, and The Courthouse's largest fundraiser, the Al Fresco Dinner, counts on it for food preparation. The Kitchen also assists the Salem Food Pantry by providing additional refrigeration space as well as space in a walk-in freezer for their use. Although it isn't surprising that a kitchen is at the center of so many activities that enrich the life of a community, the Battenkill Kitchen stands out as being unique and priceless. For more information visit www.battenkillkitchen.org.

Easton archives

The Easton Library has long been the repository of historical documents going back as far as the mid-1700s. In 1975, thanks to a state-wide Historical Records Project, these paper documents were microfilmed and were accessible with microfilm readers. As these devices went the way of the dinosaur, digitizing of the microfiches became a necessary project. Easton Library's conversion of its historical documents to digitized form occurred in 2016. Now, the Library has created an inventory of the digitized documents posted on its website so that they are even more accessible to amateur and professional historians.

If someone finds a document or record book that seems helpful, they can contact the Library at 518-692-2253 or come into the Library at 1074 State Route 40 to review the actual record as it was in its original format. This inventory of Easton Historical Records is available at <https://easton.sals.edu>.

Cambridge Crossword

(solution page 24)

Across

- 1 Aussie birds with drumbeat-like mating calls
 5 Get in a row
 10 Regarding
 14 Lucy Lawless title role
 15 "Take a look"
 16 Hit the brakes
 17 Once-common childhood ailment
 19 Nomadic quarters
 20 Giant whose #4 was retired
 21 Rock's Pop
 22 Figures of speech
 24 Saffron-flavored Spanish dish
 26 Embellish
 27 Reporting live
 30 The eastern half of a frozen food brand
 33 Writers' workplaces
 36 Move, in realty ads
 37 Anjou, e.g.
 38 24-Across ingredient
 39 Garson of "Mrs. Miniver"

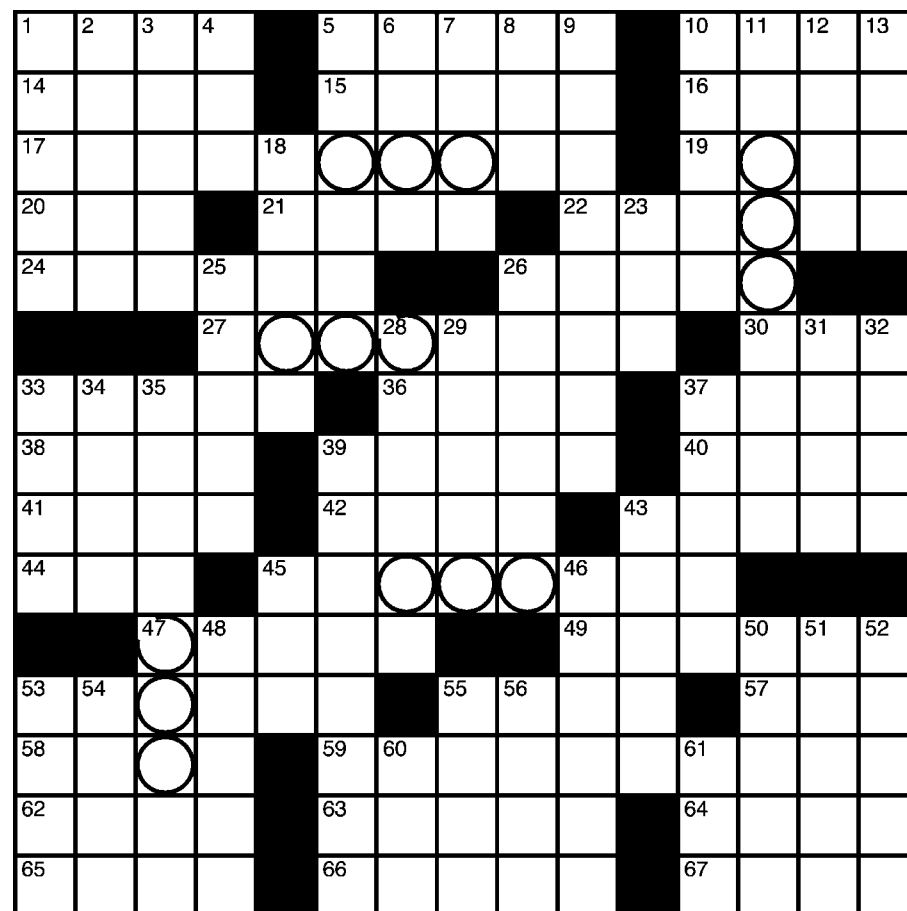
- 40 Summit
 41 A lot of time, in Spain
 42 Wild party
 43 Speculate
 44 Corporate VIP
 45 Hereditary information for a species
 47 Having glass sections
 49 Incan wool sources
 53 Race with no real losers
 55 Cruising the Arctic, say
 57 Fish served in poke
 58 Butter substitute
 59 Five-pointed stars ... or, in two words, what the sets of circles represent?
 62 Family nicknames
 63 Tribal leader
 64 Maine, to Macron
 65 The Dead Sea, actually
 66 Cordial dealings
 67 "I did it!"

Down

- 1 Many a bodyguard
 2 Maestro Zubin
 3 Make one out of many
 4 ___ fly: RBI producer
 5 What separates the men from the boys?
 6 Like the mind's "i"
 7 Guessing game
 8 Former Prizm maker
 9 Living very close by
 10 Big name in furs
 11 Blended family relative
 12 Vocal quality
 13 Gets involved, with "in"
 18 Potters' needs
 23 Oscar-winning director Howard
 25 YouTube clicks
 26 Like Van Winkle, for 20 years
 28 Trip to the market, say
 29 "Still Me" memoirist
 31 Water containers?
 32 Greek war god

- 33 Storied blood-sucker, for short
 34 Mozart's "___ Kleine Nachtmusik"
 35 Somewhat revealing T-shirt option
 37 Journalist Zahn
 39 Pot pie veggie
 43 ___ Heights: Mideast region
 45 Wildebeest
 46 Cate with a falsely accused cow
 48 Sprang up
 50 Island near Sicily
 51 Winning
 52 Slangy sibling
 53 Ump's call
 54 Forearm bone
 55 The Beatles' "___ Love Her"
 56 Editor's "Let it be"
 60 Title tree in six horror films
 61 Understand

ANSWERS ON PAGE 26.



Word Find

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

Find these words that are associated with travel.

Airport

All Aboard
 Boat
 Carry-On
 Coach
 Cruise
 Depot
 Drive
 Fare
 Ferry

Guide
 Hotel
 Inns
 Jetlag
 Light Rail
 Luggage
 Maps
 Motel
 Pack

Passengers
 Rails
 Roads
 Route
 Subway
 Taxi
 Train
 Views
 Visa

Voyage

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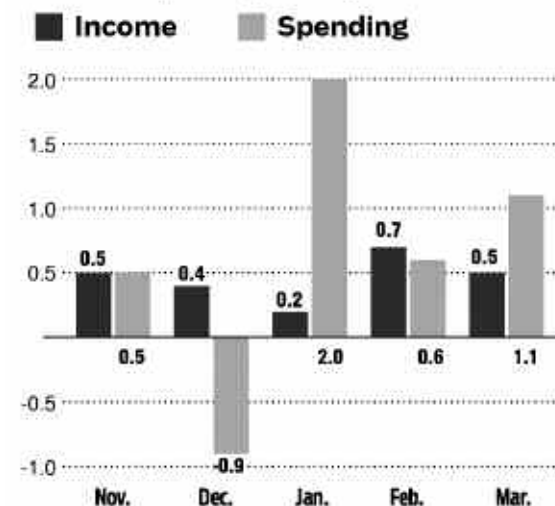
9 to 5 by Harley Schwadron

Fast Facts



Personal income and spending

Percent change from preceding month



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

Graphic: TNS



My new meal plan includes a thesaurus

Greg Schwem

Special to Journal & Press

I am currently on the “adjective” diet, meaning I will swallow anything that describes how I want my body to look.

It’s not the first time I have tried to obtain a better shape via attractive sounding nutritional titles. I strode into a vitamin store recently and walked out with something called “Serious Mass.” It’s a product that, judging by the physiques of other guys buying it, would make my neck the size of my thighs.

Perhaps the product worked for them. For me, it should have been titled “No Mass. Seriously.”

Next up was “Joint Mobility,” a supplement that, according to its manufacturer’s website, prevents inflammation that can result in “unwanted pain, stiffness, cracking, or even popping joints.”

Sadly, those cracks and pops persisted although I felt very mobile when making my way to the couch.

Have I learned my lesson? No, as evidenced by an initial trip to a local smoothie store, where a whole new batch of enticing and promising verbiage awaited me.

I have never been a fan of smoothies, particularly as a substitute for actual food. If I am going to drink my lunch, I want to feel as full as if I had just exited McDonald’s after polishing off a double quarter pounder with cheese and large fries. This has never happened. One time it didn’t happen because I spit out the entire contents after seeing my receipt. Who knew something called “Acai” would require a second trip to the ATM?

Nevertheless, smoothie stores and juice bars now occupy most of the retail space not already acquired by Starbucks. A relative recently purchased a “faith based” juice franchise.

“So, if Jesus ever wanted a smoothie, this is where he would go?” I texted her shortly after the grand opening.

I still have not received a response. Hey, I thought it was funny.

I decided to give a recently opened smoothie bar near my home a chance. I had just left the gym after a particularly spirited workout and wanted to retain that good health feeling for as long as possible, meaning until 5 p.m. when I planned to join a friend for beer and wings.

Striding up to the counter, I ordered something called “Island Green,” containing spinach, kale, mango, pineapple and banana. It sounded inviting, never mind that it was the color of Augusta National.

“Would you like any supplements?” asked the “smoothierista,” or whatever you call the person tasked with grinding kale into a liquid.

“Such as...?” I responded.

I was shown a list of powders including collagen, vitamin B12 and whey protein. But my eyes immediately went to another one: “Fat Burner.”

Excuse me? A scoop, or several, of sand-colored powder could burn unsightly fat from my frame? Why was this even in stock? I mean, who is ordering a smoothie and saying, “No, no, I don’t want to re-



move fat. In fact, I want just the opposite. Can I have a scoop of flab? Do you have any plump? And while you’re at it, gimme two scoops of low self-esteem!”

I didn’t ask what exactly was in Fat Burner; for all I know it’s the color of sand because it actually IS sand. It was also an extra dollar. I ordered it.

The only burn I felt was the one in my stomach, which disappeared after 20 chicken wings.

A friend recently introduced me to the term “SUPERFOODS,” which sounds like, if eaten, would give me the ability to fly. I have tried most of them; I can report there is nothing “super” about chia seeds and lentils.

As of today, I vow not to base my daily food intake around descriptive titles. Instead, I will continue hitting the gym, drinking copious amounts of water and limiting my ice cream intake.

Unless that ice cream is SLOW CHURNED. That’s healthy, right?

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.



Graduates boot camp

Colm F. Niesz, 22, of Greenwich, New York, graduated from United States Marine Corps boot camp at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island (South Carolina) on April 15, 2022. Private Niesz successfully completed 13 weeks of intensive basic training at MCRD Parris Island as one of 60 recruits in Training Platoon 1028.



Following ten days home on leave, Private Niesz reported to Camp LeJeune (North Carolina) for one month of Military Combat Training. Private Niesz will then report to Marine Ground Task Force Training Command at 29 Palms California for additional training.

Private Niesz is the son of Maureen and George Niesz of Greenwich and a 2018 graduate of the Greenwich Central School District.

Legacy

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Journal & Press

I have a dear friend who is like an older sister to me. Since Linda lives in Connecticut, we meet in Stockbridge, MA several times a year, to catch up. We spend four to five hours talking, listening, walking, sharing, eating, laughing and deepening our bond with each other. Each time we meet, the day feels like a vacation to me. I treasure this woman more than words can describe.

Linda is very good at asking deep thought-provoking questions. Her most recent ones were no exception: “what of meaning has been passed down to you?” and “what would you like to leave future generations?”

Initially, I looked at my parents to reflect upon these questions. For several days, I could not come up with anything. The only thought I had was about my Mother. She had the strongest faith of anyone I knew. If a person needed prayers, she was the

one to go to because, as I always said, “my Mother had a hot line to God.”

In reality, my parents’ time was spent dealing with the daily struggles of life and living with each other. There was nothing of significance to pass down to their children. If I am entirely truthful, I would say that I picked my parents to learn what I should not become.

When I went back a generation, my answers came. The legacy all four of my Grandparents gave me was immense courage. Part of their message, from the way they lived their lives, included valuing themselves enough, to take all the risks required to create their lives. Each grandparent left their homeland at young ages and traveled alone to come to America.

When I was growing up, I did not have this information. I did not know how courageous they were. And I did not see my grandparents or any other family member as a role model. I didn’t have a role model until I took a World Literature course in college. My professor was a 4’ 10” ball of fire. Janet Eber loved what she did and it was infectious. Up until that class, I wasn’t into reading. She changed that.

Now, I do see my Grandparents as role models. Each of them knew what they wanted and they risked everything to achieve it. I am happy to know that their courage lives in my DNA. Now, to the second question, “what would you like to leave future generations?” My message would be: to value yourself deeply and completely, despite the horrible experiences you may have had in your past, because other people made bad choices, were ignorant, damaged and lacked consciousness.

Know deep in your bones that you are important and that you do have worth. Be kind, gentle and patient with yourself, when you struggle. Practice doing this as often as you need to. Being kind and gentle with oneself can be very challenging, especially if you are a person who is usually tough on yourself. Remember to take baby steps. Give yourself everything you would offer your best friend, if she needed your help.

Life on our planet has become very intense and out of control. There is far too much chaos, confusion, hatred and violence. Each of these are energies that not only surround the planet but also permeate our individual lives. And so, I toss these ideas out for your consideration:

Counter chaos by creating more structure in your life.

Counter confusion by focusing on the things that you do have clarity on.

Counter hatred with a lot of love. Tell the people you love, that you love them. Spend more time with them. If you love being in nature, spend time in it. Buy flowers for someone. Visit an elderly neighbor. You get the idea.

Counter violence by walking slowly, feeling the earth beneath your feet, breathing deeply and remembering that Peace is our true nature.

In these insane times, we need to actively nurture ourselves and each other, on a regular basis, by spending time with the people who are special to us. When you do, I invite you to listen deeply.

Try to listen more than speak. Open to “see” the person in front of you. There is no greater gift. What has been passed down to you, that you will leave future generations?

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Heritage Hunters

Heritage Hunters of Saratoga County will meet on Saturday, May 21st, at 1 pm at the Town of Saratoga Town Hall, corner of Rt. 4 and Rt. 29 in Schuylerville. The topic, *A Gangster’s Paradise: Saratoga Springs from Prohibition to Kefauver*, will be presented by Greg Veitch, retired Police Chief of Saratoga Springs. It continues the saga of the city’s criminal activities where his first book, *All the Law in the World Won’t Stop Them*, ended. It was a time of famous gangsters like “Lucky” Luciano, bootlegging, gambling, murders, raids, and political corruption. Public is invited. For info call 518-885-9309.

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Argyle plant and bake sale

Argyle’s spring plant and bake sale will be held on May 28, 9:00am to 1:00pm at the Argyle Emergency Squad at 15 Sheridan Street.

Because of the threat of soli contamination by invasive jumping worms, the sponsor, Friends of the Library, are making changes. They will NOT be accepting for sale plants (trees, shrubs and perennials) dug from local gardens.

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A part of Cambridge's Civil War history

Lance Allen Wang
Journal & Press

If one can have a favorite figure from local history, I might very well choose John Simpson Crocker – a Cambridge attorney and freemason who found himself commanding a New York Infantry Regiment to put down the rebellion of slaveholding states in the American Civil War.

Born in Cambridge in 1820, Crocker was educated at the Cambridge Academy, and studied law under Luther Howe, another Cambridge attorney. Admitted to the bar in 1843, he also served a term in the New York State Assembly, elected in 1856 to represent Washington County's First Assembly District. He married Harriette ("Hattie") Sipperly of Schaghticoke and the couple had four children.

In 1859, he founded Cambridge Valley Lodge #481, Free and Accepted Masons – an organization near and dear to my heart, and of which I could write quite a bit more - which received its official charter in June 1860 and is still active and engaged in the community.

When the Civil War broke out, he organized an Infantry Regiment, which became the 93rd New York Volunteers. The Regiment had several nicknames. Crocker called it the "Morgan Rifles," named after his friend Edwin Morgan, then-Governor of New York. It was also called the "Washington County Regiment" because of several companies recruited from Washington County. Later, the 123rd New York was also called the "Washington County Regiment," and is more frequently the one referred to by that name. The 93rd's companies were recruited from:

Company A – Chester, Warren County

Company B – Albany, Albany County

Company C – Minerva, Essex County

Company D – North Hamden, Delaware County

Company E – Cortland Village, Cortland County

Company F – Fort Edward, Washington County

Company G – Cambridge, Washington County

Company H – Boston, Erie County

Company I – Argyle, Washington County

Company K – Troy, Rensselaer County

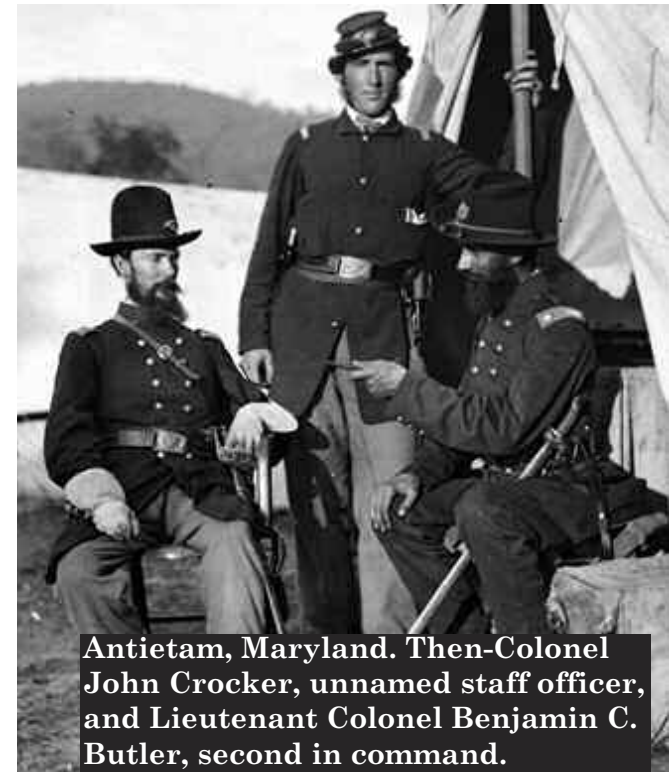
In the Spring of 1862, the 93rd New York was engaged in battle as part of Union General George McClellan's Peninsula Campaign, specifically the Battle of Yorktown. Colonel Crocker was captured while inspecting the line early in the morning, and confined in Libby Prison in Richmond, and later moved to Salisbury Prison in North Carolina. Libby Prison was considered particularly notorious due to the prevalence of disease, malnutrition, and a high mortality rate. Luckily, he was released in a prisoner exchange after four months and would eventually return to the command of the 93rd.

‘Luckily, he was released in a prisoner exchange and would return to the 93rd.’

The 93rd service history would include names that would go down in history – Antietam, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, the Wilderness, Cold Harbor, Petersburg, and Appomattox.

At Gettysburg, the 93rd was assigned to the Army of the Potomac's Provost Marshal, General Marsena Patrick. They handled everything from security for General Meade's headquarters to guarding thousands of rebel prisoners. While not directly engaged in battle at Gettysburg, the 93rd was not immune from the effects, both the from the artillery shelling and the aftermath. One 93rd soldier simply wrote after the battle, "In some places you can not get a horse to go over the field on account of the horrid smell from the unburied corpses."

Due to the death of his Brigade Commander, Brigadier General Alexander Hays, during the Battle of the Wilderness in May 1864, Crocker was temporarily elevated to command the 2nd Brigade,



Antietam, Maryland. Then-Colonel John Crocker, unnamed staff officer, and Lieutenant Colonel Benjamin C. Butler, second in command.

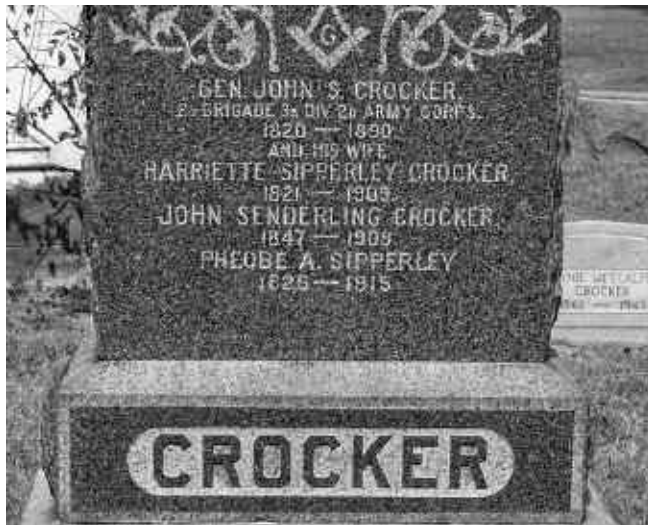
3rd Division, II Corps.

Crocker would leave the service due to medical reasons in September 1864, and I have to wonder how much his time in Libby Prison may have had to do with degrading his health.

In March 1865, Crocker was awarded a brevet to the rank of Brigadier General for his distinguished service during the war. A brevet promotion was an award which gave the higher rank without the higher pay, leading to the expression that a particularly brave officer was seeking "a bullet or a brevet." The 93rd's battle honors did not come cheaply – the Regiment suffered 126 killed or mortally wounded, along with 132 who died of disease during the course of the war.

General Crocker did not return to Cambridge. Instead, he moved to Washington, DC, where, in 1869, he became the Warden of the District of Columbia jail, a position he held until his death on September 14, 1890.

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