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## It's festival season

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## They are the champions!

The Greenwich High School softball team returned from the Class C finals in Moriches, Long Island, at approximately 10:30 p.m. on June 11, champions, after beating Avon in the first round and Greene in the final. They met up with fire, ambulance and police first responders at the Greenwich traffic circle, having donned NYSPHSAA champion T-shirts and getting into the beds of two pickup trucks, waving teams flags and bursting into singing “We Are the Champions.”

The title game against previously undefeated Greene had been a nailbiter. Both teams only managed two hits each in a game that went one extra inning; Greenwich tying it 1-1 in the 6th after a Greene error. All tournament long, Greenwich had played relatively error-free while relying on the pitching of senior Lily McCauliffe, who had Tommy John surgery in the off-season but can throw accurately over 60 MPH. She’s headed to pitch for Springfield College next year.

McCauliffe, the obvious MVP, pitched both games on June 11 for a total of 15 innings and 13 strikeouts. Greenwich, 22-3, as they had throughout the playoffs, rallied back in the extra inning as Greene committed more errors. The final score was 4-1.

Coach Bill Curley, who had taken over this year after over two decades as an assistant and JV coach, credits Greenwich’s youth feeder programs for helping build great varsity teams. He especially thanks assistant coaches Kaylee Ciccarone, Kelsey Schuette and Steven Autiello, along with the fans who have followed the team – even to Long Island.



—courtesy jennifer spiezio

The Witches also won state softball titles in 2003 and 2012.

On June 11, it was the rubber-band arm of his ace that made the day. “Lily is one of the nicest girls you’ll ever meet,” the coach said. “She loves her teammates more than anything else and compliments them before she compliments herself.”

And the team also played smart overall. “We got around the bases really well, but it’s defense that wins games,” the coach added, noting he wasn’t surprised his team kept their composure in the late innings to rally. “That’s why I call them the comeback kids.”

The late-night parade was also exciting for the team. “That was wonderful,” the coach said. “It

kind of woke me up after five and a half hours on the road in the van.”

### Track Title, Too

In track, Greenwich senior Nina Sgambelluri won the Girls Division 2, 1500m and 3000m at the state NYSPHSAA finals in Syracuse. She will head to University of Delaware in the fall, where she will keep on running for their D1 program.

On June 10, Sgambelluri ran the 3000M race in 9:50.75. Less than a day later, she returned, on June 11, in the 1500M. Her time of 4:32.58 broke the 15 year old Greenwich school record of 4:35.98, held by Caitlin Lane. —Darren Johnson



Returning to town at 10:30 p.m. with a full first-responders escort



Nina Sgambelluri, center



## Self-care, and looking forward to WCF

**Kate Sausville**  
*Journal & Press*

I missed the newspaper deadline a few weeks ago. Now, I am frequently late for the deadline. I get an exasperated email from the editor, which spurs me to finish up and get it in. Just in the nick of time, usually. This last time though, with everything going on in the world, I could not summon the words. As a teacher, the news out of Texas was especially heart-breaking. Taking time was helpful, and I am entering this new season refreshed and ready to mobilize. I am looking forward to the many events that will be taking place in the next few months.

Back in full this year is Greenwich's Whipple City Festival. This is the festival's 30th year, and is a local favorite as it features family friendly activities, food, and music. We have been attending this festival since our daughters were toddlers, and my husband and younger daughter even got their picture in the Post Star one year. The festival kicks on Friday, June 17 with a parade on Main St, and the theme is honoring our first responders. Many of our first responders worked tirelessly during the pandemic, at great risk to their own health, and I'm happy to see them honored for their sacrifices.

On Saturday morning you can lace up your running shoes and participate in either a 5K or 10K, starting at 8:30 AM at the Greenwich middle grade building. As usual I will be cheering the runners on from my front porch with a cup of coffee in hand. There will be live music starting later in the day at various locations, and ending the evening with Eastbound Jesus performing at the gazebo in Mowry park.

Whipple City is the original name of

**'Local business have evolved into finding models that are sustainable.'**

the village of Greenwich. It was named after Job Whipple, who was the town's first successful industrialist. Together with his son-in-law, William Mowry, they established a cotton mill in 1804. As the festival is put on each year by the Greenwich Chamber of Commerce, it is only fitting it be named after the town's busi-



ness leaders. As a resident of Greenwich, I love witnessing the rebirth of our local towns, with buildings that stood empty for years being rehabilitated with new businesses. And even better, these businesses are successful, which keeps our Main Streets vibrant.

When I was about to move to this area over 20 years ago, I was told the local towns were economically depressed. While that was, and still is, somewhat true, our local business have evolved into finding models that are sustainable for our area. As gas prices soar, this is especially important because it's not feasible to simply "run" to Saratoga, Glens Falls, or Albany every time we need basic items or just looking for an evening out. I will take the convenience of the walkability and truly local businesses over the suburban sprawl and big box stores any day.

The Whipple City Festival runs June 17 and 18. You can check the website for a full list of events at [www.whipplecityfestival.com](http://www.whipplecityfestival.com).

*Kate Sausville is a resident of Greenwich.*



### Go inside the artist's studio

Painter Leslie Parke will be opening her studio gallery to the public on Saturday, June 25 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for the first of three special exhibitions this summer in celebration of 45 years of creating art at VARAK Park at 15 West Main Street in Cambridge, NY.

The studio exhibitions will provide a unique opportunity to experience the artist's work from each decade throughout the artist's career exhibited together in never-before-seen ways.

A new show will be mounted for each exhibition, hung throughout two galleries and a studio spanning the entire fourth floor of the former

seed factory. The June exhibition, titled "Almost Black and White," includes work from the 1970s as well as her most recent paintings and photography.



# Argyle hears from solar company

**Robin Lyle**  
*Journal & Press*

Present: Supervisor Bob Henke; Councilmembers: Steve Bonhote, Kevin Hayes, Scott Lufkin, Patrick Sullivan; Clerk: Shelley McKernon; Solar on Earth representative, and two residents.

Argyle can reduce its electric bills, according to Scott Fitzgerald, a representative from Solar on Earth. The NYS Clean Energy program available through NYSEERDA allows solar credits that reduce electric bills by a flat 10%, he explained. The Board authorized Henke to sign an agreement with Solar on Earth.

The agreement indicates that the customer prefers clean energy sources, such as solar, when it's available. Solar energy developers are given goals and quotas for such agreements by NYS that makes them eligible for various grants and credits offered by the state.

Sullivan followed-up on the plight of a local farmer. He proposed amending Argyle's existing Right to Farm Law to address

roaming farm animals.

In May, Argyle dairy farmer Matt Fullerton asked for the board's help. His neighbor had repeatedly failed to confine his own dairy herd and prevent them from wandering onto Fullerton's farm. At that time, the board discussed a law in effect in Whitehall that requires farmers to properly confine animals or face confiscation and fines.

Agreeing with Sullivan's proposal to amend, Henke stated, "I think Whitehall goes beyond what we want to do." The board passed a motion for Henke and Sullivan to draft an amendment of the Right to Farm Law and to consult with the NYS Farm Bureau and Cornell Cooperative Extension on the language.

The board agreed to hold a second meeting for public input on the use of Argyle's stimulus funds, setting it for Thursday, June 30 at 6:30 p.m. Proposals will be ranked and funding levels determined. Projects under consideration include:

- \$82,800 for the Village of Ar-

gyle to install six shut off valves to the water system

- \$8,293 for the Village of Argyle to address a shortfall in water bill collection during Covid

- \$6,000 for the Village of Argyle to put towards an engineering study of its water and waste systems

- An unspecified amount for the Village of Argyle to offset costs of its new well

- An unspecified amount for the Town of Argyle to install new septic systems for the town hall and recreation fields

- An unspecified amount for the Town of Argyle to upgrade its bathrooms to be ADA compliant

- An unspecified amount for the Town of Argyle to fix the electrical system at the recreation fields

- \$30,000 to the Stiles House Restoration Committee to offset \$5,000 in fundraising losses due to Covid and \$25,000 to construct an ADA compliant bathroom

- An unspecified amount for the Summit Lake Association for

Preservation to address problems with algae blooms and a blocked overflow ditch

- \$33,400 for the Cossayuna Lake Improvement Association to address a shortfall with their herbicidal treatment program

- \$30,000 to the Argyle Fire Department to help pay for a new roof

- \$23,000 to Argyle EMS for increased expenses, including PPE, and fundraising shortfalls incurred due to Covid

Supervisor Henke announced that the board would go into executive session. "No action will be taken and no further public business" will be conducted after the session concludes, he stated. Legislative boards use executive sessions to discuss sensitive or confidential topics, such as personnel matters or litigation. Henke explained this executive session was needed to discuss "the job performance of a particular employee, or employees, in this case, and ongoing contract negotiations."

## A lot of buzz for this event

On, Sunday, July 10, from 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Greenwich Free Library there will be a presentation titled "Meet the Bees!" Come learn all about honey bees and beekeeping from the experts at Betterbee! Dr. David Peck, Betterbee's Director of Research and Education, will provide a family-friendly tour of life in a bee colony, assisted by the 5,000 teaching assistants that live inside his portable observation hive. In this hour-long presenta-

tion, you will learn about the lives of the queen, her workers, and the male drone bees as well as the jobs they all do inside the hive. The group will talk about how a beekeeper's hive fits together, what beekeepers do to work with their bees, and how bees make honey from the millions of flowers that they visit. You'll be able to watch the queen and her family through the sealed glass wall of the hive, and Dr. Peck will answer your questions while you learn about

the way these pollinators help farmers produce many crops that are dependent on bees to pollinate them. This workshop is appropriate for all ages.

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 but not mandated. To register, email [grn-director@sals.edu](mailto:grn-director@sals.edu), or call the library at 518-692-7157, or visit [www.greenwichfreelibrary.org](http://www.greenwichfreelibrary.org) to

reserve a spot.



**David Peck**



## A horse accident, a car accident and a snake

**Darren Johnson**  
*Journal & Press*

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

### 140 Years Ago

**June 29, 1882**

EAGLE BRIDGE, NY – While Myron W. Mosely and family were returning from church Sunday boys who were swimming saw their team coming and ran under the bridge near Patrick Tierney's. When the team stepped on the bridge, the boys yelled and frightened the horses. Mr. Mosely was thrown out, but held the lines and kept the carriage from tipping over. Mrs. Mosely was seriously hurt about the hand and wrist. ... Ed Marshal and Martin Jackson killed a rattlesnake Sunday on the Richard Jackson farm which measured five feet ten inches. This is the second that has been killed in the vicinity within a year. The snake was about to attack Marshal when Jackson killed it.

### 130 Years Ago

**June 16, 1892**

CAMBRIDGE, NY – Louis Coulter was thrown from his wagon last week and picked up insensible. Mr. Coulter was operated on a while ago

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**An ad from 120 years ago; this store was on Greenwich Main Street.**

in Roosevelt hospital for an injury received to his knee. This last accident luckily will not further disable him.

### 120 Years Ago

**June 18, 1902**

Frederick B. Farrington, mail carrier between Stillwater and Bemis Heights, came to grief Saturday through appropriating letters containing money sent through the mail. For some time, past numerous letters due at Bemis Heights have been missing or failed delivery. Farrington was suspected. Two "catch" letters were prepared by Inspector Lewis of Schenectady, who had them registered in Stillwater. Each contained money in the amount of \$5 and this fact was recorded on the en-

velopes. When Farrington arrived with the mail in Schuylerville, both were missing and he was immediately arrested.

### 100 Years Ago

**June 21, 1922**

FORT MILLER, NY – A near fatality occurred Friday evening when Timothy Connors Jr. lost control of his car, which he was driving and it left the roadway and plunged over the bank and down into the abandoned canal just south of Lock 6. Although no bones were broken, the victim of the accident was rendered unconscious from bruises and cuts upon his head and shoulders, and he was hurried to Schuylerville where his injuries were attended to by Dr. FF Gow, then he was brought to his home in Fort Miller. At the time of this writing the extent of possible internal injuries is uncertain. Those caring for him report an improvement.

### 70 Years Ago

**June 25, 1952**

The strike of members of

Local 12956, District 50, United Mine Workers, at the Stevens and Thompson Paper company plant officially ended Saturday, after representatives of the union agreed to withdraw their picket line, and the company agreed to give all workers an opportunity to return to the mill if and when they are needed. ... The company has to build up the business it has lost during the 12 weeks it was strike bound. ... The new contract runs until October 1953 and includes these additions: ... A revised vacation plan; a revised seniority plan ...; Memorial Day as a paid unworked holiday...; a general increase of two cents per hour for all employees.

### 40 Years Ago

**June 17, 1982**

The Greenwich home of Mayor Betsy Spigner was installed with NewChannels cable television service June 10, making her the first official customer of NewChannels corporation's Battenkill division. ... NewChannels had to overcome many obstacles in attempting to bring cable television to Greenwich.

## Smart Driver class

The AARP Smart Driver Class is on June 21st at the Historic Salem Courthouse. The class runs from 8:30 am-2:30 pm. It costs \$25 for AARP members and \$30 for non-members, payable by check to AARP at the time of the class. Class size is limited to 16. Participants should bring with them: a lunch and beverage; a ball point pen; their driver's license; AARP card or number (if a member); and the payment check. To register, please call Buffie Kelly at 518-854-3583; if she doesn't answer, leave your name and number and she will return your call.

# Schuylerville village trustees meeting notes

**Samantha Simmons**  
*Journal & Press*

The Village of Schuylerville met for their monthly board meeting to discuss how funds are being used, resident issues, and events coming up for the community.

Recently, the Schuylerville/ Victory Board of Water Management passed a 3-1 vote on their budget for the 2023 fiscal year. In this, there were a couple of reserved funds mentioned. One being \$70,000 to replace media and fix infrastructure at the Victory water filtration plant. The other being \$197,464.45 set aside to replace the filters at Fort Hardy Plant.

The visitor center is set to be up and running by June 16th with hours from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Village swore in new Traffic Control Officer, Travis Holcomb. Mayor Carpenter said in a Facebook post, "Travis has been a wonderful addition to our team. His dedication to the safety of our community's youth day and day out alongside the enthusiasm he brings to the job is inspiring." This comes with numerous compliments from village residents who have noticed the care Holcomb has put into his work. One resident said in a phone call to the village offices that they "adore him" and they are his "biggest fan".

With redistricting occurring for the next election, Elise Stefanik, the district's current representative will no longer be representing the 21st district which Schuylerville inhabits. She has not approved of the Villages' grant for Fort Hardy Park renovations. Corey Heyman, the Villages' Clerk and Treasurer said they will have to wait until November after the election to reapply for grants and go through the approval process again. The timeline for this is unknown.

A few updates have been made to the department and committee reports. The Department of Public Works is working well, crews are moving brush and preparing roads and sidewalks for the DoT's projects happening later this summer. An inspection of the grease traps is needed, this is supposed to be done by DoT. Code enforcement officer Adam Meyers plans to wait until August to do this task, to see if the DoT will do it and or finish up his training which included inspections of the grease traps in a later module. DPW is also considering staffing an on-call person for weekends. This is to be further discussed later.

Continuing with code enforcement, Meyers has been working with inspections and other safety issues that are currently being remedied since his training last month.

There have been mysterious propane tanks placed on concrete slabs in Fort Hardy Park. Board members were recently made aware of this and are unsure about the need for them. Mayor Carpenter is looking into this situation. Corey Heyman, the Villages' clerk, and treasurer said she made a phone call for more information on these tanks, and they were placed by a company called One Link that provides fiber optic services. The tanks are meant to provide power to a portable generator if the service goes down. The company did not obtain approval from the Village beforehand, but there is no perceived threat with the placement of the tanks.

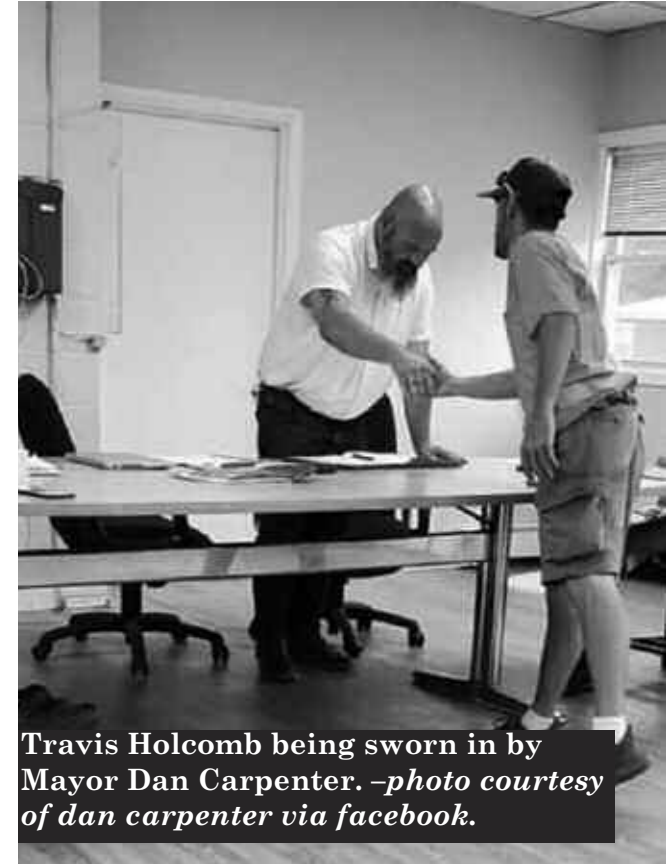
The treasures report listed the following:

- General fund statement balance- \$179,806.58
- Sewer now statement balance - \$195,286.31
- Trust and agency- \$4,990.54
- General fund money and market - \$894,106.07
- Sewer fund money market - \$252,727.01
- Memorial Day - \$2,863.39

The Turning Point Parade committee requested a permit to serve alcohol at the parade. The Board collectively decided that they are allowed up to four vendors to serve beer, wine, and cider. No liquor. The board expressed concern as to how they would control consumption. Their solution was to have a corral where alcohol is to be served with one entrance and someone checking IDs here. No alcohol is permitted to leave this corral, and all permitted to enter must be above the age of 21 years old. Age compliance will be checked upon every entrance to the corral.

For old news, the board went over last month's meeting minutes and addressed ongoing concerns. Readdressed at this meeting was the need for a sign to notify the public of a parking lot, Mayor Carpenter said he would be contacting DoT to ask if they will put a sign up as the road is not under power of the Village.

At the last board meeting, a village resident expressed her concern for stormwater and flooding causing damage to her prop-




**Travis Holcomb being sworn in by Mayor Dan Carpenter. -photo courtesy of dan carpenter via facebook.**

erty. The Village has yet to decide on a permanent solution and are looking at placing swale, or a type of curbing meant to collect water and reduce the amount of runoff on roads and or property. This is not a permanent solution and would be replaced with more permanent curbing next year.

The next village workshop will be held on Monday, July 11th at 6:30 p.m. and the next board meeting will be on Wednesday July 13th at 7 p.m., both at the Schuylerville meeting hall. A Schuylerville/ Victory board of water management meeting will be held on Monday June 27th at 7 p.m. at Victory meeting hall.

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# Painting the town purple

June is Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month and as part of the Alzheimer's Association's The Longest Day event, Breanna and Reid Lundy, a local Argyle couple, are rallying the Greenwich community to "Paint the Town Purple," the cause's official color. The Longest Day is a unique DIY event held annually on the day with the most light – the summer solstice. On that day and leading up to it, communities around the world come together to stand up to the darkness of Alzheimer's and honor the more than 6 million Americans living with Alzheimer's, including 410,000 in New York State, and their caregivers.

As part of their fundraising effort, the Greenwich team is encouraging local businesses to create purple displays in their shops and to donate proceeds from their sales Friday, June 17 through Tuesday, June 21 (the summer solstice) to the Alzheimer's Association. This year, activities will kick off on June 17 with 5:45 a.m. and 8 a.m. workout classes at Anytime Fitness (1169 NY-29) with owner Laura Wilkinson and trainer Katrina Russell. Water and

snacks will be offered and T-shirts will be on sale to support the cause. Activities will close with a Sip and Paint Class at Wicked Wicks Creations and More (83 Main St.) at 5:30 p.m. on June 21. Businesses participating include:

Anytime Fitness, Bubbley Esthetics, Cloud Nine Coffee Lounge, Easton Station Farm, Elasser's @ 111, Hannaford - Greenwich, Ice Cream Man, Just Because, Just Meats – Greenwich, 2nd Story Salon, State Farm Insurance – Bethany Liddle, Verizon, Wicked Wicks Creations and More and Windy Hill CBD.

"My strong, sweet, independent 'Grandma Fulper' battled Alzheimer's disease for more than a decade. It was hard to watch a dedicated nurse, who spent most of her life caring for others, slowly lose her mental capacity and require care herself," said Breanna Lundy. "Reid and I have watched three of our grandmothers (Mommom Lavan and Grandma Lundy included) suffer from dementia.

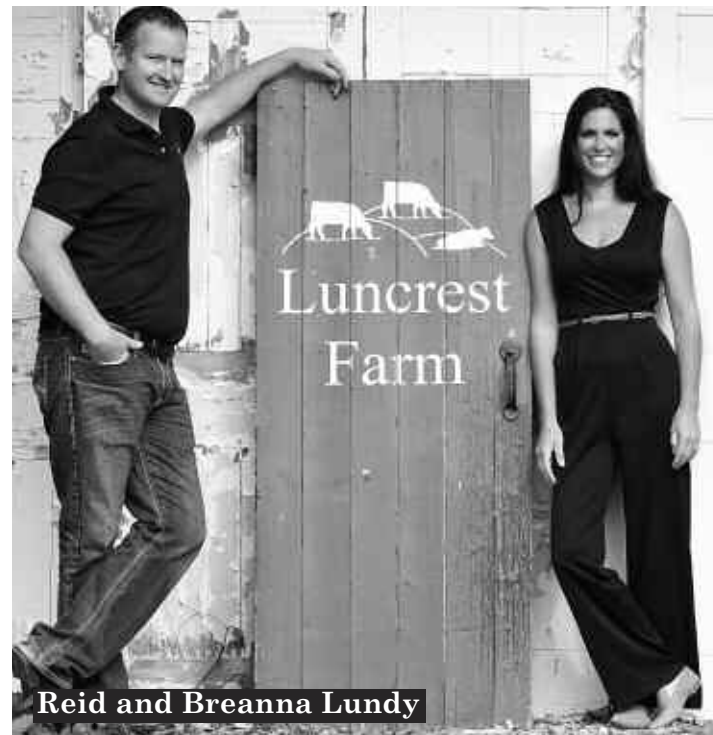
"We've been donating to the Alzheimer's Association for years but we wanted to do something more —

something our grandmothers would be proud of," she continued. "The Longest Day allows us to spread awareness and share the valuable resources available to support families on this journey. Our dream is a world without Alzheimer's, which is why we believe in raising money to support the amazing resources and research being done. If we learned

anything from our families, it's that it takes unconditional love, teamwork and a ton of faith to get through it and that's exactly how we plan to carry out our fundraiser for years to come!"

This year, the Lundys created a 'Paint the Town Purple' committee made up of local business owners, a graphics designer, a retired patient care coordinator who runs the local caregiver support group in Greenwich, and Alzheimer's Association local chapter staff. These individuals are passionate about ending Alzheimer's and donated their time and talent to brainstorming new ideas, like selling a T-shirt with proceeds benefiting the cause, as well as recruiting new businesses.

The Lundys established the "Lundy Legacy Foundation" in 2019 to give back to causes important to them. So far, their Foundation has granted more than \$40,000 to the community, including the local Alzheimer's Association chapter. Reid and Breanna are a team in business, in life and in their community. Together, they are dedicated to making a meaningful difference in the lives of others.



"We are so grateful for the efforts of this Greenwich team," said Ashley Enekes, Constituent Events Manager at Alzheimer's Association, Northeastern New York. "They have set their most aggressive goal to date aiming for more than \$24,000. On behalf of the 410,000 New Yorkers living with Alzheimer's and their caregivers, we say thank you for the important work of raising awareness

**'It takes unconditional love, teamwork and a ton of faith to get through it.'**

and funds to help us continue to provide free programs and services right here in the Greenwich community."

For more information on supporting this event, visit <https://act.alz.org/goto/TheLongestDayinGreenwich> or search for "The Longest Day in Greenwich" on Facebook. To get your business involved, email Reid and Breanna Lundy at [lundyrb@gmail.com](mailto:lundyrb@gmail.com) or call 518.692.2649.



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## Argyle names Top 10 seniors

Anna Aubrey, daughter of Kenneth and Amy Aubrey, has been named Valedictorian of Argyle's Class of 2022. Anna is a member of the National Honor Society, National Art Honor Society, and New York State Science Honor Society. Future plans include attending SUNY Cortland to major in Speech and Hearing Sciences.

Sage Frank, daughter of Andy and Jodi Frank, has been named Salutatorian of the Class of 2022. Sage is a member of the National Honor Society and National Art Honor Society. Sage plans to attend SUNY New Paltz to major in Political Science.

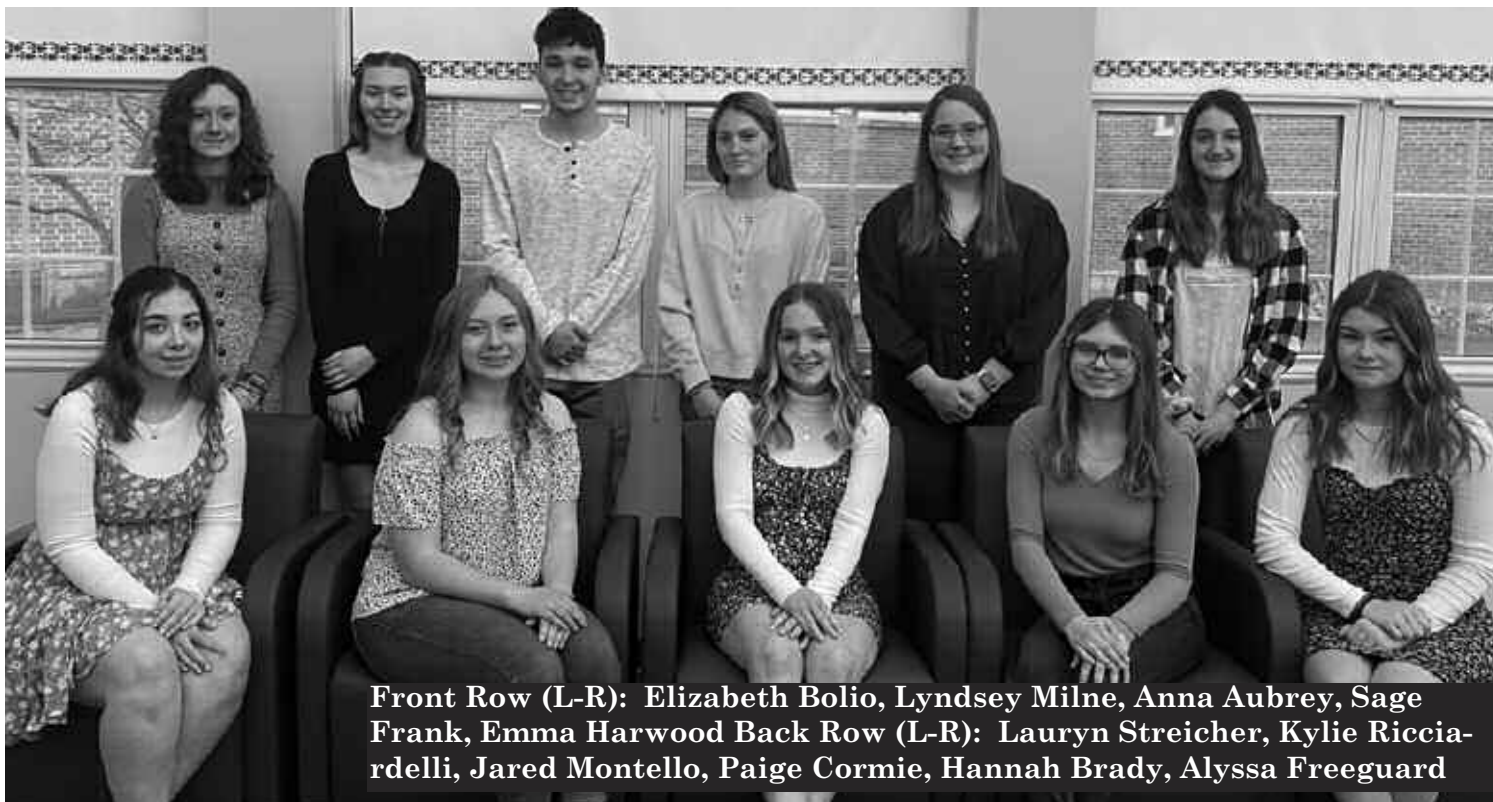
Elizabeth Bolio is the daughter of Aaron and Kristina Bolio. Elizabeth is a member of the National Honor Society, National Art Honor Society, and the New York State Science Honor Society. She plans to attend Castleton University to major in Sociology—Criminology.

Hannah Brady is the daughter of Donald and Dawn Brady. She is a member of the National Honor Society and the New York State Science Honor Society. Hannah plans to attend SUNY Cobleskill to major in Agricultural Business and minor in Agriculture Education.

Paige Cormie is the daughter of Peter and Jessica Cormie. Future plans include attending SUNY Empire State College and majoring in Elementary Education.

Alyssa Freeguard is the daughter of Kimberly Beecher and Jason Freeguard and is the granddaughter of Walter and Deborah Pinkowski. Alyssa is a member of the National Honor Society. Future plans include attending SUNY Cobleskill to major in Environmental Science.

Emma Harwood is the daughter



**Front Row (L-R): Elizabeth Bolio, Lyndsey Milne, Anna Aubrey, Sage Frank, Emma Harwood Back Row (L-R): Lauryn Streicher, Kylie Ricciardelli, Jared Montello, Paige Cormie, Hannah Brady, Alyssa Freeguard**

of Mark and Stephanie Harwood. Emma is a member of the National Honor Society and the National Art Honor Society. She plans to attend SUNY Adirondack to major in Management Marketing and Entrepreneurship.

Lyndsey Milne is the daughter of Ray Milne and Samantha Jacques. Lyndsey is a member of the National Honor Society and the New York State Science Honor Society. Future plans to attend Le Moyne College to major in Psychology.

Jared Montello is the son of Jim Rozelle and Jill Montello. Jared is a member of the National Art Honor Society. Jared plans to attend Clarkson University to major in Aerospace Engineering.

Kylie Ricciardelli is the daughter of Robert and An-

gelique Ricciardelli. Kylie is a member of the National Honor Society, the National Art Honor Society, and the New York State Science Honor Society. Future plans include attending Russell Sage College to major in Occupational Therapy.

Lauryn Streicher is the daughter of Paul and Melissa Schneible. Lauryn is a member of the National Honor Society and the National Art Honor Society. Future plans will be studying Pre-Law.

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## Greenwich PTSA notes

The 2021/22 school year was one of community and relationship building for Greenwich's Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA). Partnering with local businesses for fundraising this year lead the PTSA in a new direction and proved successful in fundraising efforts and community outreach. Following the success of the Fall Gift Card Fundraiser, the Spring Plant Sale fundraiser outfitted by ACA Lawnscape Supply earned sales totaling \$1,718. This was a great partnership for the PTSA and the community.

Members of the Greenwich PTSA were determined to utilize funds raised within the community in a manner that was far reaching. Greenwich pride shirts were purchased earlier this year for all of the teachers, aides, staff, custodians, and bus drivers, as a thank you for all

they have done for the students. Each grade level – K-6 received a Recess Bag filled with requested toys like kickballs, bases, chalk, bubbles and more. The bags have been a big hit with the student body garnering accolades from students and teachers alike.

Additionally, with the help of an anonymous donor, the organization also secured commercial grade picnic tables that will encourage outdoor learning activities for each of the elementary buildings. Within the upcoming weeks, scholarships for 8th grade and graduating seniors will be awarded by the PTSA. Many other end of the year activities will be supported through PTSA



**4th Grade Teacher Mrs. Alanna Powers' Class poses to show their appreciation for the PTSA supplied Recess Bags.**

volunteers and funds. The community's generosity and support has made of this all possible.

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## Chuhta's Farm Bureau award

Two New York high school seniors have received the distinct honor of being named statewide winners of the 2022 New York Farm Bureau Agricultural Youth Scholarship. Each student received district-wide recognition and then competed for one of two statewide scholarships.

The students must have a family Farm Bureau membership or a student Farm Bureau membership in order to qualify. A panel of judges selected the winners based on their essay submissions, as well as their applications, which included their community and agricultural engagement.

The first-place winner is Joseph DelConte from Oswego, NY. He is a member of the Oswego County Farm Bureau in District 6 and received a \$3,000 scholarship from New York Farm Bureau. Joseph is a student at Oswego High School and plans to attend Cornell University to major in Plant Science.

The second-place winner is Lauren Chuhta from Cambridge, NY, where she is a member of the Washington County Farm Bureau in District 8. Lauren received a \$2,000 scholarship from New York Farm Bureau. She is a senior at Greenwich Junior-Senior High School. Lauren plans to attend the College of Agriculture & Life Science at Cornell University to major in Global Development with the goal of being involved in diplomacy or scientific communication & journalism. During high school, she has been active in Greenwich FFA, Future Business Leaders of America, the school's band and jazz band, varsity lacrosse, varsity soccer and National Honor Society. Lauren has also been involved in many community service activities.



**Lauren Chuhta**

District winners receive a cash award and a gift from the New York Farm Bureau Promotion & Education Program.

## A staycation state of mind

**Michael Levy**  
*Journal & Press*

I waited too long this year to plan a real summer vacation. Airlines are charging a small fortune assuming that you can even find a flight to where you want to go. A week's worth of a rental car at most destinations will set me back more than I paid for a three-year-old Honda Civic a few decades back. Lastly, I must be purchasing a room at some of the hotels that I looked at because surely the price shown cannot be the outlay per night? I guess that I could drive but with gasoline hovering around that \$5 benchmark, it just seems like that could get expensive in a hurry. Accordingly, taking a multi-week vacation to a far-flung destination may not be in my cards anytime soon.

But everyone needs a vacation to unwind and recharge. I must admit, going on vacation and the complicated trip planning associated with vacation travel sometimes creates a bit of stress for me. Early morning flights out of the Albany Airport are bad enough but they are only the typical start of what is a long travel day. So, while vacations are nice, they can drain both energy and spirit.

During the height of the pandemic, I heard many would-be travelers were going on “staycations.” This is a vacation where you stay at home or somewhere relatively nearby. It is purported that a staycation offers many of the same mental and physical benefits as a conventional vacation, but with less stress and at a much lower cost. The argument for staycations is that our busy lives and daily routines do not leave much time for exploring unfamiliar places or businesses in our own neighborhoods.

A staycation is a solid excuse to finally visit some area attractions, eat at restaurants that I have never been to before, explore the local version of the “outdoors,” and see all the quirky things that I never went to previously. A staycation allows you to enjoy a vacation the way it should be – free of stress and tons of fun. And best of all, I do not have to pack a suitcase!

So, can I plan a suitable staycation right here in Washington County? Can I produce a decent itinerary of places I want to see again along with

the other places that I want to see? Let me think about some itineraries.

### Day 1: Granville

There are two museums in Granville that I want to see again, the Slate Valley Museum and the Pember Museum.

The Slate Valley Museum pays tribute to slate workers, including many immigrants, and traces the development and history of the slate industry in this part of the county.

The Pember Museum was a gift from Franklin Pember who established this one-of-a-kind museum. Pember's enormous collection of natural life specimens includes some species now extinct. And yes, I will have someone take a picture of me in front of the bear. This place takes you back to the early days of the 20th century when it first opened. Unfortunately, it was closed for about four decades, reopening to the public in 1970s. The local kids from the 1950s and 1960s often convey their stories of having sneaked inside to see the museum's many wonders, so it has been a community treasure for well over a hundred years despite its long closure.

If the weather is nice, I might take a hike in the Pember Nature Preserve which is located eight miles south of Granville on Route 22 in nearby Hebron, New York. There are over two miles of trails winding through 125 acres of forest, fields, and wetlands on both sides of Black Creek, a tributary of the Battenkill.

For lunch, I plan to go to Scarlotta's Car Hop. Car hop service is available, as the name implies, but there are also the deck area and an inside

**‘Free of stress and tons of fun. And best of all, I do not have to pack a suitcase!’**

eating area if you are worried about spilling something inside your old Hyundai. Yes, it was called MacDaddy's in recent times, but ownership is somehow back in the family and the place is reportedly again named Scarlotta's Car Hop. I hope that they will have some of the old classics



**Pember Museum**

like “Grandma Betty's Meat Sauce” and what I recall were called “buffalo chips.” It was truly a noteworthy place back when Jimmy and Betty were running things and maybe it will be again.

### Day 2 – Salem Art Works

Salem Art Works is an arts center and artist community with an extraordinary sculpture park. It is a fascinating and unique place built on an old dairy farm. It has about 120 acres to explore. I will bring my best walking shoes so that I can see everything there. In addition to the galleries and the sculpture park, there is an expansive wood shop, a welding shop for all purposes, a glass blowing area, blacksmithing forge, and a wide variety of kilns.

For lunch, I think I will go to Steininger's in downtown Salem. It is a restaurant which has a chocolate shop within. I want to visit this place to satisfy both my hunger and my sweet tooth.

### Day 3 – The Battenkill

Sometimes called one of the area's must-see natural attractions, this river flows west from its Manchester, VT headwaters until it converges with the Hudson River in Greenwich. With my old canoe that has been in storage for way too long, I think that I can put in at the rest area off Route 313 near the Vermont border and paddle down river about eight miles to the Georgi in Shushan for my takeout. Worth a bit more research though before I get on the

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# Courthouse's new staff

As of Tuesday night, May 31st, the Historic Salem Courthouse had the honor and pleasure of welcoming new co-coordinators to replace outgoing Director Janice Quartararo, who left to take on a new job. For the first time since the inception of the Courthouse twenty years ago, two individuals will work with the Board of Directors, President Bob Akland, and loyal volunteers to move the Courthouse into the next decade.

Rachel Clothier of Greenwich will fill the Administrative Coordinator's position. Rachel currently serves as the Village Justice in Greenwich; she has previously worked as a freelance paralegal and legal assistant. She is praised as being consistently involved in community activities, including PTSA,

coaching, writing, and many other events. When asked for her thoughts on joining the Courthouse team, Rachel said: "I am excited to join the team. I can't think of another place that has so many of my interests under one roof! I am blessed to have this opportunity to serve the community! After leaving State service in 2021, I have filled my time in many different ways, a common thread to all I do seems to be community service and community building. I find it immensely rewarding to invest sweat equity into a better quality of life. As a mother of very active children, and foster children I am interested in exploring, learning and expanding horizons."

Krista Sullivan of Salem becomes the new Program Coordinator. Krista is well-known in Salem

for her high-energy Zumba and other fitness classes for adults and children, as well as her day care. Her volunteer efforts have been varied and have consistently enriched the community. Krista shared her excitement about joining the Courthouse staff: "I'm excited and honored to be the Program Coordinator at the Historic Salem Courthouse! I've called Salem home for over 15 years. During that time, it's always been a passion of mine to 'bring something to the table' for my community whether it be providing trusting care for the littles ones, teaching dance and fitness classes to all ages, coaching, fundraising, organizing a holiday parade, being a member of the Salem Volunteer Fire Department, etc. It's always been a priority and passion to contribute to my community. I look forward to locking arms with amazing people to further enrich our community."

## Anthony marker

The Washington County Historical Society and the Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation are pleased to announce the dedication of a new historic marker to be placed at the Susan B Anthony Childhood Home at 2835 State Route 29 in Battenville (Town of Greenwich) on Saturday, June 18, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

The marker was made possible by the generosity of the William G. Pomeroy Foundation Grant Program. The core initiative of this program is to help people celebrate their commu-

nity's history. The grant program commemorates people, place, thing, or events that happened between 1740 and 1922. Since 2006, the Foundation has funded more than 800 markers in 59 New York State counties.

The grant proposal was written and submitted in 2019, then came Covid and finally in late 2021, WCHS was notified that the marker would be coming to Battenville. In early June 2022, David Pitlyk of the OPRHP placed the post for the marker in preparation for Saturday's ceremony.

The exterior of the house underwent massive

repairs in 2020 due to funds allocated for the house by Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner and former New York State Senator Betty Little. Monies were also set aside for the project by the OPRHP. The drainage problem was resolved and much needed work was done on the outside of the house.

The ceremony will include a Welcome by Debi Craig, Past President of the Washington County Historical Society, also, Coline Jenkins, great great granddaughter of Elizabeth Cady Stanton and New York State Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner will share a few words. Descendants of Susan and her family will be in attendance.

## (cont.)

water. Maybe some readers will weigh in?

For lunch, I will pick up a sandwich made up at the back deli counter in Yushak's Market and take it back to the grounds of the Georgi for a picnic along the river.

### Day 4 – Hiking in Cambridge

I do want to go back to the Cambridge Community Forest. Located on a 140-acre wooded property in the Town of White Creek. There are hiking trails that were mostly marked last year and there was an abundance of animal tracks meaning that wildlife can be viewed here. There is fishing on the adjacent White Creek which I

might try in the afternoon.

Day 4's lunch will be at the Country Gals Café on Main Street in Cambridge which has decent food, in copious quantities, but I do seem to recall that this is a cash-only joint. It is a good place to mingle with the locals who are also regulars here.

### Day 5 – Shopping in Greenwich

There are a wide variety of stores in the Village of Greenwich that I have yet to explore. They are mostly on Main Street with a few more in what is called Livery Square located on Washington Street.

For lunch, I am torn between sitting outside at a table at the Village Café located in Livery Square or as an alternative, going across the

street and eating at Just Meats Deli & Market. Of course, if I happen to wind up on the other end of Main Street, I might grab something at Lynn's Country Café instead.

Well, there you have it, the only thing standing between me and my staycation is freeing up my schedule and writing a well-crafted out-of-office reply. There is no need for me to make complicated travel arrangements either. And if I can prove that a staycation works for me, it could be a vacation for some out of stater. Just another random thought!

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



# No. 2 SUNY student leader is from Greenwich

**Darren Johnson**  
*Journal & Press*

The No. 2 student in SUNY's government is Greenwich's own Michael Casey, 22, a Greenwich High School graduate and former Eagle Scout who went on to SUNY Adirondack and is now finishing his four-year degree as a Psychology major at SUNY Plattsburgh. He is the son of George and Dorothea Casey of Greenwich.

In a ceremony on April 30, Casey was elected Vice President of the SUNY Student Assembly, the governing body representing students at 64 campuses statewide.

Leadership comes naturally for him. Casey has previously served as a Representative on the Executive Committee of the Student Assembly of the State University of New York. He also served as a Student Senator in the SUNY Adirondack Student Association. He served as a Section Vice Chief in the Order of the Arrow. He also serves as a General Assembly Young Adult Advisory Delegate, representing the Presbytery of Albany of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

Casey said in a statement: "It is a tremendous honor to serve the nearly 600,000 Students of the State University of New York as their Student Assembly Vice President. In my role as Vice President, I will partake in the planning of SUNYSA Affairs and Events, and I look forward to pushing for the items in our newly adopted Advocacy Agenda. I ensure that in the one year, short span of time I serve, that I will represent SUNY and SUNYSA with dignity, honor, and integrity as our University System's No. 2 student government official."

Ally Chun, a sophomore at Binghamton University studying Politics, Philosophy and Law was elected President. Jake Longuil, a graduate student from Stony Brook University studying Applied Mathematics and Statistics, was elected Treasurer. Tasnia Zzoha, a sophomore from Nas-

sau Community College studying Liberal Arts, was elected Secretary. Terms for the officers began on June 1. Seeking further comment, I interviewed Casey. Here is the chat:

**DJ:** *What made you decide to run for elective office?*

**MC:** I chose to run for the Vice President of SUNY Student Assembly because I wanted to ensure that there was leadership that counted. I was sick and tired of the inner politics within the organization, and I wanted to come in and provide a steady hand in the leadership of the Assembly to get ourselves out of this horrid time in the Student Assembly.

**DJ:** *Describe your transition from high school to SUNY Adirondack now to Plattsburgh.*

**MC:** My transition from Greenwich Junior-Senior High School to SUNY Adirondack was flawless. Instead of driving just five minutes or walking about 10 minutes to class, I had to drive about 40 minutes to class, and it was like high school but in a larger pool of students at SUNY Adirondack. My transition from SUNY Adirondack to SUNY Plattsburgh was seamless, as I had already known what to do and how to do it!

**DJ:** *Should more students take the transfer path like you did?*

**MC:** I would recommend any students to go to a community college first and then go off to a four year school in the SUNY System. It may not be as glamorous as going directly to a four year school, but it saves you a lot of money. You will thank me for that advice in the long run.

**DJ:** *How do you like it there in Plattsburgh?*

**MC:** I only went up to Plattsburgh about once a month to meet with a

professor in my class and work with the Student Association folks on issues within the Association last semester, Fall 2021, and I love that city. It is a beautiful city on Lake Champlain, with lots of places to go get a good cup of coffee or get a bite to eat.

**DJ:** *I hear there has been some controversy with the SUNY Chancellor Search and lack of student involvement in the selection process. What is the issue there and has it been resolved? What are next steps?*

**MC:** I am well aware of the issues with the lack of involvement in the process to select our next Chancellor. For some information, the Chancellor is the CEO of the SUNY System. They are in charge of our institution and set the course for where our institution goes for their term of service. I am very concerned with the lack of student and community college involvement in the Chancellor's selection process. In regards to the student involvement, I think it lies with the lack of confidence that the administration and trustees rightfully have in student leadership because of what has happened in the Student Assembly over the past year.

**DJ:** *What was that about?*

**MC:** The Student Assembly passed a No Confidence resolution against Chancellor [Jim] Malatras after the emails and text messages came out.

**DJ:** *Well, you had to take a stand on the matter. What else did the Student Assembly accomplish?*

**MC:** We also passed our Advocacy Agenda, which includes points we



**Michael Casey, left, with the new SUNY Student Assembly leadership team**

will lobby for in the State Legislature and System Administration, and we did have one of those ideas pass the State Legislature. It was the Hunger Free Campuses Act. The other thing we did was hold a forum with the Board of Trustees where students could openly express themselves and share their ideas to their system leadership.

**DJ:** *Those sound great. What other big issues will SUNY SA address this coming academic year?*

**MC:** We need to work on how we discuss diversity issues in the organization itself. We need to work on how we can make racial minorities feel safe in the communities in the Upstate region where the majority of our SUNY campuses are. We need to work on improving how we involve students in putting ideas to paper as to what they want brought up to the System Administration and the Legislature of the State of New York.

**DJ:** *Any plans for you personally this summer?*

**MC:** I hope to work as a lock operator for the New York State Canal Corporation on the Champlain Canal and have some relaxation and continuing the Advocacy that my fellow SUNY Students are calling me to do, even over summer break.



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# Preparing for a bear market

**Jill Schlesinger**

*Special to Journal & Press*

As I write this, traders and the financial media are breathlessly eyeing a magic number for the S&P 500: 3,837.25. That's the level below which the broad U.S. index must close to technically qualify as a bear market, or a 20% drop from the recent peak.

Prior to this year's sell-off, there have been 14 bear markets since 1945 (and 3 more that were darned close). During those periods of loss, stocks lost an average of 36% over 289 days, or about 9.6 months, according to data from Hartford Funds. If that sounds awful, then here's some better news: the average length of a bull market is 991 days or 2.7 years.

If you are a newbie to all of this -- and research shows that a whole bunch of Americans started investing with 2020 and 2021 stimulus checks burn-

ing a hole in their pockets -- you may be wondering if there is someone behind the curtain, who knows when markets are going to start a lengthy rise and when they are falling out of bed. Sorry to report that there is no Great Oz, either in fiction or when it comes to investing.

Yes, it would be nice to know the beginning or the end of a bull and a bear market. It's usually impossible to gauge when to get out and when to get back in. Or in traders' parlance "nobody rings a bell at the top or at the bottom!"

That's why it's probably best to stick to your diversified portfolio and not muck around with it too much. The Hartford analysis found that "34% of the market's best days took place in the first two months of a bull market -- before it was clear a bull market had begun." In other words, if you think you can time the market, well...you can't.

While the stock market is often viewed as a leading indicator of the economy, it is not the only metric. When the S&P 500 enters a bear market, it may not indicate that a recession is baked into the cake. Or as the legendary economist Paul Samuelson said, "The stock market has predicted nine of the last five recessions," meaning just because the market drops, does not necessarily mean that we are going to enter a recession.

That said, recessions are normal parts of the economic cycle - we have had 13 since World War II. Sometimes the contraction and subsequent recovery last a long time (the Great Recession) and sometimes the damage is deep, but the length is short (the COVID Recession).

The big problem with recessions is that they can lead to job losses, wage stagnation, and human suffering, which would leave a lot of workers in big trouble, especially as prices remain high.

If you are thinking about what to do amid the chaos of markets, try to refrain from mucking around with your investments or allocation, unless you need your money within the next 12 months. Instead, channel your energy and think about these moves that may shield you from the worst parts of an economic slowdown or recession:

(1) Fund an emergency reserve that can cover 6-12 months of your living expenses. Keep this money in an accessible savings, checking, or money market account.

(2) Reduce credit card or other high interest debt

(3) Fund retirement plans to the best of your ability, especially if you are entitled to a company match.

(4) Create a "break the glass" plan, which should be easy, especially after the pandemic. Detail the money that you must spend for the next 3 months, which usually includes food, shelter, utilities, health insurance/medications.

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## Heritage Hunters

Heritage Hunters of Saratoga County will meet on Saturday, June 18, at 1 pm at the Town of Saratoga Town Hall, corner of Rt. 4 and Rt. 29 in Schuylerville. Daniel Mazeau and Aaron Gore, archaeologists with Beverwyck Archaeology in Delmar, will mix archaeology and genealogy in

their presentation. They will give attendees a look at one of their digs. Their website shows some other work they have done, including their adventures in excavating a family burial vault. [beverwyckarchaeology.com](http://beverwyckarchaeology.com). Public is welcome. For info call 518-885-9309

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## New Greenwich Library personnel

Library director Sarah Murphy announced the hiring of two new staff members for the children's department at the library:

Emilly Falge Sargent as Youth Services Coordinator for Early Childhood. Emilly previously worked at the Greenwich Free Library from 2016-early 2021.

Emily Gates will be taking on the new role of Youth Services Coordinator for Afterschool and Teen Programming. Emily has worked at the library since June 2021.

Emilly and Emily will have the opportunity to collaborate with each other as they tackle their different (but certainly overlapping) patron groups.

Emily Gates has already begun her new role, and Emilly Falge Sargent begins in mid-June.



# Be sure to visit the Whipple City Festival

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

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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 administer 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](http://whipplecityfestival.com). Small businesses, artisan crafters, service providers, and non-profits, are encouraged to submit a commercial or informational vendor application.

## ‘Off the Northway’

On June 28 at 7pm there will be an “Off The Northway” Release Party. It will be a presentation and book signing by longtime local journalist Stephen Williams, who wrote “Off the Northway,” a compilation of 83 articles from the Daily

Gazette in Schenectady. The book will be available for purchase. The event will be held at the Brookside Museum at 6 Charlton Street in Ballston Spa. Reserve your free ticket at [brooksidemuseum.org](http://brooksidemuseum.org).

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On June 18th, Saints and Liars will bring their “roadhouse roots band” to the Salem Courthouse Green at 6:30 pm. Hailing from Southern Vermont, they blend country, folk, rock ‘n roll, and bluegrass into a lively concert. Tickets are on sale at the Courthouse website and are \$20/person, children twelve and under free. There will be food and beverages for purchase; bring a chair.

On July 14th (rain date July 21st), the Washington County Band will play a free concert starting at 7 pm. The Washington

County Band has been active for well over 30 years in New York and neighboring Vermont. Latin tunes and old favorites. Bring your own chair and refreshments.

July 29th welcomes popular artists Eastbound Jesus to the Courthouse at 6:30 pm. From Greenwich, the band plays a wide array of music, ranging from rock, to ballads, to vocal harmonies and banjo shredding. This event also serves to raise funds for the Salem Ecumenical Food Pantry.

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# 'Grease' is the word in Salem

A wop bop a loo bop a lop bam boom! That's what you'll be hearing this summer from the lively Fort Salem Theater mainstage as the nostalgic 1950's musical Grease prepares to have you singing and dancing from your seat. Running June 23-July 3, tickets for Grease are selling faster than "Greased Lightning" at [www.FortSalem.com](http://www.FortSalem.com).

"We're so excited to finally present a large cast musical," exclaimed Fort Salem Theater's Executive and Artistic Director Kyle West. "This group of performers has been singing and dancing their hearts out, and we cannot wait to share their joy and talent with local audiences. Grease is also selling at record-breaking speed for us, which has only added to the excitement. We can't wait to bring local audiences on a trip down memory lane this summer!"

With a hip-shaking rock 'n' roll score featuring hits like "Summer Nights," "Greased Lightnin'," and "We Go Together," Grease celebrates Danny, Sandy, Rizzo, Kenickie and the rest of Rydell High's class of 1959 in all their duck-tailed, bobby-soxed, gum-snapping glory. This production includes hits from the movie, used with special permission granted exclusively for Fort Salem

Theater.

Fort Salem Theater's Executive and Artistic Director Kyle West directs and choreographs the song-and-dance spectacular with Susi Thomas (Co-Choreographer), John Norine Jr. (Music Director/Technical Director), Courtnie Harrington (Assistant Director), Abigail Decker (Stage Manager), and Charles J. I. Krawczyk (Scenic Designer). The band, who will appear live onstage, includes Gabe Gallagher (Bass), Kai Lamothe (Guitar), Darrell Holovach (Saxophone), plus additional musicians to be announced soon.

New York City-based actor Gideon Ethridge makes his Fort Salem Theater debut as the iconic Danny Zuko, with Regan Zlotnick of Bolston Spa (also making her Fort Salem debut) as Sandy Dumbrowski. They appear alongside Siri Allison as Miss Lynch, Francesco Carlo Archina as Roger, Noah Casner as Doody, Dan Costello as Teen Angel and Johnny Casino, Quinn Donaldson as Sonny, Ethan Drinkwine as Vince Fontaine, Lucy Fronhofer as Cha-Cha, Lily Gallagher as Patty Simcox, Emily Jenkins as Jan, Luke Miner as Eugene, Michael Razzano as Kenickie, Tessa Rivenburg as Rizzo, Jenna Wilkinson as Frenchy, and



Regan Zlotnick as Sandy

Sarah Zweighaft as Marty. The ensemble is comprised of Rachel Deck, Declan Donaldson, Erika Duraski, Socrates Fronhofer II, Mary Kate McPhee, and Peyton VanDerheyden.

Tickets, ranging \$15-\$36, can be purchased online 24/7 at [www.FortSalem.com](http://www.FortSalem.com). Opening night will be held on Thursday, June 23 at 7:30PM, with no performance on Friday, June 24th to accommodate performers' graduation commitments. Additional performances are Saturday, June 25 at 7:30PM, Sunday, June 26 at 2:00PM, Friday, July 1 at 7:30PM, Saturday, July 2 at 7:30PM, and Sunday, July 3 at 2:00PM.

## Obituary

### Joyce Danielski, 77

Joyce Danielski, age 77, of Rogersville, TN, passed away on May 28, 2022 at her home in Rogersville. Previously, she'd been a resident of Greenwich, NY.

Joyce was born to Malcomb Robertson and Helen Purinton, March 31, 1945. She was a devoted nurse at Glens Falls Hospital, NY, for many years. She also was a caregiver for many different family members and friends. She loved to listen to Bluegrass music, and attended many bluegrass festivals.

She was preceded in death by; her father, Malcomb Robertson.

She is survived by; her loving husband, John Danielski; mother, Helen Purinton; brother, Ralph Robertson; and many loving family and extended families.

The family of Joyce wishes to extend their sincere thanks to Dr. Paul Kramer and staff, as well as Amedisys and their staff. A special thanks to Joyce's neighborhood friends.

The family received friends from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm Tuesday, May 31, 2022 at Christian Sells Funeral Home. Funeral services were held at 5:00 pm with Eric Chapman officiating. Memorials contributions may be given to the American Cancer Society, as well as the Wounded Warrior Project. Online condolences may be sent at [www.christiansells.com](http://www.christiansells.com).



## 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. Weekday Mass at Holy Cross is held at 9, on Tuesday at Holy Cross, on Wednesday at St. Patrick's, and at Immaculate Conception on Monday. Visitors are always welcome. 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. Parishioners continue to pray for the people of Ukraine.

Pope Francis wants the people of the Church to meet and be heard in order to move forward together. All are invited to the listening sessions Our Parish Listening Session will be on Saturday June 18 at 10 AM. Visit [rcda.org/Synod](http://rcda.org/Synod) to learn more information in the weeks ahead.

Wings of Care is a ministry of care for the elderly and homebound and is in Great need of volunteers. It is in great need of volunteers and is seeking those who have an hour or two to help. The needs include socialization, light housekeeping and transportation. This is a program of St. Patrick's and Holy Cross. Please contact St. Patrick's Church at 677-2757 if you would consider helping.





## Turning lemons into options

**Daneen Skube**

*Special to Journal & Press*

**Q:** *I know I don't deal with disappointments or challenges at work well. I always think if I were smarter, more respected, or more successful I wouldn't have to cope with so many problems. Is there a more effective way to manage the lemons of working for a living?*

**A:** Yes, one of the most powerful tools I teach private clients is how to transform the lemons of working into meaningful stories that open up opportunity. Notice that in your question you assume adversity only visits the stupid or unsuccessful.

The reality is misfortune is not able to judge your value or lovability.

If you stop interpreting problems as a negative criticism of your character, you're free to make up better stories. We can decide everything that happens to us means the world is out to get us. Or we can more effectively decide that everything that happens to us is trying to benefit or teach us.

The Christian tradition has a saying which could be useful to any of us. The phrase is, "All things work together for those who love God." The way I think about this advice is that if we're willing to per-

ceive the universe as our ally, we may discover opportunity even in our disappointments.

Obviously, if we're making up the story that everyone and everything hates us, we're in a poor position to respond. If we can look at disappointment and look around for what else we can take advantage of, we thrive.

Let's say you do not get a job that you're excited about. If you assume you are too stupid to get the job, you'll get depressed. If you assume there's a better job coming your way, you keep searching and land that better job.

I'm not advising a "Polyanna everything is beautiful" belief. You have every right to feel disappointed or frustrated. What I am advocating is the capacity to search for the many opportunities that still remain when your preferred option closes down.

If we are having an intense fight about our self-esteem or intelligence when we don't get what we want, it's impossible to invent new paths. We end up hanging out at a permanent funeral for our broken dreams rather than imagining new dreams.

I promise you that every time you experience a setback there are still rich possibilities awaiting you. You may think it's silly to believe that the universe is trying to help you when you're disappointed. Then, again, this attitude will quickly help you learn, and make a new plan rather than obsessively blaming yourself.

No matter how brilliant, experienced, or successful we are we cannot avoid disappointments. The joke that life is what happens when we had other plans is a wise obser-

vation. Stop criticizing yourself when you do not get what you want.

If you do not believe me, start reading biographies of successful people and highlight all their failures and road blocks. The only difference between people who are content with their results and people who are miserable is the capacity of the former to turn lemons into meaningful options.

You get to choose what story you tell yourself. Does your story depict you triumphing despite initial setbacks or you not deserving the right to begin again more intelligently? Your decisions and not your value determine your results!

### The last word(s)

**Q:** *When my employees screw up I often ask them why they made these mistakes. They just get defensive. Is there a better way to push employees to perform better?*

**A:** Yes, tell employees what you want and if they make mistakes ask them how they made the mistakes. Employees perform better when they can combine the what (goal) with the how (process of arriving at goal).

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

*Skube at [www.interpersonaledge.com](http://www.interpersonaledge.com) or 1420 NW Gilman Blvd., #2845, Issaquah, WA 98027.*

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# Dunking booth at Whipple City Festival

It's all fun and games until someone gets dunked! On Saturday, June 18th the Greenwich PTSA will host a Dunk Booth to raise funds for PTSA sponsored events in Greenwich Central School District. Thanks to the generosity of Wal-lie's of Greenwich, the dunk booth will be in their parking lot from noon until 5:00 PM. The cost is \$1 per ball, with all proceed benefiting the PTSA.

The Line Up:

- 12:00-12:20- Tom Graves, Greenwich Town Board

- 12:20-12:40 Katy Wright, Greenwich Teacher

- 12:40-1:00 Jen Mueller, Greenwich Elementary Principal

- 1:00-1:20 Stephanie Marcinko, Greenwich Teacher

- 1:20-1:40 TBD

- 1:40-2:00 George Ostrowski, Town Camp Director, Greenwich Teacher

- 2:00-2:20 George Ostrowski, Town Camp Di-

rector, Greenwich Teacher

- 2:20-2:40 Thom Powers, Musician, Board of Education, Youth Sports Coach

- 2:40-3:00 Kelly Timmins, Little League, and Junior Tackle Football Coach

- 3:00-3:20 Michael Hall, Greenwich Youth Football President/Coach

- 3:20-3:40 Patrick Molloy, Greenwich Teacher and Youth Sports Coach

- 3:40-5:00 Caine Martin, Youth Sports Coach

## Ribbon cut for Just Because expansion, 30th

The Greater Greenwich Chamber of Commerce held what's believed to be its first ever ribbon cutting on June 3.

The recipient was Just Because, a women's clothing store in Livery Square Shoppes in the Village of Greenwich.

Celebrated was the store's recent expansion and 30th anniversary.

For the past few years, Just Because has been owned and operated by Jenness Bivona-Laval. She took over two spaces upstairs last July, one of which was a hair salon, and her business grew from about 1000 square feet to over 2000 square

feet.

In an interview, Bivona-Laval said that this is also a celebration that the business has recovered from the pandemic.

"Two years later, people are re-emerging," she said. "We had a group of customers the other day who hadn't been in since before Covid."

Bivona-Laval also credits the growth of downtown with new businesses as creating a synergy that brings in more customers.

As well, social media and an online store have been key to marketing, with limited items online to whet appetite and attract in-person visits.

With the expanded space, Just Because will have new offerings and more clothing lines, as well as shoes from companies including L'Artiste and Sofft.

"Business has been great," Bivona-Laval said. "Even during Covid, we stayed true to our mission of great customer service."

The Chamber hopes to make ribbon cuttings a regular event. If you'd like to work with the Chamber of Commerce on promoting your business, contact [GreenwichChamber.org](http://GreenwichChamber.org).

—Darren Johnson

## Legal Notice

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The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

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DATED: June 1st, 2022



Chamber director Kelly Eustis with Just Because personnel Lisa Blair, Jenness Bivona-Laval, Amy Patterson and Chamber president Liv Thygesen.

## Grateful, frustrated, grateful

**Roger De Korp**  
*Journal & Press*

As I've mentioned in a previous column, I'm very grateful to live in Greenwich; I'm sure residents of this entire area feel the same way about their own communities and this area in general. There's a reason so many people from outside the area are moving here - we are truly blessed.

Of course, more than anything, it's the people of each of our communities that make them so special. We are very welcoming; having been here for 20 years, but not born and raised here, I understand how special what we have is and want the generations that follow us to have this quality of life we so enjoy. That's why it concerns me to see some changes in how we treat each other, and how little quite a number of people seem to care about preserving what we have.

A big part of the change is due to social media. It has almost completely

destroyed civility in discourse, making cowards out of what seems to be almost everyone who uses it, enabling them to write things that they would never say to someone's face; among other things, these things include nasty insults, denigration of opposing opinions, and bald-faced lies. These happen daily, but I saw it in particular in the Greenwich Town Board election in November, the GCS Athletic Fields referendum in early Spring, and the GCS School Budget and Board Election in May; the results were the results, but these elections are too important to be reduced to base insults and fabrications. At stake is whether our towns and villages can maintain their basic character without having to tax residents into having to move from their homes; as part of the Athletic Fields referendum, the question of installing artificial turf on the football field, was the perceived awesomeness of it itself vs. studies that show increased lower

body injuries to student athletes and the multi-million dollar replacement cost in 10 to 15 years; the school budget and school board vote was about never ending tax increases in the name of giving our students the best education possible, and acceptance of progressive NY State Education Department progressive initiatives, or not. Some of the statements on social media before and after these votes quite honestly did not represent this community in a favorable light. For those in our com-

**'These elections are too important to be reduced to base insults and fabrications.'**

munity who are on social media who believe in "diversity" and "Inclusiveness" it would be good to understand that it is at least as important that this belief refer to ideas and perspectives as it does to skin color.

While people who mostly hold to my perspective on national, state, and local issues get frustrated, and even angry at times about the other side's perspectives and actions (obviously I do, too), I am even more frustrated, and getting more angry, with my fellow local Republicans and Conservatives who don't take their responsibilities to themselves and the rest of us seriously. We hold the majority of registered voters in the town and school district - all you had to do was get off your ass for 20 minutes and vote. Yet in the last two local elections, the minority party - which doesn't generally represent our views and opinions - swept each seat up for election. For those of you who don't think your vote counts, ask the Democrats who made sure in these last two elections that they got out there; they will in most instances represent

the viewpoints of those who voted for them, probably justly so, and guess who is to blame? Not them.

Now, back to grateful: I am grateful to Darren Johnson, Publisher of the Journal & Press, for giving me the opportunity to write articles for the Journal & Press these last several months. He has decided that the paper should contain only local articles and features (I can't argue, as there is part of me that wholly concurs); however, I don't want to write those articles. It's been tough enough feeling some of the fallout from writing about national and state issues; writing about local ones is not a road

I want to travel in the community I love so much.

So, this will be my final column. Thanks to all of you who read these missives and espe-

cially to those of you who gave me encouragement when you saw me out shopping or when I was out walking the dogs; it meant the world to me. I leave this as my final thought: To those people who censor (cancel) perspectives and words that you don't like or don't agree with, you are laying siege to the 1st Amendment of our Constitution; as strongly as we disagree with your perspectives, no one who sees things as I do ever wanted to silence you, but only to have our collective voice heard. In the United States of America that I know, all voices have the right to be heard - it is one of our most basic fundamental rights and one that every single American should be protecting.

Wishing all of you the best - see you around town.

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



## An Artist's Take

**Political Cartoon of the Week** by Scott Stantis





## Schuylerville creates a business community

**Teresa M. King**  
*Journal & Press*

On Wednesday, June 1, I attended a meeting I will never forget. It was the Schuylerville Community Conversations group. More than 25 people attended this monthly networking meeting. If this circle is any indication of what this town is like, it confirms that I have made the right decision to move to Schuylerville. What I saw was a room full of energetic, happy, passionate and connected people, who are completely committed to creating community. I am, too. I want to be part of what Schuylerville is building.

As their Facebook page says, Schuylerville Community Conversations “was organized by local business owners to connect and create pathways to collaboration with Schuylerville businesses, non profits, neighbors and visitors. Participants have the opportunity to share their news, to hear updates that pertain to our town and to network.” They meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 9 a.m. They’ve been meeting for 5 years!

After 36 years, I will be leaving southwestern Vermont to create my life in this village. My intention is to build Sacred Connections, a Spiritual Community, which is based on deepening and healing our relationships with the Earth, Spirit, ourselves and each other. Through circles, workshops, councils, programs, ceremonies and celebrations we will gather to connect with the earth, honor each other, grow personally and spiritually and heal on many levels.

Sacred Connections will begin with Circles to Honor Grandmothers. They have been created to encourage female elders to stand tall

and remember what it used to mean to be a Grandmother. Their focus will be to honor women in the Grandmother stage of life, whether they have grandchildren or not. We will gather to share our wisdom and to strengthen our voices.

Our role as Grandmothers is to be calm, centered and grounded, because the rest of the world is not. Our role as Grandmothers is to hold a higher vision for humanity and for the earth. As we honor each other, we will heal ourselves and we will heal the Earth.

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we will heal ourselves and  
we will heal the Earth.’**

Honor and Acceptance will be a significant part of Sacred Connections. I believe that we can change how we live on our planet by honoring the Earth, honoring each other and honoring ourselves.

If we honored the Earth, there would be no air pollution, no water pollution, no desecration of the land or extremes in weather. Mother Earth would not need to speak loudly through floods, droughts, earthquakes, wildfires, hurricanes, tornados and mudslides, because we would be living in greater balance with her.

If we honored and accepted each other for who we are, there would be no division, no hatred, no bullying, no discrimination or bigotry.

These will be part of Sacred Connections, too: A workshop on Acceptance and Being Good Enough, A Circle to Honor our Differ-

ences and a Circle on Unity and Common Ground.

I learned a great deal about acceptance from the members of the International Council of 13 Indigenous Grandmothers. I would say that their most powerful teaching is that they see their differences as a source of strength. They do not let their differences divide them. Some of them come from Mexico, Central America, Brazil, Nepal, Tibet, Gabon in Africa and the Arctic Circle. These Grandmothers spent 12 years visiting each others’ homelands and shared their ancient wisdom traditions. They learned each others’ teachings, sacred ceremonies and ways of healing and prayer. And, they honor each others’ way of life, unconditionally and honor each other as Sisters.

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

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

This is the essence of what I plan to bring to Schuylerville. We can accomplish a great deal through commitment, collaboration, community and connection. Each of us has the power to create enormous change and improve the quality of life. Indeed, the changes we can make are endless!

*If your House of Faith is interesting in Honoring Grandmothers or if you are interested in Sacred Connections, please contact Teresa King at [teresaking1@live.com](mailto:teresaking1@live.com) or <https://thelargerpicture.com>.*



### DMV southern satellites

The Washington County DMV will visit Greenwich Town Hall at 2 Academy St. on certain Wednesdays (July 13, August 10 and September 14) from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; The Cambridge Village Office at 56 N. Park St. also on certain Wednesdays (July 26, August 24 and September 28); and Salem’s Proudfit Hall at 181 S. Main St. on certain Tuesdays (July 19, August 16 and September 20).

Call the main DMV office in Fort Edward at 518-746-2163 for more information.

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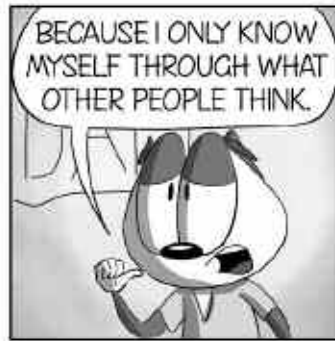
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By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



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**Boggle:** OTTER HYENA SABLE HORSE  
TIGER MOOSE SLOTH MOUSE

**Jumble:** ENVOY QUEST AUTUMN PLEDGE

**Final Jumble:** STAND-UP GUY

**Kid:** WOW BUMP FORK ROAD - BOOKWORM

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# McPhee on display

The Historic Salem Courthouse will host a show of original artwork by Salem resident, Carlin McPhee; the opening and reception will be held on June 24th, from 4-6 pm in the Great Hall. The show runs until August 15th.

Carlin McPhee is a lifelong painter and creator. A recent graduate of the BFA Painting Program at the State University of New York at New Paltz, Carlin has dedicated the past four years of her life to studying the Fine Arts and constructing/establishing her abstract, saturated paintings and her newly found place in the professional art world. Though she has just begun her career as an artist and only seriously thought about art for the last few years, Carlin has been creating ever since she was young and always knew the joy and passion she has for painting, drawing and making would always be a significant part of her life.

Carlin's most recent work coming out of her undergrad is a vast collection of bright and intricate works consisting mostly of paintings and drawings that have a melodic balance between opposing forces. Her work at first glance seems to be very chaotic and electric. Underneath the energetic surface are meaningful layers of meditative mark making, and an array of thoughts, memories and emotions translated into abstract, non-representational shapes and patterns. Carlin hopes that the viewers of her exhibition find a pause from a fast-paced world and conjure their own stories and images through an eclectic form of daydreaming and musing/effervescent thought.

Of her work, McPhee says: "I am a daydreaming perfectionist who often seeks the pareidolia of ordinary life: The imaginary in the actual,

the unseen in the seen, having your head in the clouds and finding familiar shapes in fluff. My paintings are like kaleidoscopes, optical instruments that twist, warp and contort reality with glowing color, pattern and movement. Throughout the various layers of marks, shapes and pigments lies the energetic and spirited synthesis of abstraction and realism, organic and geometric, mechanical and emotional, and the balance of many other opposing elements, emotions and energies."

When Carlin is not in front of an easel or working in her studio, she can probably be found running on the country roads of Washington County, kayaking and fishing at her family's camp on Green Pond, hiking through the mountains of Vermont and New York, trying out new adventurous baking or cooking recipes, or spending time with her friends, family and her dogs Sully and Rylee.

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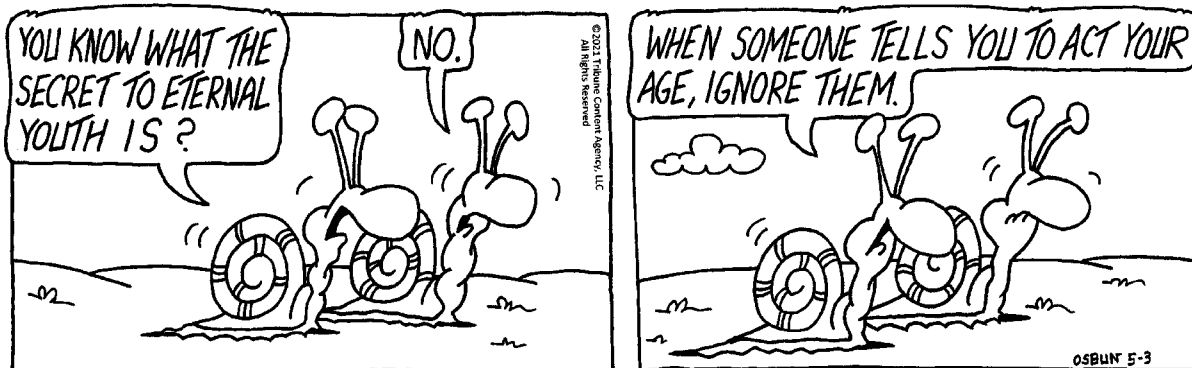
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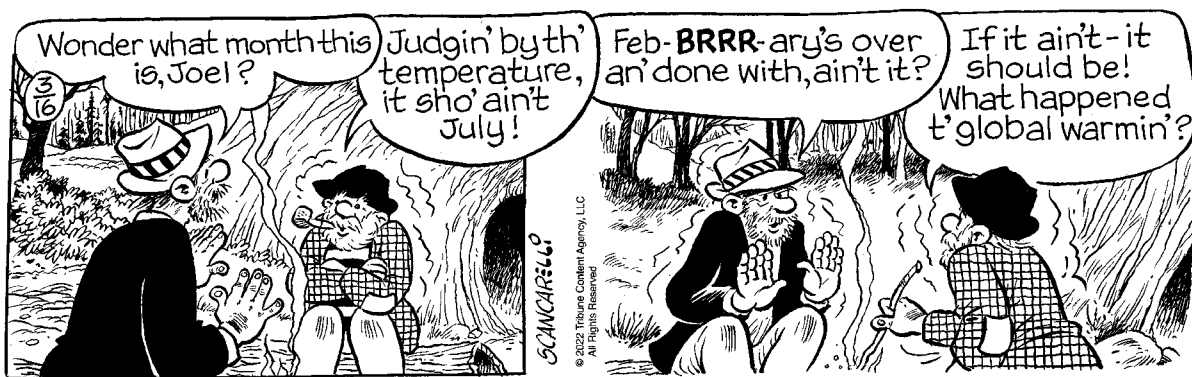
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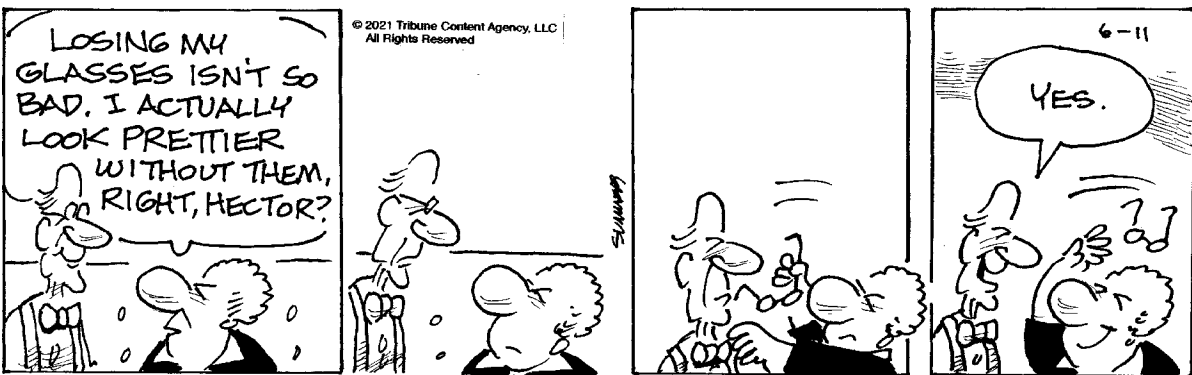
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by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



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Puzzle  
Answers  
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# Art & Plow Parade/Fest is coming to Salem

The Salem Area Chamber of Commerce, along with the Salem Art & Plow Fest Committee, has just named two local leaders as Grand Marshals of this year's celebrated parade, both noted as perfect representations of this year's theme: Champions of the Community. Town Supervisor Sue Clary and First Responder Kevin Baylor will lead the festivities that celebrate the region's vibrant arts and agricultural community.

As Salem's beloved Town Supervisor, Sue Clary has dedicated her life to making Salem a culturally rich, safe, and supportive community for all to enjoy. Growing up in town, Sue attended Salem Central School, before serving the community as a therapeutic foster parent, a MAPP trainer, and most recently, as proprietor of Mcartees Barn Fine Arts and Antiques, where she supported arts and agriculture through her collection of antiques and unique finds. Sue is known for mentoring many "kids of our heart," in addition to the five children she has lovingly raised. Professionally, Sue serves on 7 committees (chairs two!), including the Bancroft Trust, the Salem Rotary, the Salem

Chamber of Commerce, the Historic Salem Courthouse and The Georgi Park and Museum. She was also instrumental in setting up the So Salem Fund, providing necessary funding to local families impacted by the COVID 19 pandemic, but humbly states that she is "honored to be the town supervisor and believes that love conquers all." When asked, Sue speaks of how she is struck by the way the Salem community constantly pulls together when necessary to help out a neighbor in need.

Regarding local July 4th tradition, Sue says her favorite memory is watching the annual parade as a kid; marveling at how the bands, dancing sticks, and bagpipes enthralled her young eyes. When the parade was nearly disbanded a couple of years ago she was part of passing the baton from the fire department to the Chamber of Commerce, once again bringing the community together for the common good. She remembers fondly the first year of the newly formed Art and Plow Parade; the temperatures were scorching, and in true Salem spirit, the young Salem firefighters carried Indian water tanks on their backs while pulling the antique fire truck down Main Street spraying the audience with water.

Kevin Baylor kicked off his First Responder career as a New York City firefighter at Engine 216, Ladder 108 in Williamsburg, Brooklyn. Despite eventually retiring from his post, Kevin was quick to return to the field to assist with the aftermath of 911, helping with the rescue and repair at Ground Zero. Kevin later served the community as Washington County Sheriff for more than a decade in addition to his 8-year term as Justice for the Town of Salem. He is well-respected for his positions as both 2nd Lieutenant in the Volunteer Fire Department and a bus



Kevin Baylor

driver for the Salem Central School. Kevin is a well-loved stalwart of the Salem Community, where he and his wife Jean have raised two wonderful children, in addition to their 10 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. When Kevin suffered health issues in the winter of 2022, the entire local community was eager to return the support to Kevin and his family. His participation in the 2022 Salem 4th of July Parade was enthusiastically and unanimously supported by all members of the Salem Art & Plow Fest Committee.

The organizing committee is now accepting parade entries. Floats, performers, walkers, tractors, farm equipment, classic cars and trucks, farm animals and more are encouraged to join the event by completing the participation form on the Salem NY Chamber of Commerce's website. Participation in the parade is free and open to individuals, groups, organizations and businesses across the region.

The July 4th events begin at 4:00PM at the North Main Street train station, where a variety of food trucks and an artisans market kick off the afternoon. At 5:00PM, the action takes over Main Street for the July 4th parade, followed by live music, featuring 1950's style band Matthew Piazza & The Debonairs, and the popular Art & Plow fest activities back at the North Main Street train station, where the fun continues until 8:00PM.

Additional information can be found at [www.salemnychamber.com/events](http://www.salemnychamber.com/events). For questions, contact [salemnychamber@gmail.com](mailto:salemnychamber@gmail.com).



Sue Clary

## Retiring

The Greenwich Teachers Association recently celebrated five retiring teachers and their meaningful careers at Greenwich Central School: Betsy Foote - 23 years; Leah Wallner - 12 years; Phil Maron - 15 years; Cindi Barnes - 29 years, and Barb Moore - 33 years (listed in order according to photograph)



# Cambridge Crossword

(solution page 24)

## Across

- 1 Nannies and billies  
6 Skylit courtyards  
11 Toyota Prius, e.g.  
14 Tin Pan \_\_\_  
15 Transactions with interest  
16 Pub pour  
17 \*Data transmission science  
19 Khaki-colored  
20 Pedal pusher  
21 Full moon, e.g.  
22 Cartoon maker of iron bird seed  
23 Salinger teen who says, "I prefer stories about squalor"  
24 \*Elementary school fundraiser  
26 Whistle blower  
28 Piece for three instruments  
29 They're often pop-ups  
32 Major artery  
36 Irritate  
39 Quick swim  
40 Fell behind  
42 Golf ball holder

- 43 Stockpile  
45 Dig deeply (into)  
46 Pigs out (on), briefly  
47 Blacken in a pan  
49 Dictator Amin  
51 \*Rank for TV's Columbo  
56 "Shoo!"  
60 The "I" in MIT: Abbr.  
61 Ceremonial conical structure  
62 Tra-\_\_: refrain syllables  
63 "\_\_, humbug!"  
64 Track meet infractions ... or short words hiding at the beginning of the answers to starred clues  
66 Musician Brian  
67 Had the flu, say  
68 Cove, e.g.  
69 Tennis do-over  
70 Sanctify  
71 Love to pieces

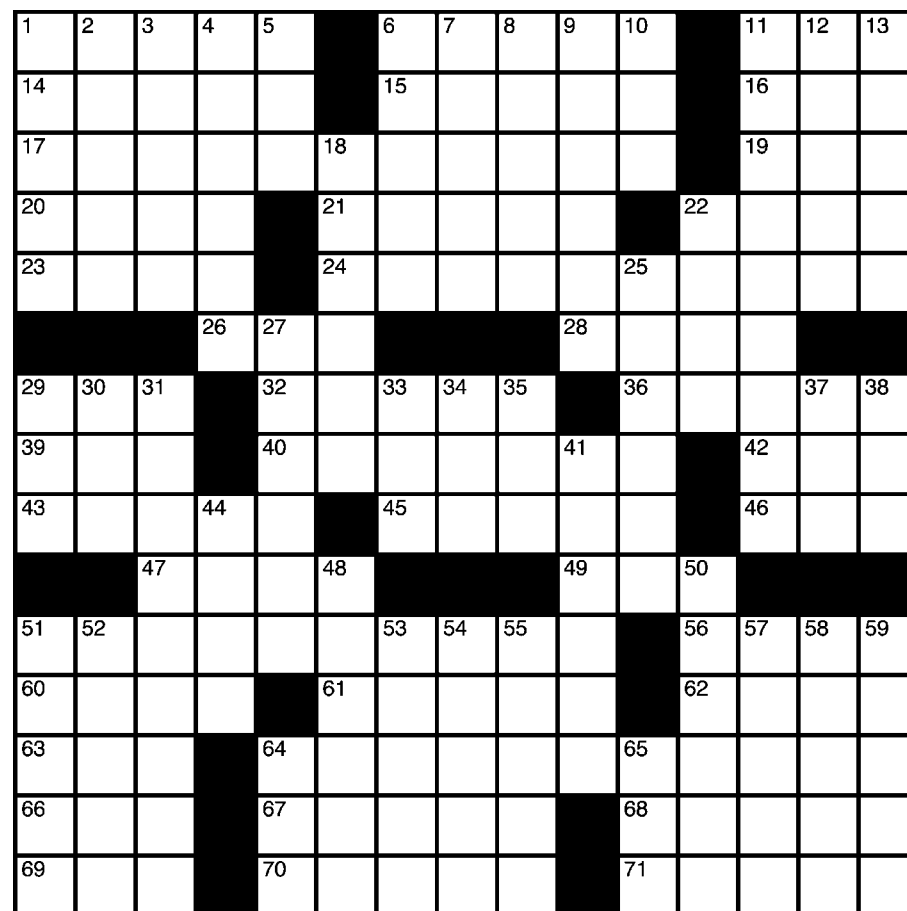
## Down

- 1 Faux pas

- 2 Mixed bags  
3 "Tuesdays With Morrie" author Mitch  
4 Wobble  
5 Leb. neighbor  
6 A, as in Athens  
7 Invoice word  
8 Employee's reward  
9 Motivate  
10 Biblical beast of burden  
11 Not be fooled by  
12 San Antonio mission  
13 Continue to subscribe  
18 Decide on  
22 Z \_\_ zebra  
25 Swapped  
27 Patronizes, as a restaurant  
29 Oral health org.  
30 Not bright, as a light  
31 Many a NASA mission  
33 "Far out, dude!"  
34 White-\_\_: formal  
35 Every one

- 37 Ref. work that added "YOLO" in 2016  
38 Proposer's preferred response  
41 Paperless party announcements  
44 " \_\_ up!": "Quiet!"  
48 Sell directly to the consumer  
50 Manhattan or Staten  
51 Defame in print  
52 Foolish  
53 Woman's name backward or forward  
54 Vaulted alcoves  
55 Requirements  
57 Monte \_\_  
58 Raise a hemline on, say  
59 Sample, as food  
64 Tide alternative  
65 Spanish aunt

ANSWERS ON PAGE 26.



## Word Find

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

Find these words that are associated with cereal.

Alpha Bits  
Berries

Bowl  
Bran  
Breakfast  
Cereal  
Chex  
Cocoa  
Crackle  
Crisp  
Crunch

Farina  
Fiber  
Grape  
Grits  
Honey  
Kellogg's  
Life  
Maple  
Maypo

Milk  
Nuts  
Oatmeal  
Post  
Puffs  
Quisp  
Raisin  
Rice  
Smacks

Sugar  
Total  
Trix

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

9 to 5 by Harley Schwadron

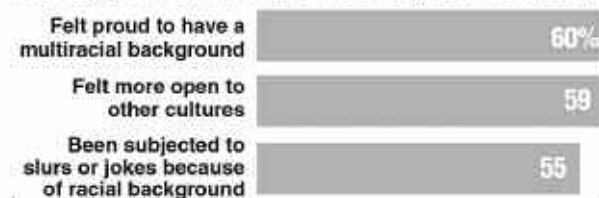
## Fast Facts

### Multiracial in America

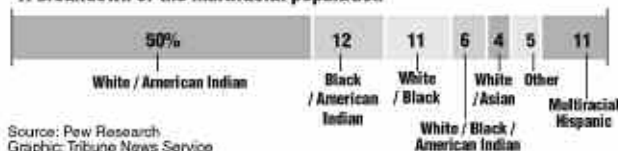
Percentage of all U.S. adults who have at least two races in their background (including themselves, their parents or their grandparents)



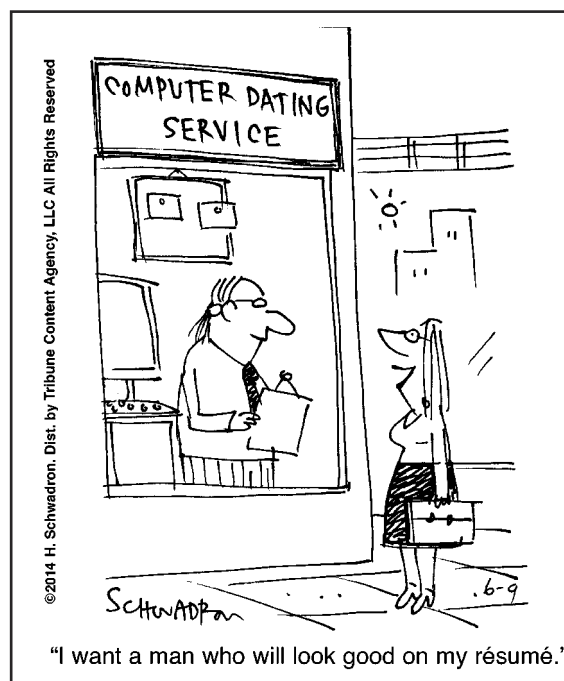
Percentage of adults with mixed racial background who have ...



A breakdown of the multiracial population



Source: Pew Research  
Graphic: Tribune News Service





# A delicate look at our state, rep races

**Darren Johnson**  
*Journal & Press*

The advertising model gets blamed a lot for “the death of print journalism.” Mostly, how the advertisers have flocked to Craigslist, Facebook and Google.

And while this is certainly damaging, I believe some newspapers may be able to survive, if they can maintain enough editorial balance to keep readers subscribing.

The daily papers have largely failed at this balancing act. For example, regarding our local congressional rep, Elise Stefanik. It's safe to say about four out of five stories in daily papers about her are negative. It's because local daily newspaper editors liken themselves “national” journalists – dating back to the last century, when regional daily papers really were national in importance – and, sure, Stefanik takes a lot of gambles at the national level.

Stefanik won't talk to the daily papers in the region, but will deal with us and some other weekly papers. It's not that we're a mouthpiece for one party or the next – though we get accused by extreme partisans from each side of some bias (maybe they should look within?) – but we are humble and know that we're just a local paper and really nothing more.

Stefanik has two PR people: One sends us “national” press releases

that are usually inflammatory in nature; the other sends out “local” press releases about, say, funding she secured for building a local bridge or college expansion. The “local” set of press releases often are notable, and that's the realm of a paper like this. It's not that we're ignoring, say, her stance on Jan. 6, but that there are myriad other outlets that discuss such matters.

We've seen in some recent *local* elections the side that had planks that were more *national* in nature lost.

Also, though, people don't want a “good news”-only newspaper. Free papers have taken that market, but people aren't going to pay \$2 for just a bunch of cleaned up press releases.

The challenge is to present stories that raise issues, but don't take sides. And certainly not to be infected by the Facebook/Twitter/Fox News/CNN (FTFNC) disease of looking at everything from a talking-head perspective.

A paper should record our history, today, and let the people of tomorrow decide if we were right or wrong; though the paper itself should not be on the wrong side of history.

As a once pro-Union, Suffrage-sympathetic newspaper, the Journal & Press was on the right side of history; albeit moderate and tempered, gently nudging us forward. We can only try our best to maintain that same sense of care and concern for the community.

### The Gubernatorial Primary

A current and rude social norm some people infected with FTFNC is to call anyone who isn't equally as extreme “biased.” I get accused of being ideological at times, when, in fact, I've

outgrown ideology and try to judge everything on a case-by-case basis.

In fact, now some FTFNC people claim Greenwich itself has gone “liberal,” but the fact of the matter is Trump and Stefanik polled victorious here – quite handily – so maybe if less polished right-leaning candidates are having trouble winning here, it's not the newspaper or the electorate's fault, but maybe it's the messaging and the quality of the advertising. Again, don't point and wag fingers, but look within.

It's kind of a shame what happened with the primaries. For reasons that are probably more political than helpful, **the primary for Governor is Tuesday, June 28, from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. (only Democrats and Republicans can vote in the primary; early vote June 18 through June 26 at your BOE (1153 Burgoyne Ave., Fort Edward, for Washington County) or show up at your usual polling place on the 28th)**, but the state senate and congressional primaries aren't until Aug. 23. The latter was moved because it took committees and courts to determine the new lines for the districts, considering the state's supposed population decline and loss of a congressional seat.

New York barely came under the population quota, after a census that took place during Covid's peak, and the population was likely well undercounted.

In essence, if New York, a solidly blue state, loses a seat, another state that's less solidly blue can gain a blue seat, making it bluer.

Politicos operate at a very high level, and realize many journalists do know what's going on, and they are not a part of the problem but instead have institutional knowledge from

years of covering these politicians and the deals they make.

For example, I have dealt with some of these gubernatorial candidates over the years.

On the Dem side: **Tom Suozzi**, running as a moderate, tough-on-crime Democrat, was the biggest political name on populous Long Island earlier this century, where he was Nassau County Executive; subsequent administrations down there have been busted up by the feds for corruption – Long Island politics is a bloodsport – and for awhile, he had a Kennedy-esque aura and the appeal of a slick machine candidate. This gubernatorial run is probably his last statewide hurrah, and he'd be interesting if elected.

**Kathy Hochul**, who had been in the rather meaningless role of Lt. Governor, got the top job after the dictatorial and frankly mean-spirited Andrew Cuomo had to step down after sexual misconduct allegations. Now she is hoping to be officially elected governor. She seems to be a consensus builder and is the favorite among party leaders and unions, and thus the favorite in a primary.

**Jumaane Williams**, New York City's Public Advocate since 2019, has that aura of a strong statewide candidate, and probably will be in the future, but primary voters will likely hold his lack of administrative experience against him.

On the GOP side: **Lee Zeldin** is a military veteran and now a political veteran who has won state senate and congressional seats from Eastern Long Island. He's a straightforward campaigner and rather even-keeled. He normally has a good integrity factor; however, he did vote against certifying the 2020 presidential election.

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## Dad b'fast

Enjoy Father's Day on June 19 from 7-11 a.m. at the Salem Vol. Fire Dept. for breakfast. This breakfast will offer the following: sausage, gravy and biscuitshome fries, eggs/omelets, bacon and more.

## My thoughts on the primary and politics

**Cody Fitzgerald**  
*Journal & Press*

I think it's only appropriate that I make my grandiose return in time to force some politics down everyone's throats, right? Here goes nothing.

June 28th, doubling as INTERNATIONAL CAPS LOCK DAY (NO JOKE), is also going to be New York's first gubernatorial primary. Democrats get to vote for the Democrats, and Republicans get to vote for the Republicans. To be as clear as possible, it is important to clarify that you're not actually voting someone into office, but rather giving both administrations a clear idea of who is being generally favored by the public, and allows them to plan accordingly; meaning that (although discouraged regardless), there is zero need for you to incite an insurrection this time around, so please do not do that.

I'm not going to get into each individual candidate, because we're all friends here and let's be frank, I can't possibly do this unbiased. I am going to say that you should absolutely read up on the

candidates, and you can do that on ballotpedia.org. Here, you can find information on every candidate running, get some insight into their platform and what they stand for and know what you are voting on. I've said this every election cycle since I started writing, but right now it is CRUCIAL for women's rights, LGBTQIA+ rights, people of color's rights, the climate and the sake of our democracy, on top of so much more. If you'll indulge me, I really want to take some of this time to clear up some misconceptions about every going on right now:

- The President/Governor does not decide gas prices: While there is some influence they have over the situation, they do not get the final decision, and this is largely due to price gouging from big oil companies (who have been reporting record profit lately).

- Critical Race Theory is not anti-white brainwashing: CRT, in practice, is about teaching children the ENTIRETY of our history and not just what has been carefully included in textbooks. While it acknowledges a racist history, this is not to teach children to dislike white people.

- Not every Republican is a Trump Republican: I think, admittedly, on both sides of the aisle everyone wants to associate a Republican with Trump, and this is simply not true. Look into the issues and the people, not just the letter next to their name.

- Defund the Police does not mean Defund

the Police: Democrats have been consistent in one area and it is their absolutely terrible marketing. Defund the Police implies restructuring the police and reallocating to better training and new departments, and this does not imply the removal of police.

There's much more I could delve into and I'd encourage you to do some research on it, but for now, that's what I've got. It is incredibly important you vote right now, because at a time where we are more divided than ever, you need to make your voice heard. Even if you think that you will vote with the masses, or your vote will be overshadowed, these facts cannot be true unless everyone does their civic duty and gets out there on June 28th. If you are not registered, you can get it done in about 5 minutes right now, and all you have to do is go to [ny.gov/services/register-vote](https://ny.gov/services/register-vote). If you don't know where you can vote, or what times, go to [voterlookup.elections.ny.gov](https://voterlookup.elections.ny.gov). They've made it easy, now go out and get your voice heard this month.

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In this state, that would be hard to overcome in the general election, considering NYC's left lean.

Harry Wilson is a rich guy who is investing millions of his own dollars into the race. His ads, while not exciting, are everywhere. He might be an interesting choice for statewide election in November, if, for the general election, he could take on a moderate, no-nonsense stance.

I haven't seen any ads for GOP candidates **Andrew Giu-**

**liani**, son of former NYC mayor Rudy, who seems too right wing to win the general in this particular state, but I know some GOPers who say he has a shot and would be a good fundraiser; and **Rob Astorino**, the former Westchester executive whose career trajectory has been similar to Suozzi's; an experienced high-level administrator, but, with such a political tenure, comes some baggage, as well.

When I don't see ads from candidates, I wonder if they are viable or merely running for other reasons. So, in the cases of Williams, Giuliani and Astorino,

whose ads I haven't encountered, I wonder if a vote for them would be "wasted."

Not that it matters, as I can't vote in the primary anyway, not belonging to a political party. But, if you are, you definitely should. Primaries in this state are often more conclusive, and easier to influence with a single vote, than the general election.

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# The birth of Freemasonry in our county

Lance Allen Wang  
*Journal & Press*

In my article about Cambridge's Brigadier General John S. Crocker, I mentioned that he founded Cambridge Valley Lodge #481, a masonic lodge dating back to June, 1860. The history of Southern Washington County has had masonic lodges as a part of it since at least 1793, and their history intersects American history at some very notable points. Truth in lending – I am a member of the fraternity and have been for well over a dozen years. My interest began with the vacuum created by my retirement from the military, and the recommendation of a fellow veteran brought me to the fraternity. It was only after I began the process of becoming a mason that my mother told me that her father had been one. It was simply not something that was spoken of casually at home. I put on his ring the day I became a master mason and worn it every day since. My grandfather died when I was six months old. In some ways, I feel I now know him in ways the rest of the family never could.

Masonry was likely brought to this area by the British. Wherever the British military went, they brought "traveling lodges," as there were many masons within the British military and the lodges were a touch of home. The egalitarian philosophies espoused by masonry and its rituals were products of the Enlightenment, the intellectual growth out of the Dark Ages which gave the world,

among other things, American democracy.

Masonry exploded in Europe in the early 18th Century, and by 1793 found its way to Easton, Cambridge, and Salem, New York alternatively, where Rural Lodge #32 met on a rotating basis. There were several early Lodges in Southern Washington County – Rural Lodge in Cambridge, Rising Star Lodge in Greenwich (1805), and one in White Creek (1826). By 1840, all these Lodges would disappear, as masonry found itself involved in a scandal centered in Upstate New York – one which would shake both freemasonry and American politics.

William Morgan was a Freemason who ran afoul of the Masonic Lodge in Batavia, New York in 1826, and in response he decided to publish secret masonic rituals in a book, and indeed, he did so. He was arrested on charges of an unpaid debt and was kidnapped from prison and spirited away by some members of Batavia Lodge incensed at his violating their secrecy and who later admitted to the kidnapping. Times were different – at the time kidnapping was merely a misdemeanor in New York. Either way, Morgan was never seen again. A body washed up by the Niagara River thought to be Morgan was found to be a Canadian of similar description. In 1881, a body supposedly belonging to Morgan was found in a quarry. The bottom line is nobody knows for sure what happened. But since when has that ever stopped a good story?

There was a tremendous backlash against masonry after this story was publicized and countless masonic lodges around the country closed. Americans had a healthy appetite for conspiracy, and anything secret immediately fired their imagination.

Legislatures in some states banned any oath taken outside a court of law.

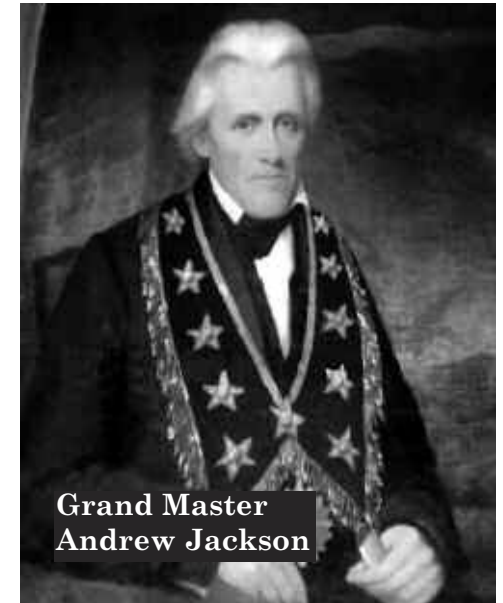
However the real impact of the Morgan Affair was political. There was such a groundswell of support for anti-masonry that a political party formed – the "Anti-Masonic Party" – just in time for the 1828 presidential election. Opponents of Andrew Jackson, a noted Mason, felt attacking the institution would weaken Jackson.

Because of their unexpected success in building the Anti-Masonic Party, the party tried to expand its platform to more than one issue. Realizing that they would not continue to get unlimited mileage out of the Morgan Affair, they ran a candidate for president in 1832, William Wirt, our nation's longest serving attorney general (1817-1829). Wirt was a former Freemason who refused to bad mouth masonry despite being on the Anti-Masonic ticket. The party nomi-

**'By 1840, all these Lodges would disappear, as masonry found itself involved in a scandal.'**

nated him regardless, and in so doing, introduced America to a new type of political theater – the presidential nominating convention.

This inconsistent approach to their own platform was the beginning of the end for the Anti-Masonic Party. The Anti-Masonic party began to become less distinguishable from the other parties, and many of their members defected to the Whig Party as the issue of slavery began to tear political parties apart from the inside. The Whig Party would also later implode due to the slavery issue, combine with a party called the National Republicans, and became the Republican Party we know today. However, the Anti-Masons can claim at least two Presidents who spent some time with the Anti-Masonic Party during their careers – John Quincy Adams

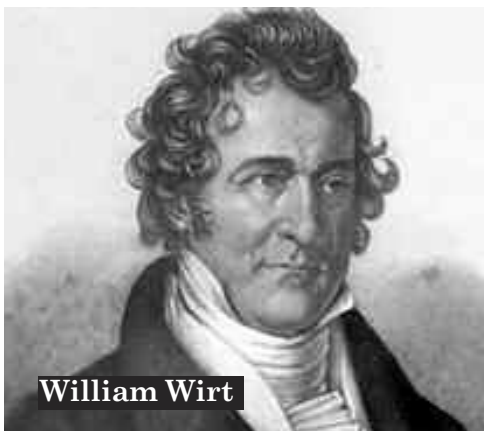


Grand Master  
Andrew Jackson

and Millard Fillmore.

With the decline of the Anti-Masonic Party, freemasonry again began to expand, and just prior to the Civil War, its growth belied the fact that merely 30 years before, masonry was close to dead in the United States. Now, it was again a thriving institution, in Washington County New York, and the rest of the United States. Other fraternal institutions, such as the Grand Army of the Republic (Cambridge was home to McKie G.A.R. Post), the association of Union veterans of the Civil War and the largest benevolent organization in the county in the late 19th Century, adopted rituals clearly appropriated from masonic ones as part of their meetings. One hundred years after the Morgan Affair, rather than seeing Masonry dwindle to nothing, America had instead gone into a Golden Age of Fraternity. I will revisit that period in a future article.

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