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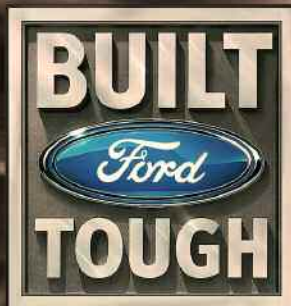
Turning Point and the WCF

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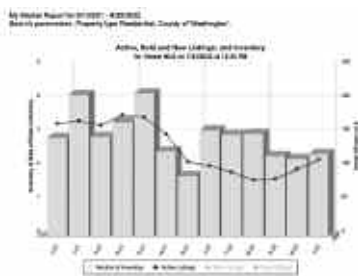
Still a great market

Stephanie Woodard
Journal & Press

If you have been following the real estate market at all over the last couple of years, you know it has been a wild ride. Now that interest rates have nearly doubled since January as the Federal Reserve hikes its benchmark rate to combat inflation, the market has certainly slowed. We are now seeing an increase in homes coming on the market, still low compared to a few years ago, but the increase in homes for sale is going to be helpful for those buyers who are still in the market. Home values have increased dramatically over the last couple of years because there were more buyers than there were homes for sale. That imbalance put upward pressure on home prices because the demand was so high, and the supply was at a record low. Homes are not expected to decrease in price but are projected to continue to appreciate over the next few years, just at a lower rate than what we have been seeing. The reason for this is because there is still a shortage of homes for sale. The graphic below from “Keeping Current Matters” shows us the price appreciation estimates through 2026.



This estimation includes nationwide data so let's take a closer look into our local data. The graph below shows all the active listings from June 1st, 2021, through June 30th, 2022, for Washington County. We are also just looking at residential properties in this graph. As you can see from the line the number of active listings started dropping back in 2021. In fact, back in 2019 there were almost 500 active listings in the county compared with last month of only 137. Thankfully the graph is showing an increase in active listings in May and June, and we are continuing to see this in the county for July. So far there have been 77 residential listings come on



the market during the month of July in Washington County.

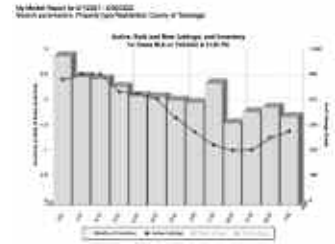
The next graphic is a table for Washington County which shows the total active, new, and sold listings for each month over the last year. You will also see a column with the heading “Months Inventory”, this number tells us the number of months it would take for the current inventory of homes to sell given the current sales pace. Generally speaking, a balanced market (equal number of buyers and sellers) has 5-7 months of supply. If a market exceeds this level, then it is considered a “buyer’s market”, meaning there is excess supply, and the buyer has the advantage. When the months inventory is less than 5 months, it is considered a “seller’s market”, meaning sellers have the advantage. Right now, we are still currently in a seller’s market, but as more homes come on the market, we will continue to see a shift.

	Active Listings	New Listings	Sold Listings	Months Inventory
Jun - 2022	136	100	58	2.43
May - 2022	119	89	52	2.29
Apr - 2022	122	72	43	2.37
Mar - 2022	100	55	33	3.03
Feb - 2022	114	38	38	3.00
Jan - 2022	125	34	40	3.13
Dec - 2021	132	35	74	1.78
Nov - 2021	381	41	72	2.51
Oct - 2021	241	78	50	4.22
Sep - 2021	215	58	64	3.36
Aug - 2021	191	55	27	2.94
Jul - 2021	305	65	40	4.18
Jun - 2021	300	66	69	2.60

The next graph shows the same data just for Saratoga County. We can see by looking at the line (active listings) that the same trend is happening in Saratoga County, more properties are coming on the market. There were 12 more new listings and 47 more properties that sold in Saratoga County in June compared to May. So far in July there have been 261 new listings come on the market in Saratoga County. The next graphic is the table for Saratoga County, which is just like the one we just discussed for Washington County. We are still quite far away from the active listings that we had in 2019, which at its highest was just under 1800, but it is promising to see the number of active listings continue to increase. Just like in Washington County, we are still in a seller’s market in Saratoga County. The months inventory has actually decreased from May to June 2022 and has been under 2 months since March 2022. It looks like it is going to take a little bit longer for Saratoga County’s market to shift into more of a balanced market.

	Active Listings	New Listings	Sold Listings	Months Inventory
Jun - 2022	493	438	281	1.75
May - 2022	451	426	233	1.94
Apr - 2022	369	359	200	1.85
Mar - 2022	366	293	225	1.63
Feb - 2022	402	223	166	2.42
Jan - 2022	488	194	239	2.04
Dec - 2021	581	170	280	2.09
Nov - 2021	707	275	330	2.14
Oct - 2021	743	313	342	2.17
Sep - 2021	750	330	322	2.35
Aug - 2021	875	382	350	2.50
Jul - 2021	873	410	343	2.55
Jun - 2021	838	461	283	2.90

see the market shift into a more balanced market overall. Home prices are not expected to decrease but are instead projected to continue to appreciate just at a lower



rate. Even with interest rates where they are right now, it is still a great time to purchase a home. The price that homes are at right now is the cheapest they will be because of the rate of appreciation that is expected through 2026. A saying that has been circulating in the real estate world is, “Marry the house, date the rate”. Committing to the house does not mean you have to commit to the rate forever. You can always refinance down the road. This is something that I often share with my clients. As far as home sellers go, it is still a great time to sell your home. Although inventory is starting to increase, it is still low in comparison to what is normal for our market. As the number of new listings continue to increase be prepared for homes to take a little bit longer to sell. Even with interest rates higher than what we have been used to, there will always be people who have to buy and sell.

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The inimitable Evera Sue Clary

Robin Lyle
Journal & Press

From a distance, life looks simple in the small rural towns that make up Washington County. Green hillsides dotted with cows, mile long views, and cars building up behind a tractor making slow progress on a country road. Along main street... you may find a post office, a town hall, a fire department, a few small businesses.

The concerns of local officials inside those town halls, or among neighbors outside the post office, tell a more complicated story. Budgets are small, taxes seem to only increase, and the blighted property on Main Street never seems to change.

In fact, the problems faced by our small, rural towns are often far from simple. They can be complex and quite expensive to solve.

Every town of Washington County is unique, but each grapples with aging or inadequate infrastructure. Septic systems that were fine when they were new may now be failing or too close to the neighbor's to function properly. Clean drinking water, once provided by individual wells, may no longer be reliable due to changes to the water table or aquifers. Each town is challenged to meet needs for equipment and materials required for road repair and maintenance.

These basic problems can eat through a town's budget leaving few resources to develop economic opportunities, ensure access to healthcare and transportation, and provide amenities such as bike trails, parks and community centers.

The Town of Salem is facing down these challenges under the leadership of Supervisor Evera Sue Clary and backed by community support.

One particularly knotty problem that arose shortly after Supervisor Clary took office in 2018 was healthcare. Glens Falls Hospital, facing a major financial crisis, began to close down units such as their acute rehab, occupational health and outpatient mental health operations.

Internally, Glens Falls Hospital was planning to close the Salem Family Health Center, its primary care facility in Salem. The center had been open five days a week, with the hospital renting the

building from the town for only \$1 per year.

The hospital hadn't told the new supervisor of its plans to close the clinic. "I heard about it from someone on the street and went into the clinic and asked if it was true and they wouldn't answer. Then, I knew that it was true," Supervisor Clary explained.

"Having lost our pharmacy, I knew, once it goes, it doesn't come back. Glens Falls was talking about providing telehealth instead, but many people here don't have internet and connections are unstable."

How does healthcare in small rural towns compare to more populated areas? Simply put, rural residents face more obstacles to getting quality healthcare.

According to "Rural Access to Primary Care in New York: 2019 Report", rural residents are less likely to have health insurance, more likely to be of low income and they live in areas with fewer doctors. Rural areas have, on average, 3.4 doctors per 10,000 residents. This compares to 15 in urban areas.

Fewer doctors serving an area means increased transportation time and distance to reach a doctor, and longer wait times to get an appointment. Just getting to a doctor's office can be an insurmountable hurdle in areas where public transportation isn't available.

'It has been phenomenal. People are getting treatment they wouldn't have gotten before.'

Supervisor Clary was very concerned. "It's an elderly population and many don't want to ever leave Salem. There are people who just wouldn't even go to Albany to see a specialist. It was pulling the rug out from under the community. Healthcare isn't a luxury."

She set up a meeting with then State Senator Betty Little, Assemblymember Carrie Woerner, Glens Falls Hospital and Hudson Headwaters Health Network.

Together, they worked out a plan. Supervisor Clary explains that now "Glens Falls Hospital staffs the clinic two days a week. The Hudson



July 4 in Salem –tom mcmorris photo

Headwaters Health Network actually built a mobile health van that is here for another two days a week and takes walk-ins."

"This has made an important difference for Salem residents. It has been phenomenal. People are getting treatment they wouldn't have gotten before. Many won't call 911 or use a lifeline. If they have access to care, they are more likely to use it, especially with walk-ins. The walk-in component is so helpful. I think they see people that wouldn't normally come in for care. The new relationship 'worked out beautifully'."

Being a Town Supervisor isn't all glamor, however.

The NYS Department of Health strongly recommended that Salem get a sewer system due to the density of septic systems and changes to the aquifer that supplies drinking water. Even in a small town, sewer projects are very complicated multi-million dollar, multi-year efforts.

Ultimately, the decision on whether to install a sewer system will be up to the residents in a yet to be created sewer district. But before the vote can take place – in fact, before a new sewer district can even be defined – several costly steps need to be undertaken.

The Town Board has decided to begin the

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Clary (cont.)

process. “It was our choice to go forward but if we don’t want diminished property values and negative effects on Main Street businesses, it’s needed. The school is also hoping for a municipal sewer. Their system is very aged.”

Navigating the world of grants, however, can be tough. Especially for small towns.

As in Salem’s case, federal and state grants often require matching funds that smaller governments cannot afford. Or funding takes the form of low interest loans that encumber town governments for decades into the future.

If lucky enough to receive funding, local governments may be challenged by complex requirements when implementing grants. Rules on everything from hiring and wages, authorized use of federal dollars, and reporting requirements cause officials to worry about making a mistake that will leave them responsible for paying back large sums to the government.

Some grants will only fund “shovel ready” projects where preliminary work has already been completed, and paid for, by the town. Small towns are less likely to have staff with expertise in seeking grants and writing complicated, compelling applications and leveraging private dollars to support

grants that don’t fully pay for large projects.

Undaunted, Salem is moving forward.

A feasibility study was completed. The “House Characteristic Income Study” required to qualify for grants was completed. “It was conducted during Covid, and showed we’re eligible for 0% financing!” The survey results are only valid for two years, though, so the town needs to keep taking the next step.

Federal grant sources require that Salem conduct a new engineering study. Only then will they be eligible for other grants that will help with the actual sewer installation project. The engineering study will also define the sewer district.

‘There are many working to keep Salem charming and making the magic happen.’

The engineering study is expensive – about \$40,000. Thankfully, a grant is available through the USDA that will cover 75% of the cost. But that still leaves the town responsible for \$10,000. This is money that the town does not have available.

The Town Board said Supervisor Clary could “go forward as long as it doesn’t cost [the town] any money. We needed \$10,000 from a private source.

Two weekends ago someone came in and put a check for \$10,000 on my desk.” Salem’s application for the grant was submitted in mid-June and they are waiting to hear whether it was approved.

Despite having a population of less than 3,000 residents, Salem is “the little town that could.” It has strong, visible community institutions that work well together. The Bancroft Public Library, the Georgi Museum on the Battenkill, the Fort Salem Theater, Salem Art Works and the Historic Salem Courthouse are each hubs of activity for people of all ages. Between them, they host art displays, musical events, puppet theater, community suppers, a commercial kitchen, a free summer program for local youth, and even a fiesta for immigrant farm workers.

“There’s a desire, by many, for Salem to be as charming as it is – we all recognize that it’s an incredible place to live. To do that we have to put energy into it. And there are many here doing that and making the magic happen.”

Robin Lyle, now retired, worked as an educator and community organizer. Raised in suburban Northern Virginia, she feels lucky to have called Argyle home these past 36 years. And counting.



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Food thieves, a drowning, a jail fight

Darren Johnson
Journal & Press

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

120 Years Ago August 6, 1902

About 2:30 o'clock last Thursday morning A.J. Bosworth was awaked by the sound of someone walking in the hall adjoining his sleeping room and saw a man taking down some coats that hung there. He called out and the intruder ran to the back of the house and into the yard, dropping the clothing he had taken. On investigation it was found that the thief or thieves had taken a loaf of bread and basket containing about two dozen eggs. The basket was afterwards found in the yard. ... The next morning it was found that four neighboring houses on Cottage Street [in Greenwich] had been visited and in every case the booty consisted of edibles. Elmer Holbrook's house had been entered, apparently by unhooking the screen door with a wire ... besides the contents of the refrigerator the thieves took several pairs of stockings. ... No silverware was disturbed, although in most cases it lay at the thieves' hands.

100 Years Ago August 9, 1922

As a result of an automobile accident on the Schuylerville hill last Thursday morning, Harry C. Gray, a leading business man and life-long resident of Greenwich, was instantly killed. His car skidded and overturned, and he was caught under it. Physicians said that his neck was broken and his skull fractured and death had been instanta-

neous. Mrs. Gray, who was with him, suffered a fractured collar bone and severe bruises. She also suffered severely from shock. The accident occurred shortly after nine o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. Gray had started for Glens Falls. The Schuylerville road was oiled a few weeks ago, receiving a heavy application. At the time of the accident, it was also wet from a light shower. Mr. Gray was driving his Stearns-Knight touring car. As the car started down the hill at a very moderate speed Mr. Gray remarked to his wife that the road was very slippery. He applied the brakes going down the first pitch, which is the steepest part of the hill. The car began to skid, and in spite of his efforts to right it, turned clear around and went off the road shoulder, and tipped over on the inside of the first curve going down the hill. ... Harry Carpenter Gray was born in Greenwich in November 1869. He was the only son of Dr. Henry Gray and Anna Buell Gray, both members of families long prominent in this section. ... Harry Gray was graduated from Greenwich high school in 1886. He attended Cornell university and was graduated from there with the class of 1890. On completing his college course he returned to Greenwich, and ever since he had been actively engaged in business here. Soon after the organization of the Consolidated Electric company, Mr. Gray became its manager, which position he held until his death.

60 Years Ago August 1, 1962

Nineteen-months-old Michael Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilson of Green Island, drowned Saturday evening in Cossayuna

lake when he fell from his mother's arms into the lake while riding on a motor boat. Michael and his mother were riding in a 14-foot aluminum boat equipped with a 15-horse power outboard motor and operated by Mrs. Alma Rayher of Troy. The little boy, who was held by his mother, suddenly lurched away and toppled into the lake. Reaching for him, Mrs. Wilson also fell into the water. Mrs. Rayher turned the motor boat back to the spot and picked up Mrs. Wilson, but they were unable to locate the child, who never surfaced after his fall in the lake. The accident occurred north of the big island in Cossayuna at about 6:20 p.m. ... [Police] dragged the area for the child's body. It was recovered at 7 p.m. in 25 feet of water. The Cossayuna Volunteer Fire department was at the scene with a resuscitator, and it was used without success to revive the child. ... Police report there were four life preservers in the boat, but none was being worn.

40 Years Ago August 12, 1982

According to Washington county Undersheriff Donald Quick, two former Great Meadow prisoners, Ronald Smith and Jose Ortiz, were involved in a fight while locked up at the county jail in Salem at 7:15 p.m. Sunday. Undersheriff Quick said Tuesday one inmate hit the other in the face and that standard procedure for dealing with such an altercation is to call for assistance so as not to jeopardize security while jail deputies were involved in breaking up the fight. ... The Salem Rescue Squad was called to the jail and transported Ortiz to the Mary McClellan hospital

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where he was treated for cuts and released. ... Quick said both inmates had been sentenced to the jail for assault charges at Great Meadow. He stated the fight was not necessarily racial in nature and that the men had not previously caused any trouble. Ortiz was determined to have caused the fight and the jail's Hearing Board decided to take Ortiz's 30 days of good time away, keep him locked in his cell for 14 days except for a mandated recreation hour each day, and cause him to lose all commissary privileges.

Dems nominate Mattison, Jr., for highway

Along with state and congressional elections this November, on the ballot will be a special town-wide race in Greenwich for the three-year unexpired term for Highway Superintendent, after the position was vacated earlier this year by Jeff Derby, who had run unopposed on the Republican line in November 2021.

On July 21, the town Democrats nominated Stan Mattison, Jr., an independent, for that race, and he accepted.

The name may sound familiar; Stan Mattison, Sr., had been in the Highway Department for decades, leaving in 2020 after over a decade serving in the leadership role.

Town GOP chair Don Ward said that his party will have a candidate, but the name had not been finalized as of press time. This newspaper will seek to interview that candidate for our next issue.

Mattison, Jr., 41, has been working for the Highway Department since April. "But I've lived and seen what working with the taxpayers and maintaining the roads for 30 years with my father entails," he said. "I'd like to get the Highway Department back to running the way it had been for many years; working with the taxpayers and the town board to get the roads back to the gold standard."

The candidate also

cites his mechanical background as an asset. He attended SUNY Cobleskill's John Deere program and drove dump trucks for a trucking, hauling and blacktop company. "I have a strong background in equipment operation, from farm equipment to construction equipment," he said. "I could save the town money on repairs by performing those in-house."

Town Democratic chair Mary-Lou Stern said in a statement: "Stan Mattison, Jr., is a well-respected man with deep roots in the community of Greenwich. He has experience managing people, as well as being currently employed by the Town Highway Department. His strong work ethic would be a true asset to the entire community."



Stan Mattison, Jr.

We are very happy he decided to run for Highway Superintendent, and the committee is excited to be supporting him in this campaign."


—Darren Johnson

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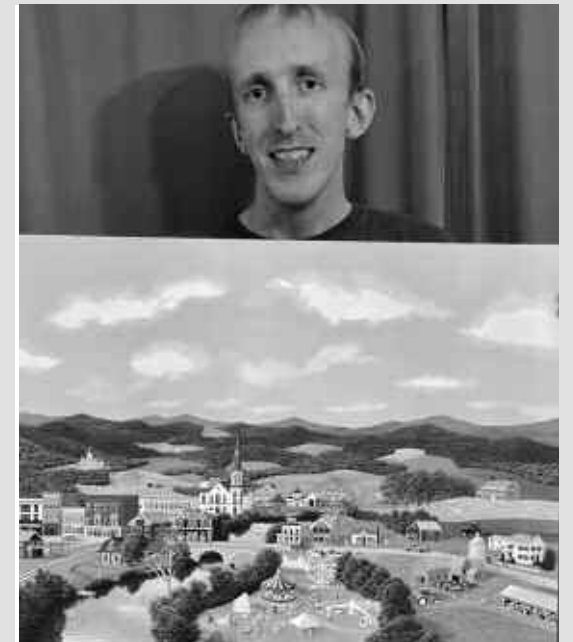
Houston pop-up show

Jacob Houston has been busily painting away; if you would like to see his most recent work displaying scenes from all around Washington County, come to his Pop Up Gallery on Sat. and Sun., August 13th and 14th, from 11 am-4 pm each day.

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

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Turning Point Parade/Festival details

For 27 years, the Turning Point parade and festival has been a summer staple for the residents of Schuylerville. This year's parade and festival will take place August 6th and 7th.

The parade takes place to commemorate the American victory at the Battle of Saratoga in October 1777 during the American Revolutionary War. The event serves as a reminder of the historical importance of the area.

The parade was coined the Turning Point parade and festival because many historians feel as though the Battle of Saratoga was the turning point of the war.

The event focuses on veteran and military service recognition of those who were in all different services

and conflicts. The theme of this year's parade and festival will be honoring our communities. Fire and rescue service volunteers are also recognized at the event.

With the event being one of the largest parades in Upstate New York and taking roughly an hour and a half to march through, there are over 15 musical groups and more than 100 other groups participating in the event.

So far, for the festival, the sale of beer, wine, and cider have been approved by the board. Mayor Dan Carpenter said on the community Facebook, "They will be in a fenced in corral and only be allowed to serve and drink within the perimeter. No one under the age of 21 will be allowed in the area." This is all to en-



sure safety and control consumption.

If you are interested in entering a float in the parade, contact the Turning Point Parade Committee. The entry for the float is free.

For those interested in a banner, there is a fee. More information is

available through the parade committee. Their site is turningpointparade.com.

Starting on Saturday, August 6th 2022, the group plans to have live music and food at Fort Hardy Park starting around 4 p.m., with music continuing until a fireworks display to kick off around 9:15 p.m. Mike DuBrays van will be making a appearance as well, the event is asking for non perishable food donations to Cram the Van. All donations will go to the Adirondack Veterans house.

On Sunday, August 7th 2022, the annual Turning Point Parade, along Broad St., will kick off at 1 p.m. Cassie Wilusz has accepted the honor of being this year's Grand Marshall.

—Samantha Simmons

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Stranger than the Hogwarts School

Michael Levy
Journal & Press

There is something odd in Greenwich and it really will make you wonder once you actually see it. It has been present for decades, yet no one seems to have ever noticed it. Similar things in other communities have enraged their townspeople and villagers, causing them to ignite their torches and protest to have it removed.

Here you go. On the southwest wall of the Greenwich Central School District building at the corner of Gray and Woodlawn Avenues is a concrete relief showing a man in Puritan or Pilgrim garb who is standing between a sitting boy and girl. He has his hand on the boy's shoulder which I hope would not be acceptable in a 2022 classroom. But why is his finger in the girl's mouth? Was that ever allowed in Greenwich schools?

I invite all the readers of this newspaper to go over and see this representation for yourself. Is it an optical illusion or is it something more “bewitching?”

Do not forget that what you see on the building depicts Puritans which are offensive to some. Back in the era of the Puritans, women held a mostly powerless standing within that deeply religious community. The Puritans thought women should only bear and raise little Puritans, manage the household, and remain subservient to their husbands. Women who differed from the Puritan paradigm, perhaps because they had property or were a bit outspoken, were considered by the male dominated hegemony of the day as a dangerous threat. Because of the biblical account of Eve and the apple, Puritans believed women like this were easily tempted by Satan himself.

Women who are different (or have power and wealth) have often been categorized as witches to make them appear violent, destructive, and treacherous. It comes as no surprise that women vastly outnumbered men in the number accused and executed during the witch trials that occurred regularly in New England from 1638 until 1725. Specifically, the Salem Witch Hunts of 1692-93 serves as a poignant reminder that women who lived outside the accepted social

norms back then were prosecuted and slain by the Puritans.

The use of Witches as a mascot by Greenwich Schools never caused any major hullabaloo before. I heard about a minor controversy that occurred some 15-20 years ago regarding the school's colors because green was being used with gold and/or black instead of the original white. Originally, the school colors were dark blue and white but that changed in the late 1950s or early 1960s. In response to the proposed change from blue to green, George “Jordy” Jackson, who was the school's athletic director, gym teacher, and coach, stated that he would support the change of color so long as it was presented to and approved by the powers that be. A student petition was presented to the school board who subsequently approved the color change. The logic makes as much sense now as it did back then. Given that the school's mascot is a witch combined with the fact that the name of the town is *Greenwich*, using green as one of the school's colors seems logical. In retrospect, it would have been hard for anyone to describe the achievements of the “Blue Witches” of Greenwich with a straight face. I do not understand the reasons why substituting the white with gold or black was an issue in 2004 so I will leave that as something to research later.

Luckily for Greenwich there is a path forward. There are resolute and jingoistic folks in neighboring Cambridge who are offended by school mascots and probably willing to provide assistance. These individuals are the same handful or two that brought the Cambridge Central

**‘Is it an optical illusion
or is it something more
“bewitching?”’**

School District to their knees and forced the removal of the district's “Indian” mascot. The strategy employed was as brilliant as it was simple. When they weren't making progress at local



school board meetings, they went directly to the NY State Education Department. By doing so, they forced the hand of some civil servants and made the Indian go away. Any other approach to accomplish their primary objective of ridding Cambridge of its Indian mascot might have created deep divisions in the community, exacerbating vitriol from their neighbors. I wonder if everything worked out the way they had planned.

The Cambridge scenario creates a sticky conundrum for some sixty or so other school districts throughout New York state. Can we still cheer for the Mechanicville Red Raiders or the Oriskany Redskins? There are Eskimos in Old Forge and Warriors in Averill Park that will need to hit the road. All that is needed to make this a reality is for a few enlightened residents in each locale to make a quick phone call to Betty Rosa, the Commissioner of Education. Because of the precedent set in Cambridge, all these mascots could be soon gone with the stroke of her pen. Admittedly, these changes would be even quicker if Governor Hochul were to pass an Executive Order to purge New York of these provocative school mascots. The smart money is betting that she will not, likely because of the upcoming election. But it would be nice if she took a side on this issue today.

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They painted the town purple

To commemorate June as Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month, Breanna and Reid Lundy, a local Argyle couple, rallied the Greenwich community to "Paint the Town Purple," the cause's official color. The couple has been spearheading the event for the past few years as part of the Alzheimer's Association's The Longest Day, a DIY fundraiser that encourages communities around the world to come together to stand up to the darkness of Alzheimer's on or near the summer solstice.

This year, the couple set an aggressive goal to raise \$24,000. To help them reach that goal, they 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. The committee donated their time and talent to brainstorm new fundraising ideas, as well as recruit new businesses. The new ideas and passion generated helped make this year's event the most successful to date, raising more than \$25,000 to ensure the Alzheimer's Association Northeastern New York chapter can continue to provide free programs and services to families affected by this disease in Greenwich and throughout its 17-county territory.

Local businesses created purple displays in their shops and donated proceeds from their sales Friday, June 17 through Tuesday, June 21 (the summer solstice) to the Alzheimer's Association. The Lundy Legacy Foundation, established in 2019 to give back to causes important to Breanna and Reid



Lundy, matched donations from the businesses. As Breanna Lundy stated, "These generous local businesses believe in giving back and joined our fight against Alzheimer's disease. There were so many ways the community could support this effort. I've said it before and I'll say it again, Greenwich is a little town with such a big heart – a big purple heart."

More than 6 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's, including 410,000 in New York State.

Breanna Lundy is already thinking about next year. To get your business involved, email Reid and Breanna at lundyrb@gmail.com or call 518.692.2649.

Lucky Puppy gets big check

This year for the month of May the Lake George Orvis Outlet raised \$6860 to benefit The Lucky Puppy Dog Rescue's adoption center in Argyle, NY.

Celebrating the donation (L-R) Theresa Case, Lucky Puppy Application lead, Pam Shovah, Manager of the Lake George Orvis outlet, Allison Wilshere, Director Lucky Puppy North, Teri Mattson, Founder and Director of Lucky Puppy Rescue and Momma Shorty (who was adopted soon after this photo was taken!).



(cont.)

So, what should be done about the Greenwich Witches in 2022? The school's witch on a broom symbolizes a dark time in American history, a time when women were mistreated to an extreme. Regarding the depiction of the girl sucking the finger of the man – is that indicative of some witchcraft being performed by the girl, or does it symbolize a completely inappropriate teacher-student relationship? Furthermore, there is a gender question that needs addressing. While witches can be male or female, the longtime cul-

tural depiction of witches is that they are female. As an example, if a student in the Greenwich Central School District is non-binary, are they being forced to be associated with a mascot having gender? Or are the Greenwich Witches already without a specified gender?

I am opposed to racism and social injustice – here, there, everywhere, and all throughout history. Anything done to raise awareness of these injustices is a mostly positive thing in my book. But when others become overly concerned with their own interpretation of a symbol's meaning and become self-righteous on the subject, they tend to foster negativity and alienate others.

To be clear here, I am not advocating any change for Greenwich schools except a switch to a warmer green for one of the school's colors. My mission on these pages is to pass along my own

random thoughts about living in Washington County. Mascot change is not a personal battle for me. But one can see how the Greenwich mascot issue can easily morph into a much bigger dispute. So, if you have an urge to do something about the Witches and/or the finger sucking depicted on the building (because I just pointed it out to you), all I ask is that you collaborate with your neighbors on a solution that everyone can either accept or at the very least, live with. Let us preserve the peace and set the example for others throughout the land. Just another random thought.

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



Town/village's joint comprehensive plan

Pam Fuller and Jim Nolan
Special to Journal & Press

After a successful year working together on the Greenwich Revitalization Plan, through the Brownfields Opportunity Area (BOA) grant from the New York Department of State, the Town and Village of Greenwich have decided to continue their work together. Our next joint project has been launched.

The Town Board and the Village Board of Trustees have agreed to develop a joint Comprehensive Plan over the next several months. This new Comprehensive Plan will update the Town's Comprehensive Plan that was created in 2004. The Village will be incorporated into the new plan, which was not the case in the 2004 plan. Other areas that were not addressed in the Town Comprehensive Plan of 2004 will be added. Some of these issues were not included because they simply weren't issues at the time—a couple of examples are renewable energy like solar installations, which were not yet being developed in 2004, and the expansion of short-term rental units through services like AirBnB that were not as big a factor as they are today.

The two boards have established and approved a steering committee to work on the project. Members include:

Town Supervisor Jim Nolan

Village Mayor Pam Fuller

Town Councilman Tom Graves

Village Trustee Maria Robinson

Town Planning Board Chair William Tomkins

Village ZBA Member Sara Tuttle

Business Owner Peter Veale

Retired Agribusiness Manager John Mattison

Phase I of the Joint Town/Village Comprehensive Plan development process included a kick-off meeting where the committee started work on a SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) analysis. This exercise will identify key issues and opportunities and help set the stage for more in-depth discussions of key topic areas. Anticipated key topic areas include agri-

culture/open space, housing, business growth, water access/recreation, and community/public facilities.

The next step in Phase I will be a public workshop to bring the public into the conversation. The goal will be to inform the attendees about the overall comprehensive planning process and engage them in exploring issues and opportunities facing the community and discovering their hopes for the Town/Village's future. Information from the workshop will be available online with interactive public engagement and feedback tools.

Based on the public feedback from the public workshop and online engagement, a "Vision Greenwich" report will be created. The report will summarize the public engagement process and the community profile and identify a proposed Vision Statement, Goals, and Objectives. The report will also identify preliminary issues and potential projects to be addressed in the second phase of the development of the Comprehensive Plan.

Phase II will lead to a full list of recommendations developed by the steering committee that will then be presented for feedback at a public meeting

The Draft Plan will incorporate the Vision Greenwich report, an updated public engagement summary, and a comprehensive list and description of plan recommendations. The plan will be a Joint Town/Village Comprehensive Plan, so both recommendations specific to each municipality and joint recommendations will be identified.

Accompanying each recommendation will be ideas for potential sources of funding and assignments of the responsible parties for executing each recommendation. The availability of resources will help the Village and Town identify



A display at the recent Whipple City Festival

high priority actions and partners who can help achieve the identified goals.

Finally, the Draft Plan will prioritize each of the recommendations. This should lay the groundwork for future successes. Many planning initiatives fail if they don't include a clearly defined roadmap for implementation.

A final comprehensive plan draft will be developed after a second public input meeting and a joint Town/Village Board meeting.

The committee plans to complete the work outlined above in approximately ten months. LaBella Associates will provide consultants to guide the process to develop the Comprehensive Plan.



The Mayor (Pam Fuller, left) and Trustees of the Village of Greenwich

The Supervisor (Jim Nolan, right) and Town Board Members of the Town of Greenwich



Gearing up for the Washington County Fair

Helena Winterbottom
Journal & Press

The Washington County Fair has been a tradition in Washington County for over a century. It has been at its current location since the 1960s. It is completely run by volunteers, and “it takes a whole county to make the fair happen each year,” says Rebecca Breese, the fair’s co-manager, who was interviewed for this piece. The fair showcases animals from multiple farms across the county, state, and from other states such as Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and New Hampshire. There are carnival rides and delicious foods served for guests, and gates open from 5-10pm on Monday, 9am-10pm Tuesday through Saturday, and 9am to 9pm on Sunday. General admission is \$15. Kids under 13 gain free admission, and carnival ride fare is not included with the price of the ticket.

You do not have to be vaccinated to enter the fair; however if you aren’t, face masks are required. Pets are not allowed entry, no alcohol is allowed in, although you may bring your own food and drink. Smoking is prohibited.

There are many events involving the animals that are both recreational and commercial, but the focus of the fair is mainly to bring farmers together to trade business ventures and experience the wonderful time they share at the fair. In 2021, the coordinators were only green lighted to have the fair until late June and didn’t know if they could open their gates, (“we were just lucky to open last year,”) and were uncertain if they were able to do certain events. This year, the fair is completely open on time and is hold-

ing all its usual events: “We’re already planning for 2023”.

Events such as the Southern Adirondack Dairy Goat Classic make the fair an exciting time for everyone attending. The Southern Adirondack Dairy Goat Classic is an “American dairy goat sanctioned dairy goat show. People from our area and other states all come and show goats for a day” explained Breese. Breese also explained that the fair hosts educational opportunities with “beef and rabbits and goats”. Fair entry for animals closes on August 1st. The Washington County Fair is the #1 agriculture fair in the state. “People feel agriculture is a dying industry and it definitely is under attack, but our fairgrounds provide education and opportunities. We sit with people who are very passionate who have been working with these animals their whole lives. It looks like we’re shaped up for another great fair. We’re really excited.”

New featured foods this year include a dill

‘The camaraderie that comes with attending a fair is not something any of us will take for granted.’

pickle pizza at longtime favorite vendor Angela’s Pizza, and cinnamon buns at Empire Bakery. Others include On the Corner Grill, which offers many barbeque favorites, Jungle Juice, which has smoothies of all different kinds of fruit combinations, and Taylor’s Steak Tips. The 4H Milkshake Booth is a fair favorite and is returning this year after a hiatus due to COVID-19 in 2021 and is a great opportunity to support local youth. The money made there goes to 4Hers in Washington County.

The fair offers the opportunity to see many great attractions, this year some include a rodeo put on by the Painted Pony (which is included with



Scenes from last year -dj

admission), Buffalo & Brandy, Circus Incredible, Hog Diggity Dog (a pig and dog show), classic racing pigs, which is always a fan favorite, and educational opportunities at the fair. One of these includes CTE Boces, a program that offers career and technical education in several different fields. Some of these include welding, early childhood development, heavy equipment, and graphic design. Rebecca Breese calls it an “fantastic program. We’re very lucky to have it in Washington County.”

The fair provides you with many opportunities to connect you with small businesses. “It’s really important to come to the fair and get to connect to the farm. You have the opportunity to meet different farmers from all around, it’s really important to know where your food comes from.” The fair features vineyards, sheep farms, alfalfa, hemp, and many more varieties of produce. The most popular event is the NYTPA Pulls (New York tractor pullers association), in which tractors of different pulling capacities pull a different weight from one end to the other end to the fair’s grandstand. “That’s something we’ve had for a long time” says Breese. About the fair, Breese concluded: “When we had the pandemic we realized there were people you only see once a year that you don’t get the opportunity to catch up with except at the fair. The camaraderie that comes with attending a fair is not something any of us will take for granted. It’s a very special place, it’s a unique experience. We are trusted with a community gem. It’s not something we take lightly by any means.”



Let's have a mid-year Q&A

Jill Schlesinger

Special to Journal & Press

It's been a heck of a six months for investors. Given that you can't control markets, let's try to manage those matters over which you can exert agency - your nuts-and-bolts personal finances. If you need more in-depth information about your situation, send an email to: askjill@jillonmoney.com.

Question: I'm 46 years old and just started a new job with a big pay increase, where the company matches retirement contributions up to 5%. I have an emergency reserve fund, but recently racked up credit card debt during a big move that I'm trying to pay off. I have also been trying to save in a brokerage account. What should my priorities be?

Answer: I would max out the retirement plan up to the match and then put every single extra penny toward paying down the credit card debt. Once it's paid off, redirect the money and max-out retirement up to this year's limit of \$20,500. After reaching that milestone, you can dump the extra money into the brokerage account.

Question: My husband and I inherited a large sum of money about ten years ago and at the time, were not confident enough to manage the money ourselves. We've been paying one percent to a big brokerage firm, which invested everything in managed funds. After educating ourselves, we now like

following the market, even as it's going crazy, and are wondering what your thoughts are about self-management by using index funds?

Answer: Paying one percent for straight-up money management is no bargain. If you are also getting financial planning for the fee, then maybe, but if you are ready to go it alone, I support the move. Do make sure that you're not too emotional and avoid tinkering with the portfolio allocation once you have set it up - maybe rebalance once a year to keep yourselves in check. Once you move the money, the one percent will flow down to your bottom line - a risk-free way to increase your return!

Question: Is there any way to avoid taxes on Required Minimum Distributions from my IRA? I don't need the money, and the amount pushes me into the 22% tax bracket. Is there anything I can do?

Answer: Great news: you can make a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD), where the money bypasses you and goes straight to the charity. Here's how it works. If you are over age 70 1/2, you can grant up to \$100,000 directly to an eligible charity (not to a private foundation, a charitable supporting organization or a donor advised fund)

from your IRA, without paying tax on the amount of the donation. While you are not entitled to claim a charitable contribution, you won't pay taxes on the money withdrawn and in your case this will keep your highest tax bracket at 12%.

Question: I will be 62 this year and my advisor is suggesting that I should claim my Social Security now, so he can invest it. My wife and I have saved a lot, so I'm not sure this is a good idea. Thoughts?

Answer: I can categorically advise you NOT to do this. Claiming Social Security retirement benefits early (before your full retirement age) means that you are agreeing to a permanent reduction (as much as 25%) for your life -- and this also impacts your wife's benefit if she plans to claim one-half of yours.

The beauty of Social Security is that it is indexed to inflation and if you wait until after your full retirement age, you are entitled to "delayed retirement benefits," or about 8% a year more for each full year that you delay, until age 70.

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'Return to Yourself' women's program

Return to Yourself is a program for women based on the power of listening to your heart, intuition, inner voice and your Truth. It will meet on six Friday evenings from 6:15 to 8:45 p.m. on Sept. 9, Sept. 23, Oct. 7, Oct. 21, Nov. 4 and Nov. 18 at Revibe, 94 Broad Street, in Schuylerville, New York. Early Registration Discount - \$249* by August 15th. \$295* after August 16th. *Fees are non-refundable.

Organizer Teresa M. King said: "If we seek answers from others or the outer world, we may end up going in a direction we never wanted to go in. Our ultimate goal is to arrive at a level of Truth that gives you so much confidence in yourself, you will not need anyone's confirmation, validation or permission to do anything! For 10 women who are committed to themselves and their growth.

"This 15 hour program will help women reclaim their lives. Participants will spend a fair amount of time getting to know their heart, identify many of their truths, become more comfortable speaking them, examine their ability to trust, assess where their energies go and identify some of their patterns. A Truth Council and a Wisdom Ceremony will be part of the program."

To begin the process, contact King at teresaking1@live.com. She has been facilitating circles and workshops for over 25 years. More info can be found under Events at <https://thelargerpicture.com> "*Return to Yourself* is the first offering of Sacred Connections, a spiritual community based on deepening and healing our relationships with Spirit, the Earth, ourselves and each other. There are no limits to what we can achieve together," King added.

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Cardboard boats are back!

Calling all sailors: Join the fun with Hudson Crossing Park's 16th Annual Cardboard Boat Races! Held every year at Fort Hardy Park in Schuylerville, NY, the Cardboard Boat Race is a fun and creative community day on the Hudson River.

Join the fun on Saturday, August 13, 2022 at Fort Hardy Park beach on Route 29 in Schuylerville from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is free for spectators. On-site registration and cardboard boat construction are open from 8 to 11 a.m., and the first race launches at 1pm. Rules, registration forms and hints to get started with boat building are available at www.hudsoncrossingpark.org.

Design your boats with this year's theme in mind: Mission: POSSIBLE! Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to build a boat using only the approved materials and sail the mighty Hudson, racing against fellow boat builders for one of the coveted Hudson Crossing Park Cardboard Boat Race awards. As always, should you or any member of your CBBR team go down with the ship, those on the shore will disavow any knowledge of you or your actions. Racers may construct their boats ahead of time or on the morning of the event where materials will be available at the event site for a nominal fee. Let's see who wins one of the coveted awards: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place

awards for speed, the Titanic Award, Most Enthusiastic Crew, Judges Bribe Award ("Bribes" are considered donations to Hudson Crossing Park), People's Choice, Overall Best in Show, and Most Sailors Left Afloat!

Enjoy the festivities with food, live music by the Zucchini Brothers, and lots of cardboard construction! Environmental education activities, canal trivia, and terrific photo opportunities will round out a fun-filled day for all. Individuals, families, groups,

businesses, and school teams are all encouraged to race. This event is sponsored by Stewart's Holiday Match Program and Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce.



Book club to meet

Washington County Historical Society's local history book club will meet at noon on Friday, August 12, at the society's Wing-Northup House, 167 Broadway, Fort Edward.

The club usually meets on the second Friday of the month. His-

torical Society membership is not required. The August meeting of the book club will be discussion of *The Last of the Mohicans* by James Fenimore Cooper, published in 1826.

Contact connieandlee@road-runner.com for more info.

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SCS alumni event

Schuylerville Central School Alumni will be holding their annual banquet on Saturday, August 6 at 6 pm at the American legion in Schuylerville. DJ will be Andy Jennings, Class of 2000.

Cost will be \$30 per person.

Please make reservations early as possible. No tickets at door.

Mail checks to SCS Alumni, PO Box 50, Schuylerville, NY 12871. Further information, contact Pat Temple at 518-338-2329 or e-mail patty61349@yahoo.com.

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Cool things to do this month

Shirley Renauld
Journal & Press

For over 25 years the history and site of Schuylerville has meant the beginning of August for us and visitors. Thank you Byron for having the vision of a parade right down Broad St! By calling it the Turning Point Parade, it would begin a time to celebrate the history of the area right through to Oct 17 when the Americans won what became the Turning Point of the Revolutionary War. You can get a jump on learning local history at the Visitors' Center of Saratoga National Historical Park, by viewing the movie, touring the museum and gift shop, talking with the Rangers (thanks to Eric and others who can give you a hands-on experience). Your family can drive or bike the tour road, stopping at the rest/informational stops.

You can get involved in the parade: Maybe you will march with your Scout or athletic group. Help prepare and be on a float. Set up a fund-raising stand. Byron's concept has grown to become a whole first weekend of Aug, so enjoy.

Then a few years later, Cindy with her volunteers who started Hudson Crossing Park, had the idea of making use of the Hudson for cardboard boat races, but holding it at Fort Hardy Park where there was good space for constructing the boats and then launching them directly into the river. This year it will be held on the 13th so plan your boat, register your family or friend group to participate, or just watch – but there'll be a traffic jam on the Rt. 29 bridge and the Basin will be busy.

Both these weekends have become so great for locals and have

brought many visitors to help the economy of the area. See what your ideas can make happen? So keep imagining, dreaming and doing.

We saw the Saratoga Racing Season open with traditions from our area again: the Schuylerville Stakes on the first day and Hand Melons that go to the track for breakfasts.

Now for the weekdays, with your Summer program activities winding down, what to do?

First is to express thanks: To the volunteers who gather the food, prepare the bags of free lunches at Food for Kids in Greenwich and for pick-up at the Schuylerville Library; to those who donate the food: the Interfaith Group in Greenwich

'Goldfinches are already hanging onto flower stems and eating dry seeds.'

for their fundraising; the food pantries, Hand Melon, Saratoga Apple and other local farms, Hannaford, pizza shops and more. We can thank them as we continue to patronize their stores, farm stands and the food at local libraries.

Then, if you haven't used your bike in a while, now's a good time for maintenance and reconditioning. Now ride it along the roadside (On which side of the road do you ride?) to see many of the same wildflowers you found on your meadow hike. If you missed some or new ones are blooming, pick them now to add to your ID book. Oh, and if what you started is falling off as it dries, you can place your dried blossoms and leaves, with their labels, between sheets of waxed paper and use a cool iron to melt the wax, seal-

ing them together.

Want to make a multi-colored bouquet of Queen Anne's Lace? Collect several blossom stems and put them in different containers of water with food-coloring. Over the days watch the blossoms change color (Does that help us know how water collected by plant roots travels up to leaves and flowers?).

Some wild flowering plants are invasive. But some of them are also considered decorative so people dig them up and replant them around their yards.

As you bike along, look for where someone has relocated Bouncing Bet, Black-eyed Susans or Daylilies. Other plants are not wanted: thistles (ouch, watch where you walk), burdock (don't confuse it's leaves with rhubarb) whose dry hooked balls stick to your clothes, chicory with its bright blue blossoms on stiff stems (but its ground-up root was brewed when coffee was scarce), Purple Loosetrife (missing this year because of low rainfall). We don't mind missing mosquitoes that don't have puddles to hatch in though.

But with fewer rainstorms we do miss their brilliant conclusions when the sun comes out to break up the colors of the spectrum as it shines through the last raindrops rainbows (thanks, Katie for your very special photo).

Better make your own so you can have good luck any time: Get a big



Enjoy a frozen treat –TCA

enough paper so you can do six handprint arcs, purple the smallest, then increasingly larger blue, green, yellow, orange to red the largest. Maybe it's rainbows that taught us about the secondary colors. Remember that's how you know to make those paint colors if you don't have them. (Have you noticed that you even make green to know that you sealed some ziploc bags completely?)

Other effects of low rain, too: When's the last time you saw a robin pull an earthworm out of the ground? The worms must be deep in the ground to stay moist. And goldfinches are already hanging onto flower stems and eating dry seeds. We see so much watering of plants: the Sod Farm (thank you, Hudson River) and other farm crops, lawns, vegetable and flower gardens... Oh, so if you're looking to make money for the fair, there can be jobs using water. But also have to be aware of the source of that water and might have to conserve. Before a predicted rainfall, put out large containers, including

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August events at Little Theater on the Farm

August 3rd, Wednesday 12 noon to 10pm~Little Theater on the Farm presents the 11th Annual Country and Bluegrass Jamboree, featuring 5 bands; Smokey Greene and Sons, The Bluebillies, Hale Mt Band, WailOn, and Whiskey River. Each band will play two sets throughout the day and evening. Donny Sprague will be our guest emcee for the event. Our band list for the day is as follows:

- Noon and 5 pm – Hale Mt. Band
- 1 pm and 6 pm - WailOn
- 2 pm and 7 pm - Smokey Greene and the Greene Bros
- 3 pm and 8 pm - The Bluebillies
- 4 pm and 9 pm - Whiskey River

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recyclables, to collect it. Then offer to use it for watering, car washing...

Course, little children like to do water play. Parents could use help keeping young ones busy so they can get some work done. In the shade, water in a water table with plastic containers of various sizes, kitchen utensils and even some of their wheel toys will keep them busy for a long time. Why don't blown-up balloons or balls sink? With little watering cans they will help water the garden. With wet feet they make tracks on pavement – before it gets too hot. Always do things with them so you know what it's like. Sand in another table or large container, with dry utensils is fun for pouring... Sooner or later, there will be some mixing of the two! Will you want to set up a third station? Wet sand will mold...sand castles? When it's clean-up time, it's definitely sprinkler time. Another day, while pavement is still dry, they will like to use sidewalk chalk. Run in the grass to chase bubbles until you run out – but then make more by mixing 1/2 cup dish soap with 1 1/2 cups water. When children wind down, they will enjoy looking at pop-up books you've collected. Then they're getting hungry. Next the eyes are beginning to droop: it's naptime. Your work is done and parents got theirs done, too. They had so much fun, they will want to invite friends

Little Theater on the Farm is located at 27 Plum Road, Fort Edward, NY. This Jamboree is made possible with funds from the Decentralization Program, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the Office of Governor and the New York State Legislature.

Recommended donation, adults \$15, students and seniors (60+) , \$12. For info Call 518-747-3421. 50/50 raffle available.

August 9th, Tuesday 7 pm A traditional Bluegrass Jam will be held at Little Theater on the Farm, 27 Plum Road, Fort Edward. Musicians are welcome and the public invited. Bill Healy, coordinator. 50/50 available. Admission is free,

over next time--and maybe you will too--for help.

Get ready ahead by making some frozen treats You can be creative with your favorite juices, yogurt, fruits, even chocolate milk. For larger ones, freeze a layer at a time in your empty yogurt containers, paper cups, etc with a spoon in it to become the handle. For smaller ones, freeze in ice cube trays with wooden craft sticks for handles (remember the SP anyone?) When it's time to eat them, stick the end of the handle through the center of a cupcake paper so the melt doesn't run down the arm – and don't eat in the sun. Wash and reuse the handles. They were so good; your companions will want to help you make some for next time. Will storing them in a cooler even let you sell them when you're fundraising?

It's beginning to be a scavenger hunt in your garden: Are you finding beans, beets, cucumbers, cherry tomatoes...ready for eating? First crop of leaf vegetables could be done. But make another planting of at least lettuce for sandwiches when the big tomatoes are ripe. It's getting to be the try-to-give-away zucchini time. Grate and freeze some for later bakings – after you've had enough zucchini pancakes, patties, baked with it now.

Counting your \$ for the fair? They're looking for help during the fair, too. The next Food Truck Friday is the 12th.

donations appreciated.

August 11th, 12th, 13th, Huge Summer Barn Sale, Thurs. 4 pm to 8 pm Fri. and Sat. 8am to 4pm, at Little Theater on the Farm, 27 Plum Road, Fort Edward. 8am to 4pm. (Bag sale after 2pm Fri. and all day Saturday.) Surprise gong sales Saturday. The 100' barn is full. Donations accepted. Proceeds benefit the non-profit theater.

August 17th, Wednesday 7 pm Little Theater on the Farm Presents The Old Friends Band. This country western, bluegrass band has been featured in Little Theater on the Farm's 50's and 60's show in the past.

For details visit their website: www.littletheater27.org or call 518-747-3421.

RC churches

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. Visitors are always welcome. You are encouraged, but not required, to wear a face mask in Church and other large groups.

Sr. Augusta Ann Burgess will celebrate her 60th Jubilee at St. Joseph's Church in Greenwich on August 7 at the 10 A.M. mass with breakfast to follow.

The Our Father: A New Reading, by Lohgink, Gerhard, is a wonderful examination of the Lord's Prayer and has been highly praised. It helps to deepen the spirit of a prayer said without great thought. The book is available in hard or soft cover and as an ebook.

The food pantry is in need of donations – cereal, boxed rice or pasta dishes, canned meats like tuna and spam, soup. They could also use snack foods for kids. Your help is very appreciated.

St. Patrick's parish picnic will be held Sunday, July 31, following Mass. The parish will provide; cups, plates, cutlery, hamburgers and hot dogs, rolls, and bottled water. Please bring a small dish to pass and please sign up in the lobby. All are welcome.

Finding news you can use

Daneen Skube

Special to Journal & Press

Q: *I work hard to stay up-to-date on my industry and global news. The problem is the more news I read, the more I worry. As a mental health expert, how do you advise clients on how to stay informed without being overwhelmed? How do you suggest clients screen news sources to tell the salient from the sensational?*

A: I advise clients to realize standard news sources know scary headlines create attention. News outlets have learned consumers believe what they don't know will hurt them. Wise news seekers have to read headlines to evaluate whether what they're reading is truly and statistically a threat.

I recommend you access a broad range of news viewpoints. Pay attention to sources that aren't American.

If you always watch Fox news, tune into CNN. If you always watch CNN, listen to Fox news sometimes. If we only read or listen to people that agree with us, our viewpoints become narrow and rigid.

If you subscribe to systems that collate news, ask questions of what you're reading. At present, collating news sources could have you worrying you're doomed to: 1) catch monkey pox, 2) starve from inflation 3) be stung by murderous hornets 4) die in a fiery nuclear confrontation with Russia.

Obviously any of these frightening scenarios could happen. The question is, given what you know, are these problems likely?

Even Doomsday Preppers only prepare for the likely problems, and don't spend time or money on improbable scenarios.

If you evaluate a frighten-

ing headline as likely, like goods and credit costing more, take action. Pay down revolving credit, build up savings, and look for ways to cut costs. Taking steps to put ourselves in a better position to cope with risk is comforting and practical.

If you find yourself obsessing about possibilities you can't control (like monkey pox) explore science and medical studies. Don't just gather information from the news. Instead, evaluate your real risk by seeking out scientific and medical experts. Then do everything you can to prepare.

The upside of our interconnected world is we can stay informed about everything everywhere. The downside of our interconnected world is we have to become skilled consumers of data, winnowing out the true and useful from the sensational.

As you become a savvy consumer of news, you'll learn how to only at-

tend to the news you can use and not the news that would use you to fan the flames of fear!

The last word(s)

Q: *Between the pandemic, a bout of unemployment, and now economic challenges on how far my paycheck doesn't go, I feel like every day brings more suffering. Is there a way to cope with these issues while still maintaining my effectiveness?*

A: Yes, as the Dalai Lama, has observed, "Pain can change you, but that doesn't mean it has to be a bad change. Take that pain and turn it into wisdom." Use your challenges as opportunities to expand your work and life toolkit..

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



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By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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Music at the Battlefield

Saratoga National Historical Park announced the return of Music at the Battlefield this August. The Park will host two free concerts on the lawn next to the Visitor Center at 648 Route 32 in Stillwater, NY. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy the exhilarating sounds along with the beautiful and historic views from the top of the hill. Both events are made possible by support from Friends of Saratoga Battlefield.

August 9, 12:00 p.m.: The McKrells will bring their rousing brand of Bluegrass to the park. Bluegrass Now magazine described the band as follows: "Traditional suits-and-ties bluegrass The McKrells are not...Yes, it's Grass, mostly, but there's a lilt to the tunes, a bouncing drive to the melodies, and here and there a touch of melancholy that seems to go hand in hand with the Celtic folk persona."

August 23, 12:00 p.m.: Visitors can enjoy the

Fifes & Drums of Fort Ticonderoga. Founded in 1926, the Fifes & Drums of Fort Ticonderoga have played each summer since 1973. They performed at the 1980 Winter Olympic Games in Lake Placid and at the launch of the U.S.S. Ticonderoga in 1981. For this visit to Saratoga NHP, they will portray Continental Army artillery corps drummers and fifers.

Saratoga National Historical Park preserves, protects, and interprets the sites associated with the battles, siege, and surrender of the British forces at Saratoga. The park encompasses five sites including the Saratoga Battlefield, Philip Schuyler House, Victory Woods, the Saratoga Monument, and Sword Surrender site totaling 3,579 acres.

For more information about Saratoga National Historical Park, please call the Visitor Center at (518) 670-2985 or visit www.nps.gov/sara.

Cambridge fuel fund

Thanks to many generous contributions, 35 households were served during the 2021-2022 heating season, a record number for the program.

The one-time each heating season allotment was raised by \$150 towards the end of the season to cover the rising cost for a minimum load of product. Products provided were fuel oil, kerosene, propane, wood pellets, cut wood, and assistance with electric heat.

The committee is very appreciative of the ongoing support for this important program.

The 2022-2023 heating season is being predicted to be a very expensive one due to the

rising cost of heating products. In order to serve a minimum of 35 households this new heating season, as of now at least an additional \$6,400 will be needed.

Donations may be mailed to the Cambridge Fuel Fund, P.O. Box 473, Cambridge, NY 12816. Any organizations or individuals interested in conducting a fundraising event, may contact the telephone number below.

For those seeking assistance from the fund, please contact Linda or Bev at 518-677-3327.

Saratoga History events

Upcoming Saratoga County History Center events:

August 4 - 4pm *Schuyler's Saratoga*. As part of the Historians' Walking Tour series, Sean Kelleher, Historian for the Town of Saratoga and Vice President at the Saratoga County History Center will lead a walking tour of Schuylerville. Visiting the sites that relate to General Philip Schuyler and his family within the current landscape. Philip Schuyler was an American general in the Revolutionary War and a U.S. Senator from New York. He established a large plantation in Saratoga and helped develop the area. Meet at Schuylerville Veterans' Memorial Park: US 4 and NY 32 adjacent to Fish Creek Schuylerville, NY 12871. Parking is available along the village streets. The tour duration approximately one hour. Donation is \$10.

August 12 - 2pm *Fridays in the Herb Garden*: there's more to an herb than its name. The Saratoga County History Center invites you to join Kathleen Royka, Master Gardener. This week's theme "Plants to dye for – plants, both for dyeing and healing. Meet Woad, St. John's-wort, and Feverfew. Their stories are history." Questions and discussions about any aspect of gardening, historic or otherwise, will be welcome. The programs are free, though donations are always appreciated. Kids are welcome, and there will be 18th-century toys and games and other activities for them.

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I thought my suburb would be overrun by now

Greg Schwem

Special to Campus News

Maybe it's time I head outside and mow my lawn.

I fear my neighbors are losing patience, as they spend sweltering weekends cutting, trimming, and weeding, resulting in perfectly green, manicured grass soft enough for bare feet. Conversely, my "lawn" is a waist-high amalgam of crabgrass, chickweed, creeping charlie and dandelions. Village inspectors keep driving by slowly, some stopping to take photos or write in official-looking notebooks. Dogs don't even use my lawn to relieve themselves and I don't blame them.

It wasn't always like this; I was usually the first one on Saturday mornings to fire up my Toro, followed by my hedge trimmer, leaf blower or some other obnoxiously loud tool designed to wake the

neighbors and force them to look at my handiwork. Of course, my routine stopped after Joe Biden became the 46th president. I retreated inside, to wait and prepare for what former President Trump said was coming if he lost.

"If I don't win, America's suburbs will be **OVERRUN** with low-income projects, anarchists, agitators, looters and, of course, 'friendly protesters,'" Trump thundered in a Sept. 10, 2020, tweet.

So far none of this has happened, as far as I can tell. Two weeks ago, from my window, I watched some kids across the street affixing a hand-painted sign to a table. "Here we go," I thought, expecting a protest to materialize

at any moment.

My breath loosened when I saw the words, "Lemonade Stand." I haven't ventured outside to see if the kids were **OVERRUN** with customers.

No, I've been inside, preparing my house for the impending marauders who will force me to flee ... well, I'm not sure where; but we

'Honestly, my house could use a good looting, as it is full of crap that never sold at numerous yard sales.'

can cross that bridge later. Let's start with the looters. Honestly, my house could use a good looting, as it is full of crap that never sold at numerous yard sales. I am currently affixing arrows made from masking tape to my floor, pointing the looters to my basement. Once there, they are welcome to a 1990s-era pastel sofa with a faded dog vomit stain, a china cabinet containing a gouge suffered when it was being moved from the garage to the basement, and a 100-inch rear projection television featuring a built-in VCR. How that didn't sell, I'll never know.

Agitators, I'm not sure what you have up your sleeves but my neighborhood has already seen its share of agitation. There was the block party that almost wasn't after some miscommunication over who was supposed to pick up the keg. One icy evening in January, three neighbors called my house asking if my wife and I were having "issues." What they were really hearing was me screaming at the snowplow driver after he annihilated my mailbox. And don't even

get me started about the teenager who thinks Fourth of July fireworks have a shelf life that extends well into August.

Anarchists, you would stick out the most in my neighborhood because we do tend to follow the rules around here. For the most part, we obey the posted speed limits, clean up after our dogs and seal our trash bags tightly on collection days. So, there's very little anarchy. Then again, I was cited last summer for running my sprinklers past the legal 9 a.m. cut off time. I paid the fine, but, mark my words, this fight is far from over.

Finally, I'm not sure if any low-income projects have been erected since Biden took office, but I doubt it. My town is pretty built out, save for the large field adjoining the park district headquarters. One day I saw bulldozers in the area and assumed Trump's prediction had come true. Turns out, crews were digging a hole for more pickleball courts.

So, I think it's safe to resume normal activities and stop with all the doomsday prepping. If our ex-President returns to office, as he claims will happen after he wins in 2024, I will decide my next move.

Chances are it will involve hiding under a pastel sofa.

Greg Schwem is a corporate stand-up comedian and author of "The Road To Success Goes Through the Salad Bar: A Pile of BS From a Corporate Comedian," available at Amazon.com.



An Artist's Take

Political Cartoon of the Week by Joel Pett



Janice Elaine Stott Henke, 81

Janice Elaine Stott Henke of Argyle died very peacefully on a sunny morning, in the home she helped build, and in the presence of her husband of 56 years. She was two weeks away from her 82nd birthday.

Born on August 8, 1940 to Earl Stott and Caroline Harris Stott, some of her fondest memories were of the family farm on Hendee Road following her beloved Uncle Roy Harris around doing the farm chores. A central point of her teenage years was working with the palominos at Pleasant View Farm in Argyle. She did everything equestrian from jumping to dressage to pole bending to barrel racing. She even tried her hand at polo. It was at Pleasant View that she met Bob, their first words being a slight dispute over the way he was cleaning her horse's foot. She decided he needed training himself and his fate was sealed.

Janice graduated from Hudson Falls High School and attended Harpur College (now SUNY Binghamton.) When the family faced financial crisis, she left school to help. She worked in the records room at Glens Falls Hospital with her great friend, Louise McGeough Shapiro. Louise was the one who suggested she go check out that guy tending the animals, leading to the horse foot argument leading to 56 years of enduring love. She wanted to make sure Louise knew how much she was appreciated.

After several years supporting the family, Janice returned to what was now SUNY Binghamton where she got her BA degree in Anthropology. She and Bob were married in Fall of 1966 and Janice was accepted into the PhD program at SUNY Buffalo. She and Bob were in the graduate program together, both getting their Master's Degrees and working in the Doctoral program. This was interrupted in 1972 when, with the impending birth of their second daughter, they were asked to leave because having children was deemed not compatible with serious research.

They returned home, Bob became an Environmental Conservation Officer—a life style, not a profession—and Janice was his partner throughout. Whether it was answering the state phone, caring for the orphaned and injured animals, feeding groups of hungry ECOs at 2 AM, or blocking the road to apprehend someone who had just shot

at the house, she was an integral partner in this life. She was a founder and long-time President of the NYS Wildlife Rehabilitators Association and raised many thousands of baby animals over the course of 30 years. Pets were cherished as well whether it was the myriad cats, ubiquitous chickens, or beloved Irish setters, Plott hounds, and other assorted dogs. The current dog, Clyde, misses her greatly.

Janice became interested in the harp seal hunt, worked with the biologists doing tagging studies on the ice in New Foundland, studying the protesters as well as the fishermen, and ultimately writing a book entitled "Seal Wars," that was used as a text by a number of colleges. Her interest shifted from seals to whales and she travelled extensively in this research. She returned to the doctoral program compiling the years of research into a seminal dissertation, and received her PhD from the University of Buffalo at age 65. She worked for groups as diverse as the National Trappers Association, International Wildlife Consortium, NYS-DEC, and International Whaling Association as well as operating her own consulting firm, Henke and Associates, Ltd. Janice travelled the globe, circling it at least six times. She was on every continent of this world, including Antarctica, where she spent two months trapped in the ice on a research vessel. She was utterly fearless.

Janice's biggest desire was to have strong roots and she found this in Argyle. She and Bob built the log house she always wanted and she was determined to never live anywhere else again. Her love of family was paramount and supporting her children throughout their lives was her strong suit. There was no greater font of love, guidance, and forgiveness. For the last 10 years, as Parkinson's disease sapped her abilities, she and Bob were together continuously. They went to breakfast nearly every morning and went to look for the sunset every single evening for 20 years, including the evening before her death. She also wanted make sure her granddaughter, Rebecca, knew how much her help was appreciated in the past few challenging years. It made many things possible that might not have been otherwise, including continuing to operate the bee booth at the Washington County Fair. Janice dedicated three decades to the fair booth and loved every minute. Her skills



as an artist were displayed in the fair booth and it appears Rebecca will continue them.

Janice leaves behind three children, Jennifer Bushway, Janet Dandrow (Rob,) and Robert Henke (Dina,) seven grandchildren: Rebecca Bushway, Joey Bushway, Kevin Dandrow, Jessica Dandrow, Jake Dandrow, Robert Henke, and Henry Henke. She was immensely proud and pleased with them. Also left to grieve her are three half-brothers, John, Ben, and Gordon Stott, and a great number of nieces and nephews. She also has one impending great grandchild she will be disappointed to miss meeting.

Finally, Janice also leaves behind her true life-mate, Bob. In the nearly 60 years total time together, they never once said, "Good-bye." For better or worse, in sickness or in health, in harmony or argument, every leave-taking, ending phone conversation, or last comment before sleep was a single word, "Love." It was also the last word they spoke to each other.

Donations in Janice's honor may be made to the Argyle Youth Commission, the Argyle Free Library, and the Michael J Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research.

Janice was an organ donor and, when this process is completed, a celebration of her life will be held.

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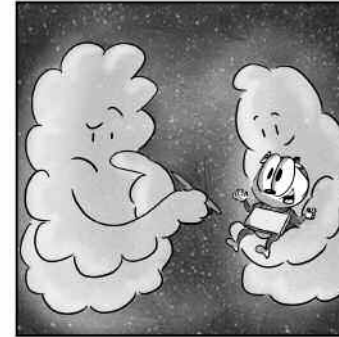
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By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



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Alice Harriett Osberg, 80

Alice Harriett Osberg, 80, a resident of Easton, passed away unexpectedly Wednesday, July 20, 2022, while camping with her family on Lewey Lake.

She was born June 30, 1942, in Iliion, NY, to the late Kendall and Harriett (Ellis) Smith.

Alice spent her childhood in Mohawk, NY and moved to Greenwich when she was a senior in high school. There she met the love her life, LeRoy Osberg. Following graduation, Alice and Roy married, vacationed in Niagara Falls and began a life filled with hard work and family.... all with Alice's signature smile and laughter.

Her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren were by far her greatest joy. In a close second place were the various dogs that her children brought into her life. She loved them all and they knew she'd give them all the treats they wanted.

At the age of 40, Alice enrolled in the BOCES nursing program. Upon

graduation she began her 20-year career at what was then, Pleasant Valley Infirmary. She was a dedicated nurse who was loved by all, and who brightened the day of every single patient.

When the infirmary opened a new Alzheimer's unit, Alice accepted the challenge of learning an entirely new type of nursing. Some of Alice's favorite moments were spent watching both her children's and grandchildren's sporting events, in addition to their concerts and dance recitals. She and her husband, Roy, loved spending time at her childhood vacation home in the Adirondacks, as well as camping with extended family.

After retirement, Alice and Roy eagerly looked forward to all the fun they had spending the winter months in Florida with a new group of friends. Alice was a proud lifetime volunteer for the Easton-Greenwich Rescue Squad for over 10 years. Alice will be greatly missed by all who were lucky enough to know her

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her siblings Ann Jones, Ken Smith, and Mary Ray; son-in-law David Schreffler

She is survived by her loving husband of 61 years LeRoy "Roy" Osberg Sr. of Easton; children, Deb Schreffler, LeRoy (Libby) Osberg Jr., Bernice Haskell and Lori (Jason) Hamilton; grandchildren, Matthew, Allie and Sarrah Schreffler, Candace, Christopher and Jamie Haskell, Rosalie and Cooper Osberg, Ava, and Kendall Hamilton; great-grandchildren, Rylan, and August Osberg; brother Robert Smith; several brother and sister in law's as well as nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Alice were held at 12 pm on Tuesday, July 26, 2022, at Flynn Bros, Inc. Funeral Home, 80 Main St, Greenwich, NY, 12834 with the Rev. Joe Carron officiating. Interment in the Easton Rural Cemetery immediately followed her service.



Visitation for Alice were held from 4 to 6 pm on Monday, July 25, 2022, at Flynn Bros, Inc. Funeral Home.

Donations in her name may be made to the Easton-Greenwich Rescue Squad, PO Box 84, Greenwich, NY, 12834.

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

James "Jimmy" Wilcox, 73

James "Jimmy" Wilcox, 73, a resident of Greenwich, passed away Wednesday, July 13, 2022 at his residence following a brief battle with cancer.

He was born on November 3, 1948, in Cambridge, NY, to the late Robert M. Sr. and Dorothy (Curtis) Wilcox.

Jimmy was a 1966 graduate of Greenwich Central School, and later went on to achieve his Associates Degree from SUNY Cobleskill. He worked and retired as a team leader for GE in Fort Edward in the shipping/receiving department. Jimmy had a funny sense of humor and could be a smart Alec from time to time. He was married to the love of his life Denise (DeRagon) Wilcox for 53 years

and together they had four children. Together they enjoyed vacationing to Maine.

He enjoyed buying and selling antiques and had an extensive collection of milk bottles. After his retirement he enjoyed taking day trips on his Harley or in his truck, to the Adirondacks and New Hampshire. Jimmy wasn't one to sit still, he always seemed to be on the go. He loved hunting at his camp on Indian Lake with family and friends and taking in all that nature gave him.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his brother-in-law Carl Derby.

He is survived by his beloved wife Denise (DeRagon) Wilcox of Green-

wich; children Bonnie (David) Boddery of Greenwich, Kate (David) Wasserman of Ballston Spa, James Wilcox Jr. of Greenwich, and Stephen (Jennifer) Wilcox of Greenwich; grandchildren, Emilee (Max) English, Kyle, Gage, and Seth Boddery, Maddalyn and Kendyl Wasserman, Hayley, and Cameron Wilcox; sisters Linda (James) McKernon, Barbara E. Derby and Margaret Gray; brother Robert M. (Glenda) Wilcox Jr.; mother-in-law Joan DeRagon; several nieces, nephews and cousins.

A memorial service was held on July 18 at Flynn Bros, Inc. 80 Main St, Greenwich, NY, 12834 with Rev. Debbie Earthrohl officiating. Donations in his memory may be made to



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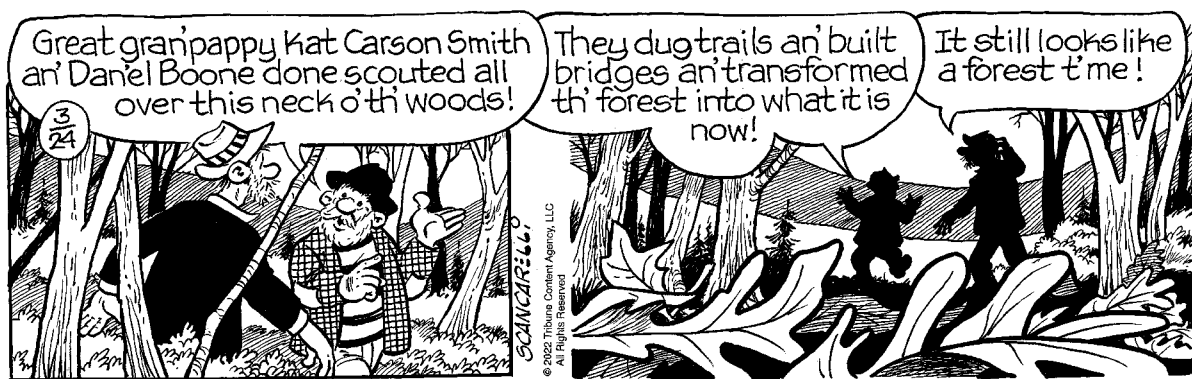
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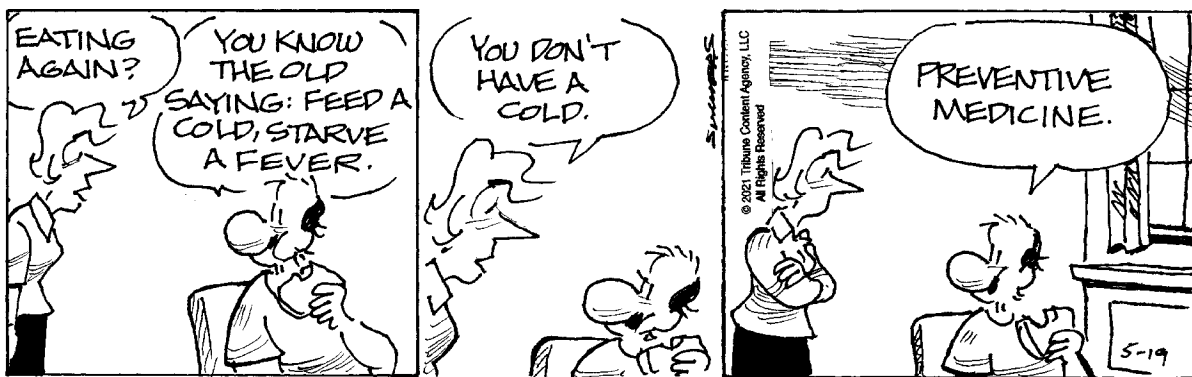
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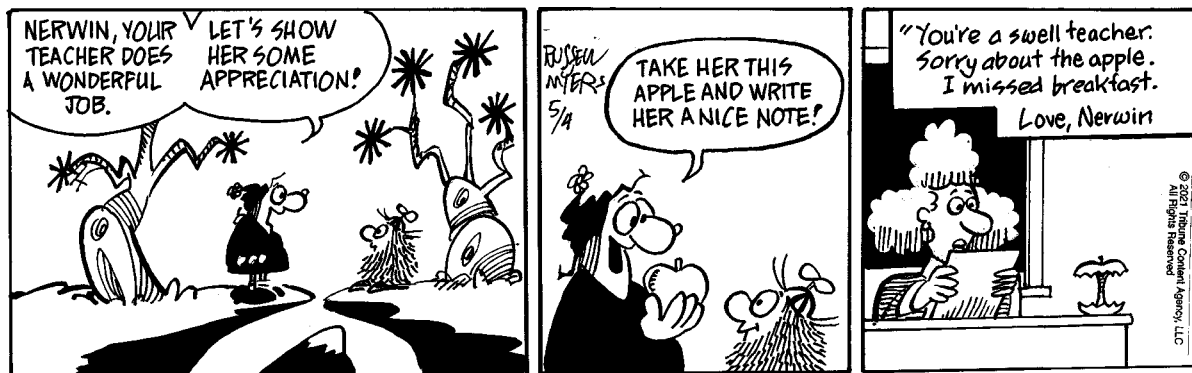
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Puzzle
Answers
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Al Fresco Dinner returns to Salem Courthouse

The Historic Salem Courthouse says its Al Fresco Dinner is back. The event will be held Saturday, August 13, from 4:30-8:30 pm. They will be celebrating life in the Salem community and the Historic Salem Courthouse Preservation Association's 20th year of service. Taste buds will be delighted by chef Bill Richter's culinary masterpieces. Dinner includes appetizers, salad, bountiful entrees, and a special dessert. Local produce will be sourced to the fullest extent possible. A fine dining on the green experience enhanced by an exquisite wine selection and jazz music performed by the Jeanine Ouderkerk Trio.

Al Fresco is the Courthouse's major fundraiser each year. With funding from Al Fresco and other fundraisers, The Courthouse is able to offer a wide

array of programs, from the free summer Lunch, Learn, and Play to a wide range of concerts, art shows, historical lectures, and community programs.

Both individual tickets and tables for eight are available for purchase through the Courthouse website salemcourthouse.org and in person Monday through Friday 10am to 1pm or by appointment (518) 854-7053. Business Sponsorships at three levels are available: Platinum, Gold, and Silver. All levels include tickets and promotion on our website, press releases, and event program.



'Historic Washington County' book

The people who came to Washington County were diverse in numerous ways. Men often worked in the fields planting and harvesting crops, or in mills producing paper and other goods. Many women at the time worked in factories as seamstresses making garments and gloves.

Although early settlers migrated to the north country before the Revolutionary War, farming and industry did not thrive until the 1840s when rivers like the Batten Kill and Mettawee, as well as the Champlain canal, became vital to trade, transportation, agriculture, and commerce.

By the early 1800s Washington County boasted a population of over 45,000, the third largest

county in population in New York State at that time. In 1861, Washington County was one of the most prosperous counties in the entire country. The decades following the war and through much of the 20th century were a time of invention, achievement, and prosperity for many, when people were able to create a better way of life for themselves and their children.

A book compiled and published by Judith Flagg and Elizabeth Cockey depicts "a day in the life" of how our ancestors dressed, what they did, and how they lived. It is a tale of the people and by the people, told through photographs from private collections and archives. There are also short stories and reminiscences acquired from letters and di-

aries which help bring the images to life. "Historic Washington County:

A Photographic Portrait" is a beautiful hard cover book containing over 160 photographs and it is available for purchase through the Historic Salem Courthouse Preservation Association in Salem, NY. All proceeds from the sale of these books go directly to the Historic Salem Courthouse. For more information, please visit salemcourthouse.org.



Smart Driver class for those 50+

An AARP Smart Driver Class will take place on Tuesday, August 16, at the Historic Salem Courthouse.

The class runs from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm. The cost for AARP members is \$25, and \$30 for non-members. Class size is limited to 16.

Participants should bring the following to the class: lunch and a beverage; a ball point pen; their driver's license; AARP member card or number, and a check made payable to AARP.

To register, please call Buffie Kelly at 518-854-3583. If she is not available, please leave your name and number and she will return your call.

According to AARP, "The AARP Smart Driver course is the nation's first refresher course specifically designed for drivers age 50 and older. In many states, drivers may benefit from a discount on their auto insurance premium upon completing the course. And you will learn something new along the way. In fact, an evaluation of the course found that 97% of participants changed at least



one driving habit as a result of what they learned."

Cambridge Crossword

(solution page 24)

Across

1 Pours to the brim

6 Fit together

10 ___-porter:
ready-to-wear

14 Cellphone bill sta-
tistic

15 Baseball's Moises

16 Resign, in chess

17 "Make yourself
comfortable"

20 Editor's "Don't
change that"

21 Lubricate

22 Start a journey

23 Sine ___ non: es-
sential

25 Quick bite

26 Personal connec-
tions

29 "Don't be a
stranger!"

35 Maple tree fluid

36 Backless sofa

37 "Cheers" actress
Perlman

38 Olympics venue

40 It tops a king

41 Riyadh resident

42 Pooh's Hundred
___ Wood

43 Show gratitude to

45 Squealer

46 Regardless of
how things go

49 Phoenix MLB
team, on score-
boards

50 New Look de-
signer

51 U.S. Presidents,
so far

53 Deprived (of)

56 Broke bread

58 Machu Picchu
builder

62 Where a puppy
may learn the starts
of 17-, 29- and 46-
Across

65 Stretched tight

66 Capital of Peru

67 2000s "American
Idol" judge Abdul

68 Syringe, briefly

69 Throwaway part
of a cherry

70 Annual Tournam-
ent of ___ Parade

Down

1 Commotion

2 "___ any wonder?"

3 Out past curfew

4 Pride parade let-
ters

5 Caribbean, e.g.

6 Sushi roll type

7 Airline to Tel Aviv

8 Luke, to Darth

9 Big Apple river

10 Large amount

11 Chocolate-
caramel candy
brand

12 Jacob's twin

13 Modern message

18 Raccoon relative

19 Sabbath activity

24 Meat safety
agcy.

25 Hr. when many
workdays begin

26 Writer Asimov

27 DEA agent

28 Type of whale

30 Picture next to a
username

31 Luxury vessel

32 "Star Trek" lieu-
tenant

33 Fragrant wood

34 One side of His-
paniola

39 Had no choice

41 Breed of terrier

44 Monikers

47 Coffeehouse
amenity

48 Tripadvisor list-
ings

52 Mandarin greet-
ing

53 "Ice cream or
cake?" response,
perhaps

54 Online auction
venue

55 Enlist again

56 Highest point

57 "There's no 'I' in
___"

59 Entre ___: be-
tween us

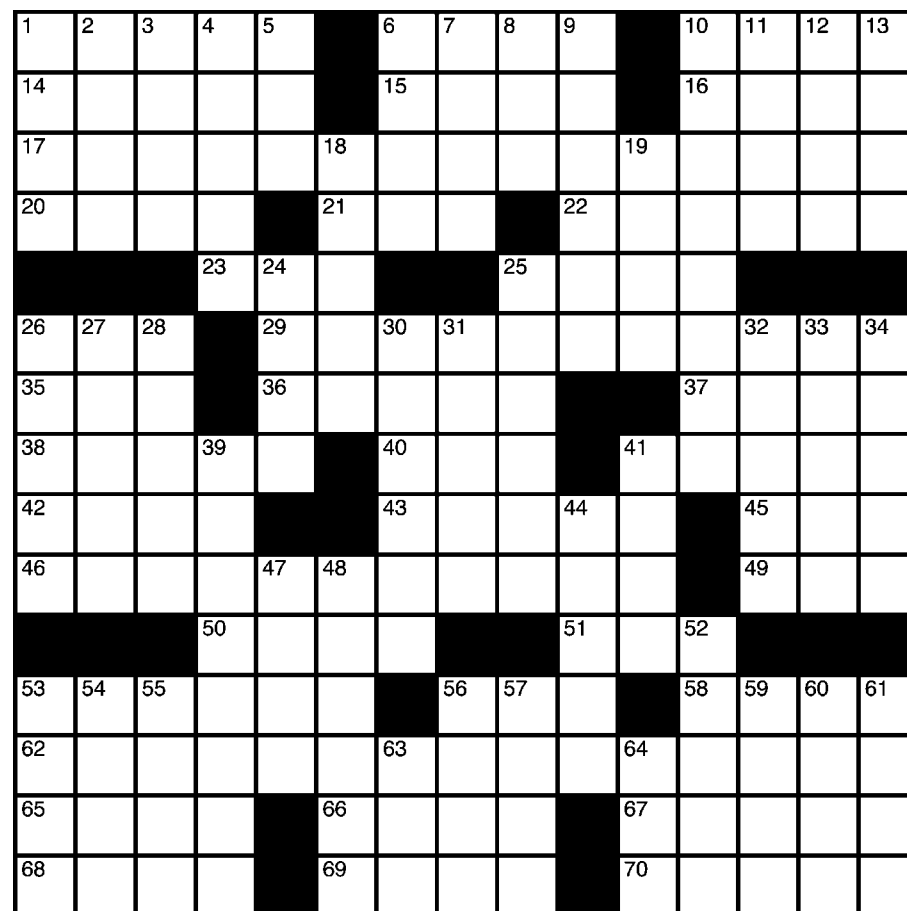
60 Either of two
"Unforgettable"
singers

61 Wistful word

63 Tiny complaint

64 Bit of EMT ex-
pertise

ANSWERS ON PAGE
26.



Word Find

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

Find these
words that
are associ-
ated with
summertime.

Boating
Camping
Cooler
Hike
Hot Dogs
Humidity
Jet Ski
Kayak
Kite

Park
Picnic
Pool
Popsicle
Punch
Salmon
Sandals
Scuba Dive
Seaside

Shorts
Snorkel
Splash
Summer
Surf
Swim
Taffy
Tans
T-Shirt

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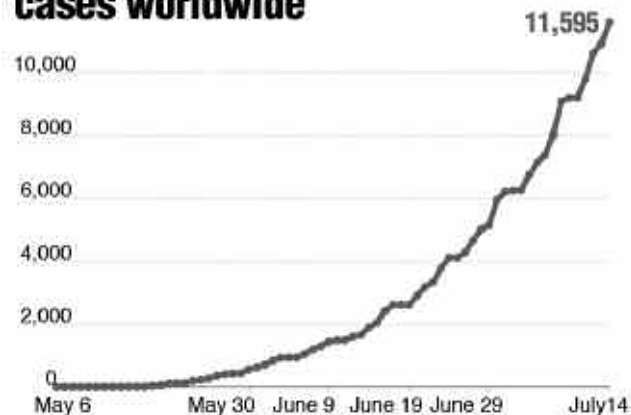
Beach
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9 to 5 by Harley Schwadron

Fast Facts



Monkeypox: Cumulative confirmed cases worldwide



Source: Our World in Data
Graphic: Staff, TNS



S'ville board discusses new appointments

Samantha Simmons
Journal & Press

The Village of Schuylerville met at their monthly board meeting to discuss new appointments made within Village boards and other village business.

A new planning board has been appointed. Leona Colvin and Bruce Ricketson have resigned from their positions to fill other board positions to which they have been appointed. Sean Healy will be replacing Ricketson, and Beth Woodard takes over for Colvin. The new members will slide into the remaining term of their predecessor.

Colin and Ricketson will now have new roles as members of the zoning board of appeals. Colvin will be chairwoman, with a term of three years. Ricketson will be on the board for two and Linda Lloyd for one. Positions are retroactive to July 1, as their appointment did not take place until the board meeting on July 13. The term goes to the new fiscal year for the Village, May 31, 2023.

When talking about the general fund money, Village Clerk, Corey Heyman, said "this next month will be good and healthy" as the fund has earned \$548.83 in interest over the past month and the sewer money market has earned \$155.12.

Department and committee reports are as follows. Mayor Carpenter said that the department of public works had "no big hiccups." The fire department provided that there was "lots of healthy training and alarms this month." At the visitor's center there were three family history inquiries with the village historian and approximately 30 visitors to the center in June which is a skyrocketing amount considering there usually are about 15 per month this time of year. Reviews have been left to compliment the staff on their informative nature. There were no reports from code enforcement.

The SAM project has new plans with new loca-

tions for the splash pads. More to come on this.

As the conversation of funding for Fort Hardy Park continues, the Village will be applying for a NYS consolidated funding grant. The deadline for the grant proposal is the end of July.

At the Schuylerville Public Library, a sewer line repair was done by Mountain View Materials. The board discussed how they were going to transfer funds to pay for the repair. They decided they were going to implement budget amendments and pull from the wastewater treatment contractual and sanitary sewer funds. Following this there was a discussion of replenishing these funds in the meanwhile.

The restrooms at Fort Hardy Park have "gotten out of control." As of right now there was a volunteer group in charge of the maintenance of the restrooms, but the "volunteers cannot keep up with the abuse that the bathrooms are receiving." The board unanimously agreed that there needs to be an outside company hired to come and clean three times a week.

DOT has now wrapped up their paving project this week. Mayor Carpenter commended them for working well with the Village.

Helene Patterson, one of the Village clerks, shared comments on community outreach. She said this month's community meeting had a light turnout, but the local merchants are interested in revitalizing the fall fest.

It is official, the banners honoring veterans will be going up in the next few weeks, National Grid approved the installation on poles. The banners will stay up from sometime in August through Veterans Day. As of right now, they will be hung seasonally, but the Village plans on eventually making this a full-time endeavor.

At the last village meeting, members of the board discussed the unusual placement of propane tanks at Fort Hardy Park. This issue has since been resolved. The propane tanks will be used



Gear up for the Turning Point Parade

for generators to keep Wi-Fi on when the power is out. Attorney David Klingbiel said he was able to get in contact with the company who installed the concrete pads. They were approved to install the pads, generator, propane tanks, and to do the installation of these items. Klingbiel said that the company even offered to put fencing up with siding in the slots of the fencing to keep people from looking in and they are to take up responsibility for maintenance for the plot of land in which their equipment occupies.

Clerk Heyman and Trustee LeBaron will be working together on grounds work to be done outside of the village office as there are funds available for the work. When they begin planning, they will return to the board for approval.

The Turning Point parade will take place from Spring St. to Broad St. Those part of the parade will assemble at the school and disband at Schuyler House.

The next Village workshop will take place on Monday, August 1 at 6:30 p.m. and the Villages' board meeting will be at 7 p.m. on August 13. Both will take place at the Schuylerville meeting hall at 35 Spring St., Schuylerville.

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

The Maxxinista Exposé

Cody Fitzgerald
Journal & Press

It has now officially been three months since I have quit my job at TJ Maxx, and with that, I personally consider my statute of limitations up. I do want to note that everyone I worked with was lovely, and for legal purposes, did not tell me to write this article and I am doing it on my own free will. I could sit here and expose how I feel about the company, but I do not have enough money at this time to handle a lawsuit. What I would like to do now, is spend a considerable amount of time talking about the lowest form of life, TJ Maxx customers, or if you can stomach it, "Maxxinistas." To be clear, there is a distinction between someone who shops there frequently and someone who makes it their life's goal to make any employee's experience miserable, these are the ones I will be highlighting.

- I, amidst peak COVID, told a customer they had to wear a mask. After handing them one, the mask was thrown back at me, the maskless customer got in my face and said "99% survival rate, and hopefully I just put you in the 1%."
- A customer, clearly still trying to learn

how to read, ignored the "please wait to be called down" sign at the end of the queue, barged down to a register and screamed at every cashier because the line of two people was not moving fast enough.

- A man bought a bag of candies, ate the entire thing, and then came in proclaiming that they were "too sour" and argued for a refund for at least 10 minutes.
- At the store closing, a customer said "just five more minutes" in a tone I would place akin

'A smashed up cologne bottle had to be picked up out of the toilet.'

to a child playing a game before bedtime.

- In my proudest moment, I had my nails painted black and a man said "what did you drop something on your fingers?" to which I shot him a death stare and nearly made him cry.
- A woman, upset that she couldn't access her credit card rewards on her phone, screamed at me and would not

leave my register for 20 minutes.

- I spent a considerable amount of time talking down a woman who was upset she couldn't use her Kohl's rewards at the store.
- In what I'm pretty sure was the apex of a divorce, a screaming couple managed to take out two rolling racks of clothes in their heated argument.
- An untrained service dog poetically marked its territory and then the entire party promptly left.
- I was complained to because the overhead playlist did not feature enough country music and "too much yippy pop."
- A smashed up cologne bottle had to be picked up out of the toilet, and I will leave the rest to the imagination.

Know your worth, folks..

Cody Fitzgerald is a 2021 Schuylerville High School grad satirizing anything and everything he can get his hands on. Aspiring to become "one of the cool" High School English teachers, he now attends Siena College and hopes to share this outlook/coping mechanism with future generations.



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video conferencing technology to conduct Library Board of Trustees' and committee meetings (L. 2022, ch. 56). A copy of the resolution is available at the Library. A summary report of the hearing will be made available to the Library's Trustees. Additional information can be obtained from, and written comments may be addressed to: Board of Trustees, Schuylerville Public Library, 52 Ferry Street Schuylerville, NY 12871 or svlreads@gmail.com.

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**SCHUYLERVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY
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Cambridge's religious cult leader

Lance Allen Wang
Journal & Press

“Give anything weird a wide berth.”

—Hunter S. Thompson, *American writer*

The “Second Great Awakening” was an American religious revival in the early 19th century. It started in the 1790s in parts of Kentucky and Tennessee and spread through the newly independent United States over the next several decades. The revival rejected the skepticism and rationalism of the American Enlightenment, the philosophical movement which created our nation and its Constitution and was driven instead by emotional enthusiasm, revivalism, and a new approach to religion focused on “soul-winning” through camp meetings or revival meetings. Those on the revival circuit hoped that by this enthusiastic approach to religion, they would be able to reinforce and spread religious conviction and improve church attendance.

The fervor hit New York in the 1820s, driven by men like evangelist Charles Finney. However, enthusiasm, particularly in Western New York, was not only confined to religion, but also various nascent movements including prohibition, vegetarianism, suffrage, utopianism, and communal living. Excitement swept the area with such a rapidity that one contemporary author referred to the area as the “burned-over district” - where the religious revival spread like wildfire. Western New York was still considered frontier living during this period, and many of these movements, including Mormons, Millerites, and Shakers, were driven by lay leadership.

A founder of one of these movements was born to Scottish immigrants in Cambridge, New York in 1788 and orphaned not long afterwards. Robert Matthews (1788- c. 1841) was a carpenter and businessman who earned fame by founding his own religious sect which lasted for a relatively short but very intense period in the early 1830s. After Robert's business in Cambridge failed in the 1820s, he moved to Albany with his wife Margaret, whereupon he had visions that informed him he was the descendant of the Apostle Matthias and would receive instructions of the “will of God.” Whether it was the failure of his business, or, according to one account, the death of his sons which brought on his visions, Mr. Matthews' life changed once the visions began. To start with, he prophesied the de-

struction of Albany unless “they repented like Ninevah.”

In June 1830, he was arrested for disturbing a church service in Argyle, New York - he would later tell one of his followers that the day that he was declared guilty by the court was the date that his “Kingdom” was born. Meanwhile, he had also been instructed by his visions that God forbid razors and shaving, cutting fingernails, and eating meat.

Under the name Matthias the Prophet he went to New York City where he convinced several rich and religiously awoken merchants that they would receive “abundance in the Kingdom of Heaven” if they funded his mission. They gave him money and properties, including one in Sing Sing, New York (present day Ossining) which he named Mount Zion. One of his sponsors was a businessman and preacher named Elijah Pierson (1786-1834), who by some accounts had gone mad following his wife's death in 1830.

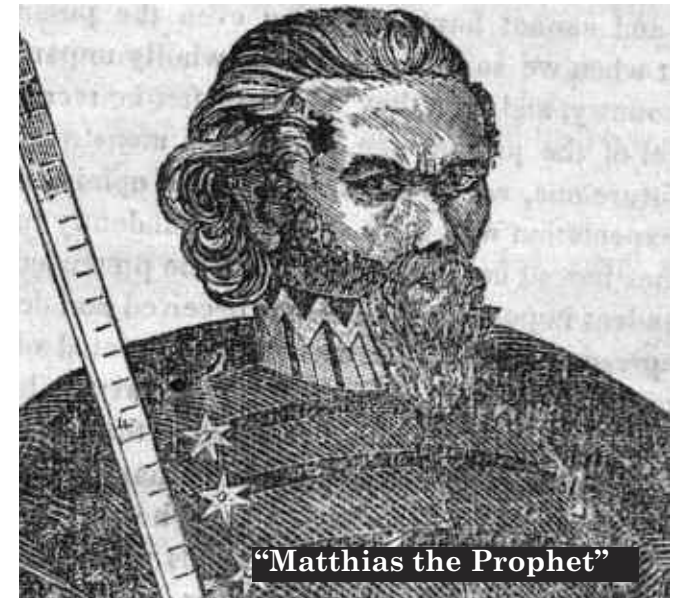
Mount Zion became a home for his Kingdom and increasing number of followers. There Matthews married the wife of one of his rich sponsors, despite still being married to Margaret, who remained in

‘When we feel a loss of control and events seem indecipherable, there is nothing more alluring than soothsayers.’

Albany, citing “Divine Will.” Things went sideways for the self-declared Matthias the Prophet not long after this point.

In 1834 Pierson died of food poisoning, for which Matthews and his housekeeper were put on trial for murder - and acquitted. However, another one of his sponsors, Benjamin Folger, went bankrupt, and had Matthews put on trial for obtaining money under false pretenses, for which he was convicted.

Following his release from prison, he went west in 1835, where he met another western New York figure of the “Second Great Awakening” - Joseph Smith, founder of the Mormons. In Kirtland, Ohio, where the meeting took place, Smith wrote, “... while setting in my house between the hours of ten and 11 this morning, a man came in and introduced himself to me calling himself by the name of Joshua the Jewish minister...” This was indeed Matthews. He claimed to Smith that he was both God and the reincarnation of the apostle Matthias. In the end, these men parted ways, each later



claiming the other to be possessed by Satan.

There is not much more recorded about Robert Matthews after that. He died out west, likely in the Iowa Territory, around 1841.

This peek back into history is revealing about both New York and America at the time. During periods of upheaval or turmoil, the social fabric gets torn, and this can be reflected through the movements, conspiracy theories, and even cults which emerge.

Whether the Mount Zion cult in response to the Second Great Awakening, Jonestown in response to the social upheavals of the late 1960s, 9/11 Truthers in response to the 2001 attacks, or the Q-Anon and Pizzagate conspiracy theories in response to the United States' extreme polarization in the 2010s, the rationalism which is supposed to guide our governance is not always on a steady course. When we feel a loss of control and events seem indecipherable, there is nothing more alluring than soothsayers and easy answers that connect the dots for us.

And of course, the abject lesson, and a Gumpian one at that, is that when we abandon the rationalism of our founding and instead act on pure emotion and indulge manias, the nation does become quite “Like a box of chocolates...”

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



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