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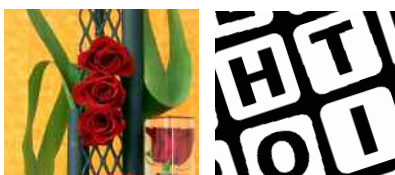
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Attorney Erika Sellar Ryan, left, is representing CFC. Inset: The building, as pictured a year ago.

Stefanik foes face off

We interview the two congressional candidates vying for the Democratic line in a primary on Aug. 23, Matt Castelli and Matt Putorti. One has the backing of all 15 county party committees, the other said he is running on ideals more in line with Democratic values. The winner will take on GOP Rep. Elise Stefanik this fall.

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Cruisin' around, and coming home

Kate Sausville
Journal & Press

After almost 2 ½ years of staying close to home, our family took our first post pandemic vacation. A cruise to the Caribbean out of New York City. In 2018 we took a similar cruise out of NYC and enjoyed it. It had something for everyone we were traveling with, non-stop entertainment, delicious food, and traveling to different countries and islands. We had been waiting to do another one when the pandemic hit and ruined our plans. We have been patiently waiting to go back, and we were finally ready.

Leaving out of the New York City port is convenient. We don't have to worry about flights, and possibly being stuck somewhere. It also allows us (mostly me) to pack everything we might need without worrying about airline security and baggage fees. For some reason I pack as though I will be changing outfits three or four times a day, with shoes and bags to match. I'm much like a Boy Scout in that I like to be prepared. So we packed up everything and the kitchen sink and hopped on a Yankee Trails charter bus to NYC. The port is very New York City, but at last we got on the ship and our vacation could begin.

Leaving from New York City means two days at sea in the Atlantic. The waters are much more rough than the Caribbean, and this was the case on this trip. I have never seen swells so large outside of YouTube videos. We were not seasick on our last cruise, but this time I was grateful I had packed the Dramamine (be prepared!) My husband had gotten a deal on a balcony room on a lower floor, and at some points I

could hear the waves hit the balcony. I may have sung Celine Dion's "My Heart Will Go On" more than once during this time. I swear I sound just like her, but my kids vehemently disagreed. I reminded my husband that it was still "women and children first" in case of evacuation and I figured 20 years of marriage was a good run.

Thankfully we made it to Amber Cove in the Dominican Republic and finally had the perfect tropical day. Lounging, drinking umbrella drinks, and wandering around to find the wi-fi so we could check in on our pets and home. For obvious reasons there isn't a great internet service in the middle of the ocean, and connecting to the ship's internet is expensive. Some of us took the lack of internet harder than others. I have come to realize on this trip that I am addicted to my phone. The other thing I've realized is that I am entirely okay with this.

Our next stop was Turks and Caicos. It rained the entire time, which made for a lot of grumpy passengers who seemed to personally blame the cruise ship for the bad weather. It turns out "No worries, Mon" does

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not apply when it's raining. That said, Turks and Caicos was one of our favorite stops due to the John Glenn exhibit. When John Glenn's Friendship 7 space capsule landed it was just off the shore of Grand Turk. Located just to the side of the Grand Turk Cruise Center, this free exhibit is not to be missed.

Our last stop was the cruise line's private island. It was another perfect tropical day. The water was crystal clear and we spent the day soaking up the sun and sand. I may have researched if someone lives on the island full time, and how one can go about applying to work there. It turns out they do have some employees who stay overnight because they



keep horses on the island for excursions. If you see me learning how to care for horses in the next few months, you'll know why.

Most of the trip was spent relaxing, eating, buying souvenirs, taking in some of the evening shows, and losing money in the casino. It was a nice trip, though definitely not what we had experienced pre-pandemic. As good as it was to get away, I was very happy to be back. I missed the dog, the cats, and my own bed. It turns out that the hats, t-shirts, and ornaments were not the only souvenirs we brought home from our trip. After managing to avoid Covid for the past two years, one by one we all came down with it. Thankfully we are all vaccinated and boosted, and the strain was relatively minor. We mostly felt as though we had a cold, with minor symptoms. Everyone has recovered fully.

As much as I love to get away, I can totally understand what Dorothy meant when she said "There's no place like home." I think we will wait a little while before we start planning another trip.

Kate Sausville is a resident of Greenwich.



A very late complaint targets pantry

Darren Johnson
Journal & Press

A standing room only crowd attended Aug. 10's Greenwich Town Zoning Board of Appeals meeting as the board is entertaining an appeal of Comfort Food Community's Certificate of Compliance with their use of the former Toy Works property — a year after initial move-in, even though the law stipulates such appeals normally be received within 60 days.

CFC, a non-profit, sorts food for the area's hungry at the site, which was closed upon in Summer 2021 and received a lot of press and social media attention at that time.

Attorney Erika Sellar Ryan is representing the pantry. She said that this appeal is well past its due date and CFC has already invested hundreds of thousands of dollars and is complying with the law. A reversal would be devastating to the organization.

At this point, the ZBA is not interested whether or not the property complies with their particular codes, but whether the timeliness complaint has merit. ZBA chair Dawn Sharts, having consulted with ZBA attorney Anthony Izzo, said there is some state case law where, occasionally, reversing a decision after the 60 days may be reasonable.

The lead complainant is town resident Ralph Vecchio, who doesn't live near the site at 101 Fiddler's Elbow Road, but says state law allows him to file the appeal even after the 60 days because he's a public official. Vecchio serves on the Board of Assessment Review.

"Ralph never takes things lightly," Sharts said. "He was justified in filing this appeal."

If the appeal is successful, the Certificate of Compliance would be suspended, and CFC would be subject to a site review.

The board will render a decision on the timeliness factor of the appeal at their September 14, 7 p.m., meeting, though at least three of five members appear to be leaning toward denying the appeal based on the 60-day statute of limitations:

Board member Glenn Davis said: "Sixty days is the law, and the other things are case law. I think that holds some weight with me."

The board's Lucas Irwin concurred: "This is a black eye for the town. I think the statute of limitations should apply here."

Board member Thomas Rybaltowski said that the 60 days were enough: "A reasonable person should have known about this project," he said.

The audience of about 30-40 people was also mostly in favor of CFC's perspective.



Attorney Erika Sellar Ryan, left, is representing CFC.

Resident Bob Wright said reversing after over 300 days would set a negative precedent. "We're always talking about bringing more business to the town. This flies right in the face of that."

Vecchio said: "I know perfectly well I'm dealing with Comfort Foods, and this is nothing personal. ... [But] imagine that instead of Comfort Foods, it was Walmart or Hannaford?"

He said his only motivation for filing was the rule of law and the future of the town.

Andrew Mollica, the code enforcement officer who had signed off on CFC's plan a year ago, said: "Has anyone here ever had drywall installed or a refrigerator put in? That's the nature of this work. The floor plan hasn't changed."

Ryan said that the 60-day statute was there for a reason. People put significant investments into their buildings. Being allowed to appeal a decision well after that is punitive.

"This project received lots of public notice," she said. "No court in the world is going to find this [appeal] reasonable."

She also said that this board violates Open Meetings Law, not providing documents 24 hours before a scheduled meeting, for example. "Comfort Foods still has not seen the complaint," she added.

Vecchio said he did not know about the scope of the CFC project within the 60 days, so his later appeal is reasonable.

"...We live in a media digital age — everyone else knew about it, Ralph. Sorry you were late to the party," Ryan responded.

Resident Suzanne Becker said: "If the 60 days doesn't matter, what does? Could I go back five years? Anyone can go back at any time and do this."

CFC's interim director

Amie Collins said via email before the meeting that the pantry continues to operate as intended with their initial filing:

"The Toy Works business is now the CFC Food & Farm Hub. We work with local farmers, the Regional Food Bank, and other food distributors to aggregate and distribute food to shelters, libraries, senior centers, food pantries, and soon to schools throughout the area. It is amazing work that is currently being jeopardized. We are simply trying to feed people who need it — and increase the consumption of local foods to support the area's agricultural economy. This complaint brought against us has been a distraction from our mission to meet the community's needs.

"CFC has followed the explicit instructions of the Town since the beginning and has been a willing participant throughout the permitting process. CFC, in conjunction with its professional architects and contractors, applied for the permits we were told to apply for, provided the necessary information to the Town, and once received, invested in the building to allow it to align with its stated and intended use at this time — a local food distribution hub to feed people throughout the region.

"The complaint was filed not within the 60-day window, but on day 300. If allowed to move forward, this could set a dangerous precedent in the Town of Greenwich, essentially changing the days to put in a complaint from 60 to 300 days. This could seriously detract businesses from locating or expanding in the area."



The property a year ago, just as CFC closed on it.

Concerts on the lawn are so liberating

Rachel Clothier

Special to Journal & Press

Eastbound Jesus performed at the Historic Salem Courthouse on July 29th. They are no strangers to Salem, annually they headline the Eastbound Throwdown at the Irwin Farm. That two-day event draws in hardcore fans from all over. Contrarily the concert at the Courthouse was intimate, local and very refreshing to the souls of the Salem people! The vibe was deep and pure, stirring emotions of gratitude to be able to gather again.

Concerts on the lawn are so liberating! No four walls, no assigned seating, and tons of fresh air! LARAC and the New York State Council on the Arts got it right by encourag-

ing and fostering concerts on the lawn. A smaller crowd of friends and neighbors has a distinctly different feel than a packed amphitheater with tens of thousands of strangers. Local artists are so talented and rightfully should be showcased and supported.

Our people singing about us, a connection between the band and the audience was obvious. Lyrics to EBJ's songs were so relatable. Songs about working people, living ordinary lives, going through the highs and lows of life. When people ask what kind of music Eastbound Jesus plays that answer is should be "our type" Americana/Bluegrass/Northern Rock.

Even the food for the event was catered to the attendees. Local food vendors Grammy's Tamales and the Jupe Box served food that you could feel good about eating. They had menus specially designed for "their people", and they served food that they put their hearts into. No \$12 hotdogs or greasy patties straight out of the freezer. Jacko's Corner served locally crafted beverages. Beers and wines that were as unique as the people who held them.

We have become so isolated by the convenience of technology that we forget how



rich in person experiences are. It is easy to forget how fantastic live music is if you haven't heard it in years. Missing out on experiences the past few years broke us all a little. Times are hard right now but get out of your houses and follow the music, meet new friends, sing along, and dance until you see the beauty return!



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GOP nominates Glenn Davis for highway

There will be a townwide election this November, as both major parties have now selected candidates to run for the three-year unexpired term for Highway Superintendent.

The Democrats nominated independent Stan Mattison, Jr., for the post last month, which we reported in our Aug. 1 issue. See our story on that at JournalandPress.com.

The Greenwich Town/Village Republican Committee has selected Glenn Davis, 60, to run.

He owned and operated a residential and commercial construction business for 18 years. Davis has also built and remodeled numerous homes and businesses in Greenwich.

In addition, he has five years experience as an excavating contractor. For the past two decades, he has worked for National Grid; as a lineman for seven years and then a foreman for 13 years.

In an interview, Davis said he “has good credentials for the po-

sition.” He cites his experience managing staff, and technical know-how, and ability to best allocate manpower to meet the needs of the town.

“I’m always around construction,” he said. “National Grid has given me a beautiful house on Edie Road, but my passion has always been construction. I love it.”

As he works a later shift at National Grid, he said he’d keep his job there, if elected.

GOP chair Don Ward said in a statement: “Glenn has experience operating heavy equipment, managing people, project planning and budgets. He believes in working with Greenwich residents and listening to their problems and following through with common sense solutions.

“Glenn is a proven leader and has the experience to be an out-



standing Highway Superintendent. The Greenwich Town/Village Republican Committee is proud to run Glenn Davis for Greenwich Highway Superintendent.”

Davis, who serves on the town Zoning Board of Appeals, is a lifelong Greenwich resident and is married to Leslea Davis.

—Darren Johnson



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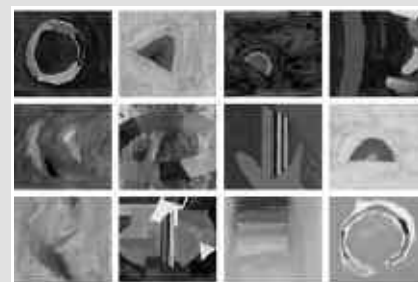


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Parke show/sale

Painter Leslie Parke will be opening her studio gallery to the public on Saturday, August 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for the final exhibition of the summer in celebration of 45 years of creating art at VARAK Park at 15 West Main Street in Cambridge, NY. All work will be available for purchase.



August’s show is titled “Drawings and Small Works,” a vibrant exhibition hung throughout two galleries and a studio spanning the entire fourth floor of the former seed factory. Older work is juxtaposed with recent paintings and photographs, revealing insights into the journey, the investigation, and the throughlines of the artist’s work.

Leslie Parke is a recipient of the Esther and Adolph Gottlieb Grant for Individual Support, the Lila Wallace-Reader’s Digest grant as artist-in-residence at the Claude Monet Foundation in Giverny, France, and the George Sugarman Foundation Grant. Parke has a BA and MA from Bennington College in Vermont.

For more info visit: www.leslieparke.com.

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Matt Putorti: An outsider campaign

Helena Winterbottom
Journal & Press

Editor's Note: *There will be a Democratic Primary election for U.S. Congress in our region. Members of the party may vote from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 23 at their usual polling place. Or, there is early voting through Aug. 21 at the Washington County BOE, 1153 Burgoyne Ave., Fort Edward.*

The winner of this primary will take on Republican incumbent Elise Stefanik in November.

Matt Putorti, the Democratic Congressional candidate for New York, was born and raised in Whitehall, New York. His family has roots there, and he is very passionate not only about where he is from, but how the basis for that town has allowed the foundation for his campaign to grow into a greater vision for New York State. He states he is gay, Catholic, Italian, a lawyer, and a Democrat, hates Trump and has a vision for the state that expands beyond his love for his small town of Whitehall, which began when he was a boy with his parents running a small business there. As a lawyer, his focus is fighting for the litigation rights of LGBT individuals, going up against insurance companies who wrongfully deny coverage, and reducing gun violence.

Putorti is a proud democrat, politician, and Whitehall native. He claims, "For me this race is very personal. This is my home. I was raised and grew up in Whitehall. My family has been in Whitehall for generations. I want to be the representative. A representative is meant to reflect the values of the community, being a local candidate gives me a unique insight into the needs of the district." He continues: "If we look at this district it has become very divided through cynicism because individuals have become very divided but they do agree on climate change for some reason and reducing gun violence. We can address uniting people and protecting rights to aborting and same sex marriage" Putorti stated for this piece. "Strong campaigns can organize people around individual rights and freedoms. [If I win] I will commit to hosting town halls on a regular basis so that I can hear from people."

Putorti is Catholic. When asked how his faith has gotten him through tough times,

he explained: "being Catholic is central to my identity and I'm grateful to my faith communities that I am a part of and I'm grateful for how they've provided me with a moral compass and a set of values and a community and how they're bringing people together. Sometimes we feel bad talking about faith or religion but really we shouldn't be. It provides a moral framework and how to advocate for other people: that's what politics is all about." He is grateful for the Church he attends and for his Catholic upbringing. He believes that Christianity promotes unity and positive values in people, and that across different faiths it is important to maintain these types of values.

In regards to his sexuality Putorti says, "I would never ask anybody to vote for me just because I'm gay." He went on to expand upon his belief that being gay awakened his awareness of other oppressed people's struggles through their unique and greater problems as minority groups and how they might be empathized with across the greater population as a whole: "I understand the importance of fighting for rights and it has made me a better ally for people who are fighting for their rights such as right now women with abortion rights."

Putorti's opponent, Elise Stefanik, is the current Republican Congressional Representative. Putorti intends to defeat Stefanik and lead the New York Congress spot with grace and fortitude and guide the state away from her influence. He intends to "Hold Elise Stefanik to account, [and speak] to people about what she is and isn't doing for the district . . . Elise Stefanik has [only] used this district to advance her career." Her place as a Republican Congresswoman,



—campaign photo

Putorti believes, has been very detrimental to the state as a whole and should be removed.

Putorti's main stances in his campaign are simple. He has a clear goal to turn New York around by reinstating people's belief in a post-COVID future for the state, which envisions a fair economy, accessible child-care, and food for everyone. He has also maintained a clear stance that climate change is an incredibly singular issue and that it should be recognized as the most important issue of his campaign. He wants to make sure that everyone pays their fair share and that the wealthy are taxed, and "to make sure we are doing everything we can to protect our democracy." He is inspired by the generations his family has spent in Whitehall, to serve as Congressman of New York and be an upstanding politician. He would mention this often when being interviewed. The sense that he gave was that New York needed to be united under the leadership of a politician who is able to serve with a sense of inner unity and hope for the future that expanded beyond a desire for personal gain: "We are fighting for the needs of the people of this district, not myself."

Matt Castelli: The party favorite

Darren Johnson
Journal & Press

Writer's Note: As a part of our effort to interview every candidate running for office in our region each election, I spoke with Matt Castelli, who is facing off in a Democratic primary against Matt Putorti on Aug. 23. The winner takes on incumbent Elise Stefanik this fall.

The 21st district is huge (see map), and has been recently reconfigured to remove Democratic-leaning Saratoga.

All 15 county party chairs in the region and their committees are supporting Castelli, and they helped him start a third party for the ballot called the Moderate Party. Thus, he feels he's the better candidate to face popular Stefanik, because he may get crossover votes. Here's our conversation:

DJ: Tell me a little bit about yourself and your goals

MC: I was born and raised in Upstate New York and went to Siena College, not too far away, about twenty years ago. When I was in college 9/11 happened, and that was a driving force for my career. I joined the CIA and stayed for nearly fifteen years. I did counterterrorism work there, where I led teams to bring down some of the world's most dangerous terrorists. I worked in the same department that found Osama Bin Laden in Afghanistan and Iraq, and had enough success doing all of that that I was contacted by the Obama White House to serve as the director of counterterrorism at the National Security Council. Then, I was asked by the Trump administration to stay on it, and I did for the first year of the Trump white house, because if I learned anything throughout my years of public service it's that when it comes to protecting our country and community, it requires us to put country before party. My belief in that has never wavered. After I left the CIA I got a business degree, and joined a healthcare organization to work with veterans and rural communities to improve access to healthcare. It was really transformational work and I loved what I was doing, but then January 6th hit, and as you can imagine, as a former counterterrorism specialist, I spent my days trying to prevent things like that from happening. The response we saw from our current Rep, Elise Stefanik. I think she

turned her back on democracy that day and violated the constitution. Not too long after that, I decided to run for congress against her because I know we need someone who is going to put country before party to keep us safe, secure, and strong, and that's what this campaign is all about.

DJ: Do you have any personal ties to our community?

MC: Yes, I have been there plenty of times and have spent a lot of time in Washington County over the course of this campaign. In fact, I attended the Washington County Democrats picnics about a year ago before we even formally launched this campaign. I love Washington county, especially Greenwich.

DJ: How do you plan to get the word out in such a huge district?

MC: We are out in the fifteen counties that make up this massive district and on the road consistently. I have put over 35,000 miles on my truck. We just did a fifteen county in five day listening tour – three counties a day. We are also often out in the community, talking directly to voters and that is something we are going to continue to do, because that is how we are going to cultivate support. We hear from folks consistently throughout the district that Rep Stefanik does not show up. She does not make herself available. We are doing the exact opposite, trying to listen to folk's concerns and hear about the issues that matter most to them.

DJ: What is your take on having a primary?

MC: I am confident and encouraged by the support we have received from democrats all across the fifteen counties that make up the district. I am honored to have their support.



I feel that we are not in a position to win this election without the strong, unified support of democrats. It is a necessary, although insufficient condition to win. We are in a position right now where we feel very confident about the support that we have. I would encourage folks to participate in this primary for congress on August 23rd.

DJ: Do you think January 6th will play against Elise Stefanik in the primary?

MC: I think that someone who would violate her own oath to the constitution and support what are very clearly criminal actions to overturn the will of the people that happened at the highest levels of government – folks are really turned off by those extremists. I think it's clear that she has done this to move up the ranks and advance her own career.

If Grant is buried in Grant's Tomb, who is buried under Grandy's tombstone?

Michael Levy
Journal & Press

Visiting old cemeteries is an excellent way to connect with one's roots. Tombstones may be hidden in unkempt grass that is measured in feet not inches. Even burying grounds with numerous examples of cracked marble are vital clues to family histories that are not documented elsewhere.

A few years back, I was able to visit the grave of my great, great, great grandfather and grandmother. There is just something extraordinary about visiting the *EXACT* resting spot of your ancestors. Considering that old Matthew was born in Ireland circa 1768, it was an instant window into my family's past. I envisaged this exact location in September of 1828 as the people who knew Matthew best witnessed his body being lowered into the grave. His wife Elizabeth was buried at his side after she passed in 1859.

In Greenwich, there is a cemetery of a similar vintage behind the Bottskill Baptist Church. But there is something very unusual here. And once you see the pattern, it really makes you scratch your head for a long while. The tombstones in this cemetery are in actual alphabetical order, going from last names beginning with an "A" on the west side rows and then progressing through the al-

phabet as you move east.

Did people die in alphabetical order in the 1700s and 1800s? When you start looking at the dates on the stones, one realizes that while things are in alphabetical order, they are not in chronological sequence. Was there a master plan? Where burial plots assigned in alphabetical order and when people died, they were buried in their correct alphabetical location? Sounds extremely complicated but possible!

As it turns out, there is another explanation. Of the approximately 350 people buried in this cemetery, it is highly unlikely that any are buried under their own tombstones. I am serious about my conclusion. And the reason for this alphabetization is told in an article published in the New York/Herald Tribune on January 24, 1932.

D.A.R. Restores Old Cemetery at Greenwich, N.Y.

Trees and Grass Planted on Plot Unused Since 1864: Oldest Stone Dated 1791

An old cemetery here, the resting place of two revolutionary soldiers and more than 350 persons who lived in the community during the latter part of the 18th century and the first half of the 19th, has been restored. The present aspect of the burying place is unusual that the old tombstones are now laid flat on the ground in double rows, with the names in alphabetical order.

The cemetery originally the gift of John P. Becker and 1794, is behind the Bottskill Baptist Church and covers about an acre. During the last 50 years only one other attempt was made to restore it, and that failed because of insufficient funds. As a result, some of the old graves were obliterated and in many places the tombstones were broken.

Early last spring the Willard Mountain chapter of the Daughters of



The location at Bottskill Cemetery

the American Revolution here undertook the restoration. Through a gift of Miss Anna Clarke Giles, the organization began its work last summer by removing all the tombstones and placing them where they would be bleached by the sun. The grounds were covered with a heavy undergrowth of brush and poison ivy were plowed and cultivated. Trees and grass were planted.

Last fall the work of redesigning the old cemetery was begun. Out of more than 350 tombstones only 325 were salvaged. Traces of the original graves had been lost, so the stones were arranged alphabetically in rows and according to families. The oldest stone bears the date of 1791 and the last one 1864. In addition, there's a family vault no longer used and a large stone table, 100 years old. At the rear of the cemetery is a large monument. The cemetery has now been completely restored.

Imagine a descendant of someone interred at this cemetery deciding to visit the grave of their ancestors, much as I did with Matthew and Elizabeth. They could stand before the correct tombstone but who will tell them the news that the deceased might be buried a hundred or more feet away.

For instance, if you are looking for Bezalkel Grandy and his wife, Mary, good luck finding their exact final resting spot, even though Bezalkel's epitaph states something otherwise. For the record, Bezalkel Grandy's tombstone reads, "Here repose the remains of



A 1931 restoration marker

Argyle town board meeting notes

Robin Lyle
Journal & Press

Councilman Kevin Hayes presided over the meeting on July 20th in the absence of Supervisor Bob Henke. A moment of silence was held in remembrance of Janice Henke who died on July 17.

After the usual business of approving vouchers, committee reports and an update on highway paving, the floor was opened to public comment. Fueled by rumors of a new public access point to Summit Lake, three lake residents in attendance voice their concerns.

Councilman Hayes confirmed for the residents that the town is in process of purchasing a six acre property at Summit Lake in an area known as "the rocks". Supervisor Henke presented an offer to purchase the property in the Fall of 2021 to the Washington County Board of Supervisors. While the county accepted the offer, the purchase has yet to be finalized.

Hayes stated that the board has not yet dis-

cussed how the land will be used. He mentioned activities such as ice fishing, a pier for fishing, swimming, as well as a launch for kayaks or canoes. One of the residents inquired about limiting access to town residents only, but was told that public land could not exclude any members of the public. Councilman Hayes recommended that the residents put their concerns and ideas in writing and submit them to the board for consideration.

August Meeting

The August 10th town board meeting began with a moment of silence for Argyle resident, 8-year-old Cyrus Steven Reid who died in a tragic accident on August 6. Supervisor Henke and Councilman Steven Bonhote were absent.

Councilman Scott Lufkin shared details of the Thistle Day celebration to be held on Saturday, September 17 at 3:00. The celebration will begin with food and craft vendors stationed at Lufkin Field located at 10 Main Street. The American Legion will provide pulled pork bar-

beque and other food trucks are anticipated.

The parade will begin on Main Street north of the Village at 4:30. The parade route will turn off Main Street onto Barkley Avenue to enter Lufkin Field. Food and craft offerings will be joined by the band, Simple Beggars, and continue until the fireworks display begins at dark.

Further discussion of ARPA funds will continue after Supervisor Henke's return in September. Councilman Hayes did confirm that the final tranche of ARPA funding has been received by the town for a total amount of \$344,000.

Vendors wanted

Vendors are sought for the Battenkill Community Services Fundraiser on September 17 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. at 2549 NY Route 40 Greenwich, NY 12834. Contact April at 518-955-7616 for details.

(cont.)

Bezalkel GRANDY, one of the last of those to whom we are indebted for the freedom and independence of our country. Died Jun 16, 1835, in the 83rd year of his age". So much for truth in advertising!

Wealthy Whipple is buried somewhere out in this field. Born in Sheffield, Berkshire County, Massachusetts March 3, 1764, to Ezra Whipple and Lydia Dow. She came to New York at an early age and was a resident of Greenwich for seventy-eight years. Wealthy Whipple married Marmaduke Whipple and they had one child together. (And by marrying Marmaduke, she did not need to change her last name as was the custom of those days.) Marmaduke, a soldier of the Revolutionary War, was also a relative of William Whipple, a signer of the Declaration of Independence. But the most amazing thing about Mrs. Wealthy Whipple is that it was reported at the time of her death that she was the last widow of a Revolutionary War soldier. For 31 years after Marmaduke died, Wealthy collected a widow's pension of \$96 per year. She made her annual pilgrimage to Albany to collect her money. Aunt Wealthy, as she was called, passed away on November 9, 1867, at the advanced age of one hundred and three years and eight months which is remarkable in and of itself.

The 1932 Herald Tribune article (above)

describes a large monument in the rear of this burying ground. This monument was erected "To The Memory of Cadet William H. HEATH, who died at West Point, Dec 20th 1839, aged 19 yrs. He was removed in the fulness of youthful hope and with the promise of noble manhood leaving the remembrance of his amiable character deeply impressed in the hearts of those who knew him. Erected by the 2nd class of 1839-40 as an offering of friendship to the worth of an esteemed classmate." Many of his classmates became the same generals and officers who fought on both sides during the Civil War. Had he lived, a General Heath could have had a notable role too?

I am compelled to point out that this cemetery is not being neglected. The good people over at the Bottskill Baptist Church have been taking loving care of this place for some while now. The stone table mentioned in the 1932 article received much needed work this year under the watchful auspices of the church. And a few years back, local Girls Scouts took on the cemetery as a project and made a lot of headway clearing growth from the stones as well as to catalogue them. Unfortunately, the stones that were laid flat in the 1930s are now being swallowed up by the soil. Major work needs to be done soon.

I know that at least one reader of this "Random Thoughts" column has a spouse that is active in the D.A.R. and here is my not so subliminal message. The D.A.R. needs to return to this old cemetery and work their magic like they did ninety years ago. I am

Historic Burial Place Which Village Has Redesigned



sure that the descendants of all those interred would appreciate it, so please consider my suggestion at your next meeting. Just a random thought!

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



Beating the 'recession' label

Jill Schlesinger

Special to Journal & Press

After the Fed raised short term interest rates by 0.75% to a range of 2.25-2.50%, Chairman Jerome Powell said that the U.S. is not currently in a recession, which he described as a "broad based decline" and then added, "that's not what we have now."

Powell noted that it's hard to square a recession with the still-solid labor market.

To underscore that point, Powell recounted stats that showed continued progress over the first six months of the year: the U.S. economy has created 2.74 million jobs, the unemployment rate remains near 50-year lows at 3.6 % and there are more than 11 million job openings.

Recessions are usually highlighted by a big slowdown in the job market, highlighted by an increase in layoffs and a rise in the unemployment rate.

A day after the announced Fed rate hike, the government released the Gross Domestic Product (GDP), which measures the total value of goods and services produced in the US. GDP is often used as a scorecard of the economy and according to the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), it is "the most popular indicator of the nation's overall economic health."

The GDP reading for the second quarter found that the economy shrank at an annual pace of 0.9%, as consumers and businesses pulled back on spending amid high prices. On the heels of a negative first quarter (-1.6%), the report amplified fears of a recession.

While two consecutive negative quarters

often presages a more pronounced slowdown, that is not how the U.S. defines a recession.

The National Bureau of Economic Research's (NBER) Business Cycle Dating Committee is responsible for determining the beginning and end of recessions. To do so, they analyze various data points before making the call, which usually happens after the fact.

Although you might think that economics is a science, it is subject to interpretation and "There is no fixed rule about what measures of economic activity contribute information to the process or how they are weighted in our decisions," according to NBER.

Whether or not NBER officially makes the recession call, it's becoming obvious that a slowdown from last year's growth of 5.7% (the fastest GDP since 1984) has begun - and that a lot of Americans are struggling to make ends meet amid high inflation.

Economists believe that prices have probably peaked, but the pressures that have built up will remain in the system, which means the Fed is likely to keep hiking rates at the three remaining policy meetings of 2022.

The size and timing of increases will be data dependent, though most economists believe that the benchmark lending rate will rise by another full percentage point to 3.5% by the

end of the year. To put that in perspective, short-term rates were ZERO until March of this year and in November 1981, when inflation was last this high, the Fed Funds rate stood at 13.3%.

Where does this leave us on whether we are currently in a recession?

The answer may not be that important to most Americans. For workers, either you have a job that pays you enough to absorb the current high prices or you do not - and if not, you may need to find another job or part-time work to supplement your household income.

If you are already in retirement, you either have saved enough (or have sufficient income streams) to pay for the higher costs, or you are heading back into the labor force to do so. In other words, the label "recession" matters less than your current personal situation.

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Hebron solar project reaches goal

Hebron's community solar campaign, which launched on July 23rd to encourage residents to enroll in community solar, has reached its initial target of ten Town of Hebron residents, businesses, and local organizations becoming subscribers.

The Climate Smart Hebron Task Force led the campaign. Jill Nadolski, Town Council member, and Climate Smart Hebron Coordinator said: "We are delighted that this campaign achieved our original target number of community solar subscribers and our goal of informing Hebron residents of the benefits of using clean energy to lower electricity bills. In a few months, they will begin enjoying a 10% credit applied to eligible electricity charges."

"PowerMarket is honored to have been chosen by the Town to help Hebron residents realize the benefits of community solar", said Brad Tito, Director of Community Energy at PowerMarket. "We have recently identified additional capacity so that 10-15 more Hebron households will benefit. Our customer sup-

port team is ready to help our newest community solar subscribers in Hebron set up their accounts to access an online portal to see their project's solar energy production and their monthly savings."

Town Supervisor Brian Campbell said: "Successful completion of the campaign will help position the Town to earn grants and recognition through state clean energy and climate programs. We anticipate that the success of this campaign will be repeated next year, so more Hebron residents, small business operators, and places of worship can benefit from clean solar energy."

The Town of Hebron joined Clean Energy Communities and Climate Smart Communities in November 2021 to put into practice clean energy actions, save energy costs and adapt to a changing climate. These are coordinated programs run by the NYS Energy Research and Development Agency (NYSERDA) and NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), respectively.

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Leones celebrate 65th anniversary

Lou and Sue Leone of Greenwich were married on August 3rd, 1957 at St. Nicholas Church in Palisade Park, NJ. They observed their 65th wedding Anniversary with a small gathering of friends and family at their home.

Before moving to Greenwich in 1983, Lou served 24 years active duty in the US Army. Sue

and the family moved 20 times in the 24 years to include tours to Okinawa and Iran. Sue and children also lived in several different states, NJ, PA, NY, while Lou served 2 tours in Vietnam and one in S. Korea. They also lived in NY, NJ, GA, FL, and KS during Lou's assignments in various Army duty stations.

Both became active in Green-

wich after Lou's retirement as an LTC, Infantry. Sue was employed as a Teller at Home and City Bank, as a Customer Service Representative, AGWAY and owned and operated the Newsroom in Greenwich for 10 years. Lou was Mayor of Greenwich for 9 years while working for 2 different non-profits as Development Director, Regents College as Director of Military Affairs

and as District Director for Assemblyman Roy McDonald. Lou and Sue both retired in 2007.

Lou and Sue are blessed to have to three children. Chris Leone of Washington DC, Molly Leone of Cambridge and Mark Leone of Greenwich, three Grandchildren, James, Morgan and Bryce and one Great Granddaughter Kaliyana.

Win this quilt

The Greenwich library received a donation of a beautiful cotton quilt designed and made by a patron to boost the libraries' fundraising efforts. It is a queen-king size quilt in gorgeous shades of deep blue and cream, it was made with both traditional & contemporary fabric patterns in a classic North Star pattern. It will look great in any decor or style house. Your ticket purchase would be supporting the addition of materials and programming at the library.

The raffle runs only until September 12th, so come in

soon and view the quilt and buy your tickets. The tickets are only \$10.00 each so you can purchase more than one to increase your chances of winning.

The library is open Monday through Saturday and can be reached at 518 692-7157 for more information.



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Cody's Column

A brief look into adolescent understanding

Cody Fitzgerald
Journal & Press

As I wrap up my first year working as a summer camp counselor, a job I truly loved and enjoyed, I would like to reflect on the absolute chaos that these children blessed me with on the daily-

- After proclaiming that if someone was hit in the head with a dodgeball they were not out (trying to un-incentivize them from hitting each other), students began ducking as to deliberately get smacked on top of the head every single time
- A group of kids learned science by finding an old tire and letting it slowly roll down a hill, gaining speed and inevitably smashing into me at the bottom

- I uncovered at least \$20 worth of stolen Pokèmon cards
- There had to be a serious discussion about bullying and calling each other “sussy boi”
- There is a dodgeball on the roof of the school now
- After four weeks, finally mastered the art of throwing a paper airplane directly into my eye
- A game of hide and seek became prolonged when one of the students wouldn't come out of the slide for over 30 minutes
- A child asked me and another counselor to give them three numbers, which we did, assuming it was for a harmless game. We then saw them spring and try to break open a padlock hiding old school materials.
- A child “accidentally” tied his shoes to-

gether and then began doing jumping jacks, leaving us to explain why he came home with half of his shoelaces cut off

- I had a 20 minute debate with a student about why they could not bring their airsoft gun to school for a giant game of paintball

Happy fall, everybody.

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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tract documents may be examined at the office of MO-SAIC ASSOCIATES ARCHITECTS, The Frear Building, 2 Third Street, Suite 440, Troy, New York 12180, telephone (518) 479-4000.

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and pay for all packaging and shipping costs. The deposit will be refunded ONLY to those bidders who submit a bona fide bid proposal in accordance with the terms in the “Information for Bidders” and who return a complete set of Bidding Documents in COMPLETE, UNMARKED, and NOT TORN condition to REV within thirty (30) days after the award of contract(s) covered by such Bidding Documents, or the rejection of such bid(s). Non-bidders, including material suppliers and subcontractors, as well as plan holders who do not submit bid proposals, WILL NOT be eligible for a refund.

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Each bidder must deposit with his bid, security in the form and subject to the conditions provided in the “INFORMATION FOR BIDDERS”.

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No bidder may withdraw his bid within 45 days after the date of the opening of bids.

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Chair project lines Main St.

As all residents and visitors know, Cambridge is a thriving community of arts and hospitality. A new local project aims to further this effort by placing decorated Adirondack chairs along Main Street for the summer. One aim of the project is to foster local conversation, engagement, and appreciation of the community which we all love and so many visit and appreciate. Cambridge does indeed care.

This is an ongoing volunteer effort initiated by Connie Brooks, owner of Battenkill Books, located at 15 Main Street in Cambridge, with support from many residents and business owners. Brooks stated, "Two things in particular have amazed me about this project.



One is the overwhelming support from so many people. Donations flooded in. Neighbors walking by my house offered to take home chairs and prime them. Property owners offered to host the chairs immediately. The second is the astounding creativity and skill of our youth artists. You can see from the chairs that both heart and soul went into painting these. They are a love letter to our community."

In the spring, Brooks invited youth artists in the community to submit a proposal for a painted chair around the theme of books and reading. Each artist was then provided with an assembled, primed chair, ready



for their artistic touch. Volunteers assembled and primed the chairs throughout the spring to get them ready. Once complete, the chairs have been placed at host locations up and down Main Street.

Brooks issued a request for donations on Facebook in the spring, and many individuals and organizations stepped forward to donate. Noble Ace Hardware donated primer and provided discounts on other materials.

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walkability, and improve/add side-walks. Many Adirondack Chairs have already been placed throughout the walkable area of the Village and provide a place for residents and visitors alike to rest, gather, visit, and absorb the fresh air, sunshine, fellowship, while enjoying the simple pleasures only a quaint village such as Cambridge provides.

In October, each chair will be auctioned to raise funds for the next years purchase of materials and continuing efforts. Any excess funds raised will be donated to several local nonprofits.

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Holy smokes! The fair is finally here!

Shirley Renauld
Journal & Press

It will finally be here: the Great Washington Co Fair!

We see lots of blue and green at the Fair: blue corduroy of the FFA jackets, green for the 4-H T-shirts. The FFAers

guide you through their Farm-land building. They help you gently hold the newly-hatched ducks or chicks. Wonder who will get to watch their feathers grow in. How many piglets did the sow have this year? What other baby farm animals do you see? What are they called? Do they have names? What do they eat? Are the reindeer there? (Thanks, BOB, for letting us see reindeer in Aug!) Is there a sand-I mean, a corn-- to play in? Remember to wash your hands as you leave the building.

Look for the 4-Hers especially in "their" building and food booth. As the fair starts, 4-H members bring their entries, have them judged, be given an exhibitor tag with a sticker of the color of award level and they are put on display in categories for the week of the fair. Thank you PAT for judging artwork for years, HARRY for vegetables, PAT for flowers. As you enter the building on the right, you see their sewing entries. On the left we see constructed items and all the photography. It would be great to taste the baked goods, but got to become a judge to do that. Very best entries get to go to State Fair, so see them on display at the back of the building. Then around to the club displays where each club chooses a topic from which we can learn.

The 4-H Food Booth is staffed by club leaders, parents--and of course, you 4-Hers yourselves. It is both a service and a learning

time for you. By taking orders and serving food, you practice your interpersonal relations, making change you're practicing your math life sjukks already--and it might bring you some tips and even practice for a future job. Food is made from scratch, so thank you guys for even peeling potatoes for the salad.

We thank CHRYS for her years of service to 4-H through CCE and to all 4-H leaders who volunteer for us. The Leaders' Booth could not exist without them getting all sticky making cones and milkshakes for us.

The 4-leaf clover is an appropriate symbol for all of us, a petal for each: head, heart, hand and health

We talk with both 4-Hers and FFAers in their separate barns and watch them show: swine, poultry, rabbits, sheep[, goats (where they are not the only kids!)--and thanks, AMY, for being a first to exhibit goats at the fair.

In these barns we also see

'Ride or race your own pedal tractor or watch your friends as they pull.'

many T-shirts with logos of farms, too, because it's the same as "a day on the farm" for feeding, making sure animals have drinking water and clean bedding, cleaning the area, giving them a shower... That's why many of you live on the fairgrounds that week in your camper or even take naps with your cow as a pillow! But whether it's here or home, you've got to have fun, too. Some of it is for the rest of us to enjoy, too, like the Farmer Olympics, the goats at play, of course, the tractor pulls and rides

But as we know, not all farms have animals, so another place to



The fishing game at last year's fair--dj

see T-shirts with farm logos is in the County Bounty buildings with Wash Co products. Always a favorite is maple products: Pull out some of that \$ you earned to get maple ice cream or a milkshake made with real maple syrup (thank you, DAVE

and colleagues). It's a good thing the Borden still have apples from last season's harvest to make cider for cold sipping (thanks, JIM and family). Thinking

ahead to the coming season, stop by to visit with the RILEY family about logging and firewood (thanks, PATRICIA and BOB) and the Christmas tree farmers (Hello to the BAILEY and KUZMICH families and thanks to the NESSLES for all the past years.)

All total, there are over 200 more exhibitors this year, making over 800 in total! That's why it's the #1 agricultural fair in NYS! And it's right in our neighborhood.

So much fun and learning at the fair. Good thing for season passes and free parking so we

can go more than one day and even different parts of the day to experience life at the fair. (You have only until the 19th to get your reduced-rate ride tickets.) Many contests and races at the fair. Ride or race your own pedal tractor or watch your friends as they pull. Watch how exhibitors have dressed up their animal or watch the contest. How do you get pigs to run in lanes to race and compete? The farm equipment displays become a kind of a playground, too.

So much is free at the fair: All the entertainment, food samples: cheese, Battenkill Creamery milk, Stewarts' ice cream...; toothbrushes+ from Public Health, material when you visit the Sheriffs and NYS Police, the county bldg, what merchants giving away in the Commercial Building. Remember to register for the bike give-aways.

Walk down Broadway to visit friends in the Community Service Building (hi, Scouts, see you at your Food Booth). Then across the street to the Toy Bldg. Do you get to play with them?

As we walk back, we go back in time, too, at the Farm Mu-

Adriano Manocchia at Canfield Gallery

The Canfield Gallery located at 528 E. Arlington Rd, Arlington, Vermont, will present “Adriano Manocchia: Chasing the Seasons,” an ambitious collection of work by a master of Modern American Realism this fall. Mr. Manocchia has assembled an exhibit of his paintings that will carry the viewer on a lush

journey throughout the seasons. This show is likely to touch all the senses and shouldn't be missed. Please join us for an opening reception on September 3rd, 2022 from 3-5 pm. The exhibit will be on display until November 2nd, 2022. Adriano is a contemporary artist who is well known for capturing the beauty of waterscapes and still-life in his paintings.

After a 12 years career in photo-journalism Adriano Manocchia began to focus his attention to fine art and was soon recognized for the mastery of his paintings by art critics and collectors worldwide. Adriano's paintings can be found in major

private and corporate collections as well as prestigious galleries. Today Adriano resides in Cambridge, NY with his family after leaving behind the hustle and bustle of city life and enjoying the peaceful scenery from his house on the river.

For more information, visit the gallery Facebook page The Canfield Gallery, call the gallery at (802) 375-6153, or email: canfieldgalleryvt@gmail.com for the most up to date information on this exhibit.



“A Perfect Moment”

(cont.)

seum. So many displays in the main building that even show us some things we're getting back to, like the BATTENKILL V CR and KINGS doing home delivery of milk+ (but not with that wagon!). What do you think of the toys there? What are they all made out of? Thanks GINNY for continuing your family's tradition in that building. A Summer Kitchen: what a great idea for keeping the cooking heat from the rest of the house. How would you like to attend that schoolhouse: Share a seat? Using a slate saves paper. It might be your job to bring in the firewood and drinking water. Where's the bathroom? the cafeteria? the computers? How would you get there? Thanks, DALE for your research about rural schools. You can learn about the one that you would have attended from the notebooks on the recitation bench. The railroad caboose shows us how products were carried before Fed Ex. We see the original horsepower over near the parking area. When we see the size of the draft horses, and the oxen too, and watch them pull, we understand where the term comes from. (But horses and riders perform elegantly in the show ring, (right NANCY?). We can milk a dairy cow like before milking parlors and we can see a calf getting born.

Better get some of that done before the rides open because then we'll get tired. Even when it gets dark, we experience the sights, sounds and smells of the fair--can we guess what they are? What do we still have to do another day? On our way out, let's stop at the fair store for a T-shirt to wear then. Do

we remember where we parked the car?

(If you need a change-of-pace day, on the 23rd pack a lunch and chair and head for SNHP where the Ft Ti Fife and Drum Band will be performing.)

As we relax after the fair, it will be interesting to read about Almanzo Wilder's experiences at his County Fair in Upstate NY: What did he wear? How did he travel there? What did he enter? Any awards? What fair food did he eat? What rides did he enjoy?

But it's clean-up time at the fair: back home and to the farm for the exhibitors and time for all of us to get ready for a change of pace. We take our work from the 4-H building home: the exhibited fresh food to feed our animals, the art work as mementos for years to come. The rides and midway pack up to move on to the next fair. The BOOTHS will be hauling bedding from the barns to keep making their compost. What happens to all the trash? Got to get the grounds ready for the continuing activities there: grading the tractor pull area and horse show ring, keep the parking area mowed...

We will all be preparing for the new educational year ahead. You've grown during the Summer, so you're preparing your wardrobe. Since you've not been wearing socks very much, GRANNAN says, “Don't throw away those socks that lost their mates. Instead turn them into a game: Sockapaloosa. Put a stone in the toe and safely swing and throw to a target. You've already started your Fall sports practices (which ones?) so we're in another gear.

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. Weekday masses are held at 9 AM on Tuesday at Holy Cross, on Wednesday at St. Patrick's, and on Monday at Immaculate Conception. Visitors are always welcome. You are encouraged, but not required, to wear a face mask in Church and other large groups.

Please visit the Parish Website: www.battenkillcatholic.org. You can sign up for Flocknote notifications, prepare for Sunday Liturgy, access our great Adult Faith Formation materials and more.

Parishioners of St. Patrick's and Holy Cross are asked to donate legos if they are around and not being used. The family faith formation sessions will be using them for their program and will need a large supply. The program will explore faith stories in a hands-on way so please be on the look out for them.

WINGS OF CARE of St. Patrick's and Holy Cross is a ministry of care for the elderly and homebound and is in great need of volunteers. Some of the needs involve socialization or companionship, light housekeeping and transportation. If you have an hour to give, please contact St. Patrick's Church at 677-2757.

Holy Cross and St. Paticks parishioners will begin a new year of faith formation programs. People are invited the look at the website and select options the work best for their household. Registration will be available soon.

Yearn for success? Yearn to learn!

Daneen Skube

Special to Journal & Press

Q: *I'm a fan of your column and have noticed you often refer to learning, personal growth, and accountability. What do you think the connection is between these things? How do you recommend your clients develop these capacities? How do you think these qualities affect your success at work?*

A: These are great questions that get to the heart of what I teach in corporate settings. Learning requires humility. Personal growth requires acknowledging weaknesses. And accountability gives us the power to use our humility to turn our weaknesses into strengths.

There has been a great deal of research on how to create a "learning" organization at work. Most of these studies fail to focus on the reality that a learning organization has to be composed of individuals eager to learn.

I remember when writing my book I talked to everyone I met about what they felt they could

improve on in their interpersonal relationships. I was surprised that about 40% of the people I talked to told me there was nothing they could improve. I realized these people lacked the power to change.

Emotionally, we usually feel complicated feelings about learning anything as an adult. We make mistakes, experience embarrassment, and struggle with multiple attempts. We also improve with every failure. We learn what doesn't work. We learn how to learn and improve.

The most important skill I gained from my decades of personal therapy is that I approach failure with enthusiasm and curiosity. I know my future successes build on a foundation of failures.

I advise clients to get comfortable with the vastness of what we don't know. Humble people are wide open for help, wisdom, and innovation. Arrogant people are so full of themselves that they feel there's no room for

anything new.

I advise clients to use adversity and problems to teach themselves. Our problems always occur in the presence of the same ingredient -- ourselves. This is self-accountability, and it gives us opportunities to change ourselves and our situation.

Lastly, I advise people to avoid the "hood of victimhood" or a feeling sorry for ourselves, which is a neighborhood of useless suffering. If we cannot see how we ended up in miserable circumstances, it's impossible to get ourselves out of those circumstances.

We are all, as mortal beings, going to experience suffering. The capacity to turn suffering into wisdom requires a yearning to learn and change. The famous English naturalist Charles Darwin observed that animals either adapt or die.

We're all better off experiencing new challenges that inspire us to become better than we were yesterday, than to refuse to adapt, to

learn, and suffer with familiar, limiting, and repetitive misery.

The last word(s)

Q: *I hate it when people at work gossip about me or speak critically. Is there a way to control my reputation?*

A: No, as John Wooden, a highly successful basketball coach, advised: "Worry more about your character than your reputation. Character is what you are, reputation merely what others think you are."

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

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JUMBLE KIDS

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME!®
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

The letters of these crazy words are all mixed up. To play the game, put them back into the right order so that they make real words you can find in your dictionary. Write the letters of each real word under each crazy word, but only one letter to a square.

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Now you're ready to solve today's Jumble For Kids. Study the picture for a hint. Play around with the letters in the circles. You'll find you can put them in order so that they make your funny answer.

Answer here: □ □ □ □ □ - " □ □ □ □ □ "

Rusticator to rock HCP

Hudson Crossing Park welcomes Rusticator to the stage on Thursday, August 18, 2022 from 6 - 8pm for the last performance in the 2022 HCP Summer Concert Series.

Rusticator is an acoustic band with an Americana spirit. The four piece group consists of acoustic guitar, fiddle, upright bass, and stripped-down percussion, creating an energetic blend of original songs and sing-along covers. Inspired by the alt. country sound of bands like Wilco and The Avett Bros. Rusticator's influences stretch far beyond the outlaw country genre. Expect to be charmed by thought-provoking and toe-tapping originals; plus covers from your favorites - including The Beatles and The Grateful Dead.

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

The HCP Summer Concert Series showcases local musicians in a laid back, family-friendly outdoor atmosphere every third Thursday of the month from May -

August. Please remember that Hudson Crossing Park is a carry in/carry out facility. All concerts are smoke-free events. Well-behaved leashed pets are welcome.



People make this the place to be

Sarah Murphy
Greenwich Free Library

Writer's Note: *From the Stacks is a column featuring a variety of voices at Greenwich Free Library. We hope to see you at our Endless Summer community party on Wednesday August 31st. For a complete list of library programs and events, please visit greenwichfreelibrary.com or follow us on Facebook and Instagram.*

On a warm, sunny day in early June—among the first of many warm, sunny days this season—author, storyteller, and Abenaki elder Dr. Joseph Bruchac spoke to, sang with, and enchanted an audience of all ages in the library's community room. He began with a simple phrase: "A long time ago. . . " but he stretched out that short O in "long" for an unthinkably, impossibly long time.

And so we knew that we were in the hands of a gifted storyteller, and we knew that we were about to hear tales from a very, very long time ago. Of the tales I heard that day, the one I can't shake, the one I think of nearly every time I drive by the farmlands of Greenwich, was the Cherokee story of the first man and the first woman having the first quarrel (I told you this was a long time ago). The quarrel was hurtful enough that the woman left. She walked too far and too quickly for the man to catch up, and in an effort to slow her down and to bring about their reconciliation, the Sun intervened. Sun did what we've seen Sun do all season; Sun shone and let the crops grow. As Joe took us through each of the fruits that Sun created in order to distract the woman, we could taste the tart raspberries, the mildly sweet blueberries, the luscious blackberries. These interested the woman but didn't slow her down. She was too angry to pick raspberries. We started to see where this story was

headed but didn't want Joe to get there too quickly, lest the moment end. He drew out Sun's schemes; he allowed the man to beg and plead as the woman walked and walked, and finally he told us about Sun's last effort: the first strawberries. These stopped her. These were too good to ignore and sweet enough to help her forgive.

A week or so after Joe's visit to the library, my husband came home with a carton of strawberries from Hand's. "These are the best strawberries I've ever had," he told me, and I ate one, and he was right. I felt overwhelmingly that we had made the right choice by moving here, that we would never eat a tasteless, mealy, white-in-the-middle strawberry again, and that all our cares and all our quarrels would disappear.

The truth is I don't even like strawberries that much. I prefer bitter to sweet; my favorite fruit is the grapefruit, an item that sadly isn't grown in these otherwise perfect lands. But that berry surprised me, reminded me of Joe's story, and made me feel nourished.

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At a library event earlier this spring, scholar and singer MaryNell Morgan interviewed Siena professor Paul Murray about his new book. Paul wrote about eight Franciscans—some friars, some nuns—who worked to further the causes of social justice in post-WWII America. During the Q&A the subject of formal worship as a diminished part of our collective cultural experience came up. Neither presenters nor audience—among them many who practice religion—chose to see this trend in a negative light, but rather embarked on a conversation about where we congregate



in secular spaces, and how we live now with purpose and conviction. We were, after all, sitting together, communing, in a most secular space: a free and public library. A patron and frequent attendee at library programs spoke up: "We find nourishment here."

I believe she was right, and that the library and my colleagues who take care of it provide nourishment. With knowledge, togetherness, stories told out loud for millenia, or space to convene and discuss with people who believe differently, the library fills us up. The fruits and vegetables delivered to us every Thursday through Comfort Food Community and the Farm 2 Library program, supplemented by gifts from patrons' garden surplus, ensure that nobody will leave our library hungry.

The library gives, but the library also receives. When we discovered the need to replace our roof, a private donor stepped up to finance the project, ensuring that the nourishment within the building was secure. When our neighbors at Kelly & Sellar Ryan bid on and won a gorgeous flower arrangement from Lot 32 at the ASA Forever Farmlands supper, they donated it to the library, "so

more people can enjoy it." When we asked our community to count the number of pages read all summer long, you came through! Together you have read 126,407 pages and counting. Artists, writers, and presenters have shared their time and talents with us, not just Joe and Paul and MaryNell, but also Ken Tingley, Joe Donahue, Connelly Akstens, Naomi Meyer, Ron Renoni, Bill Richmond, Apple Jordan, David Peck, River Jack Z, and Lili Loveday, just in the last few months. Volunteers, board members, and the Friends of the Greenwich Library give freely of their time and of themselves; they are the engine that keeps the library running.

My cares and quarrels have not disappeared. But every day, I am nourished in this library and in this community.

Sarah Murphy is the Library Director at Greenwich Free Library. Having previously worked as a school librarian and teacher of English and theater in New York City, she is thrilled to have landed in Greenwich.



I am, apparently, a very bad person

Greg Schwem
Special to Campus News

I was recently bitten by a dog, a traumatic experience I hesitate to recount in print because I am not interested in sympathy or compassion.

The dog, on the other hand, has received plenty of both.

It happened on a glorious afternoon in San Francisco, one of the rare days when it was warm enough to stroll the city in shorts. Still, I opted for pants. Looking back, keeping my bare legs covered may have been the best decision I made since purchasing an extended warranty on my refrigerator.

I was wandering through Haight-Ashbury, a neighborhood as confusing as it is historic. How, I often wonder, could former residents like Janis Joplin and Jerry Garcia navigate this amalgamation of hills and diagonal streets while tripping on psychedelic substances? I was

clear-headed...and lost.

Two gentlemen walking their dogs sensed my confusion. Perhaps it was the manner in which I stared at my phone's map app, looked up at my surroundings and repeated the process. This is something I tell my children never to do in a strange city.

"Bad guys prey on people who appear lost," I say.

"So what should we do?" they reply.

"Flag down a cab. Or order an Uber."

"And then get into a car with a strange person? Great advice, Dad."

'Maybe the dog has an aversion to Google Maps. Perhaps I should have known.'

The pair asked if they could help. I responded that I was looking for a Yelp-recommended bar to watch a sporting event. I was close by, they said.

As I stared at my phone and then peered down the correct street, one of the dogs, a leashed male pit bull, decided he was bored and the only way to alleviate that feeling was to lunge forward and clamp his jaws around my right kneecap. As quickly as he attacked, he released his hold but the damage was done. I looked down to see two punctures in my jeans and broken skin underneath. A slight trickle of blood began to ooze.

I was more shocked than hurt. Ditto for the dog's owner, who apologized profusely, said the animal had never done such a thing, assured me it was fully vaccinated and said he lived in the neighborhood.

"Now is not a good time to be hitting on me," I thought.

"I have bandages and antiseptic if you need either," he said.

I declined, thinking it wasn't a good idea to enter the dog's domicile.

"Maybe the dog can show me all its hiding places," I thought.

I am a dog lover by nature and did not wish to make a scene. The owner agreed to Venmo me money for a new pair of jeans and allowed me to record him stating his dog bit me in the event I needed medical care. Or an attorney. Neither was necessary.

I returned home and recounted the story to various friends. All had identical reactions.

"What did you do?"

"I'm sorry, what did I do?" I asked a neighbor, accentuating the "I."

"Dogs don't just randomly attack," he said while walking his slobbering bulldog, a breed that would probably have trou-



ble attacking anything other than a steak. "You must have set him off."

I assured him I did nothing of the sort. "Maybe pit bulls have an aversion to Google Maps," I said. "Guess I should have known that."

He failed to see the sarcasm. "Next time, give the dog some space," was his advice.

In our pet-obsessed society, dogs can do no wrong. It is we, the humans, who must adapt. Reluctantly, that is now what I do. When I see a dog and its owner approaching, I cross the street or make sure the owner has a firm grip on a short leash. It kills me because I do enjoy petting dogs and receiving their adoration.

But I know that's not always a wise idea. Any breed can be unpredictable. My face or my neck could look inviting if I'm not careful. And what would be the consequences then?

No treats for an entire day?

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 Dana Summers



Ed Sullivan and the Open Meetings Law

Darren Johnson
Journal & Press

Ed Sullivan by himself wasn't a very interesting person, at least he didn't seem that way based on his persona. His show was a bit before my time, but seeing the old footage, he had a look and mannerisms similar to staid Richard Nixon.

But Sullivan knew how to put on a show. *Here's a juggler, here's an opera singer from Europe, here's the Beatles!* The stiff guy – a former journalist – led a ratings hit that lasted a generation.

Perhaps his journalism background taught him how to make something interesting.

The problem is, if you do that with journalism – and not jugglers – you're part of the problem. A good journalist doesn't stage stories.

I Zoom into various meetings that I don't end up writing about. If the speakers merely read off of documents posted on the Internet, and the minutes from said meeting will be posted before we go to press, it's not a story. If the public doesn't show up, and no one says anything of note, the meeting is just not interesting.

And if it's not interesting, it's not news. Especially factoring in the Internet factor, where the players themselves can post their speeches before we actually print and the post office delivers.

But, if it's like the recent Greenwich Town ZBA meeting (see separate story), where there actually was controversy, yes, I can work with that. I can find the nuggets that a clerk recording minutes can't. I can do research before the meeting, and then get clarifications after the meeting. My story, even taking into account the delay of printing and mailing, will have new information, and you can't spell "news" without "new."

I know most local boards shy away from controversy. Our towns

are shrinking. It's hard to get people to even run for office. The people who volunteer their time really don't want to add on even more work by making meetings longer. Town and village clerks aren't paid a lot and have busy days. They don't need the drama, either.

But I'd contend, without the occasional controversy, and not being afraid to have various factions attend and speak up at meetings, a board is only doing half the job.

The first half of a munciple board's job is to make sure everything is being maintained (roads, for example) and holding tight to an established budget. The towns and villages are doing fine with that, for the most part.

The second half is messier. It's about putting the municipality in good shape for the future. That requires putting ideas out into the public sphere and bracing for pushback. Then, amid all of that, compromises are made and, indeed, a municipality moves forward.

Which brings us to Open Meet-

'Pols used to be well aware of Open Meetings Law.'

ings Law. When I was a younger reporter and covered various boards in another part of the state, the pols seemed well aware of the law. Today, I'm not so sure. Perhaps this is because the longtime state advocate for the law was forced to resign several years ago.

In any case, a board I used to cover was typically all-Republican, but they had the usual factions small-town boards have: The multi-generational local Republicans vs. the richer Republicans who moved to the area to enjoy a different quality of life. The former group wanted slow change, if any, while the latter were more ideolog-



ical and had bigger plans. But that's great. It created a conversation. The public would often show up en masse to protest some new development. Sometimes they would win, too, as the court of public opinion is the only thing political leaders fear.

This board would put out generous notices of meetings, spelling out the agendas clearly. Press releases would be issued. The board faced the audience and often expressed divergent opinions. They sometimes were not polite.

But this is what made news. It's what got people interested. It got things done.

Today, in this region, I rarely get emails from local boards about upcoming meetings. If I do see an agenda in advance, it is quite spartan. I have little clue what will really be talked about at the meeting based on it. While the law might say it's enough to post a notice on the web, and maybe in a random newspaper's classified section in 8-point font, that's not the spirit of

public service.

It's not good government simply being passive communicators. I implore local boards to be bolder, be less polite, and drum up interest in what's going on in our localities. Spell out clearly, even boldly, what will be discussed at each meeting – well in advance.

If the job becomes more interesting, maybe we'll also find more people to run for local office.

Think of Ed Sullivan and his mantra: "We have a really big show tonight."

Because there is a certain excitement that comes when a local board wrestles with an urgent topic in front of "a live studio audience."

We need more of that.

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Fun & Games

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By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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Submitted by Mary L. Keith, Secretary

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A mangy fox and a cagey lynx

Kaylee Johnson
Journal & Press

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

100 Years Ago August 16, 1922

The attractions at the Swarthmore Chautauqua, which opened its week-long engagement here Monday are proving very pleasing to the audiences. The attendance so far has been fairly good, but hardly up to the standard of former years. The sale of season tickets also fell below that of previous years, and the guarantors have a shortage of about \$600 to make up... The entertainments will continue throughout this week. The play "Turn to the Right," which is one of the star attractions, will be given tomorrow evening. Friday, the attractions will be a concert by the Troubadours and a lecture by Dr. W. J. Spillman, and on Saturday will occur the Junior Chautauqua pageant, a juggler and the musical entertainment, "Happy Hawaii!"

90 Years Ago August 24, 1932

Representatives of four Washington county newspapers were the guests of the campers and management at Camp Alowaco, the Washington county children's health camp, at a midday dinner last Friday and were given an excellent opportunity to judge what camp life is like and why it appeals to the thirty-two youngsters who will shortly end their eight weeks' stay at the pleasant camp among the pine trees overlooking the Battenkill. It was a pleasant party, and the youngsters appeared to take their duties as hosts almost if not

not quite as seriously as did Miss May Holden, the camp manager, and the members of her staff. Judged by any standards, the children were on their good behavior, and as far as the visitors learned they knew no other kind. An excellent dinner was served, after which, the visitors with thirty-two eager and active guides made a tour of the campgrounds and learned all about the sports and diversions that occupy the children between meals.

80 Years Ago August 19, 1942

War ration stamp No. 8 will be good for purchase of five pounds of sugar at any one time between August 23 and October 31, the office of price administration has announced.

This is the longest period yet assigned to any stamp, but it does not alter the original allowances which is at the rate of a half pound a week

The county bureau has received notice from the state office of the OPA that sugar for pickling comes under the preserving allowance of one pound per person per annum. No additional or special allotments of sugar for pickling can be granted.

70 Years Ago August 27, 1952

The first wild animal reports The Journal has received in some time came in yesterday. Last Wednesday evening Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Wands and Mrs. Edward Horton of Center Cambridge spotted "the cat" near Archdale. The animal crossed the road in front of their car. They reported that the animal looked more like a lynx than the famous panther of last year, as it had a rather rough gray coat and

long hard tail. They estimated the weight at about 50 pounds.

Another strange animal, that turned out to be a mangy fox, was seen and killed Sunday by Thomas Foster and Chris Feenan who were at the home of Foster's parents on the Cambridge road. They saw a strange beast go through the field, and getting a rifle after it. The animal went under a barn the Ludington Farm, and Tom and Chris flushed it out and shot it. It was a red fox which apparently had a bad case of mange, as its tail was furless and the coat on its body poor.

60 Years Ago August 22, 1962

The covered bridge at Shushan will be preserved as a historical landmark, if the plans initiated by County Treasurer Hermon Benjamin and County Highway Superintendent Ralph E. McKernon are approved and carried out.

Last Thursday Mr. Benjamin and Mr. McKernon met with J. Burch McMorran, superintendent of public works of the state of New York, to discuss the legal and financial aspects involved in preserving the covered bridge.

Mr. Benjamin and Mr. McKernon talked with Mr. McMorran about the feasibility of moving the covered bridge from its present location to site on the Battenkill only a short distance away. There it would be maintained for sightseers, and could be used for foot travel. The present plans used for foot travel. The present plans for construction of a new bridge and

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An ad from 60 years ago

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40 Years Ago August 26, 1982

Last August, in conjunction with the opening of their caboose exhibit at the Washington county fair, the Washington County Historical Society formed a committee to preserve the historic rail lines in southern Washington county. The committee, known as The Washington County Railroad Preservation committee, is made up of members of the Historical Society, local citizens, rail shippers and the Batten Kill railroad. The goal of the group is to generate public business and state support for the preservation of the railroad local rail service. The ultimate goal is the resumption of excursion passenger service along the historic rail line which runs along the Battenkill.

Buy a bracelet to benefit Salem students

Debi Craig is a retired music teacher with more than 38 years of experience working with children in Saratoga and Washington Counties. She retired in 2012 from the Dorothy Nolan School in Saratoga Springs.

In 2008 after 27 years of living in the Village of Greenwich, Debi moved home to Hebron where she grew up. She became involved with helping teachers and staff members of Salem Central School with shopping for Operation Santa. Monies were used to purchase boots, shoes, warm clothes and other basic needs for children living in the Salem School District.

She is a graduate of Salem Central School herself and was shocked to learn the percentage of children who were receiving free breakfast and free lunch in the school district. Debi decided she wanted to do more. 7 years ago, before she was about to journey to San Francisco on vacation, she was given an angel bracelet

by her Mom's cousin. She thought it was very cute and so did many people who noticed it on her wrist. She decided making these bracelets and selling them to help support the Operation Santa program was something she could do. She donated the materials and her time and over the past 6 years has made thousands of bracelets in 4 sizes and a variety of colors.

This summer proceeds from the bracelet sales will help provide school supplies for children at Salem Central. The cost of school supplies has skyrocketed this year with many items costing twice as much as they did last year. (There is also a white peace bracelet and a blue and yellow bracelet available to benefit the people of the Ukraine.)

If you would like to obtain bracelets for yourself or for gifts, please contact Debi directly by email at dcraig547312@gmail.com (or



call 518/854-3102.) Please put the word "bracelet" in the subject line. They can also be purchased at Gardenworks. She is happy to say that she has already sold over \$7000 in bracelets since she started the project in 2016.

'Endless Summer Party' at Library

The Greenwich Free Library will host "The Endless Summer Party" from 4 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 31.

All are invited and welcome to attend this first-ever party in the library's back yard, to celebrate a wonderfully rich summer of reading. Since mid-June, readers of all ages in the Greenwich community have read a combined 109,755 pages, and are still going strong. Now that's something to celebrate.

There will be lawn games (croquet, anyone?), food trucks (including Mr. Ding-a-Ling

and Screaming Eagle Concessions), summer reading prizes, a kids' corner with plenty of bubbles and slime, a photo booth, music, and more! The Greenwich Youth Center will be onsite to sell beverages; Comfort Food Community will have some fresh food giveaways, and Chelsie Henderson of Rural Soul Music will lead a family drum circle. Grab your friends and come on down – see you at the library!

The party is free. Concession prices are set by the vendors.



'Courting Art' comes to Salem Courthouse

An exciting four-artist collaboration, organized by Nancy Krauss of The Copper Trout in Cambridge, will open on Friday, August 26th in the Great Hall at the Historic Salem Courthouse. The Opening Reception will take place from 5-7:00 pm. and the show will remain up until October 1st, with a closing reception from 3-5pm on that day.

The exciting show features a special exhibit of new colored drawings 'The Story Behind Courting Art' by NYC/Shushan, N.Y. artist Lynne Oddo. Joining Ms. Oddo will be painters A.K. Hutchinson and Robert Ramspott. Maker Noosh'Anna completes the group, and her specialties will satisfy attendees' senses and hunger. Throughout the

evening guests are invited to meet the artists, who will talk about their work.

Robert Ramspott shares that "My love of flowers is Grandmother's influence; painting them brings me closer to her." Lynne Oddo will present a special exhibit of court drawings and related narrative, while A.K. Hutchinson's Destination series are works using a printing process he learned in 1959 and still experiments with! Noosh'Anna comments that



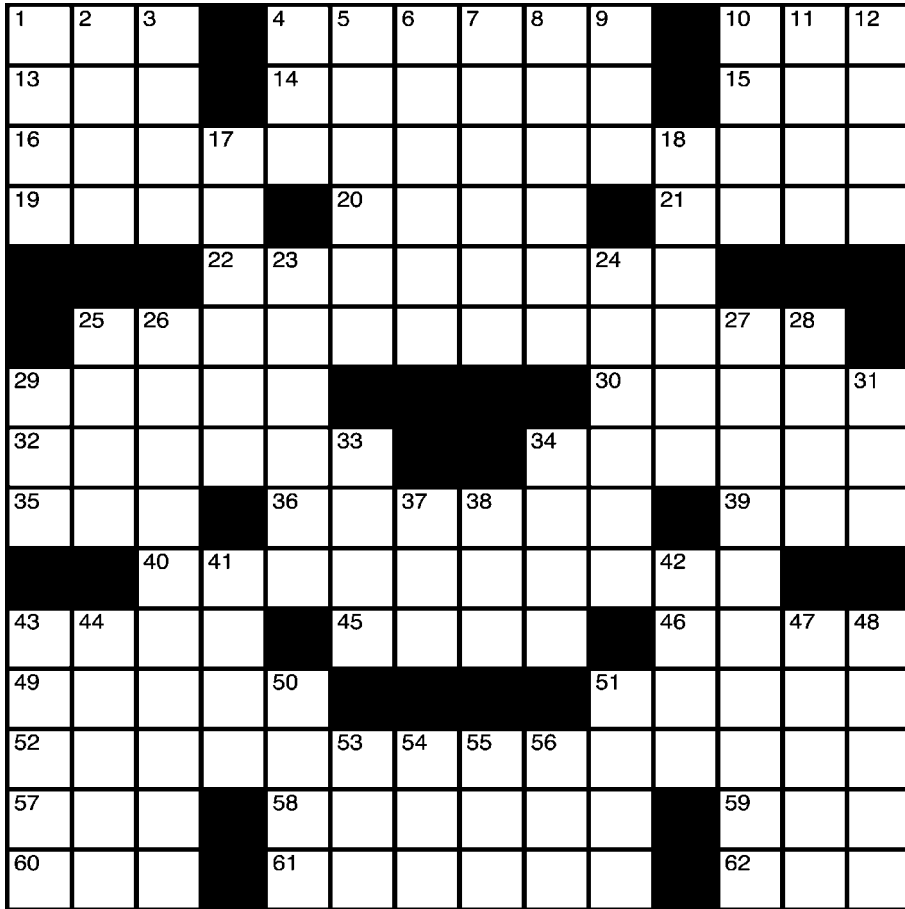
A Lynne Oddo sketch

her "inspiration flows like the water of the Batten Kill. I am open to the endless possibilities that an artist's mind has to offer."

There is no charge for admission and all proceeds will benefit the Historic Salem Courthouse, Salem, NY.

Cambridge Crossword

(solution page 26)



Across

- 1 Winnipeg NHLer
- 4 Dwellings
- 10 Retirement outfit?
- 13 Tailless primate
- 14 Low-ranked British peers
- 15 "La Bamba" star ___ Diamond Phillips
- 16 "No, no, more user-friendly than DOS. ___!"
- 19 Make the same point as
- 20 Ran
- 21 Hogwarts letter carriers
- 22 Throws a bomb, in football
- 25 "No, no, flatter than sharks. ___!"
- 29 Some Strads
- 30 Hosiery hue
- 32 "The Great" pope between Sixtus III and Hilarius
- 34 "Peanuts" character spelled with a hyphen until 1981
- 35 ___ chi
- 36 At home with
- 39 Also mention
- 40 "No, no, bigger than Humvees. ___!"
- 43 Former Cubs exec Epstein
- 45 Hardy heroine

- 46 Watchdog gp. created under Nixon
- 49 Traffic signals?
- 51 Two cents
- 52 "No, no, scarier than iguanas. ___!"
- 57 Bottom line
- 58 Polite refusal
- 59 Numbered hwy.
- 60 Asian honorific
- 61 Leaves befuddled
- 62 Org. created in response to 9/11

Down

- 1 Mocking remark
- 2 Really cool
- 3 Georgia ___
- 4 Disney monkey
- 5 Mop manager?
- 6 Promise of dire consequences
- 7 IKEA kit pieces
- 8 City about 250 miles NNW of Dallas, TX
- 9 Govt. ID
- 10 Clear of snow
- 11 Fleshy fold
- 12 Puzzle (out)
- 17 Alt-tab function
- 18 GI ID
- 23 Yves' eager assent
- 24 Turkey, for one
- 25 Brine-cured Greek

- cheese
- 26 Uneducated group
- 27 Travel authorization for citizens of a 27-mem. union
- 28 Zoomed
- 29 Winter hrs. in IL
- 31 Terminate
- 33 Wasn't present?
- 34 Education support gPs.
- 37 Stretch (out)
- 38 RB stoppers
- 41 With 42-Down, city on the Pearl River Delta
- 42 See 41-Down
- 43 Starts to disperse, as a crowd
- 44 Round-tripper
- 47 Looks (for)
- 48 Befuddled
- 50 Serious violations
- 51 Brand with a paw print on its logo
- 53 Punctuating word indicating sarcasm
- 54 Long-legged runner
- 55 Lake Mead creator
- 56 Genre for Master P or Heavy D

ANSWERS ON PAGE 26.

Fast Facts

The most populated countries



9 to 5 by Harley Schwadron

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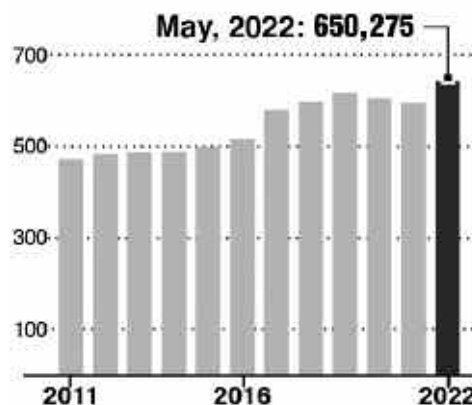
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Fast Facts

Airline employment

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



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Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics

Argyle Acrostic

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

Find these words that are associated with a fruit stand.

- Apple
- Apricot
- Avocado
- Banana

- Cherry
- Clementine
- Currant
- Grapefruit
- Guava
- Honeydew
- Kiwi
- Kumquat
- Lemon

- Lime
- Mango
- Melon
- Nectarine
- Orange
- Papaya
- Peach
- Pear
- Plum

- Prune
- Pumpkin
- Raspberry

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



Ribbon cut for new photography studio

On Saturday, August 6, the Greater Greenwich Chamber of Commerce and its director, Kelly Eustis, celebrated the grand opening of Melissa Ann Photography at 1240 State Route 29, nearby Cumberland Farms, in Greenwich.

Melissa Ann Photography, run by Melissa Ann Ferguson and her spouse, Melissa, is one of the newest members of the Greenwich Chamber and specializes in child, family and couples portraiture.

Melissa Ann Photography also captures senior portraits, cooperate headshots, branding and marketing portraits and inti-



GGCC's Kelly Eustis and Melissa Ann Ferguson



mate weddings.

Find her on Facebook at fb.com/MelissaAnnPhotographyStudio or call 518-269-9913.



Democratic picnic to meet candidates

Democrats gathered at Hick's Orchard in Granville, NY on Saturday, July 30 to enjoy a beautiful day in the Washington County countryside and to meet and talk with elected officials and candidates in the upcoming elections.

On hand were NYS Comptroller Tom DiNapoli, Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner, Westchester County Executive George Latimer and many town and village elected officials. Candidates for election in November included Matt Castelli running for Congress NY-21, Jean Lapper running for State Senate District 45, Andrea Smyth running for State Senate District 43 and State Supreme Court Justice candidates Temeka Frost, Amy Quinn, Robert Muller, and Vince Versachi as well as Stan Mattison Jr. running in the special election for Highway Superintendent in Greenwich.

Attendees were energized as speakers emphasized the work that Democrats do to positively impact local communities and the citizens of Washington County. More than 80 attendees were there to share their concerns with officials and candidates. There was a theme of working toward government that focuses not on hot-button wedge issues, but on the concerns and services that matter on a day to day level such as jobs, access to health care, reliable broadband and more.

Granville resident Mary Frances Silitch was honored for her many years of service and activism beginning in her home state of Arkansas, on a national level and in New York State and Washington County. County Executive Latimer presented her with a plaque.

Several speakers made note of how much more the residents of our towns, county and state are impacted by what happens in Albany and in NY State Supreme Court than by what goes on in Washington. This makes voting in state elections of immediate importance to every citizen.

There will be a Democratic Primary on August 23. Early voting will begin on August 13 and speakers stressed the importance of having your voice heard by getting out to vote. Attendees were urged to cast their votes for the Washington County Committee's endorsed candidate, Matt Castelli.

—Submitted by Washington County Democratic Committee



A story to tell

Teresa M. King
Journal & Press

I believe that most people have at least one story to tell. Over the years, I have learned how important it is to be seen, heard and understood. Each of these are very healing. And, I believe that speaking things out loud, adds energy to whatever process we are in.

Sharing a story about a milestone in your life could be considered a mini version of a rite of passage celebration. Since most of our culture doesn't formally acknowledge or honor milestones, talking about yours in front of others, is one way to document your experience.

Talking about a dream you've held in your heart for many years, will help to manifest it because more people will be holding the vision of what you want to create. And by sharing your dream, you just may receive guidance or help in other ways, to bring it to fruition.

Or you may simply want to share a story about something significant in your life. Years ago I realized that the best things in my life, were not planned. They came from the organic flow of my life.

This concept is not something we hear about, as an adult or as a child. We are taught to plan everything, to set short term goals and long term goals and above all, to be logical and rational. I will tell you that if I did all of those things, only came from logic and kept my mind locked in a rigid way of thinking, I probably would have missed many of these wonderful opportunities and experiences: taking flying lessons, teaching yoga, doing archaeology for several years, facilitating women's circles and honoring women in the Grandmother stage of life.

Each of these gifts brought great joy to my life. They expanded my mind, opened my heart and healed me on several levels. I was fully alive while engaged in them.

Writing for the Greenwich Journal and Press came from the organic flow of my life, too.

Starting women's circles happened because I attended a circle while I was at a large yoga center in Massachusetts. The power of this circle created such a huge fire in me, that I immediately set an intention to bring them to where I lived, because I saw how necessary it was for women to have a

safe space to share the things they were holding inside.

At the same time, many people approached me, poured their heart out and shared deeply personal experiences. I was very surprised that each person ended with the same sentence: "I have no one to talk to about this." And so, I trusted the enormous fire inside me, set an intention from the depth of my heart and within four days found a beautiful location for the first circle and 15 women who wanted to be part of women's circles. This happened 25 years ago.

In truth, there are many ways to do things. We are usually taught only one narrow way. Sometimes that way works for people, other times it can bring a person to a career or job that sucks the life out of them and deadens their soul. When they try to take a vacation, their employer does not honor the human need for rest, and comes on vacation with them. This is wrong. Employers should not own people's personal lives. These are some of the reasons why people become ill. It's because employees carry an enormous amount of work related stress with them, every single day. It also explains why some people walk around

with no life behind their eyes. It does not have to be this way! Work/life balance is possible.

There is great power in speaking truth. I know that many readers understand what I'm talking about. Perhaps someone you know, came to mind while reading this. Perhaps these words apply to you. If so, I invite you find a quiet space to sit alone, without any electronic device, and go inward to seek your answers. Do not seek your answers from others or from the outer world. The outer world does not know you. Go instead to your own heart. Only YOU know what is best for you. Do not rush your process. Be as truthful with yourself as possible; it will save you a lot of time and energy, in the long run. If you need assistance, let me know. I am here to help.

The goal is to have no regrets, when you get to the end of your life, to be able to look back and say, "yes, I lived the way I wanted to live. And it was good!"

Teresa King is a boat-rocking rebel who enjoys thinking and living out of the box. She can be reached at teresaking1@live.com Her website is <https://thelargerpicture.com>.



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trict, District Office, 10 Gray Ave., Greenwich, NY 12834, between the hours of 8 am and 4 pm, Monday through Friday. Please present your tax bill with payment. From September 1 through October 1, 2022 NO PENALTY will be charged.

A two percent (2%) penalty will be added from October 2, 2022 through October 31, 2022. All unpaid taxes will be turned over to the Washington County Treasurer by November 5, 2022.

Tomarra McCall
Tax Collector

Pub. August 24 & 31

There's baseball in these here hills

Lance Allen Wang
Journal & Press

One of the things we are not the least bit short of out here is history. We have it. Lots of it. Generally I write about our military history, and some of our political history. But I find great joy writing about other subjects, passions of mine like baseball and music. Today I get the pleasure of writing about some of our local participants in America's pastime.

I've written before about Frank Wurm, born in Cambridge, New York in 1924, and who carried the wonderful baseball nickname of "Socko." Socko was a switch-hitting left-handed pitcher who's progress towards the major leagues was interrupted by an interlude in uniform during World War II. Unfortunately, he was an artilleryman who suffered a painful back injury, and then was wounded in combat at a place called Monte Cassino in 1944. He made it back to the United States and was even able to appear for the Brooklyn Dodgers for a third of an inning, where he gave up four earned runs. Unfortunately, the war and its after effects had shattered his nerves and robbed him of his control. But like Archibald "Moonlight" Graham, who's story was brought to light in the film "Field of Dreams," "Socko" got his one day in the sun. Were it not for the war, there would have been many more of those days.

Another pitcher was born right around the corner from Cambridge in 1888. Ensign "Dick" Cottrell was from Hoosick, New York. Cottrell was a journeyman left-handed pitcher who pitched on the varsity team when he was a student at Hoosick Falls High School, and then had a won loss record of 8-1 when he pitched for Syracuse University.

His major league record was not as distinguished – prone to bouts of wildness, in 1911 he was signed by the Pittsburgh Pirates and only made one appearance for them be-

fore being released a month later. In 1912 he made one appearance for the Chicago Cubs for his only appearance in the major leagues that season. However, during a minor league stint that year, he was sighted by legendary manager Connie Mack. He pitched for Mack's Philadelphia Athletics in 1913, but didn't have many opportunities, as Philadelphia was deep in pitching and included future Hall of Famers Eddie Plank and Chief Bender in their rotation. In June, he started a major league game for the first time in his career. He pitched a complete game, although it was ugly – he gave up 13 hits. However, he did keep the great Ty Cobb hitless that day.

Spring Training 1914 found Cottrell playing for a minor league club from Baltimore, where he was teammates with a young left-handed pitcher named George Ruth, who they started calling "Babe." In another interesting piece of history, Cottrell was the runner on second base when the future Bambino hit his first home run as a professional. However, the financial status of the Baltimore club caused the owner to start selling off players to major league clubs. Ruth got sold to the Boston Red Sox. Cottrell's pitching was looking good that summer, and he was sold shortly afterwards to the other Boston club at that time – the Boston Braves.

And what a year the Braves were having! In last place on July 4th, the Braves went on a tear and went "worst to first," eventually beating the Philadelphia Athletics four straight to take the World Championship. However, Cottrell only started one game that season, and lasted but an inning, giving up three walks and a hit before being pulled for a reliever. He was on their World Series roster, but that one inning was his only appearance for the World Championship Braves. He didn't make the 1915 Braves' roster but was picked up



The 1914 champs Boston Braves. Ensign Cottrell, a left-handed pitcher from the Town of Hoosick, is fifth player from the left in the top row. First and fourth from the right in the front row are Johnny Evers and Walter "Rabbit" Maranville, both enshrined in the Baseball Hall of Fame.

by the New York Yankees at the request of "Wild Bill" Donovan, their manager. Donovan knew Cottrell from the minor leagues and knew he was better than his limited record revealed. Unfortunately, he was sent to the Yankees' bullpen. Bullpens were not as busy as they are today – in the Yankees first 24 games, their starters pitched 22 complete games. He was released in July as the Yanks' record dropped to below .500. Still, it was Cottrell's busiest major league season – he appeared in 7 games, pitching 21 innings to a respectable 3.38 ERA. But this would be his last season in "the big show," as he decided there was more security and a better future as a civil engineer. I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the work of Peter Cottrell, either a relative or coincidentally named, for the research he did on Ensign Cottrell for the Society for American Baseball Research (SABR).

One other gentleman from our area made it to the major leagues, with a career much like "Socko" Wurm – one day in the sun, in this case for the New York Giants. Frank McPartlin was a career minor leaguer from Hoosick Falls, and was yet another left-handed pitcher. After playing minor league baseball for five years, he got his ticket to the majors in 1899. In his single appearance, he gave up four hits, four runs, and walked

three batters. The Giants released him not long afterwards. He returned to the minors, where he played until 1910. McPartlin deserved a better fate. In 1901, he pitched to a 22-10 record for the Rochester Broncos, and then went 10-1 that same season for the minor league Los Angeles Angels. Not content with merely winning 32 games, he also threw a no hitter against the niftily named Oakland Dudes.

America's game has ties right here to our little rural home. Due to space limitations, I have not been able to talk about some of the others players from just outside of our immediate area, like Dave LaPoint, Randy St. Claire, and Ray Miner of Glens Falls. Or Chick Robitaille and Ebba St. Claire of Whitehall. Or Frank Mountain of Fort Edward. History lives here right beneath our feet – take some time do a little digging. You might be surprised what you find!

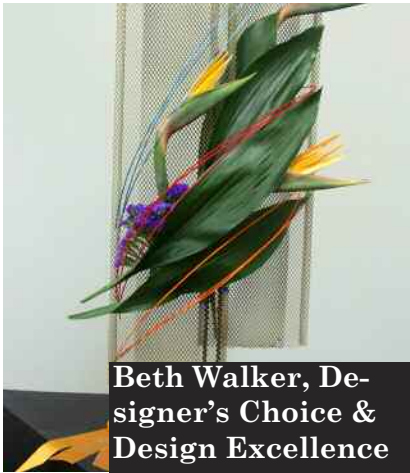
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Flower show a big success

The Schuylerville Garden Club's annual National Garden Club Standard Show held on July 23 & 24 was a great success with nearly 200 people attending. The title of the show was "Flowers Take Flight" with birds being the theme of the show.

The Designer's Choice Award and Design Excellence winner was Elizabeth Walker for a armature design called "Bird in a Gilded Cage". Liz Gee won the Tri-Color award for "Like a Duck to Water," an underwater design. The Petite Award went to Marge Shostak for "Rockin' Robin," a framed spatial design.



Beth Walker, Designer's Choice & Design Excellence

In the horticulture division, Evelyn Rybaltowski won the Horticulture Excellence Award and the Arboreal Award for her "Pinky Winky" Hydrangea branch. Grower's Choice Awards went to Margaret Rishel for a rabbit's foot fern, to Norma Moy for an orchid and Leona Brownell for a dish garden. Awards of merit were won by Rybaltowski for a cosmos and for dill in the herb division. Other awards of merit went to Janice Pitkin for her Pineapple Lily and Kathy Perkins for a heliopsis.

Leona Brownell won an award for an educational exhibit showing the goals of the "Plant America" project, a national, state, district and local garden club project. A second educational display showed the work of the Fort Edward Grassland Bird Area.



Evelyn Rybaltowski

Club members grew coleus plants as a challenge. Eileen Kay-Rymph took the over-all prize for her coleus and a first for a combination of coleus plants. Rybaltowski won first prizes for a single coleus and coleus with other plants.

The photo exhibit was judged by popular vote. Rybaltowski placed first for her flock of birds photo and second for a photo showing a garden designed to attract birds. Second in the flock of birds class went to Kay-Rymph and third to Shelly Derby. Nancy Derway placed first in the bird garden class and Margaret Rishel won the third place. Alan Gee place first in the class showing a close-up of a bird. Robert Haren was

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second and Paula Lomasney placed third.

On Sunday, Russ Guard gave an interesting and entertaining presentation telling "All About Bluebirds." The audience enjoyed hearing of the habits and how to attract our NYS bird.

The club is grateful to the Town of Saratoga for the use of the hall and to local

papers that helped publicize the event. Local merchants donated items for a benefit table. It is appreciated since the proceeds are used to help support the club's donations of a student DEC campership, a scholarship to a Schuylerville senior and donations to other national and local benevolences. Thank you to all who participated in and attended the show.