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Practically all of our writers offer insights about the New Year. And columnist Kate Sausville offers: "This year I plan on paying more attention to the good in the world, but more importantly, trying to add to the good in the world." As well, we review all that happened last year. This recap will allow you to get up to speed as we continue reporting our region's stories into a bright, new 2023.

Please read more throughout this issue



Restoring Main Street

The historic Wilmarth Building in Greenwich burnt down earlier this year, but the Village's newly acquired Restore NY grant aims to bring it back to its former glory. To the right is a rendering of what the block may soon look like.

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Village to receive Restore NY Grant

Pam Fuller
Special to Journal & Press

On a cold, sunny Sunday morning last February, Village of Greenwich residents were horrified to see a huge cloud of black smoke and flames rising from the center of town. A devastating fire reduced the historic Wilmarth Building at 124 Main Street to rubble, displacing residents of the building's upper floor apartments and tenants of its ground floor commercial space. The two adjoining buildings sustained damage that drove the occupants out of one of the buildings, and most of the space in the former Glens Falls Bank building, now owned by Levy Breaks, was deemed unsafe.

The burned buildings left a large, visible gap in the downtown business district, and losing the historic 1892 Wilmarth building was a great loss to the community. Two of the damaged properties have changed hands since the fire. Luckily for the Village, all three building owners are committed to restoring the buildings to their previous conditions, and they plan to contribute to the economic health of the community with new tenants in the buildings, both businesses and residences. Funding the restoration, especially of the destroyed building, is of course very expensive.

Meanwhile, after a 10-year pause, the Restore New York grant program was re-launched this past summer. This program, sponsored by Empire State Development (ESD), provides municipalities with financial assistance for the revitalization of commercial and residential properties. The program encourages community development and neighborhood growth through the elimination and redevelopment of blighted structures. The goals for eligible projects are to induce commercial investment and improve the local housing stock.

The grant program seemed to the Village Board to be an excellent fit for the project of rebuilding and restoring the three buildings. Over the summer, the Village worked with the owners and LaBella PC consultants to pull the information together required for the grant application. ESD representatives came to Greenwich and toured the sites, offering their suggestions and advice about what information to include in the application. The Village held a public hearing about the prospect of applying for the grant; the



An artist's rendering

owners/developers worked with architects and others to develop plans

The original application request was \$1,969,887 (All/Almost all projects were funded slightly less than the request amount). Original breakdown between the three projects is below as well as my guess of what the new breakdown will be using the \$1.6M award amount.

	Total	118/120 Main	126 Main	132 Main
Application Request	\$1,969,887	\$223,200 (11.3%)	\$1,162,865 (59%)	\$583,822 (29.6%)
Funded Amount (Assuming distribution between 3 based on application)	\$1,600,000	\$181,290	\$944,513	\$474,197

A chart provided by the Mayor



The current site

and budgets, as well as expected schedules. They also identified possible tenants for the spaces that will be created. Finally, in early October, the Village submitted the application.

Flatley Read Holdings, Inc., a community development and environmental analysis corporation, acquired the Wilmarth building property and plans to reconstruct the historic three-story brick commercial/residential building. They plan to replace the historic brick facade, including the defining historic features, while incorporating 21st century building techniques to improve energy efficiency and reduce its carbon footprint. The project will include up to nine affordable rental units and 3,000 sq. ft. of ground-floor commercial space. The owners/developers have engaged an architectural consultant to develop project plans and detailed cost estimates, and consultation with SHPO (the State historic preservation agency) has been initiated.

The Levy Breaks building will be repaired and renovated to accommodate the Levy Breaks accounting offices as well as several other professional offices.

At 118/120 Main Street, the developer Battenkill Motors LLC has planned to create space for a new hospitality establishment, envisioned as a brewery with food. They had proceeded with gutting the interior of the structure, but they planned to delay the start of the major rehabilitation project without the infusion of Restore NY funding.

Last week the Village got the news: ESD and Restore NY have chosen the Village project to receive a grant award of \$1.6M. As with most State grants, this is a reimbursement grant that requires the developers/owners to fund and complete the work according to the description in the grant application. Once verification of the work is submitted, the funds will be released. The work is required by the grant to commence in 2023.

Pam Fuller is Mayor of Greenwich.



ASA helps preserve 373 acres in Hoosick

The Agricultural Stewardship Association (ASA) announced the permanent protection of Battle Acres Farm in Rensselaer County. The 373-acre farm is located in the Town of Hoosick and has been owned by the Cottrell Family for over 150 years. Funding for this conservation project was provided through the State Farmland Implementation Program which is administered by the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets and ASA's Forever Farmland Fund.

Battle Acres Farm is owned by the Cottrell family and is leased by a local dairy farm as support land. The farm got its name from the Battle of Bennington, some of which occurred on the property in 1777. The Bennington Battlefield State Historic Site is adjacent to the property. "My Dad passed in 2005 and we sold the dairy herd in 2007. He always told my Mom not to sell the farm - protecting the farm was his wish," owner Mark Cottrell said. "I feel good about what we have done here and I know that

regardless of our ability to farm in the future, it will always be available for another family."

State Agriculture Commissioner Richard A. Ball said, "Protecting the future of New York's agricultural industry begins at the local level. As stewards of the land, it's our duty to preserve our state's rich farmland for our future generations, one farm at a time. I congratulate the Cottrell family on permanently protecting Battle Acres Farm, a tremendous, well-deserved achievement that only adds to their long and storied agricultural legacy."

"It's been a privilege to work with the Cottrell family to conserve their farm. It has always been ASA's mission to conserve productive ag land, but it's certainly an added benefit to protect land that buffers the Bennington Battlefield and the Walloomsac River," said Chris Krahling, Senior Project Manager at ASA.

With the closing of this project, the Agricultural Stewardship Association has helped 161 farm families conserve over 28,700 acres in Rensselaer and Washington counties. ASA was founded in 1990 by local farmers to conserve land and ensure a future for farming and forestry in our region. For more information about ASA's work, visit www.agstewardship.org.



Wendy Cottrell, Mark Cottrell, Renee Bouplon and Chris Krahling

DAR's holiday donation

Willard's Mountain Chapter National Society of the Daughters of American Revolution recently celebrated the holiday season with a bell presentation of songs by Debi Craig.

The group donated a collection of items for the Greenwich Food Pantry just in time for Christmas and the New Year, a time when need is at its highest.



Winter Cut

Flower Webinars

Cornell Cooperative Extension and the Regional Capital Area Agriculture & Horticulture Program will present the 2023 Winter Cut Flower Webinar Series, online via Zoom on Tuesdays from January 10 to February 14, 2023. For residents of the of the CAAHP area (Albany, Rensselaer, Schenectady, Washington Counties), the cost is \$15 per session or \$75 for all sessions. For residents of all other areas, \$20 per session and \$100 for all sessions. Pesticide application credits are available. Details: (518) 765-3518 or cce-caahp@cornell.edu.

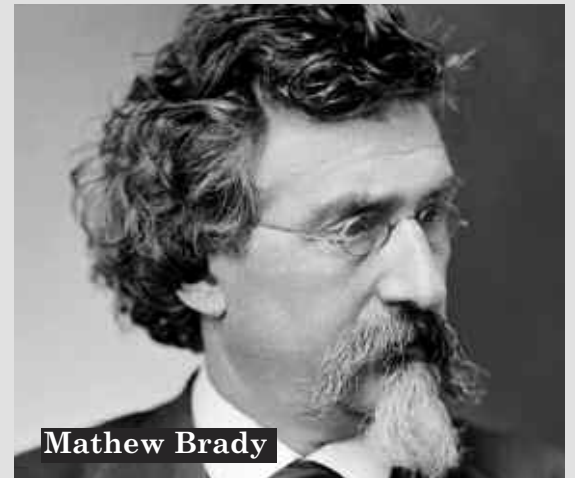
Discussing Civil War photog

Washington County Historical Society's local history book club will meet from noon until 1 PM on Friday, January 13, at the historical society headquarters, 167 Broadway, Fort Edward. Historical Society membership is not required.

The January meeting of the book club will be discussion of the life and work of Mathew Brady. Born to Irish parents in Johnsbury, Warren Co., in 1822, Brady was a renowned photographer who was best known for his photos of the Civil War and of famous people in the 19th century. Brady studied

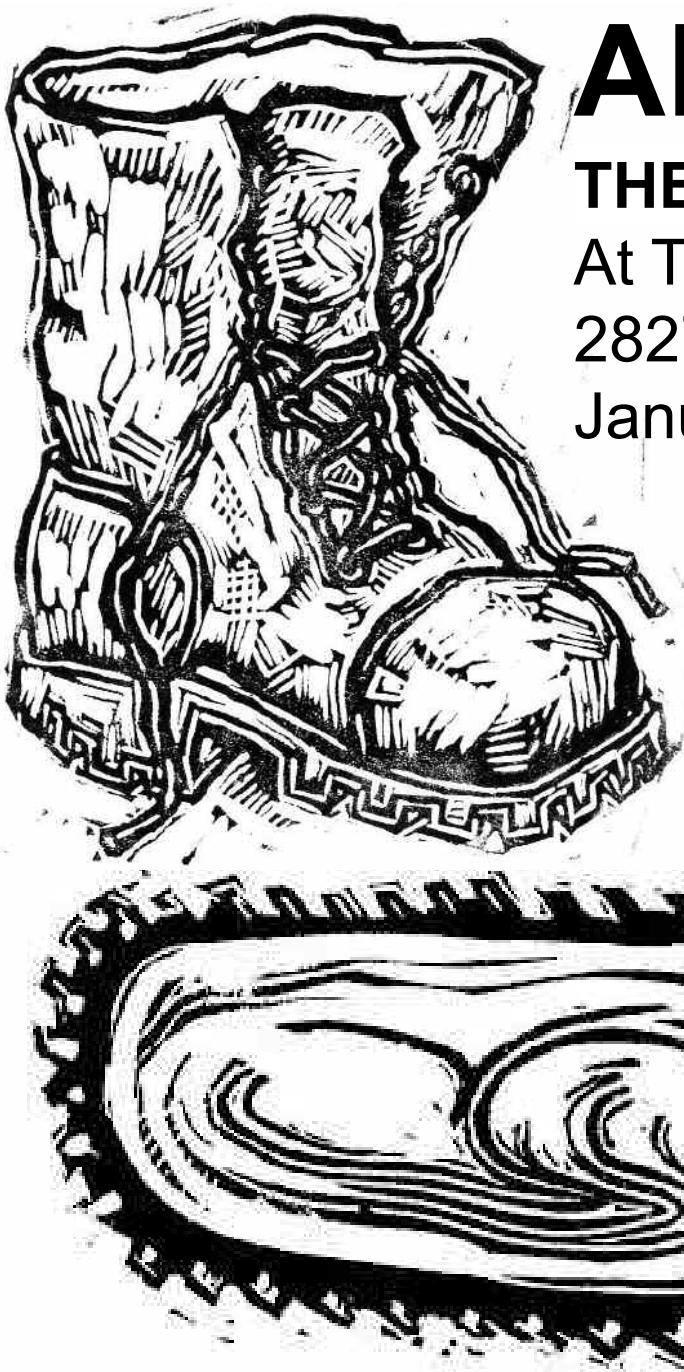
under inventor and photographer Samuel Morse and later had galleries on Broadway and in Washington, DC. He died in poverty in New York City January 15, 1896.

Future sessions of the club will include books about the larger Adirondack area as well as some works by local authors. The proposed list of topics includes Ulysses Grant's final days at Mount McGregor; Benedict Arnold's building of the first Navy in Whitehall; the Underground Railroad; and the impact of Shay's Rebellion on our area. For additional information, email



Mathew Brady

Connie Harris Farrington at connieandlee@roadrunner.com.



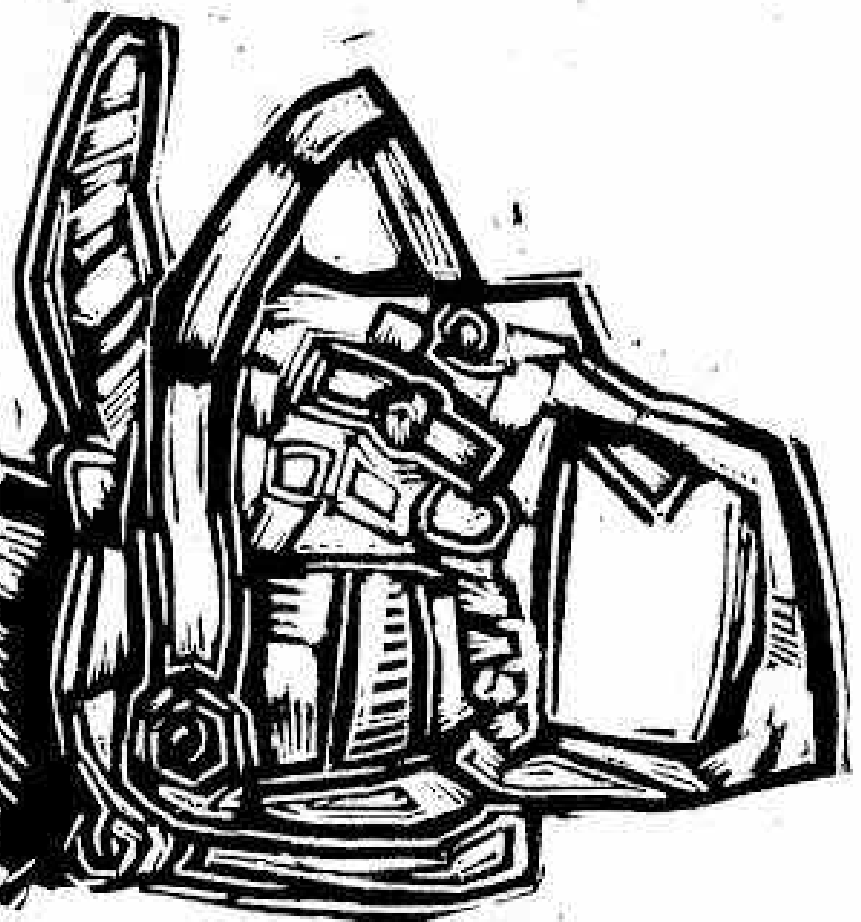
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He lives!

Cody Fitzgerald
Journal & Press

Hey. It's been a minute, I know. Believe it or not, the weight of two jobs, three breakups, four classes, and five golden rings can be quite encapsulating mentally and pretty time consuming. With that, I've got some catch up to do, and I think now, as we say goodbye to 2022, it is the perfect time to recap and run through all of the major events I've missed these past couple months. Bear with me, here we go...

- Elon Musk completed his multi-billion dollar acquisition of Twitter, in claims to protect free speech on the platform. My one issue with this is [the remainder of this anecdote has been rejected and permanently banned from Twitter].

- The United States midterm elections were held in early November, proving to be a massive success for Democrats, defying the odds and proving once again that democracy will favor those that actually believe in it.

- Kanye went so far off the deep end that I feel as though I cannot even ethically joke about it, which should tell you enough.

- Taylor Swift released a very mediocre album and then worked with Ticketmaster to price gouge tickets to her upcoming tour, exploiting her fans and supporters under the guise that she grew up like us so 'she understands,' on top of claiming to be anti-capitalist while doing everything to can to gain from the system that she claims to hate. I'm going to stop

writing this line now because there are 47 teenagers outside of my window with pitchforks.

- Boris Johnson stepped down as Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, leaving people scrambling to find a new target of online meme culture. (I nominate James Cordean).

- The world population exceeded eight billion, and despite this, there is still no one that's going to listen to your podcast.

- Your aunt threw a fit about how she is no longer allowed to say 'Merry Christmas' anymore because the 'wokes' are trying to ruin it, despite the fact that this is very much not happening.

- Prince Harry and Meghan Markle released a Netflix documentary or something, I guess. I don't care.

- Uninformed people on TikTok made the Johnny Depp trial their

'Kanye went so far off the deep end, I feel I can't even ethically joke about it, which should tell you enough.'

aesthetic and still haven't regained a personality.

- *Better Call Saul* concluded its sixth and final season, and all other media should immediately stop trying and be cancelled because it will never reach the cinematic and storytelling peak that this franchise hit. Darren will back me up here.

(Editor's Note: "It's true.")

(Writer's Note: Darren did not write that, but I know he would say



it.)

- Elise Stefanik still sucks.
- Pip, Pip, Cheerio! The Queen of England died on September 8, and you should all consider yourselves bloody lucky, because had I been writing at the time I would've fancied myself a cancellation.

- No one cares about Marvel anymore, I guess?

- Donald Trump announced his candidacy for the 2024 race, and, in his worst nightmare, no one cared.

- Alex Jones is being forced to pay \$965 million in a landmark case fighting his misinformation. I don't have a joke but I know he does not have \$965 million and therefore this is going to be very fun to watch.

- The 2022 FIFA World Cup was held in Qatar. The event pulled in record viewership, uniting the world. In the end, Argentina defied the odds and ultimately took home

the championship. Despite all this, I still do not care.

There you have it. 2022 was a very eventful year, both for the world and for me, personally. I just turned 20, and I've garnered a lot of knowledge and growth this past year, especially in these last couple of months. The world will throw stuff at you, and even on your toughest days you have to know and understand that despite everything, you have it in you. All the strength, wisdom, and endurance you have learned throughout your life and built up can come together, and you too can say that you truly do not give a damn about the World Cup.

Schuylerville resident Cody Fitzgerald aspires to become "one of the cool" High School English teachers. He attends Siena College as an Education major and hopes to share this outlook/coping mechanism with future generations.



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A Right-to-Farm Law exception proposed

Robin Lyle
Journal & Press

The Argyle Town Board held its monthly meeting on December 14. Present were Supervisor Bob Henke; Councilmembers Steve Bonhote, Kevin Hayes, Scott Lufkin and Patrick Sullivan; and Clerk Shelley McKernon.

Argyle's Right to Farm Law Amendment Proposed

The meeting opened with a public hearing on Local Law 2 of 2022: Town of Argyle Right to Farm Law. In May of this year, an Argyle farmer raised concerns to the board about repeated encroachment of a neighbor's livestock onto his property.

Unable to resolve the issue, the farmer asked the town board to consider legislation similar to that enacted in Whitehall. Whitehall's law states that "Any animal which shall be found running at large... may be seized by...any agent of the Town...[and] delivered to an authorized impoundment agency" and establishes a fine of up to \$100 for each offense.

While Argyle already has a Right to Farm law on the books, it does not address the issue of roaming livestock. Since May, the board has worked to amend the current law.

The proposed amendment adds Section 1-5. "Confinement" which states: "It shall be unlawful for any person to permit any horses, cattle, swine, pigs, sheep, goats, poultry,

or any other farm animal to run at large in the Town of Argyle. This does not apply to dogs, cats, or other household pets. For purposes of this Local Law "run at large" means off the property of the farm or out of direct control of the owner and/or employee/agent of the farm."

Further, the proposed amendment adds Section 1-8. "Penalties for offenses" which states: "Any person who violates any provision of this article is guilty of an infraction punishable by a fine not exceeding \$1000."

The board decided not to act on the proposal at Wednesday's meeting and scheduled a second public hearing for the beginning of the next regular board meeting on January 11 at 7:00 p.m..

Installation of Septic System Begins

In June of this year, the board approved using ARPA money to install a septic system at the recreational field. The town secured donations of professional services from different sources to contain project costs. An engineer for Stewart's Shops Corporation, Scott Kitchner, is donating his services to the town. He addressed the board with an update on the septic project.

Kitchner stated that the septic system will extend over most of the recreational field's current parking area. This necessitates relocating the parking lot to a new site. Kitchner identified contractors

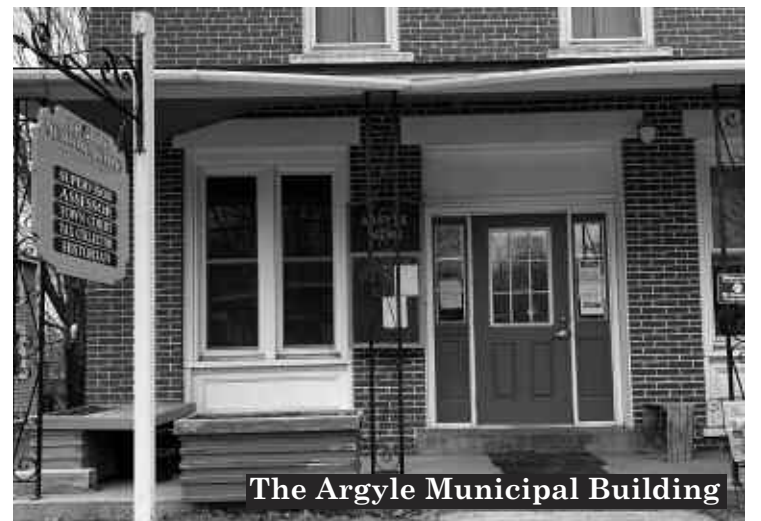
willing to donate their services, asking reimbursement only for materials and fuel. He estimated the additional costs for relocation of the parking lot to be \$22,146. All costs for the project will be paid using ARPA funds. The project is expected to be completed over the next few weeks.

In Other Business

- The Board announced that Carrie Schermerhorn has been hired to serve as Argyle's new town assessor. She was one of three applicants interviewed for the position.

- Councilman Lufkin reported that over 200 people attended the Country Christmas celebration and that there were 22 entrants in the gingerbread house competition.

- Matt Jones from the Youth Commission sought budget information on a monthly basis from the town related to the commission's activities. The Youth Commission has voted to have an internal "treasurer" position that doesn't handle any money, but can report on what monies have been allocated to which programs. This will help the commission to better account for how monies are used and track donations designated for



The Argyle Municipal Building

specific programs. Councilman Hayes said he will work with Jones on this after the new year.

- The mass resignation by all employees of the town of Hartford's highway department and possible impact on Argyle was discussed. Argyle will provide mutual aid if required for snow predicted for this week. However, costs to Argyle if the need persists were of concern.

- Resident Don Previtali of Lant Hill Farm on McEachron Hill Extension is asking the town to not plow the road starting at his property line. He said he will create a flat area off the road for the plows to turn around. He owns the land on both sides of the road. He stated he is making the request to save the town money. The board recommended referring the request to the Highway Committee.

- The board scheduled an End of the Year Meeting for Thursday December 29 at 6:00 p.m. and a Reorganization Meeting for Monday, January 2 at 9:00 a.m. Both to be held at the Municipal Building.

Local Theater

Fort Salem Theater wins \$30K grant

Fort Salem Theater recently announced a grant award totaling \$30,000 from the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) to support the recovery of the nonprofit arts and culture sector. Following New York State's historic investment for the arts, NYSCA has awarded \$90 million since Spring 2022 to a record number of artists and organizations across the state.

Governor Kathy Hochul said, "As a cultural capital of the world, New York State is strengthened by our expansive coverage of the arts across all 62 counties. This year's historic commitment to the arts sector will spur our continuing recovery from the pandemic and set the course for a stronger future."

"We are so grateful for NYSCA's support of our mission to provide entertainment, education, and inspiration to Salem and the neighboring communities through high-quality, engaging, and diverse stage productions." Fort Salem Theater Executive and Artistic Director Kyle West commented. "With annual operating expenses of around \$200,000, we simply cannot sustain on ticket sales alone. Every single dollar provided through grants and donations help keep our lights shining into the next season, and we're thrilled to mark 50 years of live arts and education at FST with NYSCA's generous

support."

NYSCA Executive Director Mara Manus said, "We are immensely grateful to Governor Hochul and the Legislature for their unprecedented investment of \$240 million to support arts organizations across the state. New York State arts organizations such as Fort Salem Theater are the cornerstone of our vibrant arts economy. As crucial drivers of our health and vitality, we are grateful to the unwavering dedication of arts workers across the state."

NYSCA Chair Katherine Nicholls said, "On behalf of the entire Council, I congratulate Fort Salem Theater on this grant award. Their creative work provides the benefits of the arts to both their community and all of New York. Arts organizations are essential, leading our tourism economy and fueling sectors such as hospitality, transit, and Main Streets across our state. "



To help support Fort Salem Theater, tax-deductible donations can be made 24/7 at www.FortSalem.com, or by calling the Fort Salem Theater box office at 518-854-9200. Checks made payable to Fort Salem Theater can be mailed to PO Box 10, Salem NY 12865.

The year in review

Darren Johnson
Journal & Press

I asked wonderful local artist Chris Smith to create the montage image to the right based on the 24 Journal & Press covers from 2022.

Looking at the year as a whole is an interesting assignment. You can see these issues for free at JournalandPress.com.

Overall, 2022 was a transitional year for the area; some growth but some economic setbacks, as local businesses continued to struggle, some even closing. Let's look at the issues:

On the cover of our mid-January issue is a photo of the new Greenwich town board being sworn in; it's the first Democratic majority the town has ever had.

But, while that's just a year ago, and Covid-19 had been a reality for quite some time, it seems like January 2022 was *very* long ago because the group pictured are wearing masks. A preview photo next to it shows high school basketball players wearing masks. We as a society were still very much in pandemic mode at the start of 2022, and it had been a long time for everyone under such stress. While, today, a few people here and there are still wearing masks (and there's nothing wrong with that), the idea of *everyone* wearing them seems like a foggy, distant memory. Inside that issue, many events were still being cancelled due to Covid, as well.

By February, more people in photos are still wearing masks. I'd say they are the majority. Someday, people will explore our archives and see these photos, and they will stand out as unique from an historical perspective. I even wrote an editorial on understanding the "vaccine hesitant." We wrote a profile on then-Greenwich super athlete Jesse Kuzmich. Three photos of him playing three different sports, the mask more of a chin-strap. He said about the masks: "It obviously sucks and nobody wants to do it but I'm not going to waste my time caring about something I can't control, so I just deal with it."

A major fire on Main Street in Greenwich hit in February, and we devoted much of the mid-month issue to that. I don't have the time or money to nominate this newspaper for award contests (they are mostly won by rich newspapers on Long Island or in Westchester, anyway), but if I did, that issue was a pretty solid overview of what happened to the Wilmarth Building and its historical importance (see Page 2 of this paper for an update). By this point, Greenwich Town is also considering allowing cannabis sales and lounges locally; they eventually do green light this, and we may start to see pot shops here soon.

In March, the Cambridge School Board decided to double down on their attorney fees and keep fighting to maintain the sports name Indians. This case would actually create a statewide conversation, backfire, and now the state is pressing all schools with Native mascots to end the practice.

The mid-March issue broached a couple of hot topics: What to do with ultra-slick dirt roads like Mahaffy Road in Greenwich and the rapid growth of solar farms in the region.

The purchase of the Eddy Plow Works building in Greenwich by Jessica and Steven Townsend led off the April issue. They have grand goals and have been working toward them since the closing. I follow their progress on Facebook. Founded in 1832, Eddy Plow is 10 years older than this newspaper!

Dozens of photos are in our April editions and no one in them is wearing a mask.



Illustration by Chris Smith

The early May edition had an interesting cover story, as newly elected Republican Greenwich Highway super Jeff Derby suddenly resigned. The Highway Department and some of the power plays there were a big story in 2021 and continued to be a big story in 2022 for a couple of reasons: First, the departure created a special election – one the Democrats would win: They backed Stan Mattison, Jr., a registered independent, the son of a longtime highway super who had a falling out with the Republicans, which created the schism that perhaps led to the Democrats taking over town hall; the second is that roads like Mahaffy, and another road, that was accidentally paved at taxpayer expense, would cause town residents to show up at meetings and question the department in general.

The Greenwich School District also held a contested election for school board and that, like society in general, had also gotten political, so this paper hosted a debate at the high school that I moderated. There were six candidates for three open seats; three union-backed candidates and three reformers. It was taped and lots of people watched it. The union-backed candidates ended up winning.

The June issues were upbeat, with school sports ending in victories and graduations, and big festivals announcing their returns after the pandemic years. By July, Cambridge CSD continued to fight the state to keep the Indians name and Greenwich Fire Department honored the late Deputy Chief Brian Buell, who passed on June 24 of cancer. Hundreds of local volunteers attended the ceremony.

Schuylerville's Turning Point Parade and the Washington County Fair returned in August. The summer issues also take the time to interview local influencers, including Salem Supervisor Sue Clary. Probably the hottest story that month was a Greenwich ZBA meeting where some local residents called into question local pantry Comfort Food's certificate of compliance. Others felt this was a political power play, and by September, the ZBA decided not to move forward with a potential appeal.

In September, we interview the new Green-

wich CSD superintendent Jennifer Steimle, and start to attend interesting meetings in Schuylerville called Conversations. Sometimes these types of meetings are more engaging and proactive than government meetings, and are much better attended.

The Village of Greenwich gave us an interesting topic to kick off October. Many residents have been up in arms about proposed logging and the closing of some trails at popular public park Thunder Mountain. We'll continue to follow this story in the New Year.

Elections were revving up by October, and scarecrows were popping up around Schuylerville. We even had a rare interview with Rep. Elise Stefanik to kick off November. She doesn't do many press interviews. In fact, we interviewed all of the local candidates – at least the ones who touch Greenwich, as other towns have been gerrymandered a bit of late and no longer have the same representation. Our coverage of the Greenwich Highway race created interesting conversations and prompted lots of letters. No one said the coverage wasn't fair.

More recently, all of the holiday parades were back at full strength.

Over the course of 24 issues, many stories were told, and a lot of hot topics were discussed, which is why I encourage you to not just occasionally pick up this paper at a newsstand but instead subscribe, to never miss an issue and better understand the big picture. I'm thinking 2023 will be interesting from a news standpoint, as long as we can keep this print edition going. The web is nice, but it's in these printed pages where we can develop stories over weeks and months. Like chapters of a book.

I hope you enjoy this paper as much as we enjoy making it. Thank you for reading.

Have a very healthy and prosperous New Year!

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Saratoga battles and world politics

The Saratoga County History Center (SCHC) announces a virtual presentation by Dr. Eliga Gould on the Global War for American Revolution. Dr. Gould will participate in the History Center's popular virtual speaker series "Experts Next Door." At 7 pm on January 31st, Dr. Gould will explain the global war for American independence and the role played by the battles of Saratoga in 1777. This is a virtual program presented on Zoom.

Dr. Eliga Gould is a Professor and Chair of the Department of History at the University of New Hampshire. Gould's scholarship focuses on the American Revolution, emphasizing the revolution's "outer" history in the Americas, Africa, Europe, and the wider world. His current book project, *Crucible of Peace: The Turbulent History of America's Founding Treaty*, examines the least studied United States' founding documents: the Treaty of 1783 that ended the American Revolutionary War. He is the author of *Among the Powers of the Earth: The American Revolution and the Making of a New World Empire* and co-editor of *Empire and*

Nation: The American Revolution and the Atlantic World.

Sean Kelleher, Vice President of the Saratoga County History Center, says, "We are very fortunate to have Dr. Gould present our virtual "Experts Next Door" program. The American victory at Saratoga in 1777 could not have been achieved without foreign aid. After Saratoga, most people don't realize that the fighting of the American Revolution includes Asia, Africa, and Europe." The History Center is proud to support the Saratoga County 250th American Revolution Commission, created by the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors to recognize the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution in Saratoga County.

The event, set to take place on Zoom, is open to the public. It's free, but donations are highly valued. To register, please visit www.brooksidemuseum.org.

The "Experts Next Door" virtual speaker series was launched in the summer of 2020 and has featured specialists from various fields, from archaeology to gardening to mixology to

history to teach.

The Saratoga County History Center is dedicated to the preservation and sharing of the diverse histories of Saratoga County. In addition to the Brookside Museum, the History Center provides various innovative, exciting, and educational programs online and in-person across the county.



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Recipe for a great year

Kate Sausville
Journal & Press

Christmas 2022 is over, and the decorations are starting to come down. Are you someone who takes your decorations down as soon as Christmas Day is done, or do you wait as long as you can? In the past I would try to keep the decorations up until Epiphany on January 6. As a teacher it's easier to get everything put away before the break ends, even though I do love the additional lights the decorations provide. It can also be nice to have your home clean and ready for the New Year.

This was a bittersweet Christmas for me, as I realized it was our last one where all my kids will be in the house. My oldest goes to college in the Fall, and even when they come back, I know it will be different. While it may seem far away, I know how quickly the first half of the year always seems to go. On Christmas morning I saw the videos of families with young children excitedly waking up to presents under the tree and felt it wasn't that long ago for my family. As the saying goes, the days may be long but the years are short.

The holidays can be difficult for many people, especially when you have lost loved ones. Traditions that you once enjoyed may not seem as fulfilling as they once were. If that is the case, then it might be time to change things up and do something different. With New Year's right around the corner, this is a good time to reflect on what went well this past year, and what did not. What do you want to keep, and what needs to be changed or done away with com-

pletely? Think about what keeps your cup full and do more of that. For some it might be staying away from social media and slanted news stories. Others it might mean volunteering more or spending time with loved ones.

New Year's Eve has its own traditions. Often means staying up late and toasting the new year with champagne. But there are other traditions that I enjoy much more, especially as a morning person. There are traditional dishes that are said to bring luck for the new year, such as ham, black eyed peas, and lentils. Some dishes have their roots in the south, but other dishes, such as pork and sauerkraut, come from Germany and were brought over by the Pennsylvania Dutch. We love soup, so I'm planning on making a traditional split-pea soup to ring in the New Year. Using a ham bone gives this soup a great smoky flavor, so if you had ham for Christmas make sure to keep the ham bone.

Split Pea Soup

INGREDIENTS

- 2 Tablespoons butter
- 1 small onion chopped
- 3 large carrots diced
- 3 celery stalks diced
- 3 cloves garlic minced
- 1 pound dried split peas
- 6 cups chicken broth more if needed
- 1 1/2 - 2 pound ham bone
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper

'More importantly, I plan to add to the good in the world.'



1 teaspoon fresh thyme needed.
1 cup chopped ham for garnish

INSTRUCTIONS

In a large pot over medium high heat add the butter and let it melt. Add the onion, carrots, celery, and garlic. Sauté until tender.

Add in the split peas and chicken broth. Add in the ham bone. Bring to a boil and simmer uncovered for 60-90 minutes stirring occasionally. Cook until the peas split and the soup has thickened.

Remove the ham bone and shred the ham. Add it back to the soup. Add salt, pepper, and thyme. Garnish with additional ham if

(Recipe courtesy of Alyssa Rivers via therecipecritic.com/split-pea-soup.)

Normally I am not a resolution person. You won't see me jogging through town or in the gym come January. My goal is simple. This year I plan on paying more attention to the good in the world, but more importantly, trying to add to the good in the world.

Happy New Year!

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I don't expect a tip, but tip me anyway

Greg Schwem

Special to Journal & Press

Recently, I began driving for Uber; not because of financial hardship, but so I could entertain friends with stories that would normally sound creepy coming from a 60-year-old man's mouth.

"Yesterday, I picked up two girls at the high school," I told a college buddy over beers one evening.

"You could get arrested for that," he said.

"Actually, I got paid eight bucks for it," I said. "Eight dollars and thirty-three cents to be exact. But no tip."

"High school girls don't tip?" he asked, not realizing he was entering creepy vernacular territory as well.

"Apparently not."

When it comes to tipping, it's not just high school sophomores. Well, maybe they were juniors; I thought it best to just focus on driving. Since entering the world of rideshare, I have squirmed around everyone from airport-bound business travelers, to senior citizens needing rides to or from medical appointments to people whose cars wouldn't start and were picking up loaner vehicles from rental facilities.

I have made nearly \$1,000 in three weeks but received only \$80 in gratuities, an 8% bonus for, in my opinion, going beyond being cordial, conversational and safe.

There was the woman I picked at Walmart carrying more than a dozen grocery bags, which I loaded into my trunk and then carried to her apartment's front door.

No tip.

I met another woman at a motel. She was waiting for me with a car seat, carrying a sleeping infant. Reeking of weed, she haphazardly placed the seat next to her, never bothering to use a seat belt to secure her child. Even though it had been 25 years since I threaded a safety belt through a car seat, I did it for her. She never said thank you.

Nor did she tip. After a 45-minute ride.

While I'm not angry at the lack of a financial boost for my services, I am curious as to why people feel paying the exact amount on a dinner check or a ridesharing app is sufficient. For some, it may be financial hardship; and I understand that. I have driven several passengers who I picked up at their places of employment, and dropped them at their NEXT place of employment. If you are working multiple jobs to make ends meet, please keep your money. It's my pleasure to offer door-to-door service.

However, if you are on your way to San Francisco for a company function and brought your spouse because you "plan to spend a few extra days in the Bay Area," you are not suffering financially; at least, not immediately. Oh, and that bag I lifted in and out of my trunk? What the hell was in it? Perhaps you're saving my tip money for the amount the airline will charge you once you put your suitcase on that scale.

Before you scroll to the bottom of this column looking for the "comments" section so you can tell me

'If you are working multiple jobs to make ends meet, please keep your money.'

why I am way off base for assuming I should receive gratuities, let me reiterate that this is uncharted territory for me. Until now, I have never held a job where tipping was part of my income. Well, unless you count my first occupation, as a paperboy for my neighborhood. Google "paperboy" if you don't know that morning newspapers were once delivered by teenagers on their bikes prior to school. While you're at it, Google "newspapers."

I've never bartended, waited tables, cut hair or performed any type of service where employees rely on gratuities. Also, I know the concept



of tipping is starting to be questioned, both by those who provide the services and those who receive them. Restaurants are raising prices, the increase being a guise for gratuities shared by staff at night's

fleeing for reasons ranging from unruly customers who refused to wear masks to low wages made even lower by non-existent tips.

Those who remain are still hoping you will boost their checks with monetary "thank yous." I am adding myself to that silent chorus.

If you are a tipper, and agree that tipping makes the world a better place, then please email me with your thoughts.

Better yet, Venmo me.

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Road To Success Goes Through the Salad Bar: A Pile of BS From a Corporate Comedian," available at Amazon.com. Visit Greg on the web at www.gregschwem.com.

Letter to the Editor

Salem should rethink the use of LED lights

To the Editor:

Salem has irresponsibly converted to LED streetlights. Like neighboring Cambridge, Salem's governing board was given ample warning of the severe, documented harm LED lights cause. Salem's board knew in advance that LED streetlights trigger epileptic seizures and migraines; increase local risk of breast, prostate and colorectal cancers; threaten the health of infants and fetuses; interfere with cancer therapy; cause disability glare; cut local pollinator numbers in half; threaten aquatic, amphibious and terrestrial wildlife; and contain toxic materials like gallium arsenate. (Salem actually knew

more than Cambridge, because damning evidence grows daily.) Salem's board, like Cambridge's, was reminded of their duty to ensure that people with LED-light-reactive medical disabilities are able to use public streets and services as safely and freely as anybody else. Like Cambridge, Salem went for LEDs anyway. Both ignored real-world epidemiological studies, hundreds of research articles from the National Library of Medicine, and the LED industry's own literature outlining risks for vulnerable populations and the environment.

One wonders, did they feel helpless? Compelled? Fatalistic? Were they offered something

in exchange for jeopardizing public health and safety, for violating the rights of people with epilepsy? Money, maybe lots? It's hard to believe any amount will be worth it in the long run. Such poor judgment makes for bad governance and Salem, like Cambridge, has made a serious mistake that will have terrible consequences. That is, unless Salem, *unlike* Cambridge, does the right thing and uses their authority to get rid of the damaging LEDs and re-install streetlights that *don't* cause these problems..

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Todd joins ASA

The Agricultural Stewardship Association (ASA) announced the hiring of Reuben Todd as Director of Operations. Reuben joined the ASA team in August and has hit the ground running.

This is a newly created leadership position that will provide the necessary internal support for staff. Todd's primary responsibilities include managing the financial resources of the organization; serving as the human resources manager; overseeing the daily operations of the office; and providing strategic financial and organizational support to the Executive Director. He will also focus on strengthening internal systems to optimize productivity and minimize organizational risk.

Originally from Ontario, Canada, Todd and his family have called Washington County home since 2017. Prior to joining the ASA team, Todd was the Executive Director of Christ the King Center in Greenwich. He has over 20 years of experience in non-profit leadership. Reuben enjoys all things outdoors and depending on the season you might find him canoeing, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, hiking or camping.

"It's been such a warm welcome to be part of this team. I'm learning a lot about what we do and how we do it, and everyone seems eager to work together to find the ways we can work more efficiently and effectively. I'm glad to be part of it," Todd said.

Remembering Josh

The Figgs will headline a concert in memory of Josh Chambers at Caffé Lena in Saratoga on January 13th 2023.

In February 2021, Saratoga Springs lost a true legend in Josh Chambers. A Greenwich native and Skidmore College graduate, Chambers made a name for himself around Saratoga in the 1990's as a musician, play write and director.

Times Union entertainment critic Steve Barnes wrote: " Josh Chambers artistic fecundity and superabundance of gifts across multiple creative disciplines awed collaborators and audiences alike."

The concert will open with Dave Bengle and the Radio Junkies, Sue Kessler, and the legendary Capital region singer/songwriter Michael Eck.

The headlining band will be The Figgs.

The Figgs were formed in Saratoga NY in 1987. They are a nationally renowned touring band



whose output includes 13 studio albums and multiple EPs and singles. The Figgs are made up of: Mike Gent, Pete Donnelly and Pete Hayes.

The concert starts at 7 PM with doors opening at 6:30 PM. Tickets are available at caffelena.org.

Saratoga History grant

The Saratoga County History Center in Ballston Spa announced a \$2,500 grant from the Adirondack Trust Company Community Fund as part of their Lend-A-Hand program. The grant was presented at the Community Fund's annual award reception and will support an immersive exhibition on the history of Saratoga County to open in spring 2023.

Field Horne, president of the SCHC, said, "This grant helps the History Center regain fiscal momentum with

SCHC
Saratoga County History Center



exhibitions, the lifeblood of a museum. The support of the Adirondack Trust Company Community Fund makes possible the preservation and sharing of our county's rich history."

Maureen Walsh, SCHC Treasurer, said, "This grant represents the faith of the Adirondack Trust Company Community Fund in the value of SCHC. We are delighted and honored. The funding will help SCHC deliver on its mission to bring a deeper understanding, for residents and visitors alike, of how the past informs and impacts our present and future in Saratoga County."

With this grant and other support, the organization will create an exhibit with a lifespan of about a decade. An exhibition of this magnitude and quality should result in a steady audience and sustainable fiscal support. It will provide an engaging orientation for residents and visitors about the county's history and be the basis for developing new public and school programs. This development should lead to additional partnerships with cultural and educational institutions and increase outreach to audiences and donors.

The Saratoga County History Center is dedicated to the preservation and sharing of the diverse histories of Saratoga County. In addition to the Brookside Museum, the History Center provides various innovative, exciting, and educational programs online and in-person across the county. Please check the website (www.brooksidemuseum.org) and social media accounts (@SaratogaCoHistory) for updates and announcements.

Highway lessons

Hartford elementary students learned about snow plow safety and how to have fun in the snow while staying safe during the winter months. Town of Hartford Highway Superintendent Greg Brown first met with the students in the library where the students learned the importance of dressing warm for the winter weather, why building snow forts is not safe, and the importance

of staying away from the roads when the snow plows are approaching, and vehicles could slide.

The students then went outside where Highway employees David Swezey and Michael Swezey showed them the snow plow removal equipment and helped the students get into the driver's seat to get a perspective of what the driver can and cannot see.



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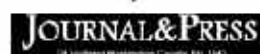
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Your 2023 resolution: 'Think like a pilot'

Michael Levy
Journal & Press

It is the beginning of the year and a time when many reflect upon the events of the past one. And during this period of reflection, many pursue the tradition of developing their New Year's resolutions. Some resolutions are expected to alter an undesired trait or behavior, but others are more forward-looking and geared toward generating a better standard of living in the upcoming year.

When I am flying about in small airplanes, I find myself thinking of certain aviation sayings that are designed to keep me safe and sound. The surprising thing is that I use the exact same sayings for my life on the ground and have found them to be equally useful there. Others might benefit from these as well. Therefore, one resolution that our readers might adopt for 2023 is to "think like a pilot".

Here are the aviation sayings that pop up in my head sometimes.

ALWAYS HAVE AN "OUT"

Whatever you are undertaking, you need to have alternatives available and know when to exercise those options. Things don't go exactly as planned on most occasions or even worse, they go to hell in a handbasket

As a pilot, I plan for the emergency and am always ready to do whatever it takes to avoid undesired outcomes. For example, when in a small plane and the weather becomes considerably worse than forecasted, I will land, find a hotel, and wait until the next day for better flying conditions. That is the basis of my Salisbury, Maryland Motel 6 saga, a tale for another time.

IT'S BETTER TO BE ON THE GROUND WISHING YOU WERE IN THE AIR, THAN IN THE AIR WISHING YOU WERE ON THE GROUND.

TAKE OFFS ARE OPTIONAL, LANDINGS ARE MANDATORY

There are times that a person wants to do something so much that they rush into it without considering the consequences. Don't put yourself in a situation where you are in "over your head" - the outcomes are typically not favorable! It is better to "want" than to "panic". These two rules apply to all aspects of life. Don't start something unless you're sure you can follow through? Are you sure that you can finish what you start?

LEARN FROM THE MISTAKES OF OTHERS. YOU WON'T LIVE LONG ENOUGH TO MAKE ALL OF THEM YOURSELF.

GOOD JUDGMENT COMES



Southbound above Schuylerville

FROM EXPERIENCE. UNFORTUNATELY, THE EXPERIENCE USUALLY COMES FROM BAD JUDGMENT.

YOU START WITH A BAG FULL OF LUCK AND AN EMPTY BAG OF EXPERIENCE. THE TRICK IS TO FILL THE BAG OF EXPERIENCE BEFORE YOU EMPTY THE BAG OF LUCK.

EXPERIENCE IS A HARD TEACHER BECAUSE SHE GIVES THE TEST FIRST, THE LESSON AFTERWARD.

These four pilot sayings are offshoots of each other and are based on the same underlying principles. Even a pilot who is the living embodiment of Charles Lindbergh, Amelia Earhart, Chuck Yeager, Captain Sully, and Patty Wagstaff combined, will never have enough years of life to gain this experience for themselves. It is important to seek out the knowledge of those who have come before and to add their experience into yours. Rules are based on someone else's experiences and are often the direct product of undesired outcomes. As soon as someone says, "this rule doesn't apply to me in this situation", they are throwing away all this wisdom and putting their fate into the hands of Lady Luck.

THE ONLY TIME AN AIRCRAFT HAS TOO MUCH FUEL ON BOARD IS WHEN IT IS ON FIRE

It goes without saying that a powered airplane won't fly when it runs out of fuel. And if a pilot runs out of fuel, it isn't as simple as pulling to the side of the road and calling a tow truck to bring out some no-lead regular gasoline.

Beyond the literal meaning of having more than enough fuel for

your vehicle, this adage applies to the human body. Are you sleeping well and long enough? Are you getting your energy from endless cups of coffee and a steady diet of candy bars? Are you eating the right things? Like an airplane engine, it is important to feed your system with the proper fuel to keep it running properly. Are you eating to excess and packing on the pounds? That is like setting a fire to your body, forcing it to deal with the extra metabolic load of being overweight or obese.

I DIDN'T CREATE THE PROBLEM, BUT I CERTAINLY HAVE TO SOLVE IT.

Flying in the clouds within the Bradley Airport (Hartford CT) airspace a while back, I was being bounced around by atmospheric conditions. The FAA controller wanted me at 5,000 feet above ground level, presumably to keep my little metal craft from crashing into something made by Boeing or Airbus. However, I was not able to keep the assigned altitude because Mr. Atmosphere had some other intentions for me. I was fluctuating anywhere from 4,500 to 5,700 feet - despite my best efforts to fly a consistent altitude. I didn't create the problem, but I certainly had to solve it. I explained my situation to the controller and negotiated a solution that would keep me away from other aircraft. I only needed this op-

tion for a short while, but it was a solution that preserved the safety of everyone. In life, curves get thrown at us all the time. Stuff happens where no one is to blame and there is no one to solve the problem except for you. Take responsibility and do the right thing! It will make you into a better person as well.

THERE ARE OLD PILOTS AND BOLD PILOTS, BUT NO OLD BOLD PILOTS

While this saying speaks for itself, it speaks directly to those who take unnecessary risks and end up paying the ultimate price. Those who take a more conservative approach to things and use their caution to avoid accidents, have a solid chance of living to a ripe old age. Taking risks can be fun but think it through first to see if the reward is worth the potential consequences.

Please consider adding "Think Like a Pilot" to your New Year's resolution list. And here is a random thought, maybe it will make your 2023 the best ever!

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A photo from the Cambridge Valley Flying Club

Interviews of the Year 2022

Jill Schlesinger
Special to Journal & Press

A big benefit of my job is that I am able to interview a variety of different people about the topics that are most interesting to them.

These authors, journalists, and filmmakers take what may seem mundane or complicated and bring it to life through engaging storytelling. Each year, I highlight those interviews that stuck with me throughout the year - and beyond.

Here are the standouts for 2022:

Daniel H. Pink

I first met Dan after he had written *When: The Scientific Secrets of Perfect Timing*. His research from the fields of psychology, biology, and economics, illustrated why the timing of certain decisions is more within our control than we would think. In 2022, Pink followed up with *The Power of Regret: How Looking Backward Moves Us Forward*. In our conversation, we discussed the paradox of how we frame past experiences.

Pink calls it the At Least/If Onlys and it goes something like this: "I

didn't get that promotion, but at least I wasn't fired'. At Least deliver comfort and consolation." Contrast that sentiment with this one: "If only I'd taken a few more stretch assignments, I'd have gotten that promotion.' If Onlys deliver discomfort and distress." Why choose discomfort and distress over comfort and consolation?

Because doing so may allow us to dive deeper into and take accountability for our decision-making. It can also help us be more forgiving to ourselves and importantly, can help us make smarter decisions, perform better at work and school, and bring greater meaning to our lives.

Annie Duke

Duke is a data scientist-turned professional blackjack player-turned author of two books, *Thinking in Bets* and *How to Decide*.

In her most recent work, *Quit: The Power of Knowing When to Walk Away*, she tackles two opposing forces: grit and grace. In our high-powered, achievement-oriented culture, Duke notes that "grit is a virtue, quitting is a vice." She explores why quitting is seen as nega-

tive, when in fact quitting allows you to incorporate new information and make better decisions. "Having the option to quit is what will keep you from being paralyzed by uncertainty or being stuck forever in every decision you make."

Duke underscores her thesis by citing cognitive biases which can help explain why people stick it out far too long, whether it's a job, an investment, or even a relationship. "If you feel like you've got a close call between quitting and persevering, it's likely that quitting is the better choice."

Spencer Jakab

Perhaps you never really understood what the heck happened amid the pandemic "meme stock craze." That was the period when investors used social platforms and discussion board sites like Reddit and Twitter to discuss and ultimately pile into companies like Gamestop and AMC Entertainment, ostensibly to punish short sellers - and stick it to the elites.

Lucky for you, Wall Street Journal columnist Jakab's engaging book, *The Revolution That Wasn't:*

GameStop, Reddit, and the Fleecing of Small Investors, tells the story of the GameStop squeeze, and the surprising winners of a rigged game.

Far from democratizing the financial world and markets, Jakab shows that the ultimate winner was the inside Wall Street crowd that feasted on retail investors.

Abigail Disney

Activist and filmmaker Abigail Disney may have had a tough Thanksgiving. In her documentary, *The American Dream and Other Fairy Tales*, she is pretty tough on the company that her father and uncle started decades ago. Disney interviewed Disneyland custodians over a two-year period (2018-2020), to shine a light on the disparity between workers, executives, and shareholders. The film serves as interesting walk down memory lane of American capitalism.

Jill Schlesinger, CFP, is a CBS News business analyst.



Interpersonal Edge

Strategic timing for new ventures

Daneen Skube
Special to Journal & Press

Q: All economic indicators predict that this next year will be a year of contraction. I was getting excited about launching new ventures, but think my timing will be off. How do you advise your clients about integrating timing into their business planning?

A: I recommend clients consider their timing on business planning in the same way we look at the tide. When the tide is outgoing, the powerful pull of the ocean will fight against the launching of new boats. But when the tide is coming in, boats will be supported by the ocean.

If we get stubborn and believe we can succeed despite what is happening around us, we will lose time, money, and opportunity, but not because our idea is bad. A good idea launched during an outgoing tide will struggle more than a bad idea launched amid an incoming tide.

No one can perfectly predict the future. We can and should read what experts predict when it comes to interest rates, the economy, and how global events will affect our industry. At the end of the day, data and intuition have to mesh to help us make decisions.

If you are launching a new boat

on an outgoing tide, you also want to ask yourself what the fall out could look like. If the consequences could be mild, then even if you fail, you will learn invaluable lessons to use on the incoming tide. If the costs are high, then you definitely want to use this time to better prepare once the tide starts to shift in your favor.

Even if you decide not to launch your venture now, you can use this time to learn, prepare, save money, and improve your network. Outgoing tides allow us to rest, strategize, and get ready for the rush of opportunities that will follow the incoming tide. Waiting does not mean you are giving up on your new ideas!

Another idea you can work with is consider that every event in your life is the universe conspiring to help you in some way. Perhaps there is some critical development, new skill, or new business contact that you needed time to create. If we look for the opportunity even when what happens isn't what we wanted, we usually find opportunities.

You'll adapt more quickly to a contracting business climate if you allow yourself to have both feelings and thoughts of disappointment. We all have moments of feeling sorry for ourselves, and thinking the world is against us. What we do next is critical. Do we pick our

heads up and look to use this time or get stuck in feeling unlucky?

They say that luck is when opportunity meets preparation. Luck is also how we respond to feeling unlucky or disappointment. If we use our unlucky moments to go back to the drawing board and prepare, we end up "lucky." If we use our unlucky moments as a reason to give up, we make our temporary setback permanent.

The other optimistic news about an outgoing tide is you can count on the cycles of nature to eventually bring the tide back in. If you prepared well, you'll be in the optimum position to ride that tide in the direction you've been waiting for.

Business may seem divorced from the natural world, but the same cycles that rule nature affect corporations. No farmer worthy of his or her profession fights nature. He or she pays attention, makes decisions according to nature, and knows there are times when a seemingly good crop won't thrive.

Timing is often the secret to launching a new venture. Let the tides of business work for you and not against your future success!

The last word(s)

Q: I'm so tired of getting disre-

spected at work. Is there a way I can influence my co-workers to respect me more?

A: Yes, I agree with Confucius -- a fifth-century BCE Chinese philosopher -- who wisely observed, "Respect yourself, and others will respect you."

Q: I feel inspired to be more productive this year and am trying to figure out my priorities. Is there one tip you give your clients to sort out what matters to them?

A: Yes, as Mahatma Gandhi, India's spiritual and political leader in the early 20th century, clearly stated, "Action expresses priorities." Observe what you do, not what you say you want to do.

Daneen Skube, Ph.D., is an executive coach and appears on FOX's "Workplace Guru" each Monday morning. You can contact Dr. Skube at www.interpersonaledge.com or 1420 NW Gilman Blvd., #2845, Issaquah, WA 98027. Sorry, no personal replies.



Collins' lifting record

Greenwich Central High School senior Keegan Collins competed in the Revolution Powerlifting Syndicate (RPS) Winter's Wrath Meet in West Lebanon, NH, on Dec. 3 and came away with three RPS Vermont/New Hampshire regional records and one world record.

Competing in the Raw Division (no assistive gear) in the 16-17 age group and the 149 lb-165 lb weight class, Keegan ruled the day.

Lifters are given three attempts in each of the three events and the heaviest successfully completed lift in each event counts in the total.

The first event of the day was the squat. Athletes have to hold the barbell across their upper backs and squat down to a "parallel" position,



Deadlifting 320 lbs.

in which the creases of the hips must lower to at least the depth of the tops of the knees. Keegan successfully completed all three of her squats at 225 lbs, 235 lbs and 245 lbs.

Next was the bench press. In this event, lifters must lay back on a bench and follow commands to "bench" (lower the bar to their chests), and after a full pause, "press" (lift the bar up until elbows are locked) and "rack" (return the bar to the rack). At all times, feet must maintain contact with the floor and gluteal muscles must maintain contact with the bench. Keegan legally completed all three of her lifts, at 155 lbs, 160 lbs and 162 ½ pounds. The second lift tied the existing RPS world record and the third lift established a new world record.

The last event was the dead lift. Competitors must stand over a weighted barbell and lift it to a standing position. Again, all three of Keegan's lifts were legal as she progressed from 295 lbs to 305 lbs, to 320 lbs. The third lift established a new RPS Vermont/New Hampshire regional record, as did her three event total of 727 ½ lbs.



With parents Jill and Kevin

It was an exhausting day, as lifters completed not only the competitive lifts, but all of the warm-up lifts for each event. Keegan's powerlifting prowess is the result of year-round lifting as part of her GCS track and field training. She enters the 2022-23 Indoor track season as the top ranked shot put and weight throw athlete in Section 2.

Standout students

Greenwich Central School announces the awardees of last month's "Standout Student Award" for the junior high school.

The students are (Pictured, L-R) Juno Catlin, Jordan Slater, Izaiyah Reynolds, Violet Kurland, Alexis Bell and Gabriel Chandler. Missing is Dylan Brown)

Each was awarded a certificate of accomplishment and a free Stewart's Ice Cream coupon.

The district said in a press release: "Teach-

ers of these students were able to witness first hand the exemplary effort, achievement, integrity, and kindness offered by each of these young people each and every day. They are extraordinary role models for their peers, and provide many beneficial qualities to bolster our strong school community. They should be proud of what they represent and deserve heartfelt congratulations."



Shumway's Guard promotion

The New York Army National Guard's new Command Chief Warrant Officer was recognized in a formal ceremony on December 19 at the Division of Military and Naval Affairs headquarters.

Chief Warrant Officer 5 Mark Shumway, a Greenwich resident, replaced Chief Warrant Officer 5 Jacqueline O'Keefe, a Berne resident, as the Command Chief Warrant Officer. O'Keefe, who has served as Command Chief Warrant Of-

ficer since 2018, is retiring after more than 38 years in the military.

Warrant Officers are technical experts who fall between sergeants and commissioned officers in the Army's command structure.

Shumway and his wife Suzanne reside in Greenwich; they have five children: Ryan (Ashley), Melissa (Reed), James, Lynsey, and Leah (Sean). Lynsey and Leah both serve in the New

York Army National Guard. Additionally, they have a growing group of grandchildren.



Mason honors

On December 17, 2022, Greenwich's Ashlar Lodge hosted a Christmas celebration with Cambridge Valley and Ballston Spa's Franklin Lodges.

The highlight of the night was the recognition of four men for their long service in the Masonic fraternity - Bob Endee, 55 years, Art Center and Gerry Aiken, 50 years, and John Patterson, 35 years.

The Christmas party gathered 51 people and presented a prime rib and a fish dinner. A festive punch was offered.

Since their inception, the Masonic Lodges,

each of which have existed in their communities for well over a century, have been important in growing moral leaders committed to God, their country, and their neighbor. All four awardees have exemplified that commitment.

Today, with more than 100 members and more than a century and a half of service to the community and charitable organizations, local Masons are currently supporting the causes of the national Masonic organization as well as local groups and organizations.



Photo by Dave D'Ambro

Ghosts of New Years' Past

Lance Allen Wang
Journal & Press

As the holidays end and the New Year looms, I often take stock of the year just past, and look out hopefully over the unwritten expanse of the year before me. Its also a great time of year – everybody is still in a holiday pause, the phones are not ringing at work, and folks generally seem to be in a good mood.

But in the quiet, in the relaxed space in front the fireplace, I occasionally take the time to reflect back about 15 years, to a time when I was younger, thinner, and frankly, in a little better shape than I am now. For about ten years or so, I didn't look over the hundreds of pages of writing I did while I was stationed in Baghdad – not because of anything shocking, horrible, or deeply traumatic. It was more of an exhaustion – when you eat, drink, live, and breathe something so all-encompassing for a year or so – the easiest thing to remember for me is the exhaustion. More so than the sweating, the sand and dust, distant gunfire or the occasional explosion of rockets, there is just a bone-tiredness that remains. It was not something I wanted to revisit – the nostalgia just wasn't there.

In 2007, as the year ended, I had just returned from a six-day journey up into northern Iraq to a small logistics base near Al Quiyarah, and then further north to Mosul. One of our infantry battalions was providing security at these locations, and I was visiting these units for the holidays. As I had spent many years in that battalion, for me it was a tremendous morale boost to see old friends who were still assigned there, guys who meant a great deal to me.

My letter for that first week after New Years Day 2008 captured a lot of the sheer mundane nature of the day-in, day-out existence, which for me rotated between my office in an old Ba'ath Party pool building, and my quarters, a shipping connex that I split with my good friend, Clark, the Brigade Chaplain. We'd usually get up extra early and go and a nearby tent where there was gym equipment. Weekly, I would take on an additional duty I volunteered for, which was serving as lay leader for 10-20 Jewish soldiers and contractors on the post. That was pretty much my life there, my other distractions were a small travel guitar that my mother had kindly bought for me, and writing – lots of it:

“... New Year's here was really quite the non-event. There was a concert and a ball-drop over at the stage near here, but I have no idea what the attendance was. New Year's is a work day just like all the others here, so I really didn't see much value added by staying up past midnight. I passed out around nine-thirty or so, and was up at four. I didn't pound on the wall to wake up Clark to go to the gym, I knew he had a service going on at the palace at midnight, and he was one of the officiating Chaplains. But I was at the gym nice and early, just like any other day, watching some college football (I have no idea who it was) while working out. It was still technically 2007 back in the states. It really doesn't feel like a 'new year' – the whole past year seems somewhat lost – it feels like 2008 will finally start when I get back. It will just be a shortened year. Regardless, I do wish 2007 good



“Some of the finest folks I've ever known. With the staff of Task Force Raven, Baghdad, 2007-08. I'm in the middle, fifth from the left.”

riddance.

“I don't mean to sound TOO cranky about it, and really I shouldn't be. While I say good riddance to 2007, I'd be hard pressed to be completely dismissive. I'll find the silver lining - just unlike other years, I've had to look harder for it. My writing and guitar playing have gotten a little better (guitar by premeditated intention, writing... well it just kind of happened). I've saved a little more money to set conditions for building the barn in New York – how could I help but save? After all, you can survive here on six bucks a month, and that's just to pay for a couple of haircuts. I've probably done more service to my faith, personally and to the community, in the past nine months than I have in the rest of my life combined (again not quite by premeditated intent – I really just wanted to go to services once a week, the rest, again... just happened). Obviously the opportunity to work closely with a lot of good folks in conditions such as we have here has had more positive aspects than not. This summary, I suppose, could end up becoming the postscript for the whole deployment, but really, it takes years to put any event in context. Everything always seems really important at the time, and then months, years later it turns out it was just a little blip on the radar...”

“I recently got a care package from a couple of very young cousins. One of them wrote in a letter – ‘How is the war going? Is it in favor of America or Iraq?’ Wow. How do you answer a kid's innocent question like that? I didn't know quite what to say. What do you tell them - that the war is ‘going good’? It's far more complicated than that. CNN reported the deaths of two more Americans here the other day. But the war is ‘going good.’ You should be happy, right? Well, not exactly, son. Then again, at this time, things are undeniably going better than before. But despite our love for simple answers, I am still wary of any overly optimistic, patronizing, or blithe proclamations regarding war progress, even to a kid... I'm not sure how I'd explain how the Iraq War to a kid. Parents, I don't envy you. Your job is much tougher than mine. In the end, I ended up giving a very heartfelt non-answer – ‘The most important thing to know is that I am very proud of what I see our young men and women doing here every day and that you should be too.’ I'm not sure what else I can say.

“The other day I received two huge boxes from KPMG [in New York City], where [my sister] works. They have an outreach program for servicemen deployed overseas, and I became the recipient of their kindness. There was all sorts of junk food, which I promptly put on the table outside my office to be devoured by the plague of Headquarters locusts who always descend on such offerings. There was some useful toiletries – hand sanitizer, which is always good to have, toilet paper, and baby wipes. Baby wipes, which are great when the water goes out, are the next best thing to a shower... In one of the boxes was probably the most entertaining enclosure - a stack of handwritten 4x6 cards from various KPMG folks. The front of the cards were pre-printed, something along the lines of ‘Happy Holidays from KPMG’ on the back were the hand-written notes – most had generally patriotic or holiday greeting sentiments. Of course, there was still someone who had to get political: ‘You're fighting over there, and we're fighting back here to get you home.’ And then someone else – I will assume a young lady – who decided to be more, err, inspiring? ‘I love a man in uniform.’ (followed by several hand-drawn hearts and an email address)...”

Fade out on Baghdad, 2008, and fade in on Southern Washington County, 2022. May your look back at 2022, however it was for you, be meaningful. May you build on your successes, may you learn from your shortcomings, may you and yours have happiness and health in the coming year, along with the greater perspective that time can bring. May it bring you closer to your truth. As for some enduring truth, I will lean on the great Marvin Gaye, from the classic 1970 album “What's Going On?” for a time-honored one - “And all He asks of us... is we give each other love...”

Happy New Year, friends.

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What a way to start a new year!

Shirley Renauld
Journal & Press

It's a new year. Get used to writing a 3 instead of a 2!

To continue thinking about reindeer, make yourself some antlers: Fold some of a paper bag, place the heel of your hand on the fold and spread out your fingers. Trace and cut. Fasten the hands to a headband and put it on. Pretend you're in Lapland, the native home of the reindeer. Lapland is not a country. It is the region of Scandinavia north of the Arctic Circle, which includes about a third of the country of Finland. When you visit its capital city of Rovaniemi, you can "drive on antlers" because its streets are laid out in the shape of a reindeer's head, complete with antlers. The city's B&Bs have saunas, though you see the most traditional ones as small buildings on the shores of small lakes. (Our Finnish immigrants converted a small building into a sauna or built one on their farm. They used a wood-burning cooking stove for the heat source and filled the oven with round stones. Throwing water on the hot stones made the steam, which rises, so the higher you sit on the benches, the more steam you get. We now have saunas/steam baths at gyms, Ys, or even inside someone's house—right Miles? Good time of year for your family to give one a try.)

Santa's official office is in Rovaniemi, too, but don't expect to visit him there in the Summer because he's out picking wild lingonberries for sauce for his pancakes and cloudberry preserves locally, but, sorry, not the ice cream.

As a wild reindeer, this time of year you would be in the taiga, the evergreen forest nearest the Arctic Circle. You migrated there to get away from the sweeping wind of the tundra to the north where you graze in the Summer. Or you'd be at a reindeer farm with your herd, as Teeka's were, and visitors can see you up close. They'd see that you are more massive and coarser fur of lighter color for camouflage in the snow than deer around here. But the biggest difference is that you all have antlers, whether you're male or female. The farm would be owned by Samis, the natives of Lapland. Though they don't have their own country, they continue to speak their own language and have their own flag flying. For special occasions, including for tourists, they still dress in their traditional bright clothing with lots of red and blue, just like in Jan Brett's pictures. and footwear made from reindeer hide. The



A Jan Brett winter scene

meat they eat is reindeer and they eat the big, wild colorful mushrooms with it. They train reindeer to pull sleds – it's easier than when Teeka was training wild ones. Otherwise, Samis are at work in the community and use snowmobiles. It is believed that it was the Sami who first used skis (Aren't you glad that they did?). With no roads or vehicles, cross-country skiing was the way to travel. Aunt Lydia tells of skiing to school even. For a story about skiing, change your headpiece and read Brett's "Trouble with Trolls" to enjoy how Treva does good thinking to rescue her dog.

'As you put decorations away, there are some you can leave out or not put too far away.'

Local author, Bruce Hiscock, in "Tundra, The Arctic Land", reminds us that this area is sometimes called the Land of the Midnight Sun, too. To understand this, get out your globe and flashlight again. When you shine the light directly over the Tropic of Cancer, the farthest north the sun's direct rays ever shine, you see that during the whole 24 hours (rotate the globe to see that), there is some light north of the Arctic Circle. At this time of year, the play of light also gives the Northern Lights which even we can see here, so look to the north on clear nights.

There's more to finish: Last year we got through only the first half of the 12 Days of Christmas. Now it's the other half, ending on Jan 6. called Epiphany or Three Kings Day, to help us think of the Magi, These three kings had been sent the message to watch for a

bright star in the East as a sign that the Christ Child had been born and to follow it to visit him. When they saw the star, they started out by camel, each with a gift. It was slow travel, so the 12 days after Christmas represent that. When they arrived, they presented their gifts to the baby. Do you remember what they were? This is the reason that we give gifts to each other. Some families have not given any or all of their gifts until the 6th. (Sorry, it's not a day off school, but it is a Fri.) Their journey became the basis of the English carol, "The Twelve Days of Christmas," that we sing and that many illustra-

tors have made into books. Which version is your favorite? For exercise, you can dramatize for some of the days. For "eight maids a-milking," think of all the ways you enjoy milk and its products (Did you enter the Milk Moments campaign? If you don't enter, you sure can't win.). And did you vote for your favorite star display in Schuylerville? Who won?

After reading O Henry's story, "The Gift of the Magi", we are glad that we made so many of the gifts we gave instead of spending much money.

What are your plans for the money you have left or perhaps you were given? Many ways to spend it, especially with those after-Christmas sales. This is also a good time to think about a budget: To plan for your spending on what you need or what you want, what part will be for fun, how much will be for giving to charity, what would go into sav-

ings? What part of the savings would be for a shorter term item like a cell phone, and what part would be for a long-term goal like for college? Do you want help working out a budget? Where can you go for help? Starting with those who have done it before, including your parents is a good idea. Working with others can be motivation – 4-H clubs sometimes do it as part of their programming. Learning to set up and use a spreadsheet can save your plans and allow you to keep updating your information: money you get from work, receive at upcoming holidays or for your birthday; does that go into your budget? What about allowance money? What are your responsibilities to earn it? Planning a budget is not a fun project but those who have done it, are now seeing the results and you will, too.

As you look around your house, you see that needles are coming off your evergreens: It's time for a family de-decorating party! Put on the music, maybe Christmas music for the last time. Get out snacks that are not sticky, like popcorn, for while you work. Save the leftover Christmas cookies and Hanukkah rugelach as a reward for when the special decorations are put away, to have with the last eggnog that won't be available in the stores much longer. The special ornaments get wrapped in tissue paper you keep reusing or are put into their boxes. Some that you made will be joining them, so make sure that your name and 2022 are on them. By the way, who found the pickle on the tree? That means a prize. Most of this year's nature materials will be replaced next year, so what do you do with this year's: return it to nature, compost it, goats like to eat ever-

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Certified to ride



The local SnoBlazers Snowmobile Safety Education Program recently certified 24 new riders.

To improve snowmobiling safety and improve the experience for all riders, John Rieger of Country Power Products and volunteers from the SnoBlazers Snowmobile Club join together each Fall to provide a Snowmobile Safety Course for kids 10 to 17 years of age and their parents. With John's guidance Scott Campbell, Jason Hammond, James Alheim, Brett Rue, Robert Purtorti and Tyler Alheim continues his legacy of educating the youth on the sport of snowmobiling. Hosting location: Middle Falls Fire Department Banquet Hall.

The SnoBlazers (Previously The Greenwich Trailblazers & Easton SnoKats Merged in 2013) and are one of seven Snowmobile Clubs in Washington County. The SnoBlazers main-

tain 65 miles of trail (of the 300+ in Washington County) across the property of 175 Private Landowners.

Without these generous landowners the sport would not exist. New York State has an outstanding world-class snowmobiling system with 210 clubs and 10,500 miles of trail.

By following safety guidelines, riders will be able to enjoy the pleasures of snowmobiling and the beauty of the countryside for many years to come. The SnoBlazers encourage everyone to join a club.

This year's Certified Riders include, but not in any order; Chloe, Ayva, Hudson, Henry, Hunter, Emerson, Eisley, Haylie, Serena, Maeve, Holden, Marco, Marco, Kane, Bella, Sunnie, Paige, Parker, Camden, Eli, Ellery, Colin, Keegan and Hannah. With instructors Scott, Jason, Jim, Brett, Robert & Tyler.

(cont.)

greens. The biggest item is the tree: If it will become a birdfood tree, leave the string of popcorn and cranberries on it as a start. Will it be mulched to spread under your shrubbery? Will it be used as the core of a Winter bonfire? The trunk of the tree that has been in Rockefeller Center will be milled into timbers for building houses in the Habitat for Humanity project as previous ones were. As you put decorations away, there are some that you can leave out or not put too far away: The white paper chains you made are good to go with your snowflakes for Winter. The reds will be good for re-decorating starting in Feb. Done and ready for the sticky snacks?

Then you must be ready for outdoors. Did you get enough snow for sledding/did you have a day off schooling? With the new moon on the second, you will ;have light for sledding in the early moonlight.

Back to making plans to do outdoors or in and individually or with others. We hear about making New Year's resolutions--and keeping them!

It's a good time to continue skills and learn new ones: Putting your best foot forward as in "lords a-leaping", in gymnastics, ballet and other dance classes. Where is Ms Lily holding Creative Movement classes? Thanks, Reed and family and mouse Penelope for performing The Nutcracker for us.

Got to have instrumental music to go with it For "drummers drumming", Chelsie from Rural Soul Studio will be holding drumming classes in the community. She is a resource for other music, too. The piano keyboard is basic; time for lessons? So many other instruments to play. Mallory can show you about percussion ones. Or do you prefer those to

blow into and with keys for fingering, or strings for strumming and bowing? Then get your fellow players together to form a band. You might have to practice in the garage, but what fun. That's what Evan did, and his band started being asked to do gigs (\$) and had to get a name. Debi is always looking for more bell ringers for her groups.

You've been singing since you were very young; do you also sing with a choral group at church or school? You'll probably be practicing for a Winter concert.

Maybe you want to get back into making things. With your 4-H club, what programming are you doing? If it's sewing skills, Ruby's Nimble Thimble is a resource for a club program and you end up with something you made for yourself to use. Aunt Chris is a fabric rep so she can teach you about various fabrics and give you samples to use for your project, which could be an apron*. She has been a yarn rep, too, so you can learn from her about the various yarns for making certain things, using appropriate sizes of needles to knit or crochet with or what size hooks to crochet with which weight of yarn. Following Isabella's idea, a good short-term project to start with is to make a headband--a practical one for this time of year for covering your ears.

*You might wear that apron during your pottery classes. Doug and others at Saratoga Clay Arts are starting a new semester of classes.

Where do you hold your club meetings? Best of all is a member's home in the country where you can end your gathering with outdoor play. Hope there are leftover Christmas cookies to eat with hot chocolate for a snack before you go out!

Then it will be on with more skills, indoor and out...

RC Churches News

Masses at Holy Cross Catholic Church are Sunday at 8:15 AM and Tuesday at 9 AM. St. Patrick's celebrates on Sunday at 11:30 AM and on Wednesday at 9 AM. Immaculate Conception in Hoosick Falls Masses are Saturday at 4 PM and Sunday at 10 AM and Monday at 9 AM. Visitors are always welcome. Due to the increase in COVID and other infections, people are encouraged to wear a mask in large groups.

Thank you to all who helped prepare for Christmas at our parishes from decorating inside and out to cookies and beyond.

Parishioners are encouraged to use the parish website, battenkillcatholic.org, to learn about programs for resources for religious education. There is one for the young people that can meet in a religious education program, or for materials to use at home. There are a multitude of resources for adults.

All food pantries have seen a significant increase of need this year and it has become more difficult to get supplies. Please recognize the need through the coming year. The Salem Food Pantry is in great need of pasta, cereal, paper towels, and toilet paper. Please open your hearts during this special season. The Cambridge food pantry is in need of soup, especially chicken noodle.

—Submitted by Rose Mary Sheffield

12th Day concert

The Hebron United Presbyterian Church will present their annual Holiday Community Sing "On the 12th Day of Christmas" on Saturday, Jan. 7 at 2 p.m. in the church sanctuary. (Snow date Jan. 8, 2 p.m.). The event will be held at Hebron West, 3153 Co. Route 30 in West Hebron. Guest performers will be The Batten Kill Bell Ringers, a 10-member community handbell choir with members come from Greenwich, Easton, and Victory. Their selections will include: "Hark the Herald Angels Sing," "Frosty the Snowman," "Deck the Halls" and others. The Sing and the handbell choir will be directed by Debi Craig. Susan Snyder, HUPC organist will be accompanist. Pianist Christine Campbell will perform "Sleigh Ride." Old favorites to be sung will include "O Come, All Ye Faithful," "White Christmas," "Little Drummer Boy," and "Joy to the World." The program will also include a selection of short holiday readings and a brief history of each carol.

If you are unable to attend, but would like to watch the "Sing" on Zoom, you can attend from the comfort of your home. If you do not have a computer and you would like to access the Community Sing by telephone or if you would like the Zoom information, call Craig at (518) 854-3102 and she will give you directions on how to access the program on your phone or computer. There is no charge for the event. Donations will be collected to benefit the Salem/Shushan Fuel Fund.

The storms of 1916

Sandy McReynolds

Greenwich Town Historian

Greenwich Free Library Gill Room Historian

Let's take a look back at a year that was filled with storms that had an effect on Greenwich and the local area.

1916 was a year for storms. March, a transitional month for the changeover of seasons and is generally characterized by the saying "in like a lion, out like a lamb" in regards to the weather patterns, decided to remain a lion throughout the entire month.

There were three snowstorms that month. The first of the severe weather began on Wednesday the 8th of March and continued into the following day with the temperatures ranging between fifteen and twenty below zero. As area roads remained impassable, winds continued to cause a large issue with snow drifts and most rural areas weren't opened up until late Saturday. The first day of the storm only one rural route mail carrier was able to finish his task. Joseph Lyttle stayed on the job that evening until 8 P.M. delivering mail, it would be the last day a route was completed again by any of the six rural carriers until Saturday.

The following week on March 15, a second severe storm slammed the area. Though the snow fall wasn't as heavy as the previous week, the wind once again brought chaos to the rural areas. Farmers reported in some sections the drifts were "the worst they had ever seen." Mail once again was delayed as the carriers could only make it out of the village two or three miles, the bad conditions preventing them from any further progress. The temperatures for this storm were a bit more bearable with the numbers remaining slightly above zero.

At the beginning of the following week, the third storm appeared. Unlike the previous two, this was a smaller, faster storm. The temperatures remained much warmer than in the early part of the month. Counting the large storm at the beginning of December 1915, the 1915-16 winter session became the third highest year of snow up to that time with 94.7 inches tallied in the Albany area. It remains at number six for an all-time amount. "Fair sized storms cost the average town several hundred dollar. It is estimated the March snow this year will cost the

towns of Greenwich and Easton between one and two thousand dollars each." (Approximately between \$22,000 and \$45,000 today.)

The most damage to Greenwich in that year however came from a storm in July. Noted as the "John Street Tornado", it hit on Sunday evening, the second of July. It began as a typically warm July day and as evening approached, the temperatures took a sudden drop off. A thunderstorm began and at about 8:15 that evening was when the heavens opened up.

The path of the storm was west to east, with the Dunbarton Flax mill receiving the most damage. The storm continued up John Street then crossed the Battenkill, before settling once again—this time on Rock Street.

On the Dunbarton mill property, a flax storehouse, a thirty by eighty foot brick building was unroofed and almost entirely destroyed. "...the roof and walls down to the top of the first story were swept off. The side walls are also tipped out of plumb clear to the ground, only the end walls are nearly intact. The building is a complete wreck." Some of the flax in the storehouse received damage and it is through the dedication of the employees that further loss was prevented. As news of the damage spread, employees gathered to cover the exposed flax with canvas coverings to prevent further damage. Estimates to the damage of the Dunbarton property were between four and five thousand dollars.

John Street damage was devastating. Over twenty-three trees, many of them large shade trees, were severely damaged. On the south side of the street a majority of the houses lost their chimneys. Other damage sustained along the street included broken windows, and fences and out buildings blown over. Two houses had their roofs torn away. Another house was struck by lightning, the slate shingles splintered along the ridge. The sidewalk was raised in several spots as large trees were pulled from the ground. Many of the residents' fruit trees were stripped of their branches.

The Continental Paper Mill on Rock Street suffered damage from the storm as well. Several of the cupolas were removed and other parts of

TAIL END OF WINTER BRINGS BIG STORMS

Small Prospect of Planting the
Garden This Month.

MANY ROADS IMPASSABLE

More Snow On the Ground Than In
Many Years Before — One Man
Couldn't Get Horse Home Through
Drifts.

The March 22, 1916, edition of this newspaper

the roof was damaged. One house had a large tree blown onto it, cause extensive damage. "...nearly every place on the street suffered some damage to buildings, trees, or fences."

Many other streets in the village suffered to some extent. Telephone lines were down throughout the area and the power was shut off Sunday night due to breaks in the wires. Trees were taken down or damaged throughout the village.

The destruction carried on into neighboring towns, including South Cambridge, which was hit most severely. Many fruit trees were destroyed, a sixteen foot diameter elm tree was wrecked as well. "The greatest damage is sustained by Thomas McGowan in the loss of his press barn. The barn measures sixty feet long and thirty feet wide, with eighteen foot posts. The barn is badly twisted and torn and moved off the foundation."

Cossayuna reported considerable damage as well. Several farm silos were victims of the intense wind. Hebron suffered losses too. All but one out building was destroyed on Earl Safford's farm, he also suffered the loss of a horse. Four cows were killed in Hebron, on a farm owned by John Q. Wilson after the barn collapsed.

'The Beatles of Kids' Music'

What could be more fun than rocking out with Steve & Jack of the Zucchini Brothers, known as the "Beatles of kids' music!" At 3 pm on Sunday, January 15th, the zany group will bring their family-friendly show to the Historic Salem Courthouse for a lively, interactive show. Their performances are billed as "100% healthy and fun!" Check out their website, zuchinibrothers.com, for samples of their music and more information about individual group members.

Tickets are being offered at just \$25 for a family four-pack so that parents, grandparents, and others can give children the gift of experiences rather than more "stuff" this holiday season. There will be drinks and light refreshments available for purchase at the

event. Doors will open at 2:30 p.m. In order www.salemcourthouse.org.

to help our neighbors this winter, please bring a pair of new, warm socks or mittens. Thanks in advance for your generosity.

Additional revenues from the event will go towards supporting vital community programs such as Girls on the Run; the free summer Lunch, Learn, and Play program; the Battenkill Kitchen; the Community Garden and other educational and cultural events.

Tickets are available at the Historic Salem Courthouse at



The Zucchini Brothers

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Fun & Games

(solution below)

Boggle BrainBusters!

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



INSTRUCTIONS: Find as many words as you can by linking letters up, down, side-to-side and diagonally, writing words on a sheet of paper. You may only use each letter box once within a single word. Play with a friend and compare word lists, crossing out common words.

BOGGLE POINT SCALE
3 letters = 1 point
4 letters = 2 points
5 letters = 3 points
6 letters = 4 points
7 letters = 6 points
8 letters = 10 points
9+ letters = 15 points

YOUR BOGGLE RATING
151+ = Champ
101-150 = Expert
61-100 = Pro
31-60 = Gamer
21-30 = Rookie
11-20 = Amateur
0-10 = Try again

Boggle BrainBusters Bonus
We put special brain-busting words into the puzzle grid. Can you find them?
Find AT LEAST SEVEN COUNTRIES BORDERING THE ATLANTIC OCEAN in the grid of letters.

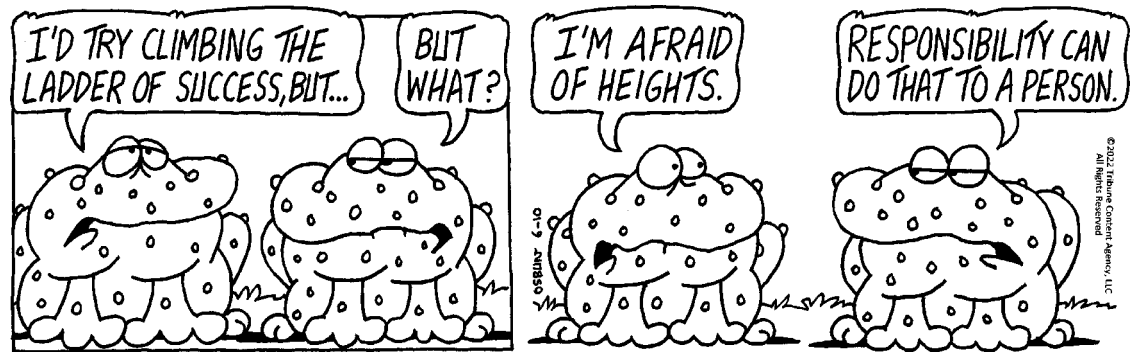
Answers to Last Sunday's Boggle BrainBusters:
MOUSE, MOOSE, HORSE, LEMUR, ZEBRA, CAMEL, HYENA, LLAMA

Salem Sudoku

(solution below)

		6		9	1	7
	2			3		6
8			5	6	4	
					3	
		4		5	2	
	5					
		7	9	5		1
	9		4			2
1	3	2			5	

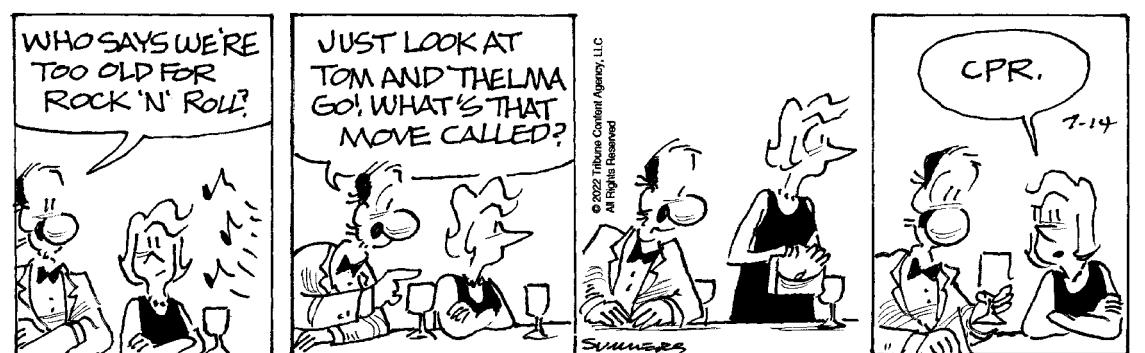
Animal Crackers by Fred Wagner



Gasoline Alley by Jim Scancarelli



The Middletons by Dana Summers



Filbert by LA Bonté



Broom Hilda by Russell Myers



Answers

Boggle: TOGO SPAIN GABON BRAZIL
FRANCE ICELAND IRELAND

Jumble: HABIT QUEEN DRENCH PURIFY
"PIECE" AND QUIET

Kid: RIP FLOP CHOP PONY - POP FOR POP

6	7	5	7	8	2	9	1
8	2	7	1	9	7	8	6
1	8	9	5	3	6	7	4
4	7	6	2	1	9	5	8
9	1	2	8	5	3	4	7
8	9	5	7	6	7	2	1
8	3	1	4	7	4	6	7
5	9	9	8	3	3	6	6
1	3	7	1	6	2	8	9

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□	□	□	□	□	□	□	□	□	□
A ₁	A ₁	E ₁	H ₄	N ₁	P ₃	C ₃			
□	□	□	□	□	□	□	□	□	□
A ₁	A ₁	E ₁	G ₂	G ₂	G ₂	B ₃			
□	□	□	□	□	□	□	□	□	□
A ₁	E ₁	E ₁	I ₁	M ₃	T ₁	T ₁			
□	□	□	□	□	□	□	□	□	□
A ₁	A ₁	U ₁	L ₁	S ₁	C ₃	C ₃	2nd Letter Triple		
□	□	□	□	□	□	□	□	□	□
A ₁	O ₁	Y ₄	W ₄	G ₂	L ₁	D ₂	Double Word Score		

PAR SCORE 265-275 **FIVE RACK TOTAL**
BEST SCORE 332 **TIME LIMIT: 25 MIN**



A paper that once existed; report cards

Kaylee Johnson
Journal & Press

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

120 Years Ago January 15, 1903

There is an Italian before the grand jury! Frank Carpenter of Hebron is in the hospital with two revolver bullets in his chest and Antonio Pardello, an Italian who had been running a small store at Porter, a small hamlet in Hebron, is in the custody of Sheriff Warren at Hudson Falls, charged with firing the shots. The outcome of Carpenter's wounds will depend whether the Italian is charged with murder or a lesser crime. The wounds are very serious, being near the heart.

100 Years Ago January 10, 1923

The Hudson Falls Herald last week observed the 100th anniversary of its founding. It was established in 1823 under the name of the Times. E. Gilmore Stover was the publisher and Aronijah Emmons the editor. The Times was suspended shortly thereafter and was immediately succeeded by The Political Herald of which James Wright was publisher. The "political" part of the title was dropped a little later, and the paper has ever since been printed as "The Herald."

In 1841 James Wright disposed of his interest to Elisha D. Baker, who conducted The Herald for twenty-five years, and in the fall of 1865 he

disposed of his interest to John Brown and John Dwyer of Albany. After three years Brown sold his interest to his partner, and Major Dwyer conducted the paper until 1912, when Paul M. Fisher went to Hudson Falls from Oneonta and assumed charge of The Herald, becoming editor. May 1, 1913, the Fisher Publishing company was organized, Mr. Fisher being president of the company. August 9, 1915, occurred the death of Mr. Fisher followed quickly by the death of Major Dwyer. On Mr. Fisher's death, his wife assumed the management of the company and became editor of the Herald, which position she still holds.

80 Years Ago January 6, 1943

Washington county farmers will be permitted to buy just two two-horse walking plows during the coming season under the rationing schedule just issued. On the other hand, there is a fairly liberal allotment of 137 milking machines, intended perhaps to compensate in some degree for the expected shortage of farm help. These, and other allotment figures are from the preliminary quotas established by rationing authorities for farm machinery and equipment... Farmers desiring to purchase new machinery and equipment should make application to Washington County Farm Machinery Rationing committee.

60 Years Ago January 9, 1963

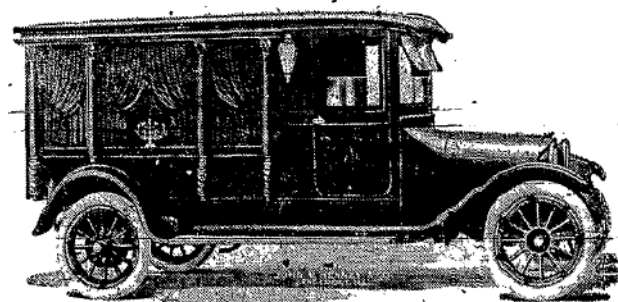
A series of faculty meetings on the secondary level (grades 7-12) have been held recently at which such topics as marking, grouping, and reporting have been discussed. As a result, in the

new school year, a revised report card and marking system may be introduced. One of the chief objects will be to report to the home more frequently. Hence, the number of report cards sent home every year may rise from four to six at the Greenwich central school.

20 Years Ago January 9, 2003

The winter of 2002-2003 is already shaping itself into the sort many of us remember fondly from the "good old days," when enough of the fluffy white stuff fell to create superb sledding on the unplowed hill from Greenwich's Prospect Street to now civilized (and plowed) Beacon Street. Aging Baby Boomers once flocked to what is now Cooper Street to enjoy carefree mornings or sliding down on Flexible Flyers. Later, in the evening, what was then called Foster's Pond, out the North Greenwich Road, was shoveled off for ice skaters. A bonfire on its fringe was warm enough to thaw, briefly, freezing toes, before would-be Olympians turned figure eights upon the glassy surface of the frozen expanse.

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T ₁	E ₁	A ₁	T ₁	I ₁	M ₃	E ₁	RACK 3 =	59
A ₁	C ₃	C ₃	U ₁	S ₁	A ₁	L ₁	RACK 4 =	67
D ₂	A ₁	Y ₄	G ₂	L ₁	O ₁	W ₄	RACK 5 =	80
PAR SCORE 265-275							TOTAL	332

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