

Big news for Schuylerville

Plus: Our annual 'year in review'

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2023: the year in review

Darren Johnson
Publisher

This is the time of year where we review what happened the previous year. I recorded this as a podcast, with further commentary, which you can find on our site, JournalandPress.com, or via any popular podcast app by searching for "The Weekly Newspaper Podcast." Here is the edited transcript:

In our January 1st issue of last year – we come out twice a month – we of course had a “year in review” from the previous year. But also that issue talked about a Restore NY grant that the village of Greenwich is receiving.

Later in the year 2023, the town and village would complete a comprehensive plan, and grants like these can be implemented in the year 2024 as the comprehensive plan moves forward. In this issue, there also was a story from the town of Argyle and the Right to Farm Law and what to do with livestock that roam from one property to the next.

Our mid-month issue in January profiled Darren Smith, 37, a personal trainer who took office in the village of Argyle last year as mayor. It’s a colorful profile of the mayor of this very small village in our area.

We also profile Main Street in Greenwich and a thrift store called Hidden Treasures that was going out of business. And it opened up a conversation about traffic on Main Street and whether Main Street and Greenwich can lure enough customers for a business to make a go of it.

Our early February issue featured Schuylerville students who started a program to create greeting cards for local elderly and others in our area who may not get a lot of greeting cards and not a lot of human contact.

Also, the Greenwich girls basketball team was profiled. They had a perfect record up until this point in time. And two players. NaNa Rojas and Nora Nietz, had combined for over 2,000 career points. Also, Schuylerville’s annual Winter Gala returned.

Our mid-February issue profiled the Fort Salem Theater, which had been taken over by Kyle West and who breathed new life into this theater as they put on shows all year long. It’s become a popular addition to the town of Salem.

Also, we caught up with Bound by Fate Brewery in Schuylerville, which was having their third anniversary by then.

Greenwich Supervisor Jim Nolan offered his state of the town address. Highlights included a brownfields and a town hall engineering study, a waterline study, a look at cannabis dispensaries and lounges, the Hudson Riverside Park project, summer youth program, veterans banners in town and more.

Our early March issue brought up the Jaliak Rainwalker 2007 missing person case. A local journalist from the Times Union, Wendy Liberatore, made a podcast about it. And also a panel was hosted at the Greenwich Free Library called the Future of Local News. And we detail that event along with the podcast about the missing person case.

We also have columns on walkability in town and social etiquette.

And we noted the passing of Thomas David Bullard, who was best known locally for his preservation of the Marshall House in Schuylerville, where he and his wife, Hilary Tann, who also passed in 2023, would hold events and share local history with visitors.

The late March issue profiled upcoming vil-



lage elections, and we had lots of letters on that subject.

Our early April edition went in depth into Riverside Park, along the Hudson River; it’s a Greenwich town property, which has faced some scrutiny because it’s in a more sparsely populated part of the town and much of the town’s population lives to the east of it. Some feel the 3-acre property is a waste of town money and resources. However, it has great potential.

Columnist Michael Levy also goes deep into the world of the Star Trek exhibit in Ticonderoga. Other columns discuss everything from politics to religion to the funny pages. A letter to the editor debates the Cambridge Indian mascot issue. By the end of the year, the school district amid much pressure from the state, would finally relent on trying to keep the Indian name.

Our second half of April issue talks about an historic area home renovation going on, along the Battenkill River off of Mill Road in Greenwich. The home is owned by Bethany Moss Parks, and it has been dubbed the Mill Hollow Project. This issue also does a deep dive into Main Street, Greenwich, and how there were many abandoned storefronts there at the time. Too, we have a profile of Eagle Scout Brian Wells, 18.

Our early May issue talks about the untimely loss of 20 year old Kaylin Gillis of Schuylerville, who was shot after accidentally entering the wrong driveway in Hebron. The criminal case is still ongoing, but a large percentage of the com-

munity showed up for a vigil to remember her. We also delve into the timber harvest that the Village of Greenwich was contracting for on the Hayes Reservoir property, also known as Thunder Mountain.

Our mid-May issue focused on a fact gathering event at Hudson Riverside Park, where local officials held an input session for members of the community. Not only on the future of the park, but on the comprehensive plan for the village and town of Greenwich. We also catch up with the Washington County Dairy Princess program, which had named a new Dairy Princess team.

We look at Schuylerville School District’s launch of a program called Unified Sports, which is affiliated with the Special Olympics, and allows those who aren’t necessarily varsity

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Schuylerville wins \$4.5M state grant

Samantha Simmons
Journal & Press

New York Governor Kathy Hochul was in Lake George on Dec. 27 to announce the winners of the Capital Region's seventh round of funding through the Downtown Revitalization Initiative.

Hochul joined elected officials and local business owners from Schuylerville, Lake George, and Hoosick Falls to award \$19 million in state funding. The Town and Village of Lake George will share \$10 million in DRI funding, while the villages of Schuylerville and Hoosick Falls are receiving \$4.5 million apiece from the New York Forward program.

Speaking at the Fort William Henry Conference Center and Hotel, Hochul said the funding can be transformational. "They want to talk about farmers' markets, and ice rinks, and helping restore facades on local businesses that fall into little shabbier state than we'd like to see," Hochul said, "So, it's also signage, it's making more bypass and parks and housing."

Hochul says funding like this supports smaller communities. The Democrat adds all of the municipalities receiving funding will see improvements. Hochul said, "A result of these economic development dollars that are working to not just dictate what Albany wants, but living the vision that the local community say they want."

Schuylerville Mayor Dan Carpenter says the New York Forward funding is a "vote of confidence" in the village's future.

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Meantime, Lake George Village Mayor Ray Perry says the village and town will work together to use the funding to improve tourist amenities and broadband capacity. He said, "Even though we are two different municipalities, we work together very, very well."

Perry says over the next several months, a



Schuylerville Mayor Dan Carpenter flanked by Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner, left.

strategic plan will narrow and identify transportation, housing, and community projects along the Canada Street corridor to receive funding. "We have a workforce housing project that I'm hoping we're going to be able to get off the ground," Perry said. "There's a potential for a distillery university, a brew master university with a local business that will be a public private partnership. That's just to name a few."

DRI funding is part of the state's effort to increase recreational and community development by reimagining downtowns to attract businesses and tourism while strengthening a community's year-round economy.

Elsewhere in the Capital Region, Glens Falls, Hudson, Albany, Schenectady, Troy and Cohoes have previously been awarded through the DRI.

In Rensselaer County, Hoosick Falls plans to use the state funding to create walkable and accessible corridors and parking, as well as for park projects. It also plans to use the funds for

historic preservation. Hochul says the goal is getting a return on the state's investment.

"These are smart investments that pay dividends. When you can create an environment where more people want to live there where you can make sure that the businesses can prosper and grow, that is actually generated or attract more tourists a place like Lake George, that is generating not just sales tax dollars but local revenues for counties, local governments."

Secretary of State Robert Rodriguez says the state money is spent wisely through careful monitoring.

"We have a general long timeline," Rodriguez said. "What we do in the beginning is try to make sure that we fit within our \$10 million allotment. But certainly, things happen over time projects change and we have been able to relocate within that allotment as necessary or find additional resources."

Newest SnoBlazers inducted

The SnoBlazers Snowmobile Club sponsored this year's snowmobile safety class with the Middle Falls Fire Department hosting the event. On Wednesday, December 6th and 13th, 2023 with 19 riders from 10 to 50 years old were awarded their Snowmobile Safety Certificates. John & Millie Rieger (owners of Country Power Products) started this annual class over 25 years ago and it is our honor to continue educating our youth and adults about the great sport of snowmobiling. The SnoBlazers manage 60 miles of trail across 175 private landowners' properties in Washington County NY connecting to Rensselaer and Saratoga Counties.

New York State is a leader in snowmobile education and offers one operator training course for snowmobilers of all ages beginning at age 10. This course provides fundamental information which all snowmobilers should possess in order to ensure the safety of riders and other trail users. Successful completion of this course results in the award of a NYS Snowmobile Safety Certificate.

Courses are taught by experienced snowmobilers who volunteer their time to make the sport safer and more enjoyable for everyone. They are usually sponsored by snowmobile clubs, agricultural extension offices, law en-

forcement agencies, or similar groups, and are available in fall and early winter.

Youth ages 14 through 17 years old may operate a snowmobile, on lands upon which snowmobiling is allowed, without adult or other supervision if they have completed a snowmobile safety training course recognized by the State of New York. The Snowmobile Safety Course gives youths the opportunity to learn about snowmobiling history, snowmobile clubs, landowner respect, trail creation, maintenance and signing, snowmobile safety, laws, snowmobile parts, how to operate a snowmobile, snowmobile maintenance, emergencies and dangers to avoid. The best part is the 10 to 14 year olds get to ride their own snowmobile on the trail as long as their guardian is within 500 feet.



New Riders not all shown and not in order are, Mackenzie, Kaleb, Evan, Carmen, Charles, Navai, Hunter, Edward, Taylor, Westin, Graham, Mason, Matt, Mark, Jacob, Ethan, Jonathan, Kelly, & Stephen. Instructors not shown are James Alheim, Jason Hammond, Brett Rue, Robert Purtorti, John Reiger, Stephen Wilbur, Scott Campbell and Officer Chris Greene.

Supervisors offer plans for the new year

Robin Lyle
Journal & Press

Washington County, like most counties in New York, is governed by a Board of Supervisors'. The members of this Board are each of the elected Supervisors from the 17 towns that make up the county. This Board makes laws and resolutions impacting the entire county. Each town Supervisor, then, has two governing responsibilities – governing the town and governing the county. We contacted local town supervisors to learn their priorities for both their town and the county for 2024.

Lance Allen Wang is the Supervisor-elect for the town of White Creek in the southeastern corner of Washington County. The town includes most of the village of Cambridge. “The first thing I want to focus on is maintaining the level of service that we have – fill some of the vacant industrial park space, ensure that our roads and infrastructure are safe and well maintained, and that the environment around us represents the place we chose to live.”

“We choose to live in White Creek – I want to continue to remind folks that it was a pretty good choice. We want to maintain those things that we love about White Creek and keep the town’s movement positive – population, acres farmed,” Wang outlined in an email.

Wang also wants to strengthen the financial processes of the town. “Not the ‘how much’, but just the ‘how’,” Wang says. He believes that processes associated with town budgeting, bookkeeping, and day-to-day operations can be improved and this will likely entail updating technology and software. “We need to get past a “run the equipment until it breaks” mindset when it comes to IT. To run the latest software, you need systems that are up to date, not computers that we are using simply because they haven’t yet failed, broken or fallen apart.”

Lastly, Wang identifies emergency management as a long-term goal for the town. “I want to develop standard operating procedures for White Creek and training for Council members. Within two years, I want to have not only finalized the plan, but also to have executed the individual training. I want to run an exercise.”

“When we have limited time and energy, this could be chalked up to ‘too hard to do’,” Wang acknowledged, but warned that “the time to learn the municipal government’s role in an emergency is not when the emergency has happened.”

Jim Nolan, Supervisor for the town of Greenwich, also expressed his priorities in an email. “Having recently adopted the 2023 Town and Village Comprehensive Plan, two important town of Greenwich goals for 2024 are:

1. To update the Zoning in both the Town and Village to accommodate economic growth, senior housing, and increasing the rental units in Greenwich. In conjunction with this, develop a plan for infrastructure development designed to bring water out the Route 29 commercial corridor to Middle Falls as well as Route 40 north of the traffic circle to Route 77.

2. Design and implement a plan for further development of the town’s two parks: Battenkill Riverside Park and Hudson Riverside Park.”

Nolan, as a member of the county Board of Supervisors, will also advocate county-wide. His priority is to “develop a more regional planning model for Southern Washington County, building on the resources each Town and Village in this region currently has and plans to develop.”

Argyle’s Supervisor Robert Henke is prioritizing infrastructure projects. He plans to continue working with the village as it addresses waste management concerns. He notes that the town’s fate is closely intertwined with the village and that a sewer system is key to the success of both. “Infrastructure drives all kinds of stuff; not only business but the derelict buildings, and housing. If we lose a house, they can’t rebuild it because they can’t do a septic system. It’s becoming more and more critical.”

Henke also wants to see improved and expanded broadband and cell service. “One thing you’ll notice in Argyle is an incredible number of home businesses. A lot of residents run significant businesses from their homes. And that’s getting increasingly impossible to do without decent internet and broadband.” When asked for specifics, Henke responded, “I think the biggest thing I can do is the lobbying effort. The state is very big about talking about this stuff, but only doing it in urban areas. Rural has just not been a priority. I think we have to make that a priority. Going down to Albany and saying ‘hey, we’re here, pay attention to us’.”

Continuing with infrastructure, Henke is setting his sights on the town hall itself and the construction projects needed to make it ADA compliant. Noting the obstacles for a project of this size, Henke says “it’s critical”, pointing out that even the stair lift to the second floor has three stairs leading up to it.

Complying with state regulations for municipal projects will increase the cost about three fold, Henke predicts. “Doing it as a municipality, with the prevailing wage and [other state re-

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quirements], we’re looking at maybe \$100,000 to \$150,000. We have about \$50,000 designated for the project through ARPA, but that’s not going to cover it.” Henke said additional funding could come from grants and pockets of savings in the town budget that can be reallocated to this project.

In his role as Chair of the Washington County Board of Supervisors, Henke wants to focus on the county’s obligation to provide housing for vulnerable people. The county has the responsibility to provide shelter in a variety of cases including homelessness, Code Blue weather conditions, domestic violence placements, and some child welfare situations.

Henke is concerned with the significant cost to the county, lack of suitable housing, and appropriateness of the available housing to a particular individual’s needs. “What seems like a



Lance Wang



Jim Nolan



Bob Henke

very ‘apple pie’ thing is a really pretty significant financial mandate that comes down to the county.”

Most of the county’s 67 hotel rooms are currently being rented to the county for this purpose. Many more residents need shelter and must be placed in hotels in neighboring counties, and provided transport back and forth, according to Henke. “It’s a tough nut to crack. I wish I could tell you what I’m going to do... but it is one of my strategic planning goals to deal with housing.”

Washington County edited by Winston Adler, Asa Fitch and the Emergence of American Entomology by Barnes, or any other work by or about Dr. Fitch.

Future sessions of the club will include books about the larger Adirondack area as well as works by local authors. Proposed topics include the temperance movement in our area, agricultural fairs in Washington Co., and the county poorhouse. For additional information, email Connie Harris Farrington at connieandlee@roadrunner.com.

Historic book club to meet

Washington Co. Historical Society’s Local History Book Club will meet from 12 noon until 1 PM on Friday, January 12, 2024, at the society headquarters, 167 Broadway, Fort Edward, NY. Historical society membership is not required for attendees.

The January session will focus on the history of the Amish and on a Post Star series about

the Amish in Whitehall, written by David Blow, and published in 2016, available on line to Post Star subscribers. The book club meets regularly on the second Friday of the month at twelve o’clock, usually at the Historical Society in Fort Edward. The February 9, 2024 topic will be the life and work of Dr. Asa Fitch of Salem, Washington Co. Attendees are asked to read *Their Own Voices, Oral Accounts of Early Settlers in*

SUNY Adirondack alumni awarded

SUNY Adirondack announced the newest inductees to the college's Trailblazers, a recognition that honors alumni who achieve outstanding professional success, have a tremendous philanthropic impact on their communities and give back through community service.

This year's inductees are the late John Marcantonio, Class of 1990, Tori Bishop-McWain, Class of 1991, Dean Felicetti, Class of 1992, and Amy Ryan, Class of 2000.

"It was truly an honor to celebrate the accomplishments of these distinguished alumni," said Liz Lastowski, Class of 2000, director of Annual Giving and Alumni Relations at SUNY Adirondack Foundation. "It was particularly meaningful to have peers from the Trailblazers' respective fields introduce them at the induction in a room full of our local business leaders."

The alumni were honored Dec. 8 at an Investors' Breakfast in SUNY Adirondack's Northwest Bay Conference Center. Shelly Marcantonio accepted the award on behalf of her late husband.

About this year's Trailblazers:

Amy Ryan, Class of 2000, founder and chief circular economist of ESG Strategies, has more than two decades of strategic leadership experience in the public, private and government sectors. She has extensive application experience of sustainability policy in manufacturing through auditing and participation in COP16 with the U.S. delegation in the European Union.

Dean Felicetti, Class of 1992, is an international leader in digital forensics and information governance and founder and former partner of The Oliver Group, a company that provides litigation and compliance support in data acquisition, forensic and legacy data remediation. As director of Data Risk and Remediation for Sullivan | Strickler,

Toni Bishop-McWain, Class of 1991, is chief nursing officer at Saratoga Hospital. She has published articles in ProQuest and Healthy Cells magazines, and lectured at national nursing and health care conferences, including the National Stroke Association. She served as a board member on Community Health Care Clinic, Illinois Organization of Nurse Leaders, Heartland Community College Foundation, Illinois State University Menonite College of Nursing and Prevent Child Abuse of Illinois. Bishop-McWain has more than 30 years of nursing experience.

John Marcantonio, Class of 1990, died July 22, 2023, but his larger-than-life personality and love of community live on in all the lives he touched. Marcantonio was vice president and Business Development officer at Arrow Financial Corporation. He worked for several years for Adirondack Regional and Saratoga County



Chambers of Commerce. Passionate about making introductions and connections throughout the community, he remained an active chamber member throughout his career. He also served for a decade on Glens Falls Rotary's Board of Directors. Marcantonio was a fervent supporter of Alzheimer's Association. As co-chair of the Northern Saratoga and Adirondack Walk to End Alzheimer's, he was responsible for raising awareness and hundreds of thousands of dollars for Alzheimer's research. He attended the Alzheimer's Association's National Leadership Summit six times, twice as a presenter because of his incredible successes.

Battenkill Chorale set to perform

On Sunday afternoon, January 14, at 4:00 p.m., the Battenkill Chorale will present "From Light to Night" featuring John Rutter's "Requiem" scored for chorus, soprano solo, and chamber ensemble. In the Chorale's long history and vast repertoire, this marks the first presentation of John Rutter's "Requiem." Liz Nielsen returns as soprano soloist; Chorale Accompanist Erich Borden will play the organ in the chamber ensemble, joining forces with Perri Morris, cello, Norman Thibodeau, flute, Karlinna Caldicott, harp, Kelly Lockwood, oboe, Bob Halak, timpani, and Joan Eason, glockenspiel under the direction of Artistic Director, Gene Marie Callahan.

The program begins with "Season of Light" by Jacob Narverud, and includes Andy Beck's

"Carry the Light," Kyle Pedereson's "Can We Sing the Darkness to Light," Dan Forrest's "Light Beyond Shadow," and Susan LaBarr's "Where the Light Begins," and a setting of the Welsh "All Through the Night" arranged by William Averitt.

There is one performance only for this concert and tickets will be sold at the door. General Admission is \$25; Student Admission is \$15. Reserve seats by credit card starting January 2, 2024, by calling (518) 531-6618, emailing battenkilltick-



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'Breakfast With Santa' event a success

On Saturday, December 2nd over 60 students from the GCS FBLA, FFA, and NHS chapters donated their time to host Greenwich's Annual Breakfast with Santa. Chapter members served breakfast and helped children make holiday crafts. Breakfast was well attended with all proceeds going to support Operation Santa for families in the Greenwich area.

Members also supported the Make-A-Wish organization by collecting letters to Santa for the Macy's campaign. Wreaths and centerpieces made by GCS Plant Science students were also sold. This year, the age-old tradition of hosting the world's coldest hayride was brought back to life by Ben Elsworth and his elaborately decorated tractor and wagon.

This event is prepared and hosted entirely by students from the mentioned organizations. This event is an excellent opportunity that allows students to see the results of their efforts firsthand in their own community and realize that they have the ability to make a positive difference in the lives of others.

The members of FBLA, FFA, and NHS also had the opportunity to partner with community members and organizations to make this



event possible. Those partners include, the Greenwich Elks Club, photographer Cliff Oliver, Stewart's Shops, the Greenwich Fire Department, Steve Patrick, the Elsworth Family Farm, and of course, Santa!

So cold the mercury froze

Here's our regular look at articles that appeared in *The Journal* from decades past...

140 Years Ago
January 10, 1884

The brothers and sisters of Mrs. Clark Curtis, from Argyle and Hartford, gathered at her residence on New Year's Day, and evening, bringing with them some very nice presents. Among them was a nice silver butter dish from her sisters, Helen and Delia Mosher; a butter knife, by Mary A. Mosher; a silver sugar, spoon by her brother Clint; a set of silver knives from her brother Fred; besides many other useful articles were given, which time and space will not permit a full enumeration. The day passed off pleasantly, and all seem to enjoy themselves, but time came when they had to separate and turn their faces homewards. They bid adieu, hoping they might live long to enjoy many more such family gatherings.

120 Years Ago
January 6, 1904

The oldest inhabitant does not remember cold weather records that equal those of the past few days; or if he does, he says nothing about them. It is certain that most of the official records that have been kept in the New York State show no such extreme cold as was recorded yesterday morning.

In Greenwich thermometers registered from 30 to 35° below zero, and in one or two instances, the figures were as low as 42 below. Many water pipes were frozen and stoves and furnaces were taxed to their utmost to maintain a comfortable temperature. Damage was done in many sellers by freezing stored fruit and vegetables. Monday morning the mercury registered 18 to 20 below zero, and it did not rise above the zero point all day. Yesterday was another record breaker and the temperature this morning was 20 to 24 below. From some surrounding towns, temperatures even lower than the above are reported. Battenville reports 45 below and Shushan 47 below; these records, if

accurate, are probably the lowest of any in the state below the Adirondacks. Hoosick Falls reports 40 below and Bennington, Vermont, 30 below. Saratoga county experienced severe frost, some of the records there being, Mechanicville, 35 to 40 below; Round Lake, 44 below, and Saratoga 40 below.... The great variation in temperature recorded in the same localities is probably partly due to the variations of inaccurate thermometers. As mercury freezes at 39.4° below zero it is safe to conclude that when a mercury thermometer goes more than 40 below the scale is not properly marked. Scientists say that a mercury thermometer does not record accurately more than 35 below.

100 Years Ago
January 2, 1924

While driving a Buick touring car in Glens Falls last Thursday evening, Captain CM Brownell crashed into a trolley car on Glen Street. His brother, George Brownell, an instructor in the High School of Commerce in New York, who was with him, sustained lacerations about the face and other injuries. The men were on their way to the Brownell home, 2 miles from Glens Falls. Captain Brownell was not injured. This is the third accident in which Captain Brownell has figured in three years. The first time his automobile was struck by a D and H train at the Moreau crossing near Fort Edward, when his wife was killed, and he sustained serious injuries. A year ago his car crashed into a trolley car in South Glens Falls, but he escaped injury.

80 Years Ago

January 5, 1944

Evidently aware that he would probably end up in jail, or else, so sleepy, he didn't care, Floyd E. Marra, an itinerant farmhand with a mania for stealing cars, appeared at the county jail New Year's Eve about 3 AM, and asked for a place to bed down for the rest of the night. He was lodged in the "bullpen," and undersheriff AM Alexander, from long experience, suspicious, that where Marra was there also should be a stolen car, contacted the state police to discover if a car had been reported missing.

Sure enough, the police had just received a report that Herman Chapin of Smiths Basin had lost a car, after giving a ride to a stranger. The stranger and he had driven to Granville, and stopped in a restaurant. The companion left first, and when Chapin went to get his car, it was gone.

A check with Granville authorities gave the description of the stranger, which fitted Marra. Another check of the records nearby disclosed the Chapin car in a ditch

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in South Salem, somewhat damaged. And conveniently enough, Marra was right at jail. He was awakened, admitted the stealing of the car, and taken from the vagrant to the criminal quarters.

Yesterday afternoon, Marra's case was presented to the grand jury, which was in session in Hudson Falls, and he was indicted for grand larceny, second-degree, as he had a rather lengthy record as a car stealer. His case will be tried before the term of County Court, which will convene this month.

Marra has a record dating back almost 10 years in the files at the Washington county sheriff's office in Salem. On three occasions in the past he has been given six months sentences and fined \$50 for taking auto-mobiles. On the fourth occasion he received a 2 1/2 to 5 year sentence in Clinton prison in Dannemora, and soon after being parole, was picked up again, after taking a car in Greenwich, and was sent back to Dannemora to complete his sentence.

Marra, who was living in Comstock working for a farmer there, originally lived near Shushan, but had also been employed on a number of farms in this section of the county.

60 Years Ago
January 9, 1964

James Stewart, 22, of Victory Mills, was injured last Thursday when he was drawn between two rollers of a tissue binder at the Hudson Pulp and Paper Company in Thomson.

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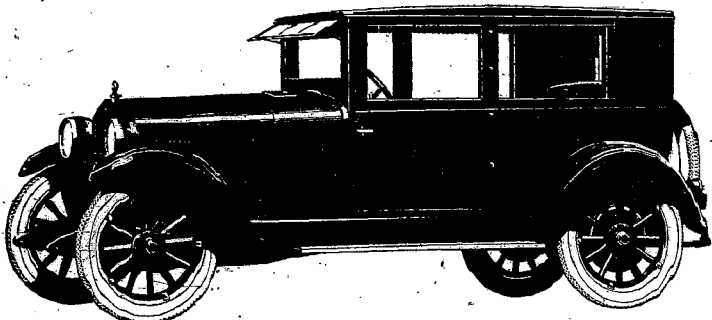
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Salem had a village and a police force

A third hand on the winder, Stewart had tried to correct a bind in the tissue, but was caught between the rollers and his body passed completely through. He was unconscious for a short time after the accident, and was taken to the Glens Falls hospital with multiple cuts and bruises. Sunday he was taken off the critical list, and though he was in serious condition, was much improved.

40 Years Ago

January 5, 1984

In the middle of a cold, winter night, when awakened in our warm beds by the fire whistle, how many of us have said, "I'm glad I'm not a fireman!"

We aren't even thinking beyond to the people whose lives or property are being jeopardized by a blaze, we are just glad we don't have to leave our cocoons of comfort and go back to sleep. By the time we are drifting off again, the sound of engine sirens are wailing as the trucks pull out of the station.

Nights aren't the only time a fireman's life is interrupted and endangered. Holidays can't even be called their own, as was witnessed this Christmas day when Easton firemen were called out twice to alarms.

Why do men and women choose to be firefighters and live an "on call?" existence? Those of us who have not chosen to take on the responsibility cannot presume to answer that question.

All we can say is thank you to those who made the choice. We need you and we appreciate you.

30 Years Ago

January 13, 1994

Salem Village officer in charge Dominic A. Spiezio gave the village board of trustees a summary of police activity in 1993 and thanked them for "all the help given since May," the month he assumed his position as head of the police force.

He presented the statistical summary dur-

ing the January 5 meeting of the trustees.

The report says the seven man, part-time village police force issued 347 traffic tickets in 1993; 222 tickets were issued for speeding. The average speed was 48.6 mph. The posted speed limit in the village is 30 mph. There were eight motor vehicle accidents in Salem Village last year and three arrests for driving while intoxicated.

The police received 48 criminal, and 31 noncriminal complaints during the year. Twelve persons were arrested for violating New York State penal laws. Three warrants were lodged with the village police department, and one outside the department. Six persons were committed to jail. The police also found four unsecured doors during the year and answered three domestic complaints. The officers drove more than 16,300 miles patrolling village streets in 1993.

20 Years Ago

January 15, 2004

The New York State Sportswriters Association has named several area football players to their All-Star teams.

Named to the Class D all-star team was Zach Luke, quarterback, the Cambridge junior who led his team to a 12-1 record season with his strong pass throws. His teammates, Senior Josh Mattat, linebacker, and Zack Wilbur, tackle for the defense, were named to the first team.

Two Cambridge athletes were named to the second team. Class D: Ben Holcomb and center Phil Bracken.

Also named to the second team was Casey Shea, a linebacker on Salem's team.

Players who made the third team were Dan Randall, a lineback, and defensive back Jon Gerdes of Salem.

In Class C, Adam McInerney, a lineman for Schuylerville, was named to the first team.

10 Years Ago

January 9, 2014

The Greenwich Youth Center received a new electric guitar.

Chris Gori, on behalf of the Bob Gori Family Trust, donated a

Squire Stratocaster to the youth center.

A guitarist and songwriter, Bob Gori was the spearhead of the Albany punk music scene in the late '70s and early '80s; the backbone of the Tragics and Lethal Lipstick.

Bob was also a Vietnam veteran, a two time recipient of the Purple Heart. He actively encouraged younger generations to be involved with music in any capacity.

Just Three Years Ago

January 16, 2021

Led by Schuylerville Mayor Dan Carpenter, resident Beth Woodward and a dedicated group of volunteers, a dandy ice rink has been set up on the basketball court outside the Youth Center at Fort Hardy Park.

Village leadership there seems to have a lot of energy and creative ideas and keeps moving forward with projects for its residents.

In a post online, rules are stated, including: "Face masks must be worn at all times. Guests are encouraged to social distance. All shared equipment must be sanitized between use with an EPA approved disinfectant. Please carry in and out all garbage."

Just Two Years Ago

January 16, 2022

The Cambridge Indian, mascot of my local Cambridge Central School, remains an ongoing controversy. It has pit neighbor against neighbor, a school board against itself, and the New York State Education Department against the school board. At present the state has put a hold on any action to restore the mascot, but one thing is clear – however this resolves, there will be tension and animosity to spare when all is said and done.

—Compiled by Darren Johnson

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Burgess helps Cortland gain national title

Cole Burgess, of Greenwich, NY, was part of SUNY Cortland football history as the Red Dragons won their first Division III football national championship at the Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl, in Salem, Virginia, on Dec. 15.

Locally, there was high interest in the game, as it was broadcast and watched by many at Wallie's restaurant. A post on this newspaper's Facebook page about it garnered hundreds of likes.

The SUNY Cortland football team captured its first-ever Division III national title with a thrilling 38-37 victory over unbeaten and defending champion North Central College (Ill.) in the 50th Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl in front of 3,381 fans at Salem Stadium. The Red Dragons sealed their win by stopping a North Central 2-point conversion attempt with 1:20 remaining.

Cortland closes the season with a 14-1 record, extending its school single-season victory record. The Red Dragons finished the year with a school-record 12-game win streak. Cortland's previous best national finishes were quarterfinal showings in 1988 and 2008. Cortland is the first school from the state of New York to win a Division III football title since Ithaca in 1991.

Stagg Bowl Most Outstanding Player Zac Boyes (Buffalo/Kenmore West) completed 26-of-34 passes for 349 yards and five touchdowns and ran 16 times for 123 yards. He's only the second Cortland player in school history to pass for 300 yards and run for 100 yards in the same game; J.J. Tutwiler accom-

plished the feat versus TCNJ in 2002.

Greenwich's Burgess caught 11 passes for 134 yards and two touchdowns, Joe Iadevaio (Massapequa/Plainedge) finished with eight receptions for 95 yards and two scores, and JJ Laap (Stony Brook/Ward Melville) caught a TD pass. Mike Baloga (New Windsor/Cornwall) kicked a 31-yard field goal and made all five of his PAT kicks.

Also:

* Burgess broke school single-season records with 87 catches and 1,375 receiving yards and tied the school mark with 16 receiving touchdowns. Laap recorded the second-highest total with 1,291 yards, finished third with 14 TD catches and was fifth with 70 catches.

* Burgess and Laap finished as Cortland's top two in career receiving yards and touchdowns. Burgess is Cortland's career leader with 3,133 yards and 35 touchdowns and ranks second with 178 receptions. Laap is second at Cortland with 3,125 yards and 32 touchdowns, and he's fifth with 167 receptions.



FOR KIDS (AND PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, AUNTS AND UNCLES)

Stay in the holiday spirit!

Shirley Renauld
Journal & Press

Keep singing "The 12 Days of Christmas," turning the pages of your pop-up book and moving your figures of the three kings and their camels closer to the manger until they arrive on Jan six/Epiphany to give their gifts to the new baby. We give each other the last gifts of Christmas as we have a dedecorating party. First it's the tree: We take off the ornaments, wrapping the breakable ones and putting them in our storage box with the new ones of this year. As we take off the strings of lights, we wrap them around cardboard tubes so they don't get twisted. We leave the food on the tree if we will put it out for the birds, if we are sure that the bears are hibernating. We can take the large cones from our arrangements and along with short cardboard tubes, we cover them with peanut butter, roll them in birdseed and seeds that we saved and dried and hang them on the tree. What birds will you see visiting? Can you get a picture of them?

We leave the white paper chains and make paper snowflakes to go with them. You do remember how to fold the paper to make true six-pointed stars. Snowflake Bentley will be proud of you as you hang them or tape them on your windows. Other decorations are from your indoor gardening: The Paperwhites that you I planted are now blossoming. The plants that you potted are filling the pots: the Coleus with their colorful ldesigned leaves. The Geranium is growing new- plant sections along the sides and large bright flowers at the top. Grandma's Christmas cactus is still blossoming. You can now plant the Amaryllis and bulb to watch the

leaves and stem grow tall, then the six petals gradually open. Enjoy it now because it would be rare to have it blossom again. Your herb garden is using the sun through the kitchen window to grow more leaves for your cooking. You could set up trays in which you plant lettuces under grow lights for your salads.

With what you cook now and all the leftovers from the holidays, you have food to share. There can be progressive/Safari days when each family hosts one of the courses of the dinner. You can have the potluck dinners after which you play games. If you will be in a Winter concert, take a plate to share after the performance. Take some to share at your 4-H club meeting. What will your activity be? You

might be making a seasonal mural together for a bulletin board at a facility where children or seniors are spending time. You could take it with you when you visit them with your instruments, rhythm instruments to share with them to play, as you play their piano, sing and lead a sing-along. Then everyone likes to hear someone read to them. Perhaps you would read John Greenleaf Whittier's "Snowbound" in hopes of your own snow fun to come.

While you wait, you can always go on hiking adventures, looking and listening. The Moreau State Park continues to hold Wiggly Wanderers and Knee-High Naturalist programs on Friday mornings. What treasures will you find? Can you identify the sounds you hear?

Writers to read

Writers Reading returns to the Greenwich Free Library community room on Tuesday, January 9, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Writers wishing to read may claim their 15 minutes by contacting Claudia Blackler by e-mail: claudianortonblackler@gmail.com. Those who wish to attend as listeners are very welcome. This program will continue throughout the winter on the second Tuesday of each month.

Have a military story?

The New York State Military Museum and Veterans Research Center in Saratoga Springs has resumed its veterans' oral history collection program, and is seeking interview subjects. To participate, email nysmm.oralhistory@gmail.com.

Greenwich girls basketball is undefeated

Gary Danforth
Journal & Press

Sorry, I can't sugar coat this one. On December 20th, Coach Jason Slater's Greenwich Witches girls basketball team raised their record to 5-0, overall, and 3-0 in WASAREN League play, with a dominating 77-47 win over Coach Rich Cooney's Hoosick Falls Panther five. GCS did everything good basketball teams do. They passed the ball, they played good, sound defense, they had players take good shots, they had the right players take the right shots and it all looked like a clinic on the Hoosick Falls hardwood. And, it didn't take long for GCS to begin to take the Panthers apart.

The Witches offense was clicking on all cylinders early and often. Brooke Kuzmich started things off for GCS with a drive in the paint along the left baseline. After the Panthers Ava Case hit a Panther free throw, the Witches were off to the races. They proceeded to go on a 24-0 spurt to run out to a 26-1 lead with 2:43 remaining in the first quarter. The Witches forced turnover after turnover and converted those Panther mistakes into points. After a Witches drive, Kuzmich hit a right corner three and a lay up, good for a 9-1 Witches lead. Grace Autiello scored inside and then hit a left side trey. Adrianna Rojas, running the Witches offense to perfection, stole the ball and went in for a lay up. GCS was ahead, 16-1 with 5:35 left in period one. The Witches forced four Panther turnovers. Kuzmich hit a lay up. Rojas scored on a left baseline drive. Kuzmich scored inside. Kuzmich scored on a drive. Riley Brophy's inside score along the left baseline put GCS ahead 26-1. Essentially, the game was over.

After eight minutes of textbook basketball GCS led, 28-5.

But, there was more good Witches play. Slater, a Salem Washington Academy graduate, saw his team continue to pour it on in period two. GCS went on an 18-3 run to open up the second quarter. They began to rain three point shots down on HFCS. Leading 33-9, GCS saw Autiello and Kuzmich hit three pointers with Rojas scoring in the paint and Kuzmich knocking down a right corner jumper, all good for a 44-9 Witches lead with 2:33 remaining in the opening half. A pair of Panther treys saw GCS head into the locker room with a 46-18 spread.

Greenwich, coming off last year's state semi-final appearance run, continued their unselfish play in period three. They went on a 12-3 spurt to open the quarter. It was textbook basketball which HFCS had no answer for. GCS led 58-21 with 4:26 left in the quarter. A Kuzmich three pointer from the right side put the Witches way ahead, 64-26 heading into the final stanza. This one was over.

But, GCS had more, which left HFCS with less. Olivia Davis scored inside for GCS. Rojas, getting in the paint all evening to dish off to open teammates, hit on a left handed runner in the lane. Hoosick Falls was up against it all night. A Witches three pointer with 3:28 to play pushed the GCS lead to 71-38. The largest Witches lead was 71-28. The final score in this basketball masterpiece was 77-47.

Greenwich was led by Kuzmich's 35 point effort with Rojas (17), Autiello (14), Davis (7) and Brophy (4) also scoring. Hoosick Falls was led by Case (20), Jaedyn Roberson (9), Tatum Hickey (8), MacKenna Roberson (6) and Gwen Vincent (4).

Rebounding from Afar: GCS looked like a well oiled machine in this early season effort. The girls looked for each other and took shots they could make. GCS had an inside presence and were driving the lane and hitting open shots. If you want to watch good, sound, fundamental hoops give these ladies a look. They are an impressive team to watch. HFCS just didn't have the skill level to keep things close.



Top: Brooke Kuzmich; middle, NaNa Rojas; bottom Olivia Davis —photos from an early December win against Stillwater by Dan Pemrick



Year in review (cont.)

athletes to participate in a program that's similar to varsity athletics, where they play vs. unified teams at other schools in the area.

Our early June issue tried something different. I sat down with columnist Michael Levy, and we recorded a podcast, and turned it into a Q&A article that spanned several pages of the newspaper. And it was a somewhat popular edition. A lot of people mentioned to me that they enjoyed it. We talked about the Battenkill Valley in a broad way with some very specific topics mentioned. This issue also detailed the Greater Greenwich Chamber of Commerce's new board of directors.

Our mid-June issue talked about the upcoming fair season, which started with the Whipple City Festival. On the political front, it was petition season for the various fall candidates and we detailed two people who were previously stalwarts in the Republican party who were spurned and not given their party's designation and went off and created their own independent bodies to run for office. One of whom was Lance Wang, running for supervisor in White Creek, a position he would eventually win, and incumbent county clerk Stephanie Cronin, who was forced to run on a minor party line only; while Wang was also given the Democratic line in his town. We also detailed the Democratic slate running for town board in Greenwich. Columnist Kate Sausville wrote about why Main Street struggles.

In our early July issue, we detailed the Greenwich Republican slate, which brought back former supervisor Don Ward to challenge the incumbent who had beaten him by only 14 votes two years prior – Jim Nolan. Also running for town council for the GOP was incumbent Jeff Duxbury and zoning board chair Dawn Sharts. Writer Robin Lyle also sat down with Argyle Supervisor Bob Henke, who talked about immigration and how it affects our area. Parts of that interview were very candid and provocative.

Our mid-July issue talked about Greenwich going "green," and plans for solar farms in the area in conjunction with a company called Boralax. Also, surprising to many, the town clerk of Greenwich, Kimberly Whelan, announced she was leaving the area with her family. Her husband had gotten a new job in another state, so she no longer was going to be town clerk. We also mention the new town clerk to be appointed by the Democratic board would be Deborah Tjarks, who's currently serving and ran unopposed later in the year.

In our early August edition, we spoke to Greenwich Central School District Superintendent Dr. Jennifer Steimle, who reflected on her first year in charge of the school district. Also announced was the Greenwich Free Library was offering training and education about Nalcan, an emergency treatment for drug overdoses; as our region, and the country, faces an increase in overdoses.

Our mid-July issue detailed a local landmark restoration expert, Greenwich's Aaron Northrup, who owns a company called Custom Curiosities. He restored the Good Shepherd statue in Glens Falls.

Our early September issue talks about cannabis in our area and how it's now legal and local. You can buy it at Old Saratoga Mercantile, a farm and general store in Schuylerville. We profiled a new kind of goat exhibited at the Washington County Fair. We also profiled Aiden Armitage, 18, who had been honored as an Eagle Scout in Greenwich. Around this time, we started to see political ads in the newspaper, as that season was ramping up. Also, lots of political letters.

Our mid-September issue was a "good news" issue. Good news for Greenwich: A new business opens on Main Street. A big food donation for the pantry. And a No. 1 regional school



ranking.

Our early October issue talks about the new turf field and sports complex at Greenwich High School, which came in at \$3.3 million. It received rave reviews. We also profiled local country musician Marty Wendell.

Our mid-October issue was devoted to a meet the candidates event that this newspaper hosted on October 12th. The event brought members of the community to the Greenwich High School Auditorium for a Q&A. However, it was most notable that only Democratic Party candidates and independent party candidate Stephanie Cronin showed up for the debate. We profiled a new event that was quite popular and well attended called Touch a Truck near the traffic circle in Greenwich, sponsored by Battenkill Community Services.

Our early November issue gave space to candidates; each got 400 words to say whatever they wanted along with their photo in the paper to help people decide who they wanted to vote for; and some candidates took advantage of that, but a couple of candidates on the Republican side in the Town of Greenwich did not.

Our mid-November issue was our first-ever Tractor Parade issue. We decided to print in a different size format and printed lots of extra copies, to distribute to free racks, to encourage people to attend Greenwich's signature event. Hopefully this becomes a staple publication for years to come. The record-setting-attendance parade itself was excellent; we broadcasted live from the roof of Wallie's, and our video reached over 10,000 views on Facebook.

Of course, we noted who won the election; and in Greenwich it was a Democratic sweep with Nolan, incumbent councilman Pat Donahue and newcomer Reed Anderson winning by a decent margin. In White Creek, Wang easily won his supervisor bid. Cronin lost her county

clerk seat to newcomer Lisa Boyce of Easton, though Cronin actually had a higher vote count than her opponent in the towns that had media presences and where she could get the word out about her third-party campaign.

Our first issue of December detailed that the Greenwich Town and Village Comprehensive Plan was adopted and, bylined by Town Supervisor Nolan and Village Mayor Pam Fuller, what it means for our area. Implementation will largely take place starting in 2024. We also did an interesting profile on a person who helps track lost dogs.

And our last issue of the year in late December profiled the Auction Barn restaurant, its new proprietors, and what they feel they're facing in a struggling economy, especially a struggling restaurant economy, and how they plan to keep going and do well in 2024. We start to dig into high school basketball season.

We discuss changes coming to this newspaper, including that we will have at least one free print edition per month, an e-newsletter, and a deeper website in the year 2024. We profile area birdwatchers. Guest columnist Debbie Anderson talks about all the ways you can volunteer in our community to make the community a better place.

So that's it – 24 big issues hit in the year 2023. We're going to have 24 more in the year 2024, but also lots of changes coming as we modernize our business model and not only have our paid circulation printed newspaper, but also add a free newspaper for other towns outside of Greenwich and also an e-newsletter, enhanced website, maybe some more podcasts and some other amenities as the year moves forward.

We wish you a very happy and prosperous New Year. Thank you for reading the Greenwich Journal and Salem Press.

Lynn Carlton Perkins, 82

Lynn Carlton Perkins (February 3, 1941 – December 19, 2023) passed peacefully at home surrounded in the love of his family.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Christine Jenkins Perkins. His sons, Lynn (Perk) Perkins of Derry, NH and Travis Perkins of Sutton, NH and his daughters, Terri Perkins of Manchester, NH and Sarah Bride of Concord, NH, along with their spouses. Lynn had seven beautiful grandchildren that would make him light him up with joy. He is also survived by his siblings, Marlene Waite of Plattsburgh, NY; David Perkins of Hudson Falls, NY; James Perkins of Greenwich, NY; Stephen Perkins of Hillisboro, WI; and Wendy Paracka of Newport Richey, FL and their spouses; as well of numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins that he adored and had long running banter with. His quick wit and one liners will be missed.

Lynn was the 4th of 8 children to Harry C. and Margaret (Garnsey) Perkins and was born and raised in Greenwich, NY. Lynn attended Canton University in Canton NY (currently SUNY Canton). Lynn was enlisted in the US Air Force, stationed at the Grenier Air Field servicing at New Boston Tracking Station. Upon leaving the US Air Force, he worked at Sanders Associates as an Engineer for 18 years, where he met Christine.

In 1983, Lynn and Christine moved to Warner to live out his dream and opened Perkins Hardware. The business grew from limited inventory on the pegboard walls, to needing multiple additions and filling every nook and cranny from floor to ceiling, earning the reputation that if Lynn didn't have it, you didn't need it. However, one of his favorite quotes was "it will be here on Wednesday" as he tried to fill a customer's re-

quest for a rare item not found within the store walls. The motto and heart of the business was "Large Enough to Serve You, Small Enough to Care", which Lynn and his family lived by; helping customers, neighbors, and the community at every opportunity.

Lynn was also involved with Sugar River Bank, first as an Incorporator, then on the Board of Directors, and finally as Chairman of the Board, retiring in 2016.

He loved spending time with his family and going for long motorcycle rides with Chris exploring New England and visiting family across the country. The back roads were his playground always taking the "short cut."

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, January 6, 2024 at



the United Church of Warner at 1:00pm.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Warner Fire & Rescue and the Lake Sunapee VNA who provided incredible care and support in the final weeks of his life.

Elizabeth Anne Ellis, 68

It is with deep sadness that the Ellis family announced the passing of sister and mother, Elizabeth Anne Ellis, 68, on the night of Dec. 25, 2023. Known as "Libby" because her sister couldn't say her name clearly as a toddler, "she leaves behind a chasm in our lives and will be

greatly missed."

Libby was born in Salina, Kansas, to Edward T. and Althea Gorse Ellis, but grew up and completed school in upstate New York. She graduated with a Regent's Diploma and a Certificate in Cosmetology from Washington Academy in Salem, New York. In 1975, she returned to Salina, Kansas, to renew connections with her maternal relatives, and decided to stay. In 1988, she completed the diploma nursing program at Asbury Hospital in Salina, Kansas. Nursing was her life; Elizabeth worked in just about all the medical departments at Asbury Hospital, in Salina; became certified in Oncology and Dialysis Services, and was part of the "Code Blue Team." In addition, she was instrumental in

helping to demonstrate/renew training of fellow staff to update various nursing standards of care. Elizabeth was a dedicated, caring medical provider until her retirement in January, 2019.

Besides nursing, Elizabeth was interested in a variety of crafts, gardening, cooking, and caring for her feline and canine companions. Libby was known for her droll sense of humor, her willingness to help friends in need, and for her zero tolerance for fools.

Elizabeth is survived by her son, Jerald Irvin, of Salina, Kansas; her older sister, Bridgett Ellis, of Waterford, Connecticut, and her younger brother, Brian Ellis, of Salina, Kansas. She was predeceased by her brother, Thomas Ellis, as well as her parents.

Cremation will be private and, at her request, there will be no funeral or memorial service. Donations in her memory can be made to the Salina Animal Shelter and the American Heart Association.

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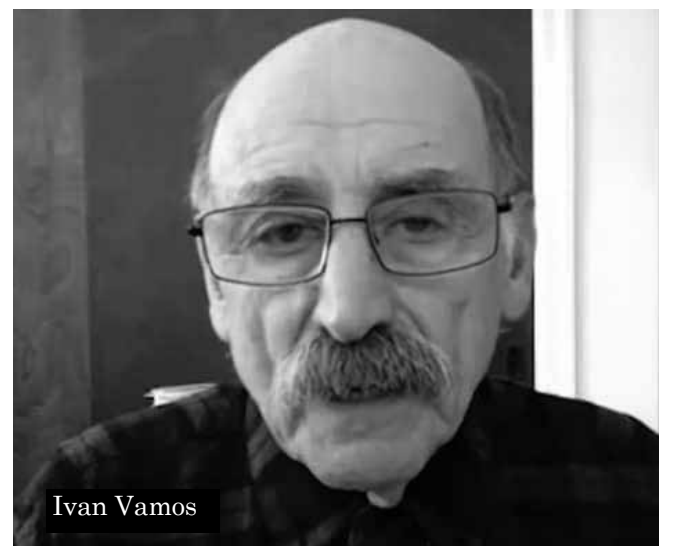
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Holocaust Remembrance

To commemorate the International Holocaust Remembrance Day, the Schuylerville Public Library will display the powerful travelling history exhibit, called "Messages From Survivors: One Family's Holocaust Legacy" for the month of January 2024. The exhibit includes six panels of survivor stories, each one unique but linked, as well as take-home cards featuring some of the stories and links to more resources. This opportunity to view the material is thanks to a partnership between the Southern Adirondack Library System, Assemblymember Carrie Woerner and the creators at the Memory Project Productions.



Ivan Vamos

Schuylerville Public Library will also host a holocaust survivor, Ivan Vamos, who will speak of his early childhood memories in war-torn Hungary with his family and his later emigration from home. Mr. Vamos will display some photos and documents from his early years, display some drawings he has made of his time in Hungary, and offer a brief Q & A after his presentation. Those interested in attending, may come in person to the Library at 52 Ferry St Schuylerville or view the discussion via Zoom. The link to join via Zoom is found on the Library's event calendar at svl.libcal.com.

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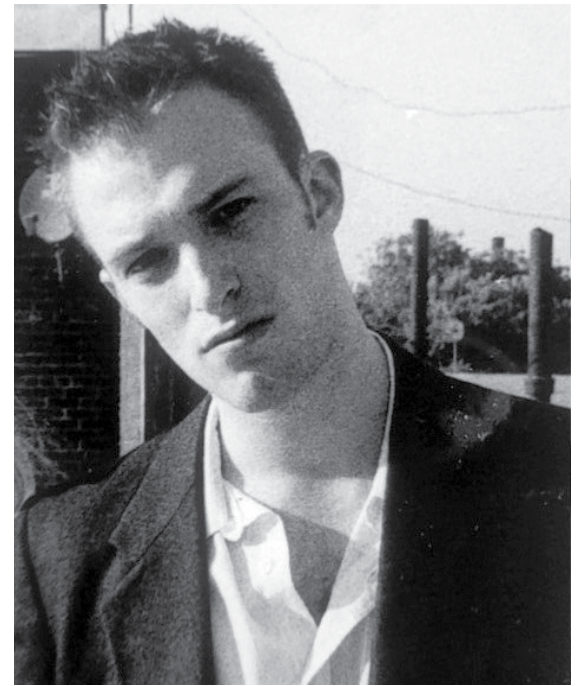
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**Josh Chambers
remembrance**

On January 5th, at 7:00, Caffe Lena in Saratoga, will be staging their annual celebration of the music of Josh Chambers. Josh was a 1994 graduate of Greenwich Central School, a 1998 graduate of Skidmore College and a 2005 graduate of California Institute of the Arts.



Lena's announcement stated "Whether you knew Josh Chambers personally or not, you'll not want to miss this annual celebration of a man who made art with-

out rules or boundaries. Josh was a classical guitar prodigy, a rock band leader, a playwright and theater director, poet, and revealer of the human soul. Since he died three years ago, we've celebrated his life and artistry annually with a smashing rock show, readings and film, with proceeds benefiting Caffe Lena, a venue that played a pivotal role in his early years as an artist.

The performer line-up will feature Dave Bengle and Radio Junkies, musical friends from Josh's theater company, Capital District folk musician Michael Eck, and others to be announced.

All proceeds from this event will benefit Caffe Lena, where Josh performed many times with his rock band, Throwdown Bouquet, and developed his theater company, Fovea Floods, which later moved to New York City.

Stream this show live at Caffè Lena TV. Enjoy one week of access with your live stream ticket.

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Artists reception at Greenwich Library

From Tuesday, January 2 to Saturday, February 3, Greenwich Free Library will host New Beginnings, a group art exhibit to celebrate the new year, presented by the Greenwich Library & Arts Association (GALA). The exhibit will be available to view during library hours in the Community Room.

There will be an artist reception on Friday, January 19 from 7:00 to 8:30pm. Light refreshments will be served and patrons are invited to come meet the artists. The opening and the exhibit are open to all.

Participating artists include:

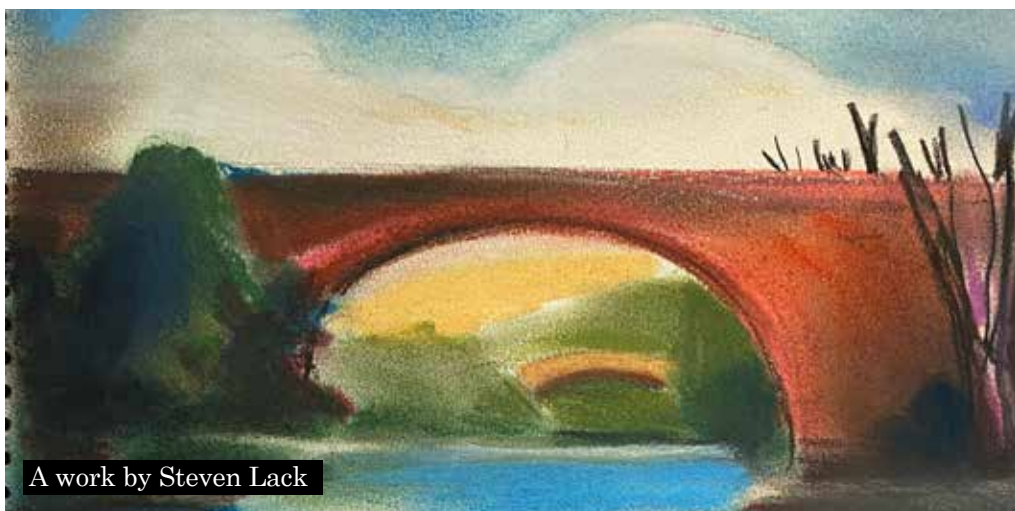
- Arthur Brod
- Matt Chinian
- Don Cook
- Judith Ellers
- Ann Fitzgibbons
- Cheryl Horning
- Stephen Lack

- Adriano Manocchia
- Leslie Peck
- Valorie Nichols
- Clifford Oliver
- Ken Perry
- Anne Sutherland
- Marguerite Takvorian-Holmes
- Frank Vurraro

The artists represented run the gamut in terms of styles and media of visual arts, from paintings to photography, sculpture to pastels. The subjects of the selected pieces are even more diverse than the media. Frank Vurraro's paintings are in a classic old-world style, and address religious matters; Cheryl Horning delves into the intricacies

of the human face. Landscapes, politics, fantasy and life are addressed through the diverse talents of our neighbors.

Local photographer Cliff Oliver, who is also a library volunteer and board member, says of the exhibit, "What's cool about this show is the genius involved in making the art. They walk among us proclaiming thought, beauty, emotion with colors, shapes, forms...art."



A work by Steven Lack



A work by Leslie Peck

'Messages From Survivors' in Greenwich

From January 3 through January 31, 2024, the traveling exhibit "Messages from Survivors: One Family's Holocaust Legacy" will be on view at the Greenwich Free Library. "Messages from Survivors" is built on 40 years of filming a family of Holocaust survivors in the Bronx, Miami and a bungalow colony in the Catskills between 1962 and 2016.

In the exhibit, six short videos introduce the Holocaust through powerful personal stories of a family of Holocaust survivors. Six exhibit panels researched using the US Holocaust Memorial Museum's resources provide historical context for the video footage. The exhibit covers the family's experiences from 1938 through the 21st century. Exhibit co-creator Laurie Weisman says, "The Jacobs family show us that resilience and joy can co-exist with loss and pain. By sharing their stories, we share their hard-earned wisdom with the world."

A feature of the exhibit is the use of QR codes to bring the Holocaust survivors' voices directly into people's lives, both onsite and at home. Take-home cards keep the story alive once visitors return home. Each card contains stories of family members—some who survived and some who didn't along with QR code links to the videos.



Matthew Rozell

It will be on view during regular library hours in the lobby area and throughout our lower level.

The Memory Project Productions, Inc., creators of Messages From Survivors, is a New York-based non-profit organization

that creates exhibits and programs devoted to social justice, art and remembrance. Its exhibits have toured the U.S., Poland and Hungary. Their award-winning film, Finding Kalman, has been broadcast nationally on PBS stations.

An Evening with Matthew Rozell

Greenwich Free Library has planned a series of events to correspond with the exhibit, and the first of these is an evening with author Matthew Rozell. **On Friday, January 12, 2024, at 6pm** in the Community Room of the Greenwich Free Library, Matthew Rozell will discuss his work in engaging his high school students with history and the people who lived it, which is culminating in a twelve volume oral history series "The Things Our Fathers Saw" and the book "A Train Near Magdeburg: A Teacher's Journey into the Holocaust," recently featured on C-SPAN's Book TV. "A Train Near Magdeburg" is also currently in production for a major documentary film series. A book signing will follow; autographed books will be specially discounted for this event. Attendees can register for this event online at greenwichfreelibrary.org or by calling or visiting the library.

Rozell's presentation will touch on his efforts to reunite Holocaust survivor with their actual



The Jacobs

American soldier liberators, but more importantly will focus on the moral lessons imparted by the soldiers' actions in those closing days of World War II, and the disturbing underlying question of the Holocaust—just how did humanity allow six million Jews to be murdered?

Matthew Rozell is an award-winning history teacher, author, speaker, and blogger on World War II and the Holocaust. He taught at Hudson Falls High School for 30 years. He has been featured as the ABC World News Person of the Week, and had his classroom work filmed for CBS News, NBC Learn, the Israeli Broadcast Authority, the New York State United Teachers, and the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. He is also the recipient of the New York State Education Department's Yavner Teaching Award for Distinguished Contributions to Teaching the Holocaust and Human Rights. Visit him at TeachingHistoryMatters.com.

Equine Center awarded grant

Nipper Knolls Equine Center, Inc. announced they have been awarded a generous grant through the Adirondack Trust Company Community Fund's Lend-A-Hand program.

Each year, the Adirondack Trust Company Community Fund awards Lend-A-Hand grants to projects or programs that directly impact the communities they serve in Saratoga, Warren, and Washington counties. Nipper Knolls Equine Center, Inc., is a 501(c) 3 that provides services to enrich the lives of children and their families, and military veterans with the help of human-horse connections.

Nipper Knolls Equine Center, Inc.'s board president, Amy Hoffer, recently accepted the generous award during a ceremony held in Saratoga Springs. The award will help offset the feed and other health and welfare expenses necessary to care for the specially trained therapeutic horses.

Nipper Knolls Equine Center, Inc. is located in Granville, New York, and has been providing

therapeutic (adaptive) horseback riding, horsemanship lessons, and physical therapy services (hippotherapy) by using the unique equine movement for people with special needs for more than eleven years. The program is designed to provide people the joy of horsemanship and riding. Each lesson includes dedicated volunteers who assist the PATH (Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship) certified riding instructor.

Nipper Knolls Equine Center, Inc. also provides Alfred Z. Solomon Peer to Peer Veterans program at an offsite in Middle Grove, New York. This is an eight-week program offered to veterans in a one-to-one setting and teaches basic horsemanship, horse training, and carriage driving. The program is offered at no cost to veterans and a guest, if they choose to bring a family member or friend to share the experience.

Nipper Knolls Equine Center is a 100% volunteer organization. There are no administrative costs or salaries paid. Through the generosity of volunteers and financial supporters, the program has enriched many lives of children with special needs, their families and military veterans who might not otherwise have the opportunity to experience the benefits of horsemanship.

Learn more about Nipper Knolls Equine Center, Inc. by visiting www.nipperknolls.com or www.facebook.com/nipperknolls.



Advisory Committee Member of the Adirondack Trust Company Community Fund Steve Boxley with Amy Hoffer.

Gillis wins DAR award

Salem Washington County proudly announced Taryn Gillis has been selected as the recipient of the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award. Each school year the staff and students vote to select a senior who they believe best exemplifies the characteristics of dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism.



Here's what you checked out in 2023

Sarah Murphy
Greenwich Free Library

As the end of the calendar year approaches (oh, more about the calendar year in a moment!), it's time to reflect on our 2023 circulation. What can we learn about our library and community in analyzing the most frequently circulated books and movies of the year? The reports can only tell us so much—they don't include books that Greenwich patrons have borrowed through interlibrary loan, but they do include books Greenwich owns that have been borrowed by those from other libraries—so anecdotal observation and a bit of context helps to round out the story of what you've been busy reading and viewing this year. Also important to note that these reports only deal in physical items, so all of the ebooks and audiobooks you've borrowed through Libby, or the films you've watched via Kanopy, those aren't counted here. Enough caveats, here's the deal:

Adult Fiction

The top circulating item in our adult fiction collection this year is a cutely covered 2022 contemporary romance called *The Bodyguard* by Katherine Center. Imagine my surprise upon seeing it atop the list! Hasn't Michael Connelly published lately? Indeed he has, but the best he could do was a number 2 effort with *Desert Star*. What about *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus; we can't keep that thing on the shelf! Well, it's tied for the number five spot. Stephen King had a new book this year, right? Yup, *Holly*, which didn't even make our top 20. Well, credit where it is due, *The Bodyguard* sounds like an absolute delight featuring a 5'5" professional female bodyguard protecting a famous actor by posing as his girlfriend. I think we can all see where this is going. But I'm happy to go along, so thank you, Greenwich Free Library patrons, for this excellent recommendation.

Plot Twist! I had the good sense to run the top circulating Large Type list, and Barbara Kingsolver's much beloved *Demon Copperfield* tops it. No surprise there, given how often I can remember checking out this epic bestseller. It was tied for 8th on our standard adult fiction list, but when you add the two circulation totals together (something I didn't think to do at first; I prefer letters to numbers after all), guess what? *Demon Copperfield* beats *The Bodyguard* by two checkouts! Kingsolver and Center, I'd say you're both in good company.

Adult Nonfiction

Uh oh, Greenwich. Our top circulating nonfiction title, by a fairly large margin, is the 2021 *How to Talk When Kids Won't Listen: Whining, Fighting, Meltdowns, Defiance, and Other Challenges of Childhood*. Am I to understand that the angel children who spend their mornings and afternoons delighting the library staff with their curiosity and senses of humor are in fact melting down at home? I suspect they are from time to time, but now you now there's a book for that! It's important to note that our copy of this parents' guide is one of only three in the entire Southern Adirondack Library System, so a large number of those borrowing the book are probably residing outside of our town, in those places where whining is far more common.

DVDs

Our top two DVD titles this year are both

based on books: *A Man Called Otto* (inexplicably renaming the bestselling *A Man Called Ove* and explicably starring Tom Hanks) is number one. The 2023 adaptation of Judy Blume's classic, *Are You There God, It's Me Margaret* is a close second. Tying for third we have two winners and a stinker: the fantastic Oscar-winning *Everything Everywhere All at Once*, the so-good-it's-basically Shakespeare final season of *Succession*, and the huge waste of American icons Clooney and Roberts, *Ticket to Paradise*. I do not normally consider it my job to render judgement on creative work (to those who know me personally, I mean "job" in the strictest literal sense; I am aware that I make it my figurative business to tell you what's good and what's dreadful all the time). But in this case, I really must step in and say that this movie is not worth your time. A compelling idea, gorgeous location, and brilliant casting cannot save the script, which does not even attempt to make sense. To all those who checked this film out of the library, I am deeply sorry.

Picture Books

When it comes to picture books, the sweet Australian dogs known for their runaway hit series *Bluey* are winners in our popularity contest, with *Bluey: Five Minute Stories* bringing by far the most circs this year. This 158-page compendium has likely made it to many, many bedtimes around town. Other popular characters include *The Sour Grape* from the Bad Seed series by John Jory, the miniature horses *Itty and Bitty* from the books by Nancy Carpenter Czerw, the irresistible animal/vegetable hybrid *Pugtato* created by Sophie Corrigan, and the Pigeon from Mo Willems. A few standalone picture books made the top ten this year, including the sweetly illustrated *Little Witch Hazel* by Phoebe Wahl, the spooky *No Such Thing* by Ella Bailey, and *Oona and the Shark* by Kelly DiPucchio, which deftly sneaks information on sensory disorders into a cute mermaid tale.

One last thing...

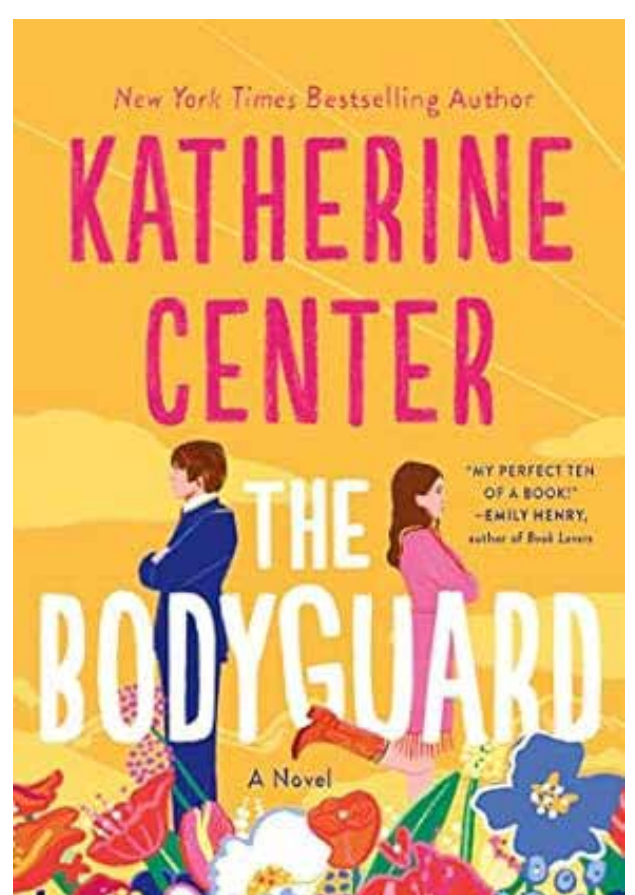
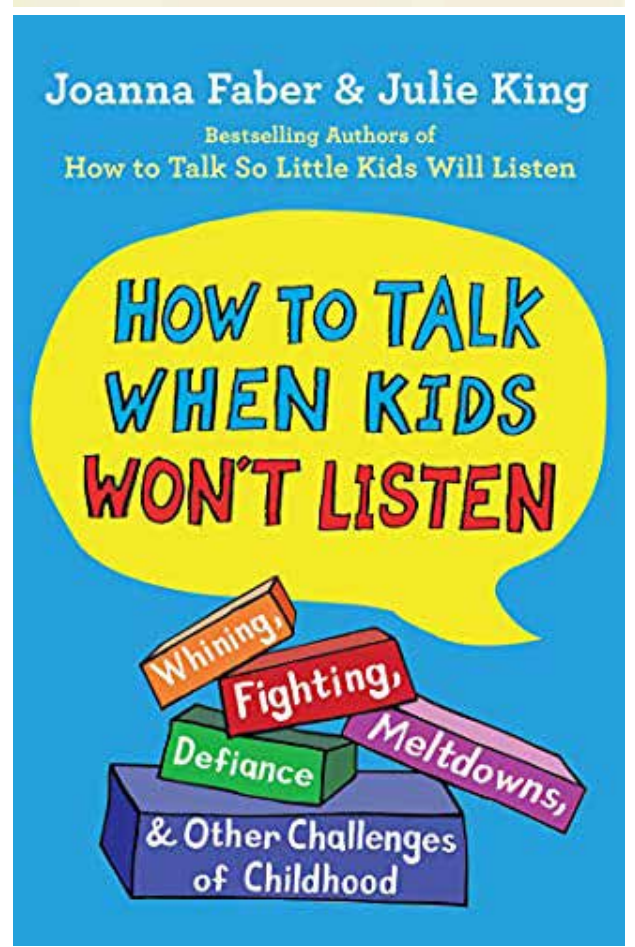
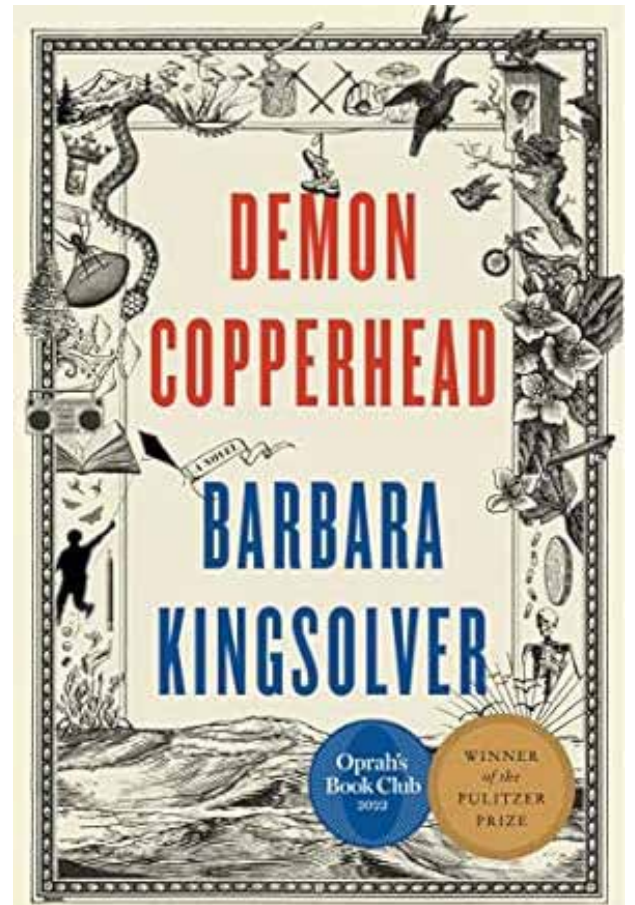
I promised more about the calendar year before closing out 2023,



the last library column of and here it is: do not miss out on the limited edition 2024 calendars created by the Friends of the Greenwich Library and featuring illustrations by local historian, artist, and library volunteer Ken Perry. You've likely seen Ken around town sketching and now you can see the resulting work, which lovingly depicts our town's garages, fire hydrants, houses and lots.

Calendars are \$10, and all proceeds benefit the library. Available at the library circulation desk along with all of the books mentioned above and thousands more.

Sarah Murphy is director of the Greenwich Free Library.



Work advice for children

Dr. Daneen Skube
Tribune Content Agency
Special to Journal & Press

Q: *I have five young kids and a successful career. What's the best advice and skills I can teach my kids to succeed? What work advice and tools do you teach your clients to pass onto their children?*

A: The best work advice I give clients is to teach their children to have low expectations and lots of gratitude. The best tool I teach clients is to give children opportunities to be frustrated, so they learn resilience and tenacity.

With our best intentions, we may think that making our children's lives easy is our job. But if we respond to their every whim and problem, we're only teaching them narcissism and entitlement. If we want to raise kids with a work ethic, we need to give them opportunities for delayed gratification and impulse control.

If kids get what they want when they want it, we give them short-term joy but mortgage their futures. We know as adults that nothing valuable comes easy. The question is: What moments are we providing our children with that can teach them this lesson?

I often say to clients: "I know you love your kids, but do you love them enough to be disliked by them today, so that they'll be effective when they grow up?" Our own issues with self-esteem can make it uncomfortable when our kids tell us we're "mean."

When we don't react to a child's criticism, we model caring more about our effectiveness than our ego. With the influence and pressure of social media and peer judgment, raising kids who

can make unpopular decisions is a precious gift.

As I write this column, I'm with my three kids on vacation. When I look at their innocent faces, I want to coat them in bubble wrap, to buffer them against all pain. What I do instead is to remind them constantly that what other people do is not about them.

The ability to not take people personally will give your children freedom, power, and less sleepless nights. So much adolescent and adult angst is about trying to figure out, "How that person could do that to me!" The reality that other people might not think about us all that much is both true and liberating.

As a parent, lower your expectations of how much influence you have on your kid's success.

'Find moments in the mess to genuinely enjoy each child.'

I tell clients that outcomes with children are 1/3 genetics, 1/3 parenting, and 1/3 what a child decides to do the first 2/3. We don't receive a blank slate when we take home a baby. Neurology, biology, or mental health challenges all impact how much you can do for a child.

When your kids fail, act out, or you get judgment about them from others, remember they're not raising your child. The only perfect parents are people who never had kids. The rest of us are improvising. Be enthusiastic about failures

as learning moments.

When your kids are tiny, all parents have idealistic views. The teen years are hard because parents have to shift from the unlimited dreams of a youngster to a teen intent on showing parents what they won't do.

Many parents who read the book, "What to expect when you're expecting," are only clear on one truth, which is that raising their kids is turning out not to be what they expected.

If there is one last tool it's this: Find moments in the mess to genuinely enjoy each child. When a child launches into the world with a sense that they're enjoyable, they'll anticipate that others will also want to engage them as well.

The last word(s)

Q: *As we approach the end of the year, I'm concerned about how to set resolutions for New Year's. Is there a best way to make progress with New Year's resolutions?*

A: Yes, forget about the pressure of grand resolutions at the end of each year. Instead, make and keep small actionable goals that get you closer to what you want all year long.

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JILL ON MONEY

Santa Claus comes early

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Special to Journal & Press

The early start to the retail holiday season has seeped into financial markets.

As of this writing, stock indexes have completed seven consecutive winning weeks, ushering in the "Santa Claus rally" in late October, rather than in December.

Santa fired up his sled around Halloween and has been sprinkling holiday magic on financial markets, as evidence emerged that inflation is slowing and the Fed is gearing up to start cutting interest rates.

The fourth-quarter advance has been a relief for investors, many of whom are still feeling the sting of 2022, a year when the S&P 500 fell 19.4 percent and the tech-heavy NASDAQ tumbled by 33.1%.

Last year was doubly painful because bonds did not provide ballast against the poor performance of stocks, with the S&P aggregate bond index down 12%.

In a notable comeback, stocks have come charging back: the Dow Jones industrial average closed above 37,000 and reached a new all-time high; the S&P 500 is now within 1.6% of its all-time high, reached on January 3, 2022, and is up more than 22% on the year; and the Nasdaq Composite, the biggest loser of 2022, has put up a new all-time high, ahead by more than 40% on the year.

Bond investors have endured a wild ride in 2023, as the yield on the 10-year Treasury bond

rose above the 5% level for the first time in 16 years, pushing prices down.

But since late October, yields have come down and prices are higher, putting investors on track for a positive return of more than 4.5% on the year, as measured by the S&P U.S. Aggregate Bond Index.

In thinking about the last two years, there are three specific lessons that are helpful in contemplating your next action:

'Three lessons are helpful in contemplating your next action.'

1. You STILL can't time the market...**REAL-LY!**

After the 2022 wash-out, there were many investors who bailed out of their long-term strategies and sought the protection of safe assets, like high yielding savings and money market accounts, CDs, and Treasury bills, all of which were finally paying a decent amount of interest.

I heard from a lot of those folks, who would regale me with their game plans that went something like, "I got out stocks and bonds and went to cash (I'm getting 5%!!!), but I plan to get back in when things get better."

Of course, this is the fallacy of attempting

to time the market: Those people probably felt great, until recently. Now as we approach the end of the year and stock and bond markets have regained their footing, many will be forced to buy back into their positions, but at much higher levels, or stay in cash, as rates dwindle in the future.

2. Picking individual stocks is hard

A year ago, the technology sector was on its heels. Profits were down, layoffs were up, and investors were trying to figure out the next great sector. And yet, last year's losers have become this year's BIG winners.

They have been dubbed "The Magnificent Seven" (Apple, Amazon, Alphabet, NVIDIA, Meta, Microsoft, and Tesla) and together, they are up around 70% year to date.

Of course, if you own the S&P 500 index, you have a piece of the action, but if your expensive fund manager was not a believer in tech's resurgence, you missed out. Another reason to own low fee and tax efficient index mutual and exchange-traded funds.

3. Boring is good...and works

The big investor takeaway from the last two years is to stick to your diversified portfolio of cheap funds over the long term and you will stay out of trouble.

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The congressman from Cambridge

Lance Allen Wang
Journal & Press

Deep inside scenic and historic Woodlands Cemetery in Cambridge, a large obelisk towers over the simple, tidy, and understated graves of James Stevenson Smart (1842-1903) and his wife Elizabeth. His headstone is proudly engraved to indicate that he was the Captain of Company K, 16th New York Heavy Artillery. A rusted old Grand Army of the Republic flag holder flanks the headstone. These simple markings already create an epitaph of which any man could be proud.

James Stevenson Smart was born in Baltimore, Maryland on June 14, 1842, but in 1849 his parents moved to Coila, New York. He was educated at the Cambridge Academy, and then later, Union College, before earning his degree from Jefferson College in 1863.

In January 1864, he enlisted in Cambridge into a new volunteer unit being formed to fight for the Union (in a war which was now dragging on into its fourth year), the 16th New York Heavy Artillery Regiment. While the unit was recruited from throughout the state, its Companies I and K had a strong showing from Washington County, with White Creek and Greenwich represented in both companies, and Cambridge in Company K. Originally appointed a First Lieutenant in the Regiment, he was made Captain and Commander of Company K not long afterwards.

When formed, the 16th New York Heavy Artillery Regiment was reputed to be the largest regiment ever recruited in the United States, as one New York newspaper wrote under the headline "A MAMMOTH REGIMENT."

The heavy artillery units were originally raised to man fortifications surrounding Washington DC, as the threat to our nation's capital greatly limited the freedom of action of the Union's Army of the Potomac, General Grant's primary weapon for the defeat of Lee's rebel Army of Northern Virginia. However, Grant's grievous losses during his Wilderness Campaign in May and June meant that many of the experienced heavy artillery units, including Smart's, were pulled from Washington, and hastily utilized as infantry to reinforce the Army of the Potomac by mid-summer.

With just under 3,000 soldiers on the rolls, and now divested of their role of manning the

guns of fortifications, the companies were parceled out for various other missions and returned to Colonel J. J. Morrison, nominally the commander of the 16th.

If the relatively new unit felt somehow inadequate alongside the veteran units of the Army of the Potomac, the ones that had fought at Antietam and Gettysburg, it was gone quickly in the smoke, fire, and bloodshed in the trenches outside Petersburg, Virginia. The war of maneuver that Grant sought became a static, grinding, preview of the Western Front in World War I.

During this period, Smart's Company K was drawn into some other diverse assignments, including the attempted digging of a canal in order to allow Union ships to bypass Confederate batteries on the James River. Another one was supporting attacks on several coastal installations in North Carolina, including Fort Fisher and Fort Anderson, as well as forts near Cape

'The 16th Heavy Artillery was reputed to be the largest regiment ever.'

Fear and Wilmington.

With the final fall of Petersburg in March 1865, the war in the East rapidly ended. By July, Smart's Company K and the other units were reunited under Colonel Morrison and mustered out in August in Washington DC.

Following the war, Smart returned home to Coila. He became the publisher and editor of the Washington County Post, taking over for R. K. Crocker in 1865. In 1869, Henry Noble joined him as a partner in publishing the paper, with Smart remaining as sole editor. He also became interested in politics, and went from newspaper publisher to Representative in 1872 when he was elected to the 43rd Congress as a Republican, taking office in March 1872.

It was a relatively uneventful term for Smart, who served until 1875. The only major issue that came up during his tenure in the House of Representatives was the

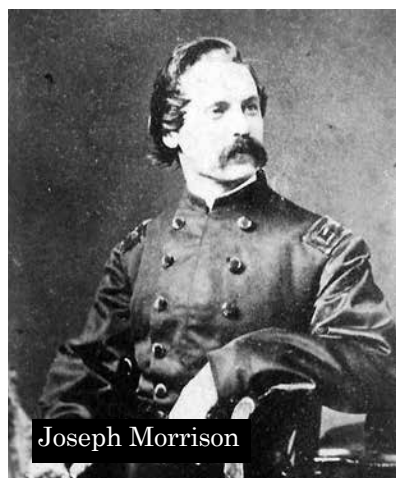


16th Heavy Artillery reunion in Herkimer

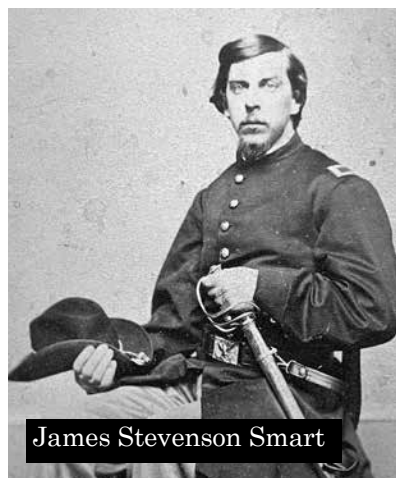
Panic of 1873, a major financial downturn. While Smart rode into office on a strong Republican majority, the Panic of 1873 gave steam to the opposition. Republicans lost nine seats in the next election, and Smart was not nominated for a second term. He did remain very involved in politics in New York, remaining a member of the state's Republican Central Committee for many years afterwards. He also remained active in public life, serving as a collector of internal revenue for northern New York from 1881-1883.

James Stevenson Smart passed in 1903, and he was buried under his simple unadorned stone in Woodlands Cemetery in Cambridge. Much like President Theodore Roosevelt, who preferred the title "Colonel" to "Mr. President" in his post-Presidential years, and former Secretary of State Colin Powell's simple military tombstone at Arlington National Cemetery which only refers to his military rank, Congressman Smart wanted to be remembered as a Captain, the commander of Company K, 16th New York Heavy Artillery. Buried relatively closely to fellow Union veterans from the 22nd, 93rd, and 123rd New York Volunteer Infantry, Smart and his comrades who saved the Union sanctified the cemetery with their presence in 1903, during a period when the Civil War was becoming a memory, but at that point it was still living memory. While his service in Congress remains unmentioned, his stone reflects justifiable pride in service from a time when the stakes were never higher.

Lance Allen Wang is Supervisor-elect in the Town of White Creek who is also an Iraq Veteran and retired Army Infantry officer. He lives in Eagle Bridge with his wife Hatti.



Joseph Morrison



James Stevenson Smart

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Reforest Holdings LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York SSNY on 10/10/2023. Office Location: Washington County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 101 Dobbin Hill Rd. Cambridge NY 12816. Purpose: any lawful activity. 6Xthru1/1/24

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of a NY Limited Liability Company. Name: Windy Hill Wellness 312, LLC. Articles of Organization filing date with Secretary of State (SSNY) was 09/29/23. Office location: 106 Main St. Greenwich, NY, _Washington_ County. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and SSNY shall mail copy of process to 312 Windy Hill Rd. Greenwich, NY. Purpose is to engage in any and all business activities permitted under NYS laws. --6Xthru1/1/24

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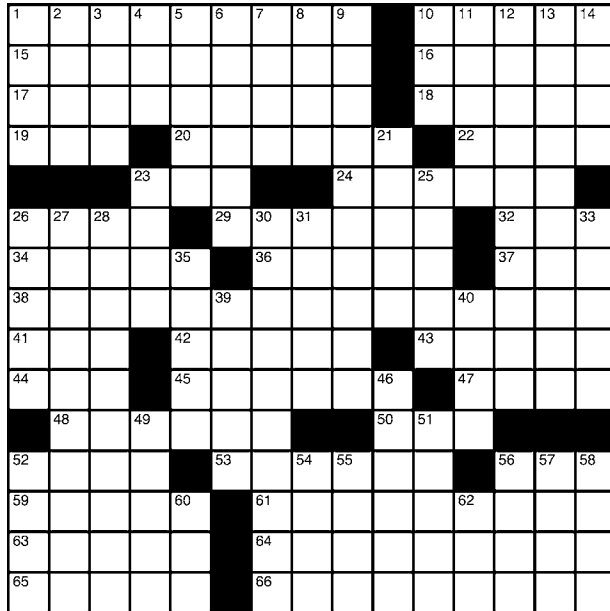


Political Cartoon of the Week by Dana Summers



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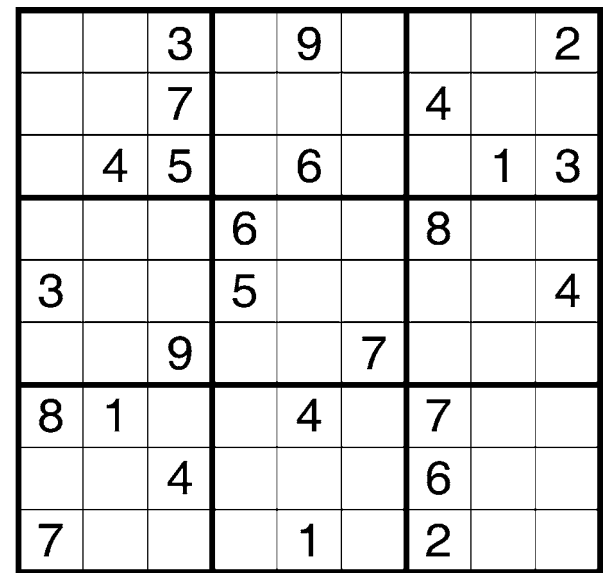
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 - "The Cube" network
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 - Time worth studying
 - Gruff prescription for a minor injury
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 - Some carpentry noises
 - Party with poke
 - Between jobs
 - Bupkis
 - Gave a shot, say
 - Efforts at resistance
 - Spot for a koi or a decoy
 - Ballpark figure
 - Emergency gear
 - Depression
 - Miso soup mushroom
 - Road show necessity?
 - Flirting with
 - Camille Pagán's "Woman Last ___ in Her Thirties"
 - "Your table's ready" device
 - Warts and all
 - Relies (on)
 - Whoopi's birth name
 - Drink often flavored with hibiscus
 - Aveeno product
 - Peer-to-peer sharing?
 - Add capacity to, in a way
 - French composer who influenced Ravel
 - Diet food choice
 - Some mechanical connectors
 - Dethrone
 - Egyptian god invoked in "The Magic Flute"
 - ___ al pastor
 - Disinclined to form compounds
 - Media ___: unplugged period



- Sign of hollowness
- "Proof" or "Doubt"
- "Point taken"
- Abounding (with)
- Review-heavy newspaper section
- Trough spot
- Gp. central to the 1993 Oslo Accords

Salem Sudoku

Each column/row must contain the numbers from 1 to 9, without repetitions. The digits can only occur once per block. The sum of every single row, column and block must equal 45.



Have something that needs fixing?

What do you do with a broken toaster? Or with a lamp that won't work? Or with a favorite shirt that is ripped? Toss it? No way! Schuylerville Public Library is organizing its third Repair Café on Saturday, February 3 from 10am until 1pm.

At Schuylerville Public Library (52 Ferry Street) on Saturday February 3 everything centers on making repairs. Starting at 10am and ending at 1pm, various volunteer repair experts will be available to help make all possible repairs free of charge. Most tools and materials will also be on hand. People visiting the Repair Café will bring along their broken items from home. Limit of two items per person. Small appliances, lamps, hair dryers, radios, clothes, toys... anything that is broken and small enough to carry is welcome and can more than likely be repaired. The Repair Café specialists almost always have the know-how.

By promoting repairs, the Library wants to help reduce mountains of waste. According to Library Director Caitlin Johnson, "By repairing instead of tossing, we lessen the strain on our environment." This event is being co-sponsored by Climate Smart Schuylerville, a group whose mission is to help the Village of Schuylerville develop and promote environmentally responsible practices in order to preserve Schuylerville's rich heritage, reduce energy and environmental costs to the Village and taxpayers, and move toward

environmental sustainability for present and future generations.

Interested in volunteering for this event, as a repairer? Simply contact Caitlin Johnson at cjohnson@sals.edu. Schuylerville Public Library wishes to organize a Repair Café on a regular basis. News about dates of up-and-coming editions will follow as soon as possible!

The Repair Café concept arose in the Netherlands, in 2009, and was formulated by Martine Postma, at the time an Amsterdam-based journalist/publicist. In 2010, she started the Repair Café Foundation (see Repaircafe.org). This foundation provides support to local groups around the world wishing to start their own Repair Café. The foundation also supports the Repair Café in the Schuylerville Public Library.

Can You Help?

Repair Café is looking for local residents with different skills who can be present as repair experts during the Repair Café (on February 3, 2024 from 10am to 1pm at 52 Ferry St, Schuylerville). They are especially looking for people who are handy with small electrical appliances or clothing/sewing and who enjoy sharing their knowledge with their neighbors. Want to sign up as a volunteer? Send an email to Caitlin Johnson at cjohnson@sals.edu and please include Repair Café in the subject line.



Toss it? No way!

What do you do with

A CD player that no longer opens?

A toaster that no longer works?

A sweater with moth holes?



Repair Café is

repairing broken items together, professional advice, encounters and inspiration

Costs?
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Repaircafe.org

Free cervical cancer exams available

To the Editor:

There are groups of people who are more affected by cervical cancer than others. For example, Black women in New York State are more likely than white women to be diagnosed with cervical cancer and also to die from the disease. Bisexual women have significantly higher rates of cervical cancer compared with heterosexual women. And women in rural areas are less likely to be screened than women

in urban areas, making them at higher risk for a cervical cancer diagnosis.

The Cancer Services Program (CSP) of Warren, Washington, and Hamilton counties works to reduce these health disparities. We provide free screening to people without health insurance who are age 40 and older. We have

partnerships with health care providers and community-based organizations to reach people at highest risk for cancer and remove the barriers that get in the way of getting the right care at the right time.

For cervical cancer, the right

care at the right time means people with a cervix ages 21 to 29 years old should have a Pap test every three years. Those from age 30 to 65 can choose a Pap test every three years, a high-risk human papillomavirus (HR HPV) test every five years, or a Pap test and HR HPV test every five years. Cervical cancer screening tests can find the cells that lead to cancer so they can be removed. This stops cancer before it starts! Screening also helps to find cervical cancer early when it may be easier to treat.

If you don't have insurance or a health care provider, call the CSP at 518-926-6570. We can help. For those with insurance, most health insurers cover screening at no cost.

MaryBeth Fitscher

CSP of Warren, Washington, and Hamilton



DMV to visit

No need to go to Fort Edward! The Washington County DMV will set up shop at Greenwich Town Hall at 2 Academy Street on Jan. 10 for all of your DMV needs. They will head to Salem's Proudfit Hall at 181 S. Main St. on Jan. 16. Next up is Cambridge Village Hall, 56 N. Park St., on Jan. 24. All visits are 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

News from local churches

From the Bottskill and Lakeville Baptist Churches

All are welcome to the Bottskill Baptist Church Sunday Service starting at 9:15 and the Lakeville Baptist Church starting at 11:00. You are invited to join the group as they celebrate our Christian faith led by Pastor Lydia Widbin. Very active and meaningful Sunday School classes are held every Sunday during the morning services at the Bottskill Church beginning on January 7.

The Lakeville Church is located at 625 Co. Rt. 49, Cos-sayuna, and Bottskill's location is at 26 Church Street in Greenwich.

Anyone is welcome to the two Bible Study classes hosted at the Bottskill Church. A Bible Study, led by Steve Morse, which is studying the Book of Mark, starts 9:00 AM on Jan. 13 and Jan 27.

Pastor Lydia Widbin will be leading a Bible Study on January 2nd and 9th with an Advent topic "the Hidden Christmas" starting at 10:30. On January 16, 23, and 30, also starting at 10:30, Pastor Lydia will be leading a discussion "Leap Over the Wall" from a book authored by Eugene Peterson, which is focused on the life of David. Both Study groups will meet at the Bottskill Church.

The monthly Men's Group Coffee will meet, on as usual the first Saturday of the month, at 9:00, Jan. 6 at Bottskill.

Roman Catholic Churches

The regular schedule for Masses resume on December 30 and 31. Holy Cross Church offers Mass on Sundays at 8:15, St. Patrick's at 11:30, and Immaculate Conception has Mass on Saturday at 4 PM and Sunday at 10 AM. The Solemnity of Mary on December 31 will be a vigil Mass held at 4 PM at St. Patrick's. There will be no masses offered at all three churches on January 1.

The Altar Rosary wish to thank all for all their help. The cookies sale was a great success and they had great help in decorating and more. Parishioners also again appreciate the Garipey Funeral Home for the 2024 calendars.

The new offering envelopes are available on the table outside the chapel. If it is not there, please call the office at 518-677-2757. Last but not least, thank you to those who contributed to the giving tree and to Scott Wilk who organizes it.

Please visit the parish website: www.battenkillcatholic.org to sign up for Flocknote notifications, prepare for Sunday Liturgy, access great Faith Formation materials and more, from there.



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

At this giving time of year, please remember your local food pantry. It is often a critical time of year for families to provide food and gifts.

Have a local church announcement? Send it to editor@journalandpress.com.



My resolutions for 2024

Michael Levy
Journal & Press

Creating New Year's resolutions has always been a delightful and lighthearted way for me to approach the beginning of every new year. As I bid farewell to the old one and usher in the new, why do I annually embark on the futile tradition of setting resolutions?

Additionally, by the time this article is published and after many decades of employment in the federal government, I will retire. Accordingly, I have incorporated this fact in my list of resolutions. Hopefully, my list of 10 New Year's resolutions might just bring a smile to your face as you contemplate creating your own.

Resolution #1: Mastering the Art of Correctly Dating Checks

As the calendar flips to a new year, it is time to tackle the perennial challenge of remembering the correct date on our checks. This year, my resolution is simple: I will strive to write "2024" instead of "2023" on my checks. Of course, this might take several months of concentrated effort, but by April (or May at the latest), I will have perfected the art of aligning my checks with the current calendar. Or it might be simpler to just use an on-line bill payment service instead.

Resolution #2: Using the "Never Used" 2023 Gym Membership

Unlike 2023, I promise to hit the gym in 2024 and to sculpt the perfect shape for my body. I know that round is a shape, but I think that this year I will attempt to sculpt my body into something more akin to that of the late, great Charles Atlas. I pledge to take this giant leap toward my fitness goals even though in the past the primary attraction at the gym was the complimentary Wi-Fi connection. In 2023, my enthusiasm for streaming services did not translate into a genuine passion for exercise.

Resolution #3: Conquering the Quinoa Pronunciation Conundrum

Healthy eating often comes with its own set of linguistic challenges, and chief among them is the pronunciation of trendy superfoods. This year, I am making it my mission to finally master the correct pronunciation of "quinoa." If I still find myself unable to correctly pronounce the name of this food by June, I will simply call it "grain stuff" and assume that most people will just know what I mean.

Resolution #4: Founding the Washington County Procrastinators' Club

Procrastination is more than an art form, and this year, I plan to take it to heightened levels. I have decided to take my superior skills for delaying the inevitable and channel them into something productive—like starting a club for fellow procrastinators. Meetings will be held, well, eventually. All are welcome if they decide to come to the meetings.

Resolution #5: Dealing with the Diet Postponement Conundrum

'I will eagerly consume a regular diet of kale and quinoa.'

Resolving to start a diet is a time-honored tradition, but this year, I am taking a slightly unconventional approach. Assuming that I will make progress on resolutions #3 and #4, I will eagerly consume a regular diet of kale and quinoa. First, I need to finish off some leftover holiday cookies before they go stale. Life is all about balance, right?

Resolution #6: Chase My Dreams

Exercise is crucial for a healthy lifestyle, and I have resolved to incorporate more physical activity into my routine. My strategy in addition to Resolution #2, I will exercise regularly by chasing my dreams. And, if I happen to hear the music of an ice cream truck in the neighborhood, I will jog over to buy my Fudgesicle. My Apple Watch counts this as a workout- it really does. Isn't technology grand?

Resolution #7: Become a Morning Person

I intend to embrace the spirit of new beginnings and view retirement as an exciting chapter in my life. I resolve to approach this stage with a positive mind-

set, open to the possibilities and adventures that retirement brings. The allure of becoming a morning person in retirement is undeniable, so I am jumping on that early-bird bandwagon. However, I have decided to redefine "morning" as a period starting promptly at noon.

Resolution #8: Create a Daily Routine

While retirement often offers the freedom to enjoy a more relaxed pace, having a daily routine can add structure to my days, or so I am told. I have been instructed to create a flexible schedule that includes activities that I enjoy. The purpose is to provide me with a healthy balance between relaxation and engagement. Here is my plan. In this age of social media dominance, staying updated with the latest Kardashian escapades has become an unspoken cultural imperative. And who is this Taylor Swift person? These cultural phenomena might become an important part of my daily routine.

Resolution #9: Stay Open to Change

I will resolve to stay open to change and adaptability. Retirement is a dynamic phase of life. I have been told that being flexible in my expectations and plans will help me navigate and appreciate the unexpected opportunities that may arise. I could celebrate my retirement by going to dinner at Silvano's or the Burger Den. Or maybe not!

Resolution #10: I will finish all the DIY projects that I started and abandoned before the pandemic.

I will have to find that list soon. I will try hard to get these projects done in 2024. Really!

The New Year represents a fresh start from the previous year. It is an opportunity to leave old habits behind and visualize how we want to live our lives in the future. My random thought – Here is hoping that everyone has a better tomorrow and a bit of fun along the way.

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Fort Salem Theater announces season

Fort Salem Theater is thrilled to announce its highly anticipated 2024 season, offering an exceptional array of performances that promise to captivate audiences and bring unforgettable theatrical experiences to the community. With a lineup that spans a diverse range of genres and emotions, the upcoming season is set to enchant, entertain, and inspire theater enthusiasts of all ages.

“Our 2023 season has been nothing short of incredible, and the response from our audience has been overwhelming. Attendance soared throughout the year, with our community embracing the magic of theater with open arms,” Executive and Artistic Director Kyle West announced. “The unwavering support that Washington County has demonstrated for Fort Salem Theater fuels our passion, and we are truly excited to curate a series of titles that promise a little something for everyone. With this upcoming season, we are determined to raise the bar once again and deliver a showstopping lineup that will leave an indelible mark on the hearts of all who attend.”

Starting in March, the stage will come alive with “Agnes of God” by John Pielmeier, running from March 1 to March 10, 2024. This thought-provoking and powerful drama will leave audiences on the edge of their seats as they witness a compelling exploration of faith, secrets, and the human spirit. Rumor has it a popular Emmy-award winning artist will anchor the 3-character cast in an intimate in-the-round setting in the Fort Salem Theater cabaret room.

In May and June, get ready to journey “Into the Woods” with music and lyrics by the legendary Stephen Sondheim and a book by James Lapine. From April 5 to April 14, 2024,

this spellbinding musical intertwines beloved fairytales to craft a complex and enchanting narrative that is both heartwarming and thought-provoking.

“Godspell,” the groundbreaking musical conceived and originally directed by John-Michael Tebelak, featuring music and new lyrics by Stephen Schwartz, will grace the stage with its uplifting energy. This timeless story of friendship, community, and spiritual awakening will run for a limited engagement between May 31-June 9, leaving audiences inspired and uplifted.

Disney and Cameron Mackintosh’s “Mary Poppins” will take flight from July 26 to August 11, 2024, bringing the magic of this beloved tale to life with extraordinary performances, captivating visuals, and unforgettable songs that will have audiences singing along long after the final curtain call.

As autumn approaches, prepare for laughter and merriment with “The Drowsy Chaperone” from September 27 to October 6, 2024. With music and lyrics by Lisa Lambert and Greg Morrison, and a book by Bob Martin and Don McKellar, this hilarious and whimsical musical is



a delightful romp through the golden age of musical theater.

Marking the month of October, Fort Salem Theater will present Thornton Wilder’s timeless classic, “Our Town,” from November 8 to November 10, 2024. This poignant explo-

ration of life, love, and the passage of time continues to resonate with audiences worldwide.

Closing out the year on a festive note, Fort Salem’s favorite original holiday concert revue, “Snow Business,” will spread joy and holiday cheer from December 13 to December 15, 2024. This heartwarming celebration is the perfect way to ring in the holiday season with family and friends.

Season Ticket Information:

Season tickets for Fort Salem Theater’s 2024 are now available, allowing patrons to secure their seats for all of the exciting productions in advance. For those interested in attending individual performances, single seat tickets are also available.

Don’t miss out on this unparalleled theatrical experience! Stay tuned for further updates and ticket information at www.FortSalem.com.

Start your own farm

Are you passionate about agriculture and dreaming of starting your own farm? Did you start farming in 2022 or 2023 and still seek more help? Look no further! Join Cornell Cooperative Extension for the Aspiring Farmers Meeting, a unique opportunity to connect with CCE Educators and agricultural service providers to receive invaluable guidance on your agricultural journey.

This informative event will be held on Saturday, February 17, 2024, from 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM at Fulton Montgomery Community College, 2805 NY-67, Johnstown, NY 12095.

This day-long workshop will offer:

- Expert advice: Gain insights on essential topics like land acquisition, crop selection, financial planning, and navigating regulations.
- Networking opportunities: Connect with fellow aspiring farmers and agricultural service providers to develop meaningful relationships for future collaboration.

The workshop costs \$30 per person or \$50 for two people. The deadline for registering is February 9, 2024. For assistance registering, contact Dara Boudreaux at 518-765-3518 or email at tff24@cornell.edu.

Hebron Holiday Sing

Mark your calendar now for “On the 12th Day of Christmas, A Holiday Community Sing,” a special celebration of music of the season which will be held on Saturday, January 6, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. (snow date January 7th) at the Hebron United Presbyterian Church West at 3153 Co Rte 30, West Hebron (Salem), NY.

The singing will begin at 2:00 p.m. in the sanctuary (snow date Jan 7, 2024, 2:00 p.m. for the “Sing”). Susan Snyder will be accompanying the singing and Debi Craig, will be directing of the event. Guest performers will be the Union Village Ringers, a 10-member handbell choir from Greenwich, Easton, and Saratoga. The group will play a selection of holiday favorites. The program will include a brief history of the carols and holiday readings.

There is no charge for the event. Free-will donations will benefit Foreverly House, a new residence for unhoused female veterans and their children in Saratoga County. It will be the only residence of this type in New York State. The group hopes you will join them for this festive afternoon. Enjoy the beloved carols one last time before they are put away until next Christmas!

Greenwich soldier promoted to 1st Lt.

Major General Ray Shields, the adjutant general for the state of New York, announces the recent promotion of members of the New York Army National Guard in recognition of their capability for additional responsibility and leadership.

Ryan McFee from Greenwich, N.Y., and assigned to the Company G, 427th Brigade Support Battalion, received a promotion November 26, 2023, to the rank of 1st lieutenant.

Army National Guard promotions are based on a Soldier’s overall performance, demonstrated leadership abilities, professionalism and future development potential.

These promotions recognize the best qualified Soldiers for a career in the New York Army National Guard.

Army National Guard Citizen Soldiers who serve the state and nation are eligible for monthly pay, educational benefits (from the state and federal government), travel across the globe, technical and leadership training, health and dental insurance and contributions towards retirement programs similar to a 401(k). For more information about the New York Army National Guard, visit www.dmna.ny.gov.



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