

## New field is a winner

**Greenwich CSD's \$3.3M sports complex draws raves; also, news about a dedicated bridge, Comfort Food and a country star.**

Another jam-packed issue of The Greenwich Journal & Salem Press. Real, local news written by people who live in the community!

Get a look at Greenwich CSD's new artificial turf field and track.

We're also sponsoring a Greenwich Town Board candidate event at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 12, at the high school auditorium. Send your questions for candidates in advance to [editor@journalandpress.com](mailto:editor@journalandpress.com).

We also talk with country artist Marty Wendell, who is approaching his 60th year in music. He has opened

for many notables, including Johnny Cash, and will be inducted into his third hall of fame this month.

And it's official. A bridge in the Village of Greenwich has been named for a local fire department hero, Brian Buell, who passed away last year.

There will be a march to raise awareness of human trafficking.

Local food pantry Comfort Food Community will be getting an additional \$50,000 in funding from the state. ... And so much more news!

**See more throughout this issue!**



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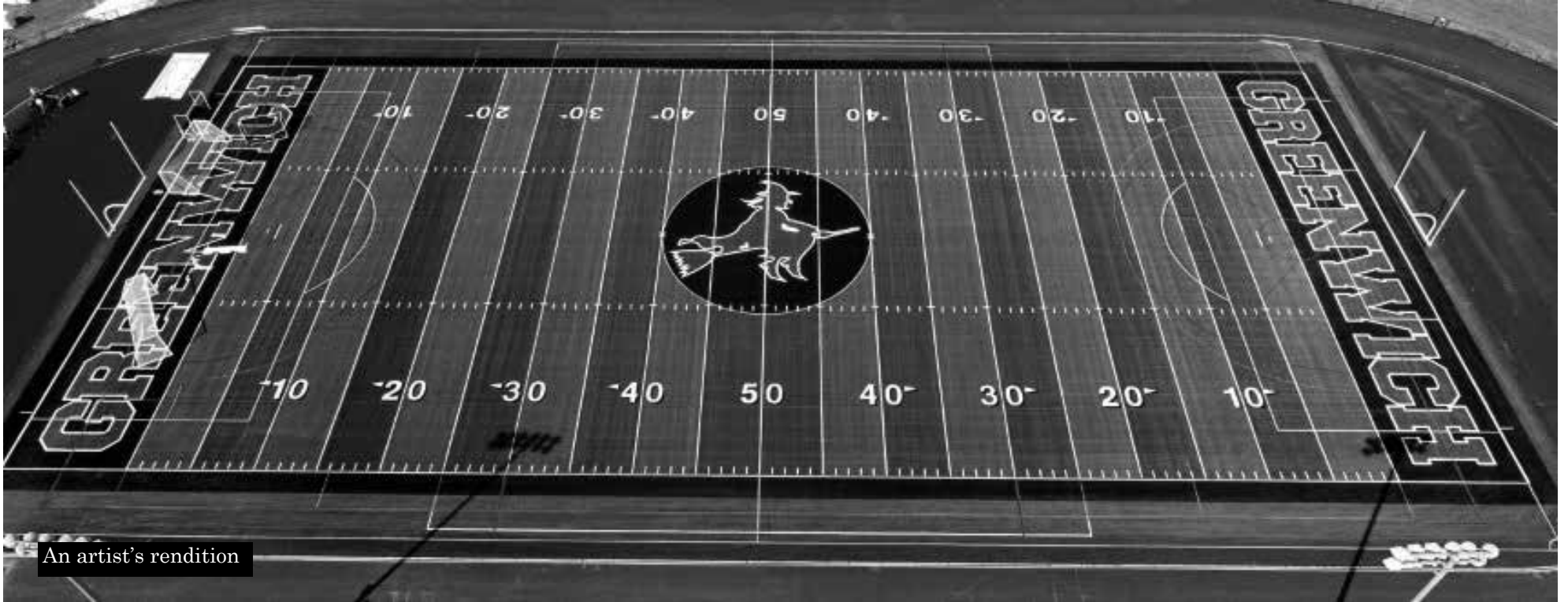
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# Greenwich's field of dreams is now reality



An artist's rendition

**Darren Johnson**  
Journal & Press

On Oct. 4, Greenwich Central School District held a ceremony for its new artificial turf field and track complex. Below is a Q&A this paper conducted with district superintendent Jennifer Steimle before the event, which happened as we were finishing this issue.

We were able to grab some photos from the first game played on the new field, after the ceremony, an exciting Witches field hockey 2-1 shootout victory in overtime over Corinth (a team that had beaten the Witches 4-0 earlier in the season, so maybe the new field was inspirational for the home team).



Dan Pemrick photos

Here is the interview with Dr. Steimle:

**DJ:** *What was the total cost of the new turf field and track and how was it paid for? Did it come in on time and on budget?*

**JS:** The construction costs to build the turf field, new 6-lane track with paved D-Zones, replacement ADA bleachers, lighting, and ADA pathway came in at \$3.3M. The project came in on time and the final cost was higher than the planned costs from 2022.

**DJ:** *Who designed it?*

**JS:** Mosaic Associates Architects and Appel Osborne.

**DJ:** *What are some plusses of the new field and track vs. what the district had previously?*

**JS:** The new field is designed for field hockey, football, lacrosse, and soccer and will be used at all levels.

Also:

- Increased playing time, turf fields offer tremendously more playable hours than grass fields.
- It's usable in more types of weather.
- It requires less maintenance and is

more eco-friendly. Does not require water for several months of the year.

- It's more durable.
- No more pest problems.
- New ADA-compliant access and seating, better lighting for night games.
- Improved track surface and pole vault, long jump, and disc/shotput areas.

**DJ:** *Is there a competitive advantage for teams to have turf?*

**JS:** We do not believe so but we hope to keep winning as much as we can!

**DJ:** *Will upkeep be easier than grass?*

**JS:** Yes, it will eliminate mowing from April through October, the paint lining of the fields for multiple sports, and management of the turf (thatching, plugging, and treatment of the grass surface).

**DJ:** *What has been the public reaction so far to the project?*

**JS:** The feedback we have received has been extremely posi-



tive. We plan to host youth sports and activities as well as school activities.

**DJ:** *Are the student-athletes excited about it?*

**JS:** Yes, very excited! The field hockey team is scheduled to be the first team on the field for a game this week. We will be able to host all fall varsity sports for at least one contest prior to the end of the season. Our seniors are so excited to get on the field before they graduate!

## Separate vote for CSD's capital funding

On Tuesday, November 14, 2023, Greenwich Central School District will ask residents to authorize the spending of \$1.74 million, which includes the use of \$800,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund, to complete a capital project that voters approved on March 15, 2022.

The funds will be used to bring the Primary School that houses PreK-2 into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act; reconstruct the Primary School's main office with a new, secure entrance; and expand the parking area near the tennis courts with

45 new spaces, lighting, and drainage. These items were included in the 2022 capital project, however, when construction bids came back in May 2023 much higher than planned due to escalation costs, the decision was made to postpone that part of the project.

"We were able to complete the majority of items included in the 2022 capital project, but the bids for the Primary School came in too high for us to undertake that portion," said Greenwich CSD Superintendent Jennifer Steimle. "The project has been approved

by voters and the NYS Education Department, however, we need approval from residents to use money the district has already set aside for capital projects in the Capital Reserve Fund and that voters have already approved for the 2018 and 2022 capital projects."

Work at the Primary School includes the installation of an elevator to the second floor, which will bring the building into compliance with ADA requirements.

The district will finance the remainder of the capital project

with the balances of the 2018 and 2022 capital projects, which have already been financed through bonds, and a portion of the Capital Reserve Fund. Through careful financial planning, there will be no impact on taxpayers.

Residents of Greenwich Central School District will vote on Tuesday, November 14, 2023 from noon to 8 p.m. in the Primary School gymnasium.



# Art sale to help local farms

Buy art, save farms – that is what your purchase at Landscapes for Landsake will do. Since 1990 the Agricultural Stewardship Association (ASA) has worked to accomplish a singular mission: protect the farms and forests, rich soils and agricultural landscape in Washington and Rensselaer counties for future generations.

In that time, ASA has managed to conserve over 30,000 acres on 170 properties.

For the last 21 years, a significant source of funding has come from Landscapes for Landsake Art Sale and Exhibition, a celebration of the land by our community of local artists.

Landscapes for Landsake is the

region's largest art-buying event of the season and ASA's largest fundraiser of the year. Participating artists generously donate 50% of their proceeds to support ASA's conservation work. This year's exhibition features the work of 68 artists. Approximately 300 works of art will be displayed in the barn at Maple Ridge and over 650 works

will be available on [www.LandscapesforLandsake.com](http://www.LandscapesforLandsake.com). Many of the artists will be on hand to discuss their work during the in-person event on October 7th and 8th.

The in-person sale opens on Saturday, October 7th from 12 to 5 p.m. in the historic barn at Maple Ridge (172 State Route 372 in Cambridge). Admission is \$10.

Drop ins are welcome or you may reserve a time slot with an advanced ticket at <https://www.agstewardship.org/events/>. The gallery is also open from 12 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, October 8th free of charge. For those ages 21 and up, wine will be available for \$5 a glass on Saturday only.

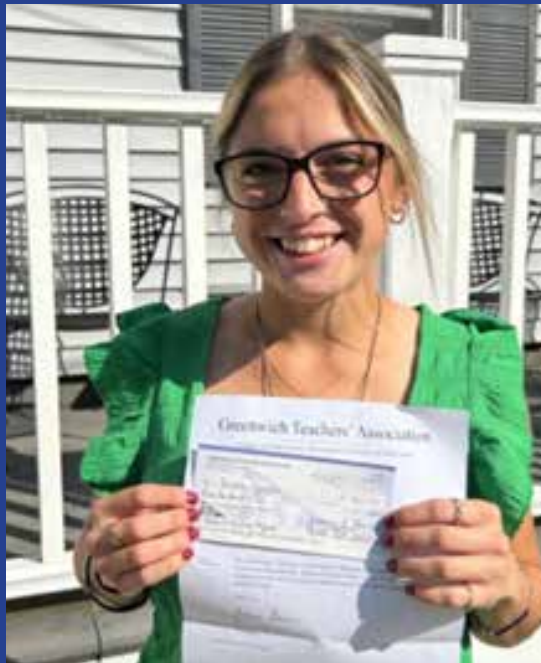
The online sale will be available October 7-31 on [www.LandscapesforLandsake.com](http://www.LandscapesforLandsake.com).

Renee Bouplon, ASA's Executive Director, explains "This event celebrates the connection between the art and the landscapes we are working to protect. It's what makes Landscapes for Landsake so special. The success of this event has had a tremendous impact on ASA's ability to protect local farms.

## Congrats, Arianna!

Greenwich Teachers' Association (GTA) presented Arianna Spiezio, a 2020 GCS graduate, with a \$500 stipend. Arianna will be student teaching this spring at Maple Ave Elementary in Saratoga Springs. She is obtaining her Bachelors in Elementary Education with a focus on Mathematics at Skidmore College. Arianna has also been substituting at GCS during the spring semesters. Arianna says "I am thankful for all of the individuals at GCS that have inspired me to take on a career in education. Every day I step foot into the classroom I hope to give my students the same sense of support that each member of the GCS community continues to give me."

The GTA offers a \$500 stipend to Greenwich graduates who are completing the student teaching portion of their college degree. Student teaching internships are unpaid and these college students are sometimes unable to work elsewhere during the student teaching semester. The stipend helps to offset the expenses incurred when obtaining teacher certification.



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# Argyle town board meeting notes

Robin Lyle  
Journal & Press

The Argyle Town Board met Wednesday, September 13th at 7:00 p.m. Present were town officers: Supervisor Bob Henke; Councilmembers Kevin Hayes, Scott Lufkin, Steve Bonhote, and Patrick Sullivan; Clerk ShelleyMcKernon; and, Highway Superintendent Mark St. Jacques. Also in attendance were Stephanie Cronin, Washington County Clerk; Matt Jones, Youth Commission; Giovanni Maruca, Eden Renewables; Karen Green & Joanne Wolcott, Summit Lake residents; Jackie Barg, Argyle Democratic Committee; Deborah Weiss, Hampton Democratic Committee; and, two more residents.

Cronin explained her presence stating: "I'm running for [re-election as] county clerk and I'm going from town to town to...see if there are any other ways that I may be able to help the towns with different things than I've been able to do at the county level." She highlighted a grant to digitize county records. It makes them easier to share between county officials and ensure their preservation. She will assist towns, villages and, even, police departments, to do the same if they're interested.

The county archivist will train and support town officials and provide a scanner, computer and space on the cloud for storage. Paper records can then be stored in a vault at the county, freeing up space for the town. "White Creek was at a point where they were going to have to build another building," Cronin said.

"Everything she's done so far has been through grants. Yes, she's gotten grant after grant," Henke said. He asked if the grant could also be used for historical documents. "What we start with to meet the criteria are the vital records. Once that's done, then the system becomes yours and you can put whatever you want on it. If you say those are the records you want on there, [my archivist] will come down, visually look at the records and set up a platform to put them in," Cronin explained.

Other board business includes:

- Inspection of the salt shed was put on hold until Spring.
- "We're two weeks from Thistle Day. Things are coming together there pretty well. I think we got several thousand dollars more donated for fireworks and expenses. The Youth Commission is working away on their pavilion out there. The batting cages are making progress," Lufkin said in his Recreation Commis-

sion report.

- Maintaining an up-to-date budget and tracking revenues and expenditures is challenging the Youth Commission according to Board member Jones. He wants to ensure that donations are used for specific projects, rather than paying general expenses. Hayes offered to help the commission.

- Henke's report from the county includes concern about escalating costs and their impact on the tax cap, stating: "We're just starting the budget process out at the county, and we haven't even done personnel yet – raises or union negotiations – stuff like that. We're already \$5.9 million over the tax cap."

Governor Hochul's decision this year to shift federal Medicaid funds from the county to the state is having a huge impact, he said. In New York, unlike other states, counties are required to assist with providing Medicaid assistance to local residents. Under the Affordable Care Act, federal dollars are earmarked specifically to assist with Medicaid expansion. In New York, this means that millions of dollars that used to come to the counties will, instead, be kept for state coffers. ("New York State withholding Medicaid funds starts to impact county budgets," Conor Wight, 09/19/2023, CNY Central.com)

"Well, now they decided to keep it at the state. We are, right now, paying \$229,000 a week for Medicaid in Washington County. .... Retirement went up 15%...Our insurance is taking a hit this year because we had some real big payouts," Henke said.

- "You're going to be better off financially with the PILOT agreement," claimed Maruca, from Eden Renewables. Eden Renewables is constructing two solar farms in Argyle – Dowmont and Hidden Meadows. They're on adjoining plots near Dowmont Road, situated between Mahaffey Road and State Route 197. The town, county and school district each have the option of collecting taxes on solar farms or negotiating a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreement with the solar company.

"The PILOT agreement escalates every year. The tax model? Every year that the project is in operation, it generates a little less revenue, a little less profit. So year after year the tax rate goes down. So by the time you get to year 15, the tax amount is like less than \$1,000 a year. Whereas, the

PILOT is fixed at a certain amount every year plus it's tied to an escalator. So it increases 2% every year for 15 years. So when you look at it, you'll be better off with the PILOT," Maruca said.

- The Town Board's new website is live: [www.townofargyleny.com](http://www.townofargyleny.com). Minutes and other town reports will soon be available through the website.

- Summit Lake residents ask for town support. Karen Green, Summit Lake Preservation Association (SLAP) Treasurer, announced they've applied for non-profit status. "So I've heard various things about how we can apply for funds once we're a non-profit. Could you offer some clarification? We do water testing now and I'm assuming, since we're a backup water source for the village, that it would be a legitimate use of taxpayers funds. I don't know what else we could apply for."

"I think, basically, if you keep it in the domain of things that would have a beneficial impact on the public in general, something that's going to be good for all the citizens of Argyle," Henke explained.

Joanne Wolcott, also a Summit Lake resident, raised additional concerns. "I am the president of Birch Hill, which represents 23 people in a corporation on the south end of the lake. Just some areas of concern to keep on the radar. Short term rentals are becoming a bigger issue – so, looking at a possible minimum night stay, the size of the group, the launching of the boats. We understand that kayaks are going to happen, but I think we've maxed out what we can tolerate in terms of motorboats. And the usage of that [town owned] property and advertising access to it."

## Tag sale

A giant tag sale to benefit the Battenkill Chorale will be held on the above dates from 10 to 5 pm in Railroad Park on Main Street in Cambridge. Numerous tents will be set up to contain a wide array of items at prices you will love!! And don't miss the Bake Sale table, full of fresh baked confections of all sorts, including many gluten free options.

The Battenkill Chorale is a community chorus centered in Cambridge, welcoming singers from many surrounding areas. For more information, please visit [www.battenkillchorale.org](http://www.battenkillchorale.org).

## Chamber's Halloween Parade, Oct. 29

The Greater Greenwich Chamber of Commerce will hold its 32nd Annual Halloween Parade presented by Greenwich Ford on Sunday, October 29, 2023 in the Village of Greenwich. This community event has been a beloved tradition for over three decades, drawing crowds of children and adult participants, with many others lining Main Street to watch. It is truly a fun-filled afternoon for Greenwich and surrounding communities to celebrate Halloween and the fall season.

Participants will gather at 1:00pm at the corner of Washington Street and Main Street. The parade will march north along Main Street, left onto Academy Street, and end at the parking lot of the Town of Greenwich building where judging will take place. Children must be accompanied by an adult.



This year's Halloween Parade is made possible by title sponsor Greenwich Ford, Greenwich Lions Club, Crawford Island Art and Hollingsworth & Vose.

All children receive a treat bag and a participant ribbon for being in the parade. Judging will take place in five categories: The Best Dressed Pet, The Most Original, The Funniest, The Scariest, and The Best Group/Family. Best in Parade will be chosen as the winner of the \$100 prize.

The Greater Greenwich Chamber of Com-



merce, based in southern Washington County, is a not-for-profit membership association established in 1990 that provides resources, advocacy, and support for member businesses and organizations.



# A conversation with Marty Wendell

**Darren Johnson**  
*Journal & Press*

Marty Wendell is a prolific, hardworking country musician based in Valley Falls who has been in the business for nearly 60 years and in that time has played with some of the best.

His newest, autobiographical album, "Risky Business," has catchy lyrics and poignant storytelling, depicting a musician at the end of his career with a lot of fond moments to look back upon, but Wendell also has more stories to tell, and he's not giving up playing any time soon.

This month is a big one for him. On October 7, he will be inducted into the Glens Falls Music Hall of Fame at the Charles Wood Theater. This is his third Hall of Fame membership. Find tickets at [woodtheater.org](http://woodtheater.org).

On October 13, he will be returning to Cambridge with a concert at The Argyle Brewing Company's Depot Listening Room, and on October 25, he will host a Songwriter Showcase there. See [argylebrewing.com](http://argylebrewing.com) for advanced tickets.

You could get tickets at each venue or find out more at [MartyWendell.com](http://MartyWendell.com).

Recently, I met up with Wendell. Here is our conversation:

**DJ:** So, 2024 is going to be your 60th anniversary in music. You've seen a lot of changes in the industry.

**MW:** Absolutely. Well, I mean there's been more technical issues like the conversion from analog to digital and going through mediums from vinyl, through cassettes, CDs, and now vinyl's made a little comeback, so it's interesting. But the new techniques of recording? It just really gives you so much ability.

I wouldn't go back. I know there's people that just cling to the nostalgia reel of the analog. But you have so much ability to really shape your music with the digital process. And still hopefully have it come out warm and have a texture that people will find enjoyable.

**DJ:** Who were some of the bands you came up with?

**MW:** Well, my biggest influences were the early Sun Records bands. Johnny Cash, Carl Perkins, Jerry Lee Lewis. Roy Orbison and, of course, Elvis Presley.

And at the same time, a lot of the Grand Ole Opry artists. And my earliest memories, we had an old Philco radio. And in the late forties, early fifties, there was no genre. So you might hear a record by, I don't know, Bing Crosby. And then that would be followed by Hank Williams. They just played music.

And so I got this old guitar somewhat in tune with the album, and got a chord book, and actually started trying to play the songs. And that's where it all started.

**DJ:** Did you ever end up meeting Johnny Cash?

**MW:** First time was in 1963. You bet. His sister used to correspond with my mother. In fact, Johnny, in his early days, corresponded with my mother. He'd send her handwritten notes where he was going to play. I still have some. ... I told my mom to have me get in touch with this talent agent in New York City.

His name was Gerry Teifer. And I got in touch with Gerry and he told me to meet Johnny and, "I'm the guy that can make it happen." And he did, which was great. And then in 1968, I had my first single record, a 45 RPM, called "Hey Hey Mama." And that really did well up in the Northeast, New England, Mid-Atlantic.

And based on that, I was booked to be an opening act for Johnny Cash in 1968, and



that's when he was touring, promoting "Live at Folsom Prison."

**DJ:** It must have been great seeing such huge audiences.

**MW:** Over 10,000 people. I was scared to death. ... But he was just such a real and kind person.

**DJ:** Well, you're still going strong, and you play original music.

**MW:** The thing people who do original music I think are up against, though, is the current obsession with tribute artists and tribute bands and all that. I'm even disappointed. Some of the tributes are for artists who aren't even dead. Why not book the actual artist, pay them?

I saw a great bumper sticker one time. It said, "If life were really fair, the impersonators would be dead, and Elvis would be alive."

**DJ:** What can people look forward to at your upcoming Cambridge shows?

**MW:** That they will have an eclectic mix of music. There should be something for everybody. And it's a great venue to see a show. They have a good sound system. It's a more intimate setting, but it's very good.

**DJ:** You also spent some of your early career in New York City?

**MW:** I saw Mama Cass when she was with the Mugwumps. That's way before Mamas and Papas. John Sebastian, some of those people were gathered. I think by then Dylan had moved on. I never

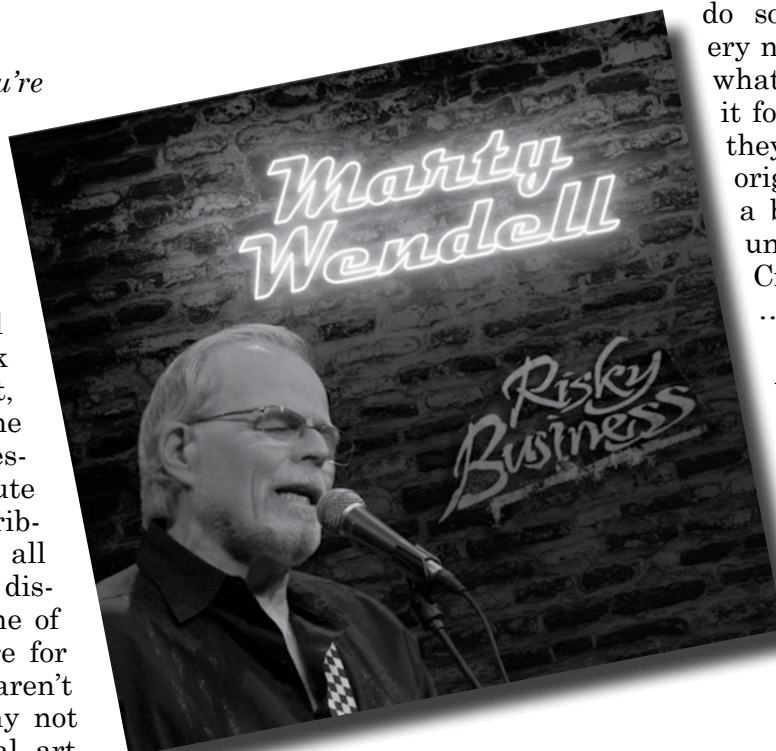
came across him. You could do something different every night there. And I think what was really great about it for me was at that time, they really wanted your original songs. There was a backlash against being unoriginal in New York City in the 60s and 70s. ...

And even in the daytime, I could take my guitar down to Washington Square Park and just start sitting and singing. And it wouldn't be long to have a whole crowd of people. Yeah, that's how much interest there was.

**DJ:** What inspires you to keep playing all these years?

**MW:** My good friend, he's actually on the album as one of the guest artists, Jerry Fox. We were talking one day, and we realized the addiction, why we still do this. And that's because every time you step on stage, you're 20 again. You know, the aches and pains, they all go away.

The music is still there. I think he really hit the nail on the head on that.





# 'Grab a hold of your wallet and run'

## To the Editor:

There is perhaps no more fascinating and sometimes amusing illusion than the flim-flam. You perhaps have seen the comic skit where the flim-flam man (Bud Abbot) asks pal (Lou Costello) if he will change a five for two tens. Not thinking quickly enough the pal hands over the two tens. Seconds later he realizes his mistake for a good laugh.

There is another flim-flam going on perhaps ranking among the most monumentally successful in the history of flim-flamming and not so good a laugh. I speak here of the "it won't cost the taxpayer anything because it can be paid with a State Grant", flim-flam.

So why slap the State grant with the label "flim-flam"? Easy enough; because it is touted as a no cost way for a town or village to pay for something without using taxpayer dollars like a grant for town truck or park or some master plan study. If you take a few more seconds than Lou Costello in the skit, you should realize that it is an illusion of the first order because do you see it now-the State gets it money from us, the taxpayer, in the first place.

However, a flim-flam doesn't happen by itself. It needs someone to do the flim-flamming - which is your Governor and legislature. They do it by way of the 46 State taxes and fees levied in New York State together with a myriad licenses and other fees all of which we pay for either directly or indirectly passed on to us by the businesses that pay them. Then the Governor and legislature take a chunk from the \$229 billion State budget and put it up for grabs in the form of grants.

Here's the flim-flam at work. We pay our taxes, licenses and fees. The government gives some of our own money back to us in a grant, we say thank you, and they pat themselves on the back and ask for your vote, and then whoever gets the grant money-contractor, worker, whomever-they then in turn pay some of it back to the State in some form of one or more of those taxes, licenses and fees New York is exceptionally good discovering.

Incidentally, often to get a grant we must hire a consultant to write the grant application for which they skim a fee off the top. Getting Government grants is turning into a cottage industry.

So, the next time you hear someone say "we can get a grant, it won't cost us anything" grab hold of your wallet and run.

**Ralph J. Vecchio**

Greenwich

## A Nod for Tjarks

### To the Editor:

I am a resident of the Town of Greenwich. The purpose of this letter is to show my support for Deborah Tjarks in running for the Town Clerk position.

I grew up in the Village of Greenwich and have known Deborah and her family for most of my life. We went to school together, we played softball together and we actually worked for the same employer for 5 years.

In working with Deb, I would be extremely confident in having her as our Town Clerk. In working together, she was always the first to help anyone in need of a computer issue and would always help troubleshoot any issues that came up in our time working together. In my opinion, Deb is very educated and well-rounded. She is not afraid to jump right in and help make things easier or more efficient for whatever issue might need attention.

In my opinion, Deb would be a great asset for

the Town of Greenwich and I would highly recommend her for the position of Town Clerk.

Sincerely,

**Laurie Carlson**

Greenwich

## We Need a Change in Town Hall

### To the Editor:

We have just over a month until early voting begins in October, making it crucial to act swiftly. To bring about the changes we need in our government and protect Greenwich, your vote holds immense power. I recently addressed the extravagant spending by the present administration, who seem to believe in a magical money tree at the town hall. Remember, this is your hard-earned money, not theirs.

Under Jim Nolan's leadership, our town board decided to purchase an unnecessary new grader, neglecting the option to overhaul the existing one for just \$30,000. This new grader has barely seen 16 miles of use on our 77-mile town road network. Moreover, significant funds have been poured into an elusive "park" that has become a financial sinkhole, costing over \$250,000 with little progress. This property was bought without a proper inspection, leading to the discovery of hazardous waste and additional expenses. Meanwhile, our existing parks are neglected.

Jim Nolan's directive to clear-cut a bank for a better view displayed a complete lack of prudence and disregard for safety regulations. Town policy clearly prohibits cutting within 25 feet of the river's edge. Our town hall desperately needs insulation, energy-efficient windows, and a furnace upgrade, but funds are being diverted to a property in Tompson, which the town should not own.

Additionally, the administration has hired an external, unelected firm for a comprehensive plan upgrade study, aiming to merge our town with the village. The Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA) might sound appealing but is primarily a list of contamination sites, serving the village's interests rather than ours.

It's time for a change. This administration does not prioritize taxpayers' interests. Please vote for change this fall to secure our town's future.

**Dawn O'Connor Sharts**

Greenwich

Candidate for Town Council

## In Support of Nolan

### To the Editor:

Jim Nolan is an incredible man. Anyone who knows him or has worked with him can verify that. The skill, experience, and energy he brings to the Town Supervisor position are truly invaluable. His background in strategic planning, management and leadership has served him well during his short time in office. Look at what has already been accomplished.

Working with the Mayor and Village board, Jim and the Town Council have developed a Comprehensive Plan that will serve as a guide to achieve a vision for the future of Greenwich. It is being shaped by a committee of Greenwich residents, discussions with high school students, public meetings and an online survey. Under his leadership, the Town Council is developing a Town Park in the only part of Greenwich that borders the Hudson River. The Town is implementing a Cornell-developed data-driven process for determining and prioritizing which of the 77 miles of Town roads need paving or grading or any other improvements.

Jim is honoring our veterans with a successful program to purchase and mount banners of community members who have served in the military. Finally, but certainly not the least, with Jim at the helm, the Town Council passed a Town Law that provides a 10% reduction in residential property assessments for qualifying Greenwich resident Volunteer Firefighters and EMT's. All this and more, with no Town tax increase despite an 8.5% inflation rate and increases in excess of 15% for asphalt, diesel fuel, salt, and sand.

Not only is he more than qualified for the office of Town Supervisor, he has embedded himself in the community, serving on several boards during his time as a resident. His generosity of time and commitment is without question when it comes to community interests and involvement.

"In just 18 months as your Town Supervisor, a lot has gotten done. And I've done it the only way I know how, through thoughtful planning, building partnerships and opening channels of communication. We are building tomorrow together." —Jim Nolan.

Jim is a skilled leader, with a brilliant mind and a big heart. Let's make sure he is re-elected on November 7th.

**Sara Idleman**

Greenwich

## A Vote for Anderson

### To the Editor:

I am writing this letter in support of Reed Anderson for Greenwich Town Council. Based on what I know about him personally, his goals as a council member, and his love of our community, I'm confident he'll be a great asset to our town.

I've known Reed and his family for decades, and I've been thankful for their support throughout my life. Reed's mother taught me piano as a child, and his father has helped me with woodworking. Most of you know Reed's family in some way - his brothers from Eastbound Jesus, his father from Trevett Millworks, his mother through 4H or Comfort Food. His wife and children are active in sports and school. Reed understands this community, because his family has always been actively engaged in it.

I'm thankful Reed still lives in Greenwich, and he's someone I can count on if I'm ever in need. That trustworthiness is evident in his professional life. He's been a production planner at Crystal IS for 7 years, handling budgeting, schedules, and employee development. Those are all skills that directly translate to Town Council. They also reinforce his ability to work hard, stay organized, and get the job done.

Additionally, I support his agenda as a council member. Like me, he plans to raise his children and live out his life here. With that eye on the future, he'll continue the work that's been started on infrastructure, partnering with others within the community, and improving our public parks and services. He also understands Greenwich needs to be a place where everyone can afford to live, which includes keeping taxes in check.

He'll be ensuring the future of his multi-generational family in the community, and I trust him with mine as well. I look forward to everything he'll accomplish for Greenwich.

**Joe Panza**

Greenwich

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# What's new?

**Mary Anne Brown**  
*Journal & Press*

There are many disturbing trends in our society and if we focus on the world or national news, we may grow discouraged, thinking that the world will never change. However, did you read the last issue of the Greenwich Journal & Salem Press? Miracles, donations, good marks! Oh, my! In our local region, the good news is flourishing. When one looks closely at how family, friends and community members work to improve the world as we know it, we realize that we can count on the kind and generous spirit of one another. Could it be that this goodness is a touchstone to the holy? Yes, indeed!

Consider the many ways in which we are witnessing members of our community coming to-

gether to live the teachings of the ancient scriptures of many world faith traditions:

- Feeding the poor through our support of Comfort Food,
- Assisting and contributing to Greenwich Interfaith with school supplies,
- Volunteering for group efforts to build beds for youth, contribute clothing to others, etc.,
- Supporting the Interfaith senior transportation program and emergency fund,
- Praying passionately for those facing grave challenges,
- Offering genuine concern and help for others who are struggling, ill or lonely,
- Giving without end to those who have

less,

- Forgiving yesterday's hurts in a heartfelt way.

Extra! Extra! Despite the news from the networks, big city papers and social media, there is "Good News" in our corner of the world. This is living that brings great inner peace; indeed "peace the world cannot give."

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## Interfaith highlights

### Food For Kids – 2023

Each summer Greenwich Interfaith Fellowship, Inc. sponsors the "Food for Kids" (FFK) program where the youth who participate in the Town Summer Youth Program are provided lunches at the Greenwich Town Office Commons. FFK Director, Maud Maynard checked in recently to note that everything went smoothly this summer. A new team was appointed and trained. Site Coordinator, Elizabeth Mimms Garger and Assistant Site Manager, Ashley Dow took on their new roles with energy and a delightful spirit of hospitality. Together with the pleasant and helpful volunteers from the village churches, they prepared and served 2,066 lunches during the five week program. The cooperation between FFK and the Town program was excellent. Elizabeth took leftovers to the Village Youth Center at the end of each day. The small overrun of juice pouches and fruit snacks were donated to the Library for their Lego club.

In addition to Maud, Beth, Ashley, and the volunteers, Greenwich Interfaith would like to thank

the many community supporters that helped feed the young people each day. Hannaford, Hand Melon, Saratoga Apple, Nettle Bros. Meats and the Comfort Food Community provided food donations. Byron's Village Market in Schuylerville streamlined the purchasing and provided product at less than full retail price. Comfort Food also provided storage and easy access to our stock. We owe a special thanks to Roger DeKorp who helped Maud move and deliver supplies regularly.

Maud noted that this rewarding experience was "made possible by the terrific volunteers, Town of Greenwich staff and generous sponsors. It truly "takes a village." Plans for Food for Kids 2024 are already underway!

### THANK YOU FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES DONATIONS

In late August Greenwich Interfaith Fellowship, Inc. sponsored its annual school supplies distribution. The Bottskill Baptist Church in Greenwich hosted this annual event again this year during which

volunteers from local churches provided bags of grade-specific supplies to students attending the Greenwich School district. Your donations are greatly appreciated and your support assures our community youth a productive start of the school year.

### Build-A-Bed Event – A Remarkable Event

Saturday, September 16th was a beautiful autumn day, filled with the sounds of hammering and sawing and a spirit of joy as people came together in Mowry Park for a common purpose – to build beds for youth in our area. Jim Welch, who is Chapter Co-President of Sleep in Heavenly Peace a non-profit helping children in need sleep, remarked, "That was an amazing day for a bed-build and with well over 50 volunteers throughout the day 54 beds were built in 4.5 hours. My volunteers were so impressed with the work and dedication that the community put into ensuring that No Kid Sleeps on The Floor In Their Town!"

The event was sponsored by

Centenary Methodist Church, Greenwich and Pastor Melissa Weatherwax and this faith community began in February to plan for this event. They appreciate the time and donations that generous people from Greenwich and neighboring towns gave to help our children. Pastor Melissa commented feeling "so blessed and incredibly humbled by our local church congregations, local businesses and the community. It takes a village and we had more than one village on Saturday, September 16th!"

Sleep in Heavenly Peace is a national organization with a local chapter in Mechanicville. It is hard to fathom but roughly 2-3% of American children are without beds. That number is astounding when you consider that America is one of the richest countries in the world. Check out more details including ways to volunteer and donate by visiting the website – [shpbed.org](http://shpbed.org).

You can't help but love going local to find Good News that keeps hope alive! This Build-A-Bed was a remarkable success, thanks to our greater community

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# Aviation Day

Cambridge Valley Flying Club will host Aviation Day/Fly-in on Saturday, October 7, 9am-4pm (rain date Sunday, October 8).

Aviation Day will take place, as always, at local airport Chapin Memorial Field (1B8) 177 Plaines Rd. one mile north of Cambridge just off rt. 22.

Pilots fly in to Chapin Field in all types of planes, many of them antiques, even planes the pilots have built themselves.

There is no better way to view our fantastic fall colors than at Aviation Day!

Whether you fly or not, Aviation Day has become a premier local community event for the Cambridge, Salem and Bennington area. Chapin Field will be crowded all day with lots of families and aviation enthusiasts enjoying the food, looking at the planes, learning about aviation, and enjoying watching planes fly in and out. And, who knows, you might be able to take a short flight with a CVFC member in their plane. It's an experience you will never forget!



Returning this year, the Hoosick Air Modelers will present a display of some of their finest model airplanes. They will be on hand to discuss the joys of the model airplane hobby.

The tradition of pilot cooked food in the large club hangar is an important part of Aviation Day. Hamburgers/hot dogs and many other delights and desserts will be featured. CVFC members will be on hand to greet everyone and answer questions about flying, airplanes and CVFC membership.

Admission is free. Proceeds from food sales and donations will go to the CVFC Chapin Memorial Scholarship Fund which CVFC awards to a deserving Cambridge Central School graduating senior.



CVFC awards to a deserving Cambridge Central School graduating senior.

## A local witch?

Have you heard of the Witch of Saratoga? A retired teacher and local history buff, Mary Fassett, will share her personal ghost story as it relates to a little known local (Saratoga and Schuylerville areas) personality and historical figure, Angeline Tubbs ... known as "the real Witch of Saratoga."



Fassett will share the details of Angeline's past life, death and of "her restless spirit's ongoing efforts, yearning to be understood and remembered." It's a haunting that has persisted since the storyteller's childhood, she said.

The public is invited to hear the colorful ghost story of a life-long haunting, as told by Fassett, on Wednesday, October 18, at 7 p.m., with a goal to set the mood just in time for Halloween.

It will be held at the Cambridge Historical Society Museum, 12 Broad St., Cambridge, NY. There will be tours of the museum from 6 to 7 p.m. There is no charge for the program, but donations are welcome. There will be refreshments and the museum is handicap accessible.

## Writers invited

Writers of all levels are welcome at the 21st annual Horace Greeley Writers' Symposium set for Saturday, October 21, 2023. Three published authors from the lakes region area will speak and lead workshops, starting with check in at 9:30 AM, ending with a chance to talk with the speakers around 2:30 PM. The event will be held at the United Baptist Church in East Poultney, Vermont. Proceeds from the Horace Greeley Foundation go toward scholarships for area high school students pursuing a career in writing or journalism

Dr. Peter Hogenkamp, author of medical fiction thrillers will be the keynote speaker. Dr. Hogenkamp will focus on "The Keys to Writing Great Dialogue." Dr. Hogenkam will be followed by Herb Childres, a non-fiction author who was reviewed by journalists in The New Yorker, the Chicago Tribune, the Wall Street Journal, and Forbes. The talks will end with a workshop led by Martha Molnar, author of "Playing God in the

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Meadow: How I learned to Admire My Weeds."

Proceeds from this 21st annual event sponsored by the Horace Greeley Foundation go toward scholarships for local high school students interested in pursuing a career in writing. The day includes a silent auction. Registration is \$65 for adults and \$20 for students up to age 21. Lunch will be provided for an additional \$10. For more information contact the Horace Greeley Foundation.org, or call 802-287-2577. Or look for the pink brochures at area businesses and libraries.

## Victorian Tea

On Sunday, October 8, 2023, at 2:00 p.m., the Cambridge Historical Society & Museum will once again present the very popular "Victorian Tea". The well-known historical presenter, Phyllis Chapman, will proceed over a fashion show featuring her original outfits from the gilded age, 1870-1914, all new this year and worn by live models. Guests will be seated at tables with linen cloths and fine china while enjoying delicious tea sandwiches and homemade sweets.

Her presentation includes comments about the fashions and times of the period, all set to music. The Gilded Age in America was a period of immense wealth, ostentation in dress and architecture and lavish parties-for the few.

The cost is \$25 per person and reservations are required. Checks made payable to Cambridge Historical Society & Museum (CHS&M) can be mailed to CHS&M, P.O. Box 123, Cambridge, New York 12816. The Museum is located at 12 Broad Street and is handicapped accessible. There is a limited number of guests, and reservations are on a first come - first serve basis.



# Drama Club revival

In 2021, there were barely enough students to support a cast for the production. Now, just two years later, the Cambridge Central Schools Drama Club is hosting two productions to accommodate the growing cast of students.

The CCS Drama Club and Hubbard Hall are excited to announce the lineup and schedule of the fall productions.

The productions are “The Play That Goes Wrong” by Henry Lewis, Jonathan Sayer and Henry Shields and “S.P.A.R.,” a one-act play by Stephen Gregg. Join the inept and accident-prone Cornley Polytechnic Drama Society for their opening night production of the 1920s murder mystery play “The Murder At Haversham Manor.” A play within a play, this comedy explores what happens when disaster ensues onstage and behind the scenes.

There will be four performances of the production on the Hubbard Hall Mainstage beginning Thursday, Oct. 26.

Show Schedule: Oct. 26, 7 p.m.; Oct. 27, 7 p.m.; Oct. 28, 7 p.m. and Oct. 29, 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students (21 and under).

CCS employees can attend for the discounted \$5 price.

Tickets may be purchased at the door or through the school’s web site.

The productions include audience involvement and are sure to make you laugh throughout.

“This play has been really fun to be in,” said Drama Club member and CCS senior Kateri Murphy. “We laugh throughout rehearsal. As a



senior, this is a great way to go out with our last fall play.”

The productions are also generating more interest in Drama Club participation.

“We have a really diverse group of 7th-12th graders,” said Drama Club member and CCS senior Coral Boehlke. “It is nice to see a mix of ages and everyone is working really well together. It is amazing having a bigger cast this year and getting more young students interested. The choice of productions indicates a growing popularity in theater and our program.”

Overall, student interest in the arts is on the rise. In addition to growing numbers in the drama club, participation in band has nearly tripled since the start of the school year.

“It is great to see so many students interested in the arts,” said Secondary Principal Caroline Goss. “We have many talented students at CCS and we are committed to expanding program opportunities for them to explore their interests. We hope to see the number of interested students continue to grow to allow the programs to thrive.”



## Standout students

Greenwich Central School announced the awardees of September’s “Standout Student Award” for the junior high school. The students are: Cooper Below, Emma Anuszewski, Gabriel Chandler and Isaac Jenks. Each was awarded a certificate of accomplishment. In a statement, the school district noted: “Teachers of these students were able to witness first hand the exemplary effort, achievement, integrity, and kindness offered by each of these young people each and every day. They are extraordinary role models for their peers, and provide many beneficial qualities to bolster our strong school community. They should be proud of what they represent and deserve heartfelt congratulations.”

## Storyteller at ACC

Abenaki author, storyteller and Saratoga Springs poet laureate Joseph Bruchac will speak at 12:40 p.m. Monday, Oct. 9, presented by The Writers Project and SUNY Adirondack Office of Diversity as part of a college-wide celebration of Indigenous People’s Month.

The free talk will be held in the college’s Visual Arts Gallery in Dearlove Hall.

Bruchac edited a number of highly praised anthologies of contemporary poetry and fiction, including “Songs from this Earth on Turtle’s Back,” “Breaking Silence” (winner of an American Book Award) and “Returning the Gift.” His poems, articles and stories have appeared in more than 500 publications, including American Poetry Review, National Geographic and Smithsonian Magazine. Bruchac earned a bachelor’s degree from Cornell University, a master’s degree in Literature and Creative Writing from Syracuse University, and a doctorate in Comparative Literature from the Union Institute of Ohio.

Bruchac, his sister and sons work to preserve Abenaki culture, language and traditional Native skills.



# Greenwich CSD lauded for AP scores

College Board announced that Greenwich Junior-Senior High School has been named to the Advanced Placement® Program (AP®) School Honor Roll, earning BRONZE distinction.

The AP® School Honor Roll recognizes schools whose AP programs are delivering results for students while broadening access. Schools can earn this recognition annually based on criteria that reflect a commitment to increasing college-going culture, providing opportunities for students to earn college credit, and maximizing college readiness.

Greenwich JSHS had 47% of seniors who took at least one AP exam during high school, 41% of seniors scoring a three or higher on at least one AP exam, and 13% of seniors who took five or more AP exams!

Greenwich JSHS proudly offers nine AP courses. JSHS Principal George Niesz identifies the school’s AP courses as integral to the overall academic program at Greenwich. “Our AP courses and college courses allow our college bound students the opportunity to experience rigorous coursework while still in the nurturing environment of our school community”, said Niesz. “Our AP teachers are highly trained and committed to the idea that our students can excel in challenging courses when provided with excellent instruction. Over the past fifteen years, our students have always averaged above a score of 3 on AP exams. Some years the average score is closer to 4. These scores demonstrate that our students outperform students from around the country and around the world that take the same exams”. Niesz



added, “this recognition, along with our high school’s recent ranking of 5th in the Capital Region (U.S. News and World Reports), is meaningful because we did not apply for this recognition. Both of these honors were bestowed without any application from our school. It appears to simply be based on objective measures”, said Niesz.

“AP represents an opportunity for students to stand out to colleges, earn college credit and placement, and potentially boost their grade point averages,” said Trevor Packer, head of the AP program. “The schools have shown that they can expand access to these college-level courses and still drive high performance – they represent the best of our AP program.”



# Walk for Freedom returns to Greenwich

On October 14, 2023, our area will play a role in the fight against human trafficking as it hosts a local walk as part of the world's largest anti-human trafficking event, Walk for Freedom. Organized by the globally respected nonprofit A21, this annual event will see participants from hundreds of cities across dozens of countries join forces to raise awareness and combat modern-day slavery.

Amidst ongoing global conflicts and crises, an alarming 49.6 million individuals are currently entrapped in human trafficking, suffering exploitation for their bodies and labor. This modern-day slavery persists, often concealed in plain sight within our neighborhoods. In response, local residents are determined to abolish slavery by not only shining a light on this urgent issue but also educating their community about identifying and reporting potential victims.

Walk for Freedom, now in its 9th year, is a global initiative encompassing hundreds of cities and towns.

The Greenwich Walk for Freedom will commence at Mowry Park at 1 p.m., with participants forming a single-file line, carrying posters and distributing flyers. The walk will wind through village streets. Participants and passersby will receive crucial information on local trafficking hotlines, victim identification strategies, and reporting procedures. This event is part of a global effort that has already reached over 250 million people in 72 countries, with thousands of events, tens of thousands of participants, and over half a million awareness materials distributed.

Christine Caine, Co-Founder of A21, underscored the event's significance, stating, "A21 currently operates in 19 cities across 14 coun-



A scene from a previous year

tries worldwide, but thanks to the commitment of each walk host and participant, this year's walk will expand our reach exponentially, spanning hundreds of cities in dozens of countries. Awareness is about moving people from looking at the statistics of human trafficking to actually seeing the people who are caught up in the cycle of exploitation. When you truly see, you cannot unsee."

A21, the driving force behind Walk for Freedom, operates in 19 locations across 14 countries and employs a multi-dimensional strategy of Reach, Rescue, and Restore to combat modern-day slavery. Recent reports from A21 highlight the vital impact of 24/7 trafficking hotlines and critical awareness and prevention campaigns in Eastern Europe, which have significantly reduced vulnerabilities among the refugee population. For access to the Hotline and Impact reports, visit [A21.org/ImpactRe-](http://A21.org/ImpactRe-)

port.

To participate in the [City Name] Walk for Freedom or engage in the Walk for Freedom Challenge online, please visit [A21.org/walk](http://A21.org/walk). For further information, please explore [A21.org](http://A21.org) or connect with A21 on social media @A21.

A21 is a global nonprofit organization determined to eradicate human trafficking through awareness, intervention, and aftercare. Currently operating in 19 locations, 14 countries, A21 aims to combat modern-day slavery through a multi-dimensional operational strategy: Reach, Rescue, and Restore. Through partnerships and the efforts of supporters all over the globe, A21 truly believes that a multitude of victims can be identified and assisted, and perpetrators can be brought to justice.

For questions or how to get involved please contact Angela Lynds at (518) 769-9424 or [WFFGreenwichNY@gmail.com](mailto:WFFGreenwichNY@gmail.com).

# Woerner tours CFC, announces \$50K boost

New York State Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner visited Comfort Food Community (CFC) on Tuesday, September 26th to show her support for the organization's food access efforts. This visit followed Woerner's second consecutive year of securing \$50,000 worth of state funding for CFC.

CFC, known for their food pantries in Greenwich and Cossayuna, has been working to expand their impact throughout Warren, Washington, and Saratoga counties to ensure that everyone in the community has access to fresh, nutritious food. The 2021 addition of the Food & Farm Hub supports this goal by allowing for the accumulation and distribution of purchased and donated foods to food access sites like pantries, libraries, schools, and senior centers.

During her visit, Woerner was able to tour the Food & Farm Hub and witness the organization's Food Recovery team organize fresh produce to distribute to 11 libraries in the Southern Adirondack Library System under CFC's Farm to Library program. She also joined CFC Executive Director Amie Collins and CFC Food & Farm

Hub Manager Josh Stephani for a visit to Schuylerville Central School District where CFC facilitates a Farm to School program.

Through their Farm to School program, CFC connects NYS producers with 18 local school districts who strive to feed students fresh and local foods. Thanks to their Food & Farm Hub, CFC is able to place and receive large orders to meet order minimums at small and NYS producers and then deliver the products directly to schools in manageable quantities. This program helps schools make strides toward meeting the NYS 30% initiative, which offers increased reimbursement for schools that obtain 30% of school lunch products from NYS pro-

ducers. The Farm to School program at CFC not only helps schools reach this goal, but also helps students have access to more local, fresh, and nutritious food.

Assemblywoman Woerner stated, "I am proud to support Comfort Food Community's important work to ensure that everyone in our community has access to fresh, nutritious food. Their Food & Farm Hub is a fantastic example of how we can work together to support local producers and expand food access for all residents in the area."

Thanks to the efforts of CFC and their supporters, more individuals and families will be able to access fresh and nutritious food in Warren, Washington, and Saratoga counties. You can find out more about CFC at [www.comfortfoodcommunity.org](http://www.comfortfoodcommunity.org).

For more information about Comfort Food Community, contact: Alyssa Place, Communications Coordinator, at [alyssa@comfortfoodcommunity.org](mailto:alyssa@comfortfoodcommunity.org).

**Pictured (L-R):** CFC Farm to School Coordinator Lisa Wilson, President of the CFC Board of Directors Susan Sanderson, CFC Executive Director Amie Collins, CFC Food & Farm Hub Manager Josh Stephani, CFC Food Recovery Coordinator Mary Beranek,

Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner, and CFC Food Recovery Manager Joanna Tebbano.





# Oh, the places you will go!

**Shirley Renauld**  
*Journal & Press*

Long before you knew that you were doing math, you were! When you build with floor blocks, you soon learn the length and thickness of the blocks you need to make the building taller but not fall--or do you want it to lean like in Pisa?. Will it have an observation platform, antenna or lightning rods like the Empire State Building? Will it have a restaurant at the top like the Space Needle? Will it have a steeple like Notre Dame with a Belfry for the Hunchback to ring those bells? At least Legos can be fastened.

You play with lots of sets of manipulative materials: As you play with sets of table blocks, do you make a train? How many cars does it have? Is it a passenger or a freight one, are the cars in a pattern, maybe copy those in Donald Crews' "Freight Train". As you string beads, do you count them or make patterns of color or shape? As you put pegs into pegboards, do you make a border, fill the whole board, make a pattern of color? As you play with sets of a shape, do you fit them all inside each other? Who is living in the nest you make? As you take it apart, do you line up the pieces? count? Are there numerals on the bottom to help you count backwards to make the Saratoga Monument? What shapes would you have to use?

As you learn to recognize numerals, you work with Elmo on Sesame St, play with sets of cards to match amounts of objects to their numerals, make outlines of dot-to-dots, cut along, draw inside. You use number lines to measure and to count forwards to add and backwards to subtract. You multiply and divide, solve real life situations, as you pay cash and count the change. You get into technology. So, as Dr Seuss says, "Oh, the Places You'll Go!".

Where will you go?

- If it's to your garden, it's the above-ground plants you need to think about now. You want to keep the tomatoes from your Pizza Garden producing for as long as you can. Some people say to listen for frost warnings and cover the plants for the nights of frost. Some say to just pull up the whole plant, hang it upside down inside a building and get tomatoes as they ripen. When they have, give the rest of the plant to your chickens. You can pot sections of your herbs for indoors or dry the leaves for cooking. In the rest of the garden, cover the Summer Squash plants, too, and pick even the small ones to cut into sticks to eat raw with hummus or your favorite dip. Wherever your pumpkins are, keep them safe from frost because any part that freezes will rot.

- If it's Oct 3-5, you might go to the Ag Sch at the Ziehm farm. As you travel past the peaceful open fields and lawns along the Hudson, look for the Great Blue Herons that have been visiting from neighbor to neighbor. You might see the plane with water skis. Will you see it land, take off again? David unfortunately saw one have an accident.

As you travel past Victory View Orchards, can you tell if the grapes are ready for harvest? Do Gerry and Mary need help picking them? The orchards are well named as you see during a walk to the hilltop to look across the Hudson to the site of the Battles of Saratoga where victory was won by the Americans during the Revolution. The British surrender will be reenacted in Schuylerville on the 17th. To go with your Social Studies curriculum, you SCS fourth graders go to view the ceremony in Fort Hardy Park. As the sign tells us, this is where the British "laid down their arms". Costumed re-



A Greenwich Fire Dept. truck

enactors will make the painting in the Visitors' Center "come to life" as Gen Burgoyne hands his sword to Gen Gates on this 245th anniversary of the battles. The best way to learn our history is to be part of it.

- If it's Oct 7, you might watch the annual fundraiser of the Greenwich Volunteer Fire Dept., Fit for Duty, with area firefighters racing in gear and the Fun Run for Kids-- even participate. When firefighters visit our schools and community events, we try on their gear to know how heavy it is and "drive" the fire truck. This can also lead to interest in becoming firefighters--there is a need for more. We remember Smokey Bear telling us "Only YOU can prevent forest fires" as we safely make and care for our outdoor fires, our indoor heating fires, and are safe as we cook and bake. We re-

## 'At Battenkill Books look in the little room in the back for markdowns.'

member the smoke we got from the wildfires in the Summer! .

Continue on to Cambridge. Spend the afternoon enjoying the village: At Battenkill Books look in the little room in the back for markdowns. Across the road have to get something from the bakery to go with the picnic we brought because it's off to the Cambridge Community Forest for an afternoon walk. Then visit the opening of Landscapes for Landsake at Maple Ridge, the gallery of paintings of the views we've enjoyed today. Their sales benefit ASA (Agricultural Stewardship Assoc) where Donna and others work all year in the office in Middle Falls to preserve agricultural land.

What a day this has been! It's good that it's a long weekend for us all with Monday the 9th being Indigenous Peoples Day/Columbus Day, the day to celebrate the culture of the people of the Caribbean who Columbus found living there when he arrived. Most recently, Gov Hochul announced a new state holiday, Lunar New Year on April 10, to celebrate the Asian culture. Will you have school? We already start to celebrate the Year of the Dragon in Feb.

On the 13th, make sure you're where you can get an open view of the moon in the sky for the solar eclipse. The path of this eclipse will be across the SW. The moon will not completely cover the sun so what we will see is the ring of light of the sun that the moon does not cover. It will appear to get dark even earlier than it has, but only last for a while as the moon continues on its way to allow for the sun to shine on it again (we hope). However, we look forward to April 8, 2024 when we will be in the main path

of the next total solar eclipse for us!

As we travel around our area, we begin to wonder which season it is: We see some fields being harvested, but we also see others being fertilized, worked and replanted. By this re-cropping, the land is continually made productive. This time of year it is for cover-cropping: Especially with all the rain this year, plants will hold the soil in place instead of ditching or erosion washing soil away. Come Spring, we will see the plants worked into the soil for added nutrition or allowed to start regrowing to produce an early harvest crop, as of rye (love that bread!).

We always look for flowers as we travel along. Now we see sedum's pink, the bushes of white or pink Rose of Sharon, and what seems to be the "flowers of the season": marigolds and mums. Shall we pick those hydrangeas now or let them dry outside? There are asters in our gardens, but also wild "asters by the brookside, make asters in the brook" (what does that mean?) and "the gentians\* bluest fringes are curling in the sun."

\*those wild asters that are top-heavy with branches full of blossoms

### Updates:

- We saw media coverage of Louis of Hudson Swim climbing out of the water in NYC, safely finishing his swim of the 315-mile length of the river, ten miles a day. Wonder where he will go and do now...

- The Praying Mantis: One day it was gone! But it must have been out to tell its friends because on other days, there were others--in other windows. Thanks for taking care of the flies.

- The Monarch Caterpillar was very active, traveling to eat from leaf to leaf, just didn't visit a picnic as in the story. Then one day, there was a chrysalis! It happened so fast, but then the waiting began. After a couple of weeks, the skin was so thin that black lines on orange could be seen. Then one day that "skin" was just hanging from the leaf. It had been a fun learning experience, but the girls had missed so much. They had seen monarchs on walks so they decided to be ready: The family had an aquarium that they no longer used for fish. They found a large snack jar. They cleaned both, found some hardware cloth to cover the aquarium and made holes in the cover of the jar. They were ready. All they needed was Monarch eggs. In the meantime, they wait for pods to dry so they can scatter seeds for a whole butterfly garden. They painted cardboard tubes and twisted crumpled paper inside to hang as "chrysalises". They crawled into the play tunnel at Hudson Crossing, pretending to be caterpillars.

- The lockmaster says that the barge has been carrying crushed stone from Upstate to be used for road work Downstate again this year.



# It's official! Bridge named for Buell.

Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner (D-Round Lake) announced the signing of A3162 renaming a portion of State Route 372 in the Village of Greenwich the "Deputy Chief Brian Buell Memorial Bridge."

In 1989, at the young age of 14, Brian Buell joined the Greenwich Fire Department's Explorer program. Throughout his high school and working career, which included Greenwich Central School (Class of 1994), Curtis Lumber, DeCrescente Distributors, the Washington County Department of Public Works and the Village of Greenwich Department of Public Works, Brian continued to serve the Village of Greenwich Fire Department, until he passed away in 2022.

"Deputy Fire Chief Buell's 33 years of unselfish dedication to duty were an inspiration to all who served with him," noted Assemblywoman Woerner. "I am grateful to Governor Hochul for signing this legislation and honoring this truly beloved community member, and for helping to further inspire young people, like Brian, to get involved and give back."

The legislation, which tasks the Commissioner of Transportation with sign installation and maintenance, will go into effect immediately. Information about the upcoming dedication ceremony will be announced at a later date.

"This is a fitting tribute to a man whose legacy of courage and service deserves to be remembered for generations to come. Deputy Chief Buell was unwavering in his commitment to protecting his neighbors



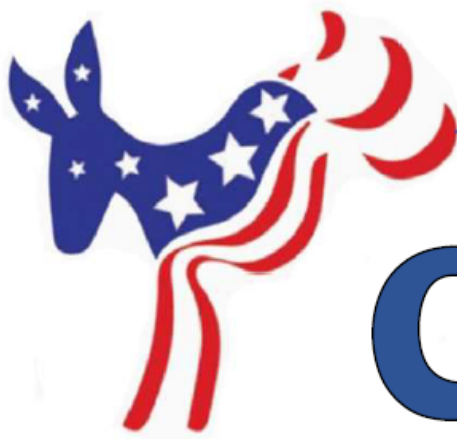
Jake Ashby who sponsored the legislation in the Senate.

"He was the best!" said Mike White, the

and uplifting his fellow firefighters. I'm grateful for Assemblywoman Woerner's support in the Assembly, I was proud to sponsor this in the Senate, and I'm heartened that the governor has done the right thing and signed this into law," said Senator

Greenwich Fire Department Fire Chief. "He instilled passion into everything he did whether he knew it or not. He was looked upon in both his DPW career, and his fire service career as one who was always willing to share his knowledge and lend a helping hand. Brian had a saying that he often used around the firehouse, 'Everything we do is for the good of the company.' Designating this memorial bridge to Brian, meaningfully commemorates a man we miss greatly! Thank you Assemblywoman Woerner, Senator Ashby, Governor Hochul, and everyone else who had a part in this."

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The setup will be a podium for a moderator with a table with three chairs each on both sides and microphones for Greenwich candidates in contested elections.

This will not a debate, per se, but it's hoped a civil discussion of the issues before the town where both sides get equal time, and a tran-

script is printed in the paper and a video placed on YouTube so voters can objectively decide which candidates to vote for this November.

Newspaper publisher Darren Johnson will screen questions from readers in advance so that they are not partisan or attackful and don't apply to any one candidate unfairly.

Each candidate will get an opening and a closing three minutes in first ascending and then descending order so that the same person doesn't anchor both the intro and the closing.

If a candidate calls out another candidate, it

will generally be frowned upon per the format of the event; but if that happens, there will be an allowance for rebuttal.

Johnson is encouraging candidates to talk about themselves and not call out others; with the goal of discourse, not discord.

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# Managing chronic illness at work

**Dr. Daneen Skube**  
Tribune Content Agency  
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**Q:** *I just received an autoimmune disorder diagnosis. I can work, but have low energy. I'm afraid this is the end of my career, my current job, or my reputation. Do you ever work with clients who are working with chronic illness? How do you advise they balance work demands and health realities?*

**A:** I have worked with many successful clients who live and work with chronic illness. Ironically, many of them are more successful than healthier co-workers, because they have to work smarter, not just harder.

Your new reality means you cannot afford to throw energy around. The other reality is that “self-care” is no longer a far off goal, but an immediate demand. If you don't make time for your health, your illness will force you to make time.

There's significant research linking autoimmune disorders, stress, and mental health challenges. If you haven't already added a competent counselor to your health team, find someone. Also consider adding alternative approaches like naturopathic, massage, acupuncture, or Ayurveda to round out your treatment.

Realize that you now have a new superpower: a body that's a brilliant tuning fork to tell you when you're working too hard and not smartly. You know that “easy button” that Staples sells because it was a successful marketing logo? Well, you're going to now have to figure out

how to do work the “easy” way.

When I took my senior dogs to a dog park, they would watch all the puppies zip around chasing everything and I swear they'd chuckle. They would walk calmly in a direct line to their ball, come back, and when they had enough, they enjoyed the grass and sunshine.

Do a lot more observing, strategizing, and letting other people be the first to bring up issues. If you have an autoimmune system disorder, you may have chronically done too much. Your health challenge may help you watch everybody zip around while you wait until you see the ball you need, and get it.

Listen to your self-talk during the day in your head. Notice if you're telling yourself a long list of things you need to get involved in. If people complain about others, it's enough to say, “I can tell you have items you plan to discuss with this person, and trust you'll both resolve it.” Don't get dragged into the dramas of others!

For my clients that over function, I have a mantra I'll share with you, “Is this your circus and are these your monkeys?” If what's happening is not your responsibility, let other people step forward while you step back. Others around you will become more competent, if you give them more of a chance.

Allow your body to be your new guru, which means bringer of light. Listen attentively, affectionately, and carefully to the quiet voice of your body. If hungry, get healthy food, if tired, go somewhere quiet and rest (even if that's your car), if stressed, stop what you're doing.

You'll have some time where you grieve over your former peppy self, then you may come to appreciate the elegant wisdom of your new more discerning body. If you can form a collaboration where your new diagnosis may help you, and not hurt you, opportunities will open up, which you didn't previously see because at the time, you didn't have to.

**The last word(s)**

**Q:** *I discovered a mistake I made in an important proposal and hate to face the embarrassment of admitting I messed up. Is there a way to think about correcting this issue that may give me some confidence?*

**A:** Yes, as the ancient Chinese philosopher Confucius advised, “A man who has committed a mistake and doesn't correct it, is committing another mistake.” You're leading by example when you have the courage and humility to admit you're not perfect.

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JILL ON MONEY

# UAW steps up, Fed stands down

**Jill Schlesinger**  
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Two notable events collided to paint a picture of the U.S. economy that remains in a post-pandemic transition: the UAW launched “targeted strikes” against GM, Ford and Stellantis, just days before the Federal Reserve convened a two-day policy meeting.

In both instances, there are many questions that cloud decision-making for those involved.

The now-expired 2019 UAW contract occurred at a time when the U.S. economy, as measured by GDP, grew by 2.3 percent and inflation clocked in at the same pace.

The 14 years leading up to the 2019 contract were highlighted by “volatility and disruption,” according to Ford. The Great Recession had taken a big bite out of the industry, with GM and Chrysler (now Stellantis) declaring bankruptcy and all three of the U.S. giants receiving a massive bailout from the government.

The Big 3 took a while to get back on track, but by 2015, “the industry had fully recovered and achieved a new record of annual sales.” Still, the shadow of the Great Recession loomed large when the 2015 and the 2019 contracts were signed.

Neither side could have imagined what the subsequent four years would do to the world. COVID-19 upended our lives and shook up the global economy in ways that were at times horrible and then for the auto industry, better than imagined. The Big 3 pocketed huge profits, as union members were forced to grapple with pay

that was unable to keep pace with inflation.

As new contract negotiations began this year, both sides understood that pay would have to rise substantially, at least by the 20% increase in the Consumer Price Index since 2019.

But what is the right amount if the Fed is fighting to push down inflation? Should union members be buoyed by the strength of the overall labor market, or should they be concerned that job growth is moderating? From the perspective of the automakers, how should they factor in the union desire for a shorter workweek, when technology is upending the assess-

**‘The key is for wages to rise enough to outstrip price increases.’**

ment of their labor force needs?

The Federal Reserve finds itself asking similar questions about the future. Chief among those queries: Is the 22-year high in the Fed Funds rate (5.25 to 5.5%) enough to put the post-COVID inflation spike to rest?

The answer for the September meeting was unclear, which is why the central bank decided to stand down on any further rate increases. In fact, one big factor contributing to the pause was the moderation of the labor market.

Economists say that the combination of a deceleration of job growth, along with voluntary

job quits returning to pre-pandemic levels, means that wage growth should start to ease.

I know what you are thinking: Wait — why is it good news that wages are slowing down?

As employees earn more, they are able to spend money more readily, which can keep prices high. Conversely, as workers' pay moderates, prices should weaken.

The key to worker satisfaction is for wages to rise by enough to outstrip price increases, which is why the government looks to a metric called “real median household income,” the inflation-adjusted amount of money the median household earns annually.

According to a recently released Census Bureau annual scorecard, even though people earned a lot of money in 2022, inflation took its toll. Real median household income decreased by 2.3% from the 2021.

The hope among Fed officials is that 2023 is the year that inflation slows down more than wage growth, in which case, Fed officials may not think that they need to raise interest rates further...and the UAW and the Big 3 can come to a deal that satisfies both sides.

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# Handsome isn't everything

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

## 180 Years Ago

October 12, 1843

ADVICE TO YOUNG LADIES -- Never marry a man because he is handsome, he will think too much of his beauty to take pride in yours. Never marry a man because he has wealth, "because riches take to themselves wings and fly away." Never marry a man for parentage, for a good cow will often have a poor calf. Marry a man for his good sense, amiable temper, his sound morals, his habits of industry and economy, and you will then have a good husband, and your children will have a good father.

## 170 Years Ago

October 13, 1853

### NEWS ITEMS:

The Paris papers state that the French government entertain confident hopes that the Turkish difficulty will be settled without an appeal to arms.

Cholera is reported to be spreading along the river at Martinsburg, Va., and the citizens are becoming alarmed.

An intelligent and enterprising Chinese merchant of Sacramento, California, advertises, among other articles of interest, "dried worms for soup!"

The editor of the Chautauqua Democrat has left his post because the publishers wished him to support the "Short Boy" Ticket. This he would not do.

The receipts of the State Fair at Saratoga Springs reached about \$6000 -- a sum of money more than sufficient to meet expenses.

Solomon Northrup a few days since lost his pocket book between cars between Albany and Syracuse. It contained \$25 in money and several notes and other papers.

An impudent fellow says: "Show me all the dresses a woman has worn in the course of her life, and I will write her biography from them."

## 50 Years Ago

October 11, 1973

Smokey the Bear will pay a special visit to Greenwich this weekend. He will be at the Greenwich Fire House Saturday and Sunday, when the Greenwich Volunteer Fire Department will hold an open house.

## 40 Years Ago

October 13, 1983

Brownie troop 36 of Greenwich visited The Journal Press office Thursday, Oct. 6, to learn how the newspaper is put together. Troop Leaders Sheryl Kessler and Rose O'Donnell accompanied the girls. The Brownies [were] Wendy Nolan, Tammy Miller, Amy Weatherwax, Billie Jo Newman, Amy Kessler, Raelyn MacNeil, Kristen Faile and Jenny Wever.

## 30 Years Ago

October 7, 1993

Radon gas emissions were monitored during the 1992-93 school year in the Greenwich junior/senior high building. The results of the testing have been slow in coming from the state and a recent New York Teacher article about the levels tested in some 60 schools across the state may be a little too quick to draw alarms about the situation. ... Preliminary findings from short term radon detectors provided the district last April showed the music storage and lesson room with 6.2 picocurie average daily reading. The level,

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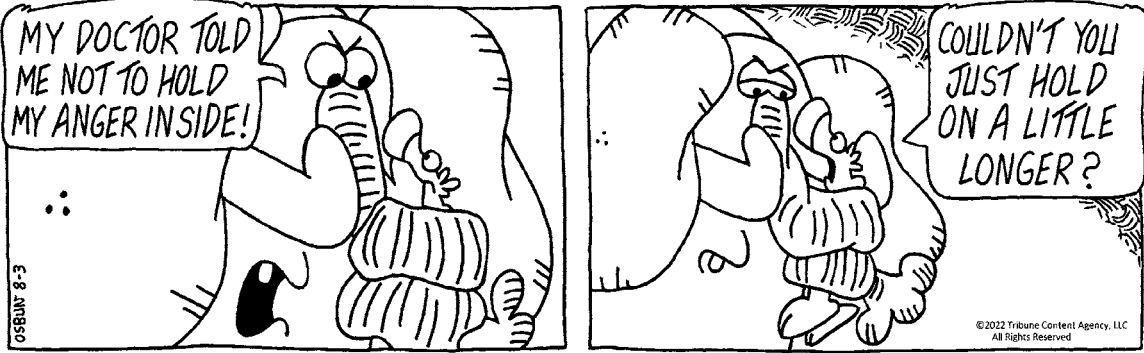
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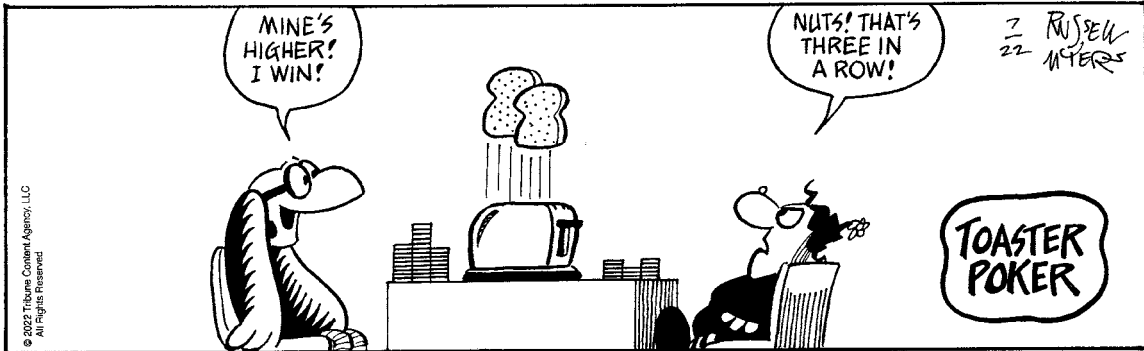


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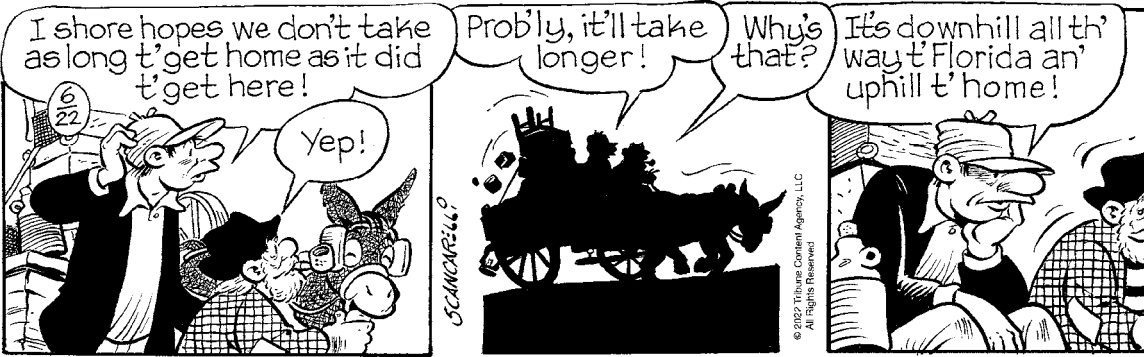
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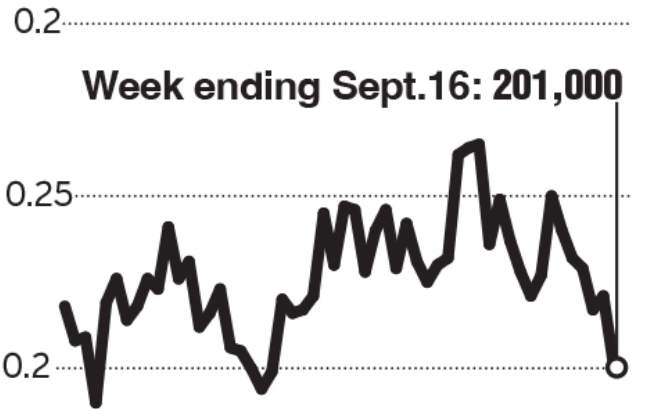
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## Fast Fact

### Jobless claims

Initial unemployment claims, seasonally adjusted, in millions per week



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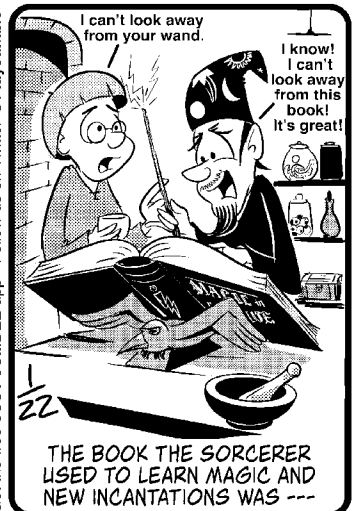
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### JUMBLE

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

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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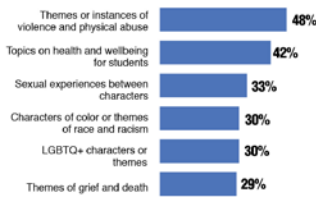
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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## Book bans in public schools

Subject matter of the 3,362 instances of book bans July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

### Fast Fact



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RACK 1: A1 O1 U1 U1 S1 T1 F4

RACK 2: A1 E1 I1 L1 M3 S1 M3 (Triple Word Score)

RACK 3: E1 O1 Y4 T1 V4 R1 P3 (3rd Letter Double)

RACK 4: A1 E1 E1 G2 D2 G2 H4

RACK 5: A1 O1 U1 L1 T1 N1 B3

PAR SCORE 260-270  
BEST SCORE 334  
DIRECTIONS: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. Finally, 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All the words are in the Official SCRABBLE® Players Dictionary, 5th Edition. SOLUTION TOMORROW

## 9 to 5 by Harley Schwadron



"You say I'm your best friend, so why am I never mentioned as a Facebook friend or Twitter follower...?"

**Boggle BrainBusters!**  
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

ERLOR  
BAINM  
PVSED  
OLHON  
ATYAN

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

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

Boggle BrainBusters Bonus: We put special brain-busting words into the puzzle grid. Can you find them?  
Find AT LEAST SEVEN EUROPEAN CAPITAL CITIES in the grid of letters.

## Argyle Acrostic By Frank J. D'Agostino

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| Find these words associated with New York State train stops (and find Frank's acrostic books on Amazon): | Amtrak<br>Buffalo<br>Coach<br>Empire<br>Fare<br>Foliage<br>Grand Central<br>Harlem<br>Hudson<br>Jamaica | Line<br>Long Island<br>Metro-North<br>New Haven<br>New Rochelle<br>Penn<br>Rail<br>Scenic<br>Staten Island<br>Stony Brook | Stop<br>Subway<br>Syracuse<br>Tours<br>Train |
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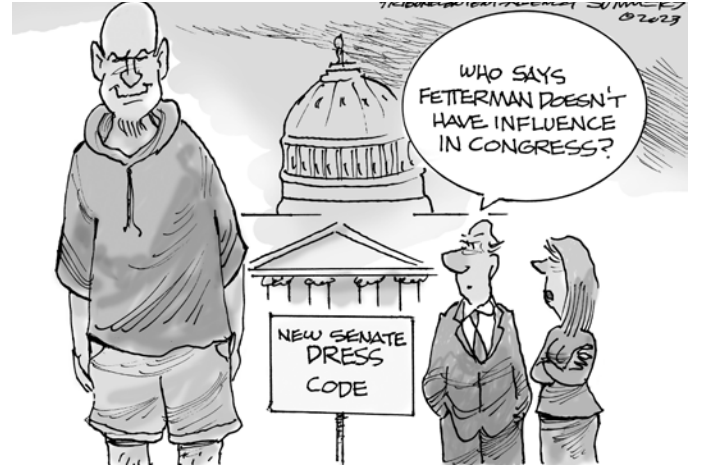


# MORE FUN & GAMES

## Filbert by LA Bonté

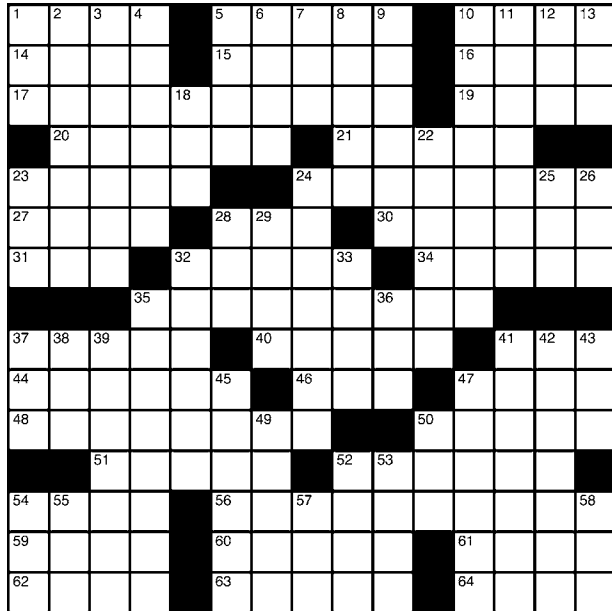


## Political Cartoon of the Week by Dana Summers



## Cambridge Crossword

- Across
- Fail to interest
  - Bundle of papers
  - Needs no hemming, say
  - "My life. My card" card co.
  - World Heritage Site in Jordan
  - Law school newbie
  - \*Hunting-and-fishing official
  - Just good enough
  - Sport that made its Olympic debut in 2021
  - Personal histories
  - Supermarket conveniences
  - \*End a relationship
  - Poses a question
  - Tire filler
  - Boot tip
  - Filmmaker Craven
  - ATM key
  - Like voices after a loud party
  - \*Slouch
  - Audition hopeful
  - Lots and lots
  - Mont. neighbor
  - Reacted to head scratches, maybe
  - Most junk mail
  - Amanda Gorman creation
  - \*Adorn with lots of bling
  - "In what way?"
  - Pandemonium
  - Lots and lots
  - Start of a story
  - "How clever of you!," and a hint to the first words of the answers to the starred clues
  - Like kids at a magic show
  - Luxury watch
  - Romance novelist Roberts who writes mysteries as J.D. Robb
  - "Let It Go" singer in "Frozen"
  - Bicycle part
- 64 Jury \_\_\_
- Down
- Duffel or tote
  - Sushi experience curated by the chef
  - Comments
  - Applies, as influence
  - Petty quarrel
  - Attendance answer
  - Liftoff approx.
  - Tapas corncake
  - Tribute pieces by devotees
  - Shoes
  - Glands in squids and cuttlefish
  - Sweet \_\_\_
  - Crafty
  - "Now, where \_\_\_ I?"
  - Mall map units
  - Crow's call
  - First word in many a baking recipe
  - Sharp bark
  - "Harriet the \_\_\_": kid-lit classic
  - Novelist Patchett
  - Symptom targeted by an oatmeal bath
  - "Mystery solved!"
  - Street
  - Cinnamon-y rice milk drink
  - Corp. execs
  - Just right
  - Mean mutt
  - Upper arm muscle
  - Words of gratitude
  - Sweet course
  - "Yo te \_\_\_"
  - Some a cappella singing



- Central European country
- "I'm here to help"
- "Good" cholesterol initials
- "Black Widow" actress Kurylenko
- Iridescent stone
- Rage
- \_\_\_ makhani: lentil dish
- Acted as tour guide
- Calendar square

## 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.

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# LEGAL NOTICE

## NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING GREENWICH CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a resolution adopted by the Board of Education of the Greenwich Central School District on September 11, 2022, a special meeting of the qualified voters of the School District be and the same is hereby called to be held in the cafeteria of the Greenwich Primary School Building, 10 Gray Avenue, Greenwich on Tuesday, November 14, 2023 from 12:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of voting on the following proposition:

### PROPOSITION

Shall the Board of Education of the Greenwich Central School District be authorized to (1) construct, reconstruct, renovate and improve various School District buildings, facilities and sites, acquire original furnishings, equipment, machinery or apparatus required for the purpose for which such buildings, facilities and sites are to be used and pay costs incidental thereto, at a maximum cost of \$1,740,000, (2) expend \$800,000 from Capital Reserve fund balance to pay a portion of the costs of such purpose, (3) levy the necessary tax therefore, taking into account state aid and the amount expended from the Capital Reserve Fund, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education, and (4) in anticipation of the collection of such tax, issue bonds and notes of the School District at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$940,000, and levy a tax to pay the interest on said obligations when due?

The vote upon such proposition shall be by ballot registered upon voting machines and by absentee ballot. The hours during which the polls shall be kept open shall be from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. or for as long thereafter as necessary to enable qualified voters who are in the polling place at 8:00 p.m. to cast their ballots. A qualified voter is one who is (1) a citizen of the United States of America, (2) eighteen (18) years of age or older, and (3) resident within the School District for a period of thirty (30) days next preceding the date of the vote. The School District may require all persons offering to vote to provide one form of proof of residency pursuant to Education Law section 2018-c. Such form may include a driver's license, a non-driver identification card, a utility bill, or a voter registration card. Upon offer of proof of residency, the School District may also require all persons offering to vote to provide their signature, printed name and address.

Absentee ballots may be applied for at the office of the School District Clerk. Applications for absentee ballots must be received by the School District Clerk at least seven days prior to the vote if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or on or prior to November 13, 2023 if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. The Education Law also makes special provisions for absentee voting for "military" voters of the School District. Specifically, the law provides a unique procedure for "military ballots" in school district votes. Whereas absentee ballots must be received by the voter by mail, a military voter may elect to receive their absentee ballot application and absentee ballot by mail, email or facsimile. The military voter must, however, return their original military ballot application and military ballot by mail or in person. The District Clerk of the School District shall transmit the military voter's military ballot in accord with the military voter's preferred method of transmission. All absentee ballots must be received in the Office of the District Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m. on November 14, 2023.

A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available in the office of the School District Clerk from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. prevailing time on each business day prior to the day of the election. Any qualified voter may challenge the acceptance of the ballot of any person on such list, by making his challenge and reasons therefor known to the Inspector of Election before the close of the polls.

Dated: September 11, 2023

Rachel Logan  
District Clerk

4X thru Nov.



# This app cures you, before it kills you

**Greg Schwem**  
Tribune Content Agency  
Special to Journal & Press

DING!

Congratulations on successfully downloading the CV Green's Drugstore app. This is the easiest way for you to refill your prescriptions, provided you are healthy enough to scan a barcode. We'll also send you pill reminders so you'll never forget to take those medications that keep you alive. Of course, this all hinges on whether you have your phone on your person at all times. Finally, you'll be the first to know when products you use every day go on sale.

DING! DING! DING! DING! DING!

You thought we were kidding, didn't you? Look at the savings! And now, let's dive in and look at the app's features. Can we please know your location? Never mind, we already do. In fact, we see you're on your way to your local CV Green's to purchase a bunch of products that will go on sale the moment you leave the store. We will email you and let you know exactly how much money you almost saved.

DING!

Thank you for purchasing a 500-count bottle of ibuprofen at CV Green's. Here's a coupon for 50% off of your next 500-count bottle. It expires tomorrow, so you can either walk right back into the store, buy another bottle, and then wonder where you are going to store 1,000 ibuprofen tablets, or you can keep the single bottle that you purchased at full price.

We realize you haven't even made it back to your car, but we were wondering if you could fill out this brief survey telling us about your experience. It's only three questions, although each question has 10 parts. Filling out this survey enters you into a chance to win a \$100 gift card to be used exclusively on products we simply cannot get rid of.

DING!

Did you just give us a 4 out of 10 regarding your last visit? That makes us sad. Please tell us why. Here's a link to another survey in which we will ask you the same question multiple

ways, all designed for you to eventually change your answer to a 10.

Please begin with this question: This survey is designed to find out why you were less than satisfied with your recent visit to CV Green's. On a scale of 1 to 10, please rate your level of dissatisfaction with this survey.

Question two: Disregarding your last visit, how likely would you shop at CV Green's again?

Question three: On a scale of 1 to 10, how likely would you use our delivery service, which means you will never have to set foot in our store again?

DING!

Thank you for your interest in our delivery service, which makes shopping for your favorite brands even easier. Here's a 50% off coupon for home delivery today.

DING!

Thanks for your online order. We have successfully filled your order and forwarded it on to our delivery partner, DoorRush, which is under the umbrella of DrugSpeed, which is an affiliate of ProductPush, which also does business as GetThingsQuick. One of those organizations, we aren't sure which, will be contacting you with the status of your order and when you can expect it. Also, our store closes in 15 minutes.

DING!

Thank you for your order from DrugSpeed. We regret to inform you that two of your products are currently out of stock. Your estimated delivery time for the remaining products is "some time tomorrow" because our driver is currently banging on what appears to be the



locked door of CV Green's.

DING!

It's your birthday month, isn't it? Here's a coupon for 50% off any birthday product containing the numbers 70, 80 or 90.

DING!

Would you be interested in a low-interest credit card from CV Green's? You get three points versus one point on all purchases each time you use the card.

DING!

We haven't heard back from you regarding our credit card offer. Can you please take this brief survey explaining why you do not wish to take part in this offer?

DING!

Are all these emails giving you a headache? This is just a reminder that, today only, ibuprofen is on sale for 75% off the regular price. Come in or shop online.

What could be easier?

Greg Schwem is a corporate stand-up comedian and author of two books: "Text Me If You're Breathing: Observations, Frustrations and Life Lessons From a Low-Tech Dad" and the recently released "The Road To Success Goes Through the Salad Bar: A Pile of BS From a Corporate Comedian," available at Amazon.com. Visit Greg on the web at [www.gregschwem.com](http://www.gregschwem.com).



## New Greenwich safety officer

Greenwich Central School District welcomed Deputy Richard Collier as its new school resource officer (SRO). Deputy Collier retired in June 2020 as a patrol sergeant with Rensselaer County Sheriff's Office after 29 years of service. "Deputy Collier served on the Rensselaer County Safe Schools Task Force and helped start the School Resource Officer program in Rensselaer County Schools," said Greenwich CSD Superintendent Jennifer Steimle, Ed.D. "We are very fortunate to have someone of his caliber helping to keep our students and staff safe."



## FUN & GAMES SOLUTIONS

**Boggle:** ROME OSLO PARIS VIENNA  
BERLIN LONDON ATHENS

**Jumble:** PINCH BLAND GLANCE LAVISH

**Final Jumble:** SPELLBINDING

**Want to Create a Comic? Contact us!**

**SCRABBLE G|R|A|M|S SOLUTION**

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PAR SCORE 260-270 TOTAL **334**

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# What do we lose when we lose a library?

**Sarah Murphy**  
Greenwich Free Library

If you're a regular reader of this column, you're likely following the story of the Rockwell Falls Library in Lake Luzerne. You probably know by now that the library closed this week, "until further notice," according to their website. Details about the closure and the staff shortages that led to it can be found in various local newspapers and online, and all of my own knowledge is second- or third-hand at best, so I won't recount those details here. But it seems clear that this story is both a singular tragedy for a nearby community, and a representative drama that has been playing out across the country for over a year.

I sincerely hope that this closure is temporary and that the community of Lake Luzerne can enjoy their library again soon. But while Rockwell Falls is closed, and before this fate befalls other libraries, I think it's essential to ask ourselves why it matters. If we can get books online and ask a chatbot to answer our queries; if we can make copies at Staples and access a public restroom at Stewart's, do we need to continue investing in libraries? What do we lose when we lose a library?

This feels like the paragraph where I should tell you about the programming, events, and resources that the library provides. But if you're a regular reader of this column, you are already well acquainted with these programs, events, and resources, and chances are good that you take advantage of them. You know, too, that losing access to those things would be crummy. Crummy, but not end-

of-the-world. You'd miss us, but you'd adapt.

So, what's lost, what's truly lost and cannot be made up by other institutions or by online retailers? Before I answer, may I pause and ask that *you* answer? If you love your library (and I think many of you do!), there has never been a better, more essential time to talk about it. If you believe that a free and public library can be a force for good—even if you do not personally enjoy every book on every shelf or every program offered every day—please consider saying so out loud in public places and in writing.

Here's what I think is lost when we lose a library: Aspiration. A library represents the possibility that we might, as individuals and as a community, continue to be-

**'Here's what is lost when we lose a library: Aspiration.'**

come better. We will know more tomorrow than we know today. See any well-loved library building in any town or city around this world, and you will see the aspirations of a community that cares about its past and its future. A community that refuses to be forgotten or left behind. A community that thinks tomorrow might be better than today.



But perhaps a better question is, what do we *gain* when we lose a library? I could not be more confident in my answer: nothing.

*Sarah Murphy is Director of the Greenwich Free Library.*



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR (CONT.)

# Former county clerks support Cronin

**To the Editor:**

We are former Washington County Clerks — Dona Crandall (2008-2015), Deborah Beahan (2004-2007) and Donald Stewart (1996-2003) with many years of service in the County Clerks Office.

I, Dona Crandall, trained Stephanie Cronin fka Stephanie Lemery to take over my position upon my retirement in 2015. She was my deputy for my second term. Stephanie has continued to bring the office up to the 21st century by getting many grants to update not only the county records, but also town and village records. By converting paper records to digital, the county has saved hundreds of thousands of dollars by reducing the need to purchase ongoing storage space.

Working with the NYS County Clerk Association, Stephanie and the Association were able to convince NYS to change the amount of commission paid to the county DMV, for online DMV Transactions, from 3.5% to 10.75% bringing an additional \$140,000 to the county annually.

Stephanie has 18 years in the County Clerks office starting at the bottom and working her way to County Clerk, gaining significant experience along the way. As a friend and former colleague, Pam Vogel, Warren County Clerk stated in her letter in the Chronicle, "The County Clerks Office is tremendously complex and challenging in meeting a broad range of laws, policies, protocols and regulations." Stephanie is also in charge of the DMV, Historians, Archives and is Clerk of the Supreme and County Courts. Only Stephanie Cronin has the experience in the day-to-day operations of the Washington County Clerks Office to meet these demands.

When it's November 7th and you are at the polls to vote please remember EXPERIENCE MATTERS and cast your vote for STEPHANIE CRONIN on the INDEPENDENT line ESCAPE.

Thanking you for your consideration. Respectfully Former County Clerks,

**Dona J Crandall**  
**Deborah R Beahan**  
**Donald J Stewart**

**Who's in Charge?**

**To the Editor:**

After attending many town council and planning board meetings over many months, I've come to the conclusion that it's not our town supervisor and chief financial officer.

It appears that two unelected persons call the shots in our town. The supervisor's clerk seems to be at the helm - doing most, if not all of the work on the proposed budget and explaining it to the rest of the council members.

Supervisor Nolan has a PhD. degree in Business and is a retired business professor at the college level. Yet, he seems perfectly content to let his clerk do the work for him.

The other unelected person who appears to have a lot of power over town policies is an engineer who works for the LaBella Engineering Firm. At planning board meetings this person's name comes up at every meeting. The Labella firm is also chosen to monitor various grant programs the town utilizes to (in their words) - offset taxes. The Greenwich town budget's shortfalls are covered by New York State and Federal grant monies.

What happens when grant monies dry up? Greenwich taxpayers are in for a very rude awakening!

**Morgan Snyder**  
Member of Greenwich Planning Committee

**Coming Soon... Mid-October**  
**Green Art Supply**  
**A Local Online Shop**  
**for new and used art supplies**



Browse our on-line shop to buy or sell your gently used art supplies.

<https://GreenArtSupply.com>



# Setting the record straight on Riverside

**Kate Morse**  
Special to Journal & Press

As the Executive Director of Hudson Crossing Park, I would like to take the opportunity to clear up some misconceptions regarding the relationship between Hudson Crossing Park and the Town of Greenwich's Hudson Riverside Park.

For those who may not be familiar, Hudson Crossing Park (HCP) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that is centered on Champlain Canal Lock C5 Island just north of the Village of Schuylerville. HCP provides, among other things, educational programming, family-friendly events, 2 miles of trails, and picnic facilities to more than 30,000 visitors annually. Hudson Crossing Park is also the connecting point between Washington and Saratoga Counties along the Empire State and Champlain Canal Trail systems over the historic Dix Bridge. A volunteer-driven organization, Hudson Crossing's mission is to tie environmental responsibility to economic revitalization, and to engage people of all ages in making informed choices for a sustainable future. HCP strives to achieve this mission by offering free public access to the park 365 days a year as well as through partnerships with more than two dozen community stakeholders and municipalities as well as local, state, and federal offices and organizations.

Despite what many believe, and what was most recently expressed in a letter to the Editor in the last edition of the Greenwich Journal and Salem Press, it was absolutely never the intent, or the agreement, for Hudson Crossing Park to be "given" the Hudson Riverside Park property.

The agreement that was in the process of being created between the Town of Greenwich and Hudson Crossing Park was that HCP would assist with the management of the Hudson Riverside Park property, provide free community events and programming for the public, and help the Town promote public access to the Hudson River.

In short, Hudson Crossing Park and the Town of Greenwich were in the process of working together to replicate the success that HCP has had in the last two decades on the other side of the river: utilizing public access to the Hudson and public green space and transforming it into economic benefits for the Town. As part of this partnership, it was proposed that HCP would utilize space in one of the buildings for an administrative office while also ensuring that part of the building would be made available for public gatherings, meetings, and other events.

HCP's proposed role – which I should point out, has been put on hold while improvements are being made to the property and which may or may not be revisited in the future – aside, as a lifelong resident of Easton and Greenwich I would encourage my neighbors to consider the investment in our community that the Town's commitment to Hudson Riverside Park represents.

I grew up in Easton freely wandering my neighbor's fields without a second thought about asking permission or, aside from hunting season, my safety. I think we can all agree that this is not the world we live in any longer. While we are lucky enough to have plenty of green space around us, how much of it is truly (and safely) accessible to the public? And, to put a finer point on it, how much of it is along the Hudson River?

Parks bring significant economic, social, and health benefits to every community that they are in. Studies have shown this again and



Riverside Park

again. Hudson Riverside Park is along the Empire State and Champlain Canalway Trail systems, bringing tens of thousands of visitors – and their money – through our Town. Other communities along these trail systems have already capitalized on this with huge success, and it could easily be replicated here in Greenwich. Public parks also increase both property and sales tax revenue, and numerous studies show that parks can actually bring in more tax revenue than is needed to offset the cost of developing them.

Sadly, there has been a large amount of misinformation regarding the establishment of Hudson Riverside Park, Hudson Crossing Park's involvement, and the details of the purchase and improvements of this property. I

encourage everyone to ask questions of those who have been or are actively involved in this project, including myself, rather than assuming that the points being shared are completely accurate.

*Should you have any questions regarding HCP's role with the Town of Greenwich Hudson Riverside Park, please feel free to contact me directly at [KMorse@HudsonCrossingPark.org](mailto:KMorse@HudsonCrossingPark.org). I'd be happy to have an open and honest conversation over e-mail or, better yet while enjoying a walk in the park.*



## CHICKEN 'N BISCUIT DINNER!

### Saturday, Oct. 14th



**Bottskill Baptist Church  
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Take Out & Pre-Order Only**

**We will sell out so  
Don't delay!**

**TKTS: \$14**

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or call/txt 838-333-9123



# 'A failure of imagination'

Lance Allen Wang  
*Journal & Press*

They were the bravest of the brave. Gus Grissom earned the Distinguished Flying Cross over Korea and was later our second man in space. Ed White was an Air Force pilot who, as part of the Gemini program, performed our first spacewalk. Roger Chaffee was a naval aviator who flew 82 reconnaissance missions over Cuba including during the missile crisis. There was no shortage of courage. But that said, the three crew members slated to take the Apollo 1 spacecraft on its first mission were nervous. Things had not gone smoothly up to the point that the crew found themselves on January 27, 1967. That morning, there was going to be a full test of the liftoff sequence exactly as it would be expected to go the following month, at Apollo 1's planned launch. The only difference this morning was that the Saturn 1 rocket was not fueled.

With the crew tucked into the capsule with the hatch sealed, the command pilot, Grissom, fumed after yet another failed communications check, "How are we going to get to the Moon if we can't talk between three buildings?" A minute later, technicians recorded a slight voltage surge, followed seconds later by the shout through the radio, "Flames!" As another astronaut announced, "We've got a fire in the cockpit." With pure oxygen feeding it, the fire spread instantly. Design flaws became apparent rapidly, including a hatch that only opened inward. Within 30 seconds, the astronauts were dead of asphyxiation and burns. It took another four and a half minutes to get the hatch open.

The investigation afterwards was scathing, and brought up major issues within the Apollo program. However, the problems that were

government hearing.

Who would have thought that a short circuit in a wire bundle would have set fire to the flammable materials right next to it, inside a small capsule being fed oxygen, with a door that only opened inward and was being firmly held in place by high pressure in the capsule?

When Thomas Jefferson, a student of the same Enlightenment movement that helped spawn our American democracy, proposed the idea of public schools as early as the 1780s, he proposed a balance of the arts and sciences. He reflected in 1818 that public schools should:

"... To give to every citizen the information he needs for the transaction of his own business; To enable him to calculate for himself, and to express and preserve his ideas, his contracts and accounts, in writing; To improve by reading, his morals and faculties; To understand his duties to his neighbors and country, and to discharge with competence the functions confided to him by either; To know his rights; to exercise with order and justice those he retains."

More directly, he proposed the education of the population because he felt it was important to our country's survival – if we didn't educate the public, he felt the prospects for a successful democracy were poor. He wrote in 1810, "No one more sincerely wishes the spread of information among mankind than I do, and none has greater confidence in it's effect towards supporting free & good government."

In Jefferson's vision, the arts, such as language arts, history, and philosophy figured prominently alongside courses which were teaching the natural sciences. It created a balance of courses teaching the laws of nature alongside man's creative endeavors. It is applying creativity in the application of science which has animated America's inventors and tinkerers for years, as the many American pioneers of automobile, television, and flight evidence. Or as Jefferson once proudly wrote, "Ours are the only farmers that can read Homer."

But sometimes, when we don't have that right mix, that mix of scientists and artists, or writers

and farmers, or cops and doctors, we don't have each drawing from their own experience while combining others' views to help shape a new solution or counter a common threat. Then we have information silos and tunnel vision. Then we have "group think." Then we have "failure

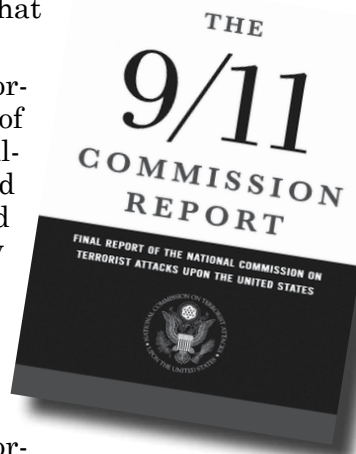


Apollo astronauts

of imagination."

Apollo 1 was not the only example of this. The 9/11 Commission identified this same defect when looking back on the 9/11 attacks.

"As late as September 4, 2001, Richard Clarke, the White House staffer long responsible for counterterrorism policy coordination, asserted that the government had not yet made up its mind how to answer the question: 'Is al Qida [sic] a big deal?' A week later came the answer."



For those who did not read between the lines, the Commission simply wrote: "The most important failure was one of imagination. We do not believe leaders understood the gravity of the threat."

Not only was the government not oriented towards the Al Qaeda threat, but they were also not ready to deal with airliners as flying bombs, nor were targets prepared to receive such an attack. The World Trade Center was designed to handle the impact of a 707 jet, which was still in wide use at the time of its construction. However, this level of safety never applied to the larger aircraft airborne by 2001, nor could their imagination envision, not one, but two hits on the WTC.

Of course, the take-home from all of this is the value of people who don't think alike when finding solutions to complex problems. If it wasn't for the collaborative team of engineers, pilots, systems experts, and scientists that pulled the Apollo program both back together after the Apollo 1 tragedy, we would not have had the successes that fulfilled President John F. Kennedy's 1962 vision – "We choose to go to the moon!" And if it wasn't for the lessons learned and shared across multiple agencies due to 9/11, we would not have seen America's gradual hardening to foreign terrorist threats.

NASA and our intelligence agencies learned their lessons, at a very high cost. To have learned nothing would only have further compounded the tragedy. If only these diverse teams, some members working together for the first time in the wake of tragedy, had collaborated and received attention at the highest levels prior to these incidents. If only!

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brought up and resolved were considered key to later success including the Apollo XI moon landing. And one of the comments from a NASA administrator before Congress, that above all, the tragedy could be attributed to "a failure of imagination" was, in this writer's opinion, one of the most insightful comments ever made in a



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