

Candidates take the stage

This newspaper held a candidate forum, but only one party showed up. Still, the show must go on...

This newspaper sponsored a Meet the Candidates event on Oct. 12, at the Greenwich high school auditorium, as had been announced in our last edition. But soon after we printed we learned one party would not attend the debate. Still, the room was already booked and a notice of the event had already been published, so we moved ahead and did it anyway.

We taped the event and have a transcript of it in these pages. There also are lots of letters in this edition, supporting candidates on both major lines on the ballot – as well as independent candidate Stephanie Cronin

for County Clerk.

We'll do our best to track down any other candidates in competitive local races before our next issue.

Also in this issue, we visit Touch a Truck, an event for families sponsored by Battenkill Community Services.

We also interview members of Comfort Food Community to see how the pantry is doing as the holidays approach.

And lots of arts and entertainment!

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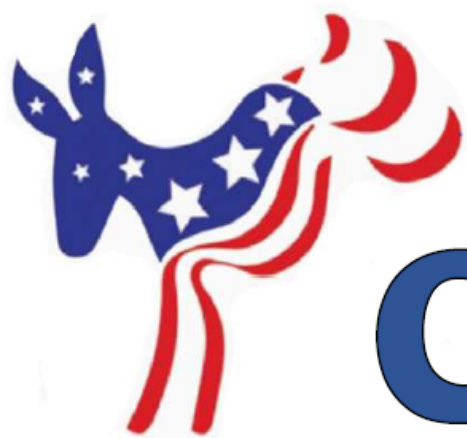


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J&P's Meet the Candidates forum

Darren Johnson
Journal & Press

This newspaper hosted a Meet the Candidates night in the Greenwich High School auditorium on Oct. 12; however, after our last edition's press time, local Republicans announced they would not attend for two reasons:

First, as the GOP said in an Oct. 6 statement from supervisor candidate and party chair Don Ward, they felt that last year, when the Democratic highway candidate declined a debate, the local Democratic Party wasn't playing fair. Second, Ward, who was the incumbent supervisor in 2021, felt that a Zoom debate sponsored by this newspaper with Jim Nolan (who narrowly won that year's election and is running this year to keep his seat) was a surprise he wasn't prepared for.

In that vein, this newspaper found the original 2021 email invite (this was during the peak of the pandemic) and it was clearly being sent to both Ward and Nolan with both names in the "to" field and debate parameters laid out (number of minutes for intros, closing statement, etc.) in the body of the email. The resulting coverage can be found on journalandpress.com, and the debate is very evenly reported. That said, the word "you" could be both plural or singular, and if one candidate or the other didn't look at the email closely enough, he may assume it was a one-on-one with a reporter. Mistakes happen.

After the GOP declined this year's event, this paper invited County Clerk candidates to attend. Stephanie Cronin, an incumbent who was snubbed by her own Republican Party this year, is instead running on an independent line. Her opponent, Lisa Boyce, did not respond to an invitation sent to her campaign email address. This newspaper will try to track down candidates who did not respond for our next issue.

The Oct. 12 Meet the Candidates wasn't heavily promoted after it was obvious only one party would attend, so, unlike a school board debate we hosted a couple of years ago, this one did not attract a large audience. About 40 people attended.

On stage were: Incumbent Greenwich Town Supervisor Jim Nolan, seeking his second two-year term; Incumbent Town Board member Pat Donahue, seeking his second four-year term; new Town Board candidate Reed Anderson, and incumbent Washington County Clerk Stephanie Cronin, who is running on a self-created line titled ESCAPE.

(Along with Ward and Boyce, Republicans are also running incumbent Jeff Duxbury and Dawn Sharts, both for town board. Their website is www.good4greenwich.com.)

Here is the transcript from the event, edited for space and clarity. To see the video, scan the QR code on this page with your smart phone, or go to JournalandPress.com. Election Day is Nov. 7.

JOURNAL & PRESS: *Let's start with Stephanie Cronin, who is running on an independent line. Tell us about that and why you are running?*

CRONIN: My predecessor gave me the name ESCAPE. It stands for Elect Stephanie Cronin, Advocate, Personable, Experience.

I decided to stay with it. I did, in terms of getting the signatures, was lucky enough to be endorsed by the Democratic Party, who also carried and helped me push through to get the signatures that I needed. And I'm very thankful for that. And in the county clerk's office for the 18 years that I have worked at the county, eight of them have been as county clerk, four as deputy. The other six was the time of training for the position. I started at the bottom level coming as an account clerk and I worked. There's many challenges, many avenues that



(L-R) Greenwich town council candidates Pat Donahue and Reed Anderson, supervisor Jim Nolan and county clerk Stephanie Cronin.

you need to learn at the clerk's office. And it's not just the clerk's office that I oversee. I oversee a total of five offices. In the county, I oversee the DMV office, the clerk's office, the archivist, the historian and the Supreme and County Court.

It is a full-time position. I do not sit at a desk. I greet people if I need to, if we're shorthanded, in DMV. ... But I love what I do. I love working here. My whole family was raised here.

JOURNAL & PRESS: *Jim Nolan, opening statement...*

NOLAN: I was a business professor, full time business professor, for 40 years at Siena College in Business Analytics and Computer Science. And for 35 plus years, I've given back to my community in many different service capacities.

I started out as a little league coach. I ran for the school board in a community that I lived in at age 28. I was elected, and two years later I was reelected. ... I've served on the board of directors of Sunnyvale Rehabilitation Hospital for ten years.

Since I've been in Greenwich, I've served as a member of the Greenwich Free Library Board several years as president. I've served as a member of the Greenwich Schools' Board of Education. Again, several years and two as president.

I currently serve on the SUNY Adirondack Board, which is very well connected to Greenwich in that SUNY Adirondack is supported financially by Washington and Warren County and Greenwich taxpayers. ...

A little over two years ago, people approached me and asked me if I would run for town supervisor. For 30 years, I was a registered Republican. And for 15 years, I've been a registered Democrat. So you might say to yourself, why did you change parties?

To be honest with you, I'm not a politician, and I'm not a hardcore political person. The reason I was a registered in the party is because in the communities I lived in, the majority party was the one I signed up for so that I could have a say in who the candidates were during selection. Because I vote for the best candidate, regardless of political party, and I still do that.

When they asked me to run, I thought about, can I bring my experience, my years of experience to the next vote. So I did. As an educator, and having done a lot of strategic planning for my college, and all the service that I've pro-

vided to the community, including Greenwich, could I bring that into play to make Greenwich a better place?

And I decided I thought I could. So I ran. And I did win. So what has happened in the almost two years since I've been Greenwich Town Supervisor? Well, we, and I say *we*, I want you to listen very, very carefully because it's not me, it's "we," it's the other town board members, it's all the volunteers on our planning and zoning board, the board of assessment review, it's all the people that come to our meetings and so on, it's the people that serve on our special committees, we've accomplished a lot because I'm a doer, I'm a man of action, I'm someone who wants to get things done, And when I get out there, it's not what I want, it's what the public wants.

JOURNAL & PRESS: *Reed Anderson...*

ANDERSON: My name is Reed Anderson, and I was born here in Greenwich. Many of you know my parents, Mark and Debbie. I went to Greenwich Central School I went to school in this building, and I graduated here from here in 2001. I think it's an important part of my story that at 18 years old, I wanted to get out of Greenwich.

It was at the top of my priority list, and I did that by studying abroad my freshman year. After that I moved to Westchester, and then the Catskills, and ultimately my wife Joan and I [moved back] ... in 2012. ... It's been one of the best decisions we ever made. I have family here, as I said. My parents own a home in the town. My brothers both own homes in the village. They are owner operators, along with my father at the Trevett Millworks. And I have two children, 8 and 10 years old, who attend Greenwich Central School.

Coming into the building tonight, my son was playing a soccer game, just on the fields out in front. And typically when that's happening, I'm out there coaching. I love coaching. I've been doing it since both of my kids were little because I'm not someone who wants to stand on the sidelines and just watch if things happen.

When I see things like sports programs or group activities, and when I get approached by the town council, I decide I want to be a part of it. I want to be a contributor. I'm part of the solution. And so I am new to this. This is not something that was at the front of my mind a year ago. The last six months have been an incredible learning experience.

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Win two 'Tomatoes' tix!

Write a funny caption for this photo and be in the running for two tickets to "A Bad Year for Tomatoes," which features the actor seen here (Brian Haynes as Piney).

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When I'm at the Little League, in the soccer fields, and parks, towns, and I see all of my peers and the people in my demographic with kids, I'm having conversations with them now that I never had before, about the kinds of services, what things they're looking for out of the Town Council and out of the Village of Greenwich.

And I've really enjoyed that. ... It's a new experience and I get to be a contributor, and I get to be involved.

JOURNAL & PRESS: *Pat Donahue...*

DONAHUE: Thank you for coming. I really appreciate it. My name's Pat Donahue. I'm married to my wife, Lisa. And daughter Sarah, we've lived here since 1985. I've been a volunteer firefighter for 49 years. I still serve in the Cossayuna Fire Department. I'm a veteran. I was an infantry rifleman squad leader. ... I'm a member of Comfort Food.

JOURNAL & PRESS (reading questions sent in from readers): *Stephanie, if you want to chime in too, I think some of these I could apply to as well, and it might be interesting to hear your perspective. Let's try to keep it to about a minute, minute and a half. Here's one that came in, and so Stephanie, you can swap out "town" and make it "county."*

Name three priority activities you feel the town board Or, you know, the county, should focus on in the next two years.

CRONIN: So my main focus is looking for additional revenue that I can bring into the county. And to continue the project that I have started with getting our county, town, and villages all on one digitized network. ...

What we can to secure the documents that we need in our county for lifelong preservation.

JOURNAL & PRESS: *Jim, three things that you would like to see the town focus on.*

NOLAN: Sure. In 2004, the town developed a comprehensive plan. And that plan was in serious need of updating.

So for the last year, we've been working very,



very hard. to develop a new comprehensive plan in collaboration with the village. And that comprehensive plan has been developed with a huge amount of public input, input from high school students here and several public meetings. That plan will be discussed at a public hearing and voted on this coming Monday, October 16th.

I use that as a lead into the [area's] priorities. Because that new comprehensive plan contains a vision of the future of Greenwich that was developed for all of these constituencies. And in that plan, it lists a lot of priorities. So let me tell you the three that I think are most important.

First of all, senior housing. We heard from so many seniors that said that when they want to downsize, There's not enough housing, or not enough suitable housing, for the seniors to stay in Greenwich. I personally know people who have come in and talked to me about this. They had to move to Saratoga or to Latham or to somewhere else because we don't have it.

So that's one thing. A second thing is to increase the economic activity of both the town and village. And for the town, the priority is to do it in our commercial district out on [Route] 29, and continue that out to Middle Falls and out to Route 40 to Route 77. From talking with businesspeople and prospective developers, the only way that can happen is if we bring the water out there.

What we're doing with the Comprehensive Plan, and also with a ... development grant ... that we're working on now, is to investigate all the zoning changes we have to make, and implement them, investigate bringing water out in conjunction with the village, what it will cost, and so on.

The third priority that came out loud and clear is that people believe that Greenwich, a big part of living here in Greenwich, and this being a great community, are parks and recreation. We are very fortunate in Greenwich that we have two parks. One is on the Battenkill

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Bald Mt. history talk

On Sunday, October 29, at 1:00pm participants will travel back in time to look at the lost industry of Bald Mountain and the man who made the hamlet into a thriving, industrious community, Robert Lowber. Lime was a thriving industry in the early to mid-nineteenth century. Though already in production and use in Bald Mountain, it wasn't until Robert Lowber purchased the kilns that the hamlet became a bustling hub. Patrons are invited to this event hosted by Sandy McReynolds, Ken Perry, and KC Scott to learn more about the history of this industry in our local area.

The lime industry began in Bald Mountain as early as 1790, but did not become a major concern until Robert W. Lowber purchased the activity area and a large portion of the adjoining property.

An enterprising and forceful personality, Mr. Lowber was an early captain of industry in the Greenwich area, developing a community in Bald Mountain that would promote the lime industry, which became notable for its high quality product. To do so, he built about 60 tenement dwellings for his employees, a sawmill, cooper and blacksmith shops for constructing the houses, the barrels that transported the lime, and care of the horses that would haul the finished product down to the original Champlain Canal. In order to complete this self-sufficient business, he also built a 3-mile road down to the canal, where he kept a warehouse and dock for canal boats.

For two decades, this area was a beehive of activity, but was sold in 1873 to a Glens Falls firm that kept only one of the eleven kilns Lowber had constructed. The community soon dissolved, and many of the houses were moved intact to Thomson and Clark's Mills. While it continued as an agricultural area, some of the vestiges of its previous industry still remain.

Candidate forum (cont.)

River, and the other is on the Hudson River.

And what we want to do is to further develop those parks, so that they offer easier access, more amenable services, and people can use them, and market them better.

DONAHUE: The comprehensive plan, that's very important for our future. My next priority would be what they call LOSAP. It's Length of Service Awards Program for [firefighters]. We will see if we can get some sort of, it's not really a retirement, but after firefighters [retire], they would get a small thing per month, maybe a hundred dollars. We did do the 10 percent tax break for the firefighters. ... Also the pursuit grants for our town hall building. Such a beautiful building. We need to put heating systems in it, insulation. And just update our building.

JOURNAL & PRESS: *What are two features that you value most about Greenwich? And how will you support and retain them?*

DONAHUE: I would say the people. The volunteers. Whether through the fire department, food pantry, youth programs. We're very fortunate to have all the people. It's just great that we have these services.

The next thing I would have to say is the schools. My daughter graduated from Greenwich School. She went to the University of New Haven, she got her Master's Degree in Forensic Science, and now is working for the New York State Police as a Forensic Scientist. But I would have to say the education that she got here is what centers to that.

ANDERSON: One of the features I love most is the youth programs that are already in place. I guess my children participate in the Lego Club and the reading challenges at the library. My son seems to be playing chess on my phone sometimes with friends, and he asked about it. We started learning how to play chess. He went to the librarian and asked if he could start a chess club, and now he has a chess club there every single Monday. To be able to have that is, for an eight-year-old to form his own chess club and have a space to do that is just, is amazing. ... The other thing I think is, that I love about Greenwich, and I think what makes it really special, is we have a community that really turns out. When I first heard about the Tractor Parade, I was kind of skeptical. Like, a couple of tractors rolling down Main Street. But when I show people who aren't from Greenwich or haven't seen the Tractor Parade, just the sheer scale of this thing, and I mean, it's a massive event.

NOLAN: I too ... love ... the people. And when my wife and I first moved here we went out to go to work in the morning, and we were carpooling, and we saw children walking to school. Sometimes it was an older brother with a younger sister, and we looked at ourselves and we said, Norman Rockwell.

So my first item that I'll bring up is the walkability that we have in this community. Unfortunately, it doesn't extend far enough to some of the places that people do want to go. As a town, we were able to work with the village – and that's the secret by the way – to success is collaboration.

And we work with the village to obtain a grant to study both pedestrian and bicycle traffic lanes that would extend walkability in both the village and town.

Again, when you talk about the institutions in this community, the schools, the library, the first responder organizations and so on, they're all made up of people who are so dedicated and make this community such a great place to live.

So supporting them in every way we can. I support them by volunteering and being on their boards. And now as a town supervisor and working with the town board, we support them in every which way. Not just financially,

but by collaboration. Doing collaborative activities. The Greenwich Youth Organization, Comfort Food. It's what makes this community a great community. Collaborating and working and helping in any way to leverage what we have to make things even better.

JOURNAL & PRESS: *What are two features about Greenwich (or, for Cronin, the County) that you would improve if you could?*

CRONIN: New York! ... We have come up against many challenges over the last couple of years on decisions that are being made from Albany. Trying to balance the everyday workload as well as keeping up with the challenges, challenges and changes, that are coming on a regular basis. If they could just be spread out a little bit, that would be wonderful.

And if we could get more of our residents out, our younger people out to become employees of the county. There's been a lot of changes with the retirement and different changes along that way. And it is a struggle to find help. ... If we can bring it to the schools, educate the kids at the schools more on the opportunities that are available at the county for jobs, for kids that don't, you know, aren't college oriented there are opportunities for them.

JOURNAL & PRESS: *Jim, two things to fix...*

NOLAN: I think we need to bring more people into both the village and town of Greenwich, from outside of Greenwich. So how do we do that? Well, walkability is one thing, but also destination. We have a number of really good businesses in Greenwich. We really could use more. In order to do that, we have to have the infrastructure to do that.

The village is working very hard and has gotten some significant grants to improve its water system. The town is looking at extending the water system, working with the village, out to Route 29. So that we can bring additional

'Do we want those state tax dollars to go to Albany, to Syracuse?'

businesses that would bring people into Greenwich and have them use our restaurants, our pubs, our brew pubs, and so on.

The second thing is, I think our parks can not only serve as a destination for people in Greenwich, but for people outside of Greenwich. Hudson Crossing Park in Schuylerville, Northumberland, had 25,000 people visit it in 2022. I think our parks, when developed, can start approaching those numbers with activities that are being held there, just like Hudson Crossing Park does.

And those people that come to those parks and do those activities, whatever they may be, they'll come into Greenwich, and they'll use our restaurants, they'll go to our stores, they'll visit our library. ...

ANDERSON: To, I guess, piggyback a bit along what Jim was saying, to improve the appeal and draw to our businesses here in Greenwich. I grew up in a house where my dad ran a ran a business, a small business, that was largely themselves, now my dad and my brothers. And I feel like when I'm looking for professional services here locally, sometimes it can be difficult. ... I would like to talk to the people who are running those types of businesses here in town and see what can be done to bring more attention or more assistance to them. There's so many of these small businesses that employ

people here locally. Working more, understanding what their needs are and what the barriers might be to residents here in Greenwich. The less people would have to go to Saratoga for any kind of professional service, and the more that we can keep that here.

DONAHUE: Okay, two features to improve, I would say senior housing would be first. Okay. And then the next is why this comprehensive plan is so important. To plan for our future.

JOURNAL & PRESS: *What would you say senior housing is?*

NOLAN: Senior housing is seniors who want to downsize first of all. They're selling their home. They want to move into a community that is supportive and is near things like grocery stores, drug stores, and so on. Senior housing is a smaller, either condo or apartment-like setting. Usually with other seniors, similar age and so on. Perhaps community rooms built into the complex. ... We have developers for large pieces of land that are willing to build those type of communities if there's water out there.

JOURNAL & PRESS: *It seems like there's a little bit of chatter out there about the grant process, and hey, you know, grants are not free money, but they have a cost to them. So what are your views on grants in general?*

CRONIN: Now that I know how to write them, I love them. The county clerk's office has been awarded \$330,000 in grants to digitize records. We are doing county, town, village, a police department who was in desperate need of digitizing their records.

It allows us to preserve those records. It allows us to protect those records due to the fact that vital records have to be kept indefinitely. And they're supposed to be secured, wrapped, not touched unless you have white gloves. Years ago they were put on microfilm; and we don't have the machines anymore, so they're going back to these books.

That does not make my heart this very happy. So now we are able to digitize those records. We are storing the books at the county because we are digitizing the county records as well. And it's opening up more room for the towns and villages as well as for the county so we can be securing those records.

NOLAN: If you want to pursue things that are good for the community, you can't always go to the town's citizens and say, we need to raise the tax rate so that we can do this and do that.

You can't keep doing that. Grants are a way of leveraging money in order to make improvements in your community that don't fall as a burden on the town taxpayer. Grants can be obtained from the state, from the federal government, and from foundations. One thing I hear about grants as a criticism is, "Oh, you say we're not using town tax dollars, but you really are using our tax dollars because you got a state grant, and we pay state tax."

But there's an easy answer to that. We do all pay state taxes. Do we want those state tax dollars to go to Albany, to Syracuse, to Schuylerville? No, we want them to go to Greenwich, right? And we're bringing those tax dollars back into Greenwich to make accomplishments that otherwise couldn't be done.

Finally, the other thing about grants is collaboration. We have worked very closely from day one, since I became supervisor, with Mayor Pam Fuller and the village. And we've applied for several grants, and we've been very successful in getting those grants. And in response from the granting agency, they almost always say, what we liked most about your application was inter-municipal cooperation.

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Candidates found a way to stay positive

To the Editor:

Thanks to the Journal & Press for hosting the Candidates Night at the Greenwich high school last Thursday. Although it's unfortunate the Republican candidates declined the invitation, it was interesting and informative to hear the other candidates express their views on topics affecting us now and looking ahead for the future.

One thing that struck me about the tenor of the evening was the positivity of each candidate's responses. In addition to their commitment to working with a Comprehensive Plan for the future of our community, all of the candidates have goals they are particularly committed to; improving infrastructure to develop the Rt. 40 corridor for businesses, senior living and affordable housing, programs for youth, strengthening fire and emergency services, community events and recreational opportunities, keeping our tax rates in control and collaborating with the village to achieve these goals.

It was noted that all candidates running for town council/supervisor have the same motivation for running; interest in the welfare and future of our town and its residents. The difference is in how they go about getting there. With an eye on some of the awful antics going on at the federal level these days, I found it encouraging to hear the civil, thoughtful, informed and collaborative insights by these candidates. It is disheartening to see some of the false information, accusations, and even fake "citizens" venting on social media to cast a negative light on their opponents.

We can do better. Please take time to do some research and learn what is real and what is just inflammatory rhetoric. Encourage everyone to be voters! I believe supporting the candidates for Town Council, Pat Donahue and Reed Anderson, Deborah Tjark for Clerk and Jim Nolan for Town Supervisor, will be in the best interest for all of us.

Sincerely,

Debbie Anderson

Greenwich

Dem Visionary Plan Backfires

To the Editor:

In their never-ending quest for grants to cover budget shortfalls, Village Mayor Pam Fuller and Town Supervisor Jim Nolan, have created an entanglement for Village and Town 98 property owners. Those 98 properties have been so designated, could be contaminated by hazardous materials and are now classified as Level 2 or 3 potential brownfields.

Unfortunately, those properties were designated as potential brownfields by a consulting firm hired by the Village and Town, LaBella Engineering Firm, for the purpose of submitting a grant request.

The majority of the 98 Level 2 and 3 potential brownfield properties are located in the heart of the Village's downtown business district. About 60 properties located in the downtown district, with approximately 40 designated as potential Level 2 or 3 brownfields.

Only a handful of the 40 downtown properties are not occupied by businesses, or apartment dwellers. The same can be said about the other 38 Village and Town designated brownfield properties. Of the 98 properties designated as Level 2 or 3, less than 10 are totally vacant, abandoned with a few that are underutilized.

What happens now? According to the Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA) study, and the Mayor and Town Supervisor, there is little or no impact of the brownfield designation unless

the owner decides to redevelop, and/or involves ground disturbance. Regrettably, a person who had wanted to purchase a Village business/property that is listed as a potential brownfield in the BOA report, was denied bank funding for the purchase until the purchaser completes an environmental inspection that could cost as much as \$15,000 to complete. AND, there is NO redevelopment or ground disturbance involved!

What are the unintended consequences and the impact on property owners, businesses, and apartment dwellers living, or working in the Level 2 or 3 potential brownfield buildings? What are the potential toxic contaminants that may be of concern or the reasons why LaBella decided to include so many properties in the BOA study?

Now what? How will Mayor Fuller and Supervisor Nolan explain why it was necessary to have 98 Village and Town properties designated as potential Level 2 or 3 brownfields? What is your plan to help your potential brownfield property owners and occupants?

So much for their revitalization plan!

Morgan Snyder

Greenwich

Member of the Greenwich Planning Board

Vote for My Brother

To the Editor:

As a proud sibling, I am compelled to write this letter in strong support of my remarkable brother's candidacy for reelection to the Greenwich town board.

I am lucky to have known Pat Donahue for my entire life. I am the youngest of five children, Pat is the next oldest and there is a decade between us. While I will point out I am a few inches taller, he remains my "big brother." That was a terrific vantage point because he is someone I have always looked up to.

While his friends were playing after-school sports or, perhaps, not doing anything – Pat could be found in the volunteer fire department. He wanted to serve and respond.

After some minor infraction, my parents once grounded Pat and told him he was not to leave the house. That included going to the fire station. Pat responded, "So you're punishing me by letting someone else's house burn down?" Our mother quickly relented.

After graduating high school, he came home one day and announced he had joined the United States Marine Corps. We all asked him why. He declared, "I need discipline...and want to serve my country." How could you not look up to those ideals?

While none of the Donahue boys would have pegged Pat for going into politics, it makes great sense. It is the perfect opportunity to serve the community in a larger way, share his skills as a manager, and lend to our community what he has in abundance – common sense.

Pat takes complex problems, bureaucratic nonsense, and obstacles and turns them quickly in his mind as if a Rubik's cube until the solutions are solid blocks of color, allowing him to forge ahead, clearing the way for us to see the palette of possibilities.

We meet every Sunday for a beer at the Argyle Brewery. Our conversations so often focus on Pat's plans to work with the board to improve our community and make it a better place. Maybe searching for new or additional services for the town or the fire department, developing a program to provide toys to children in need, or working tirelessly for the men and women, who like he did, served our nation.

I write this piece to let you know good people exist in our world. They work among us. They don't look for the spotlight – they look for ways to serve and to make us all stronger by working together.

Other than giving me an inferiority complex, Pat Donahue has been a perfect role model by providing me with a road map to being a better human – as he has done for the many, many lives he has touched.

I wish I could vote for him (I live in the town of Jackson,) but you can, and I hope you will.

Joe Donahue

Jackson

Vote for the GOP Slate

To the Editor:

As a concerned resident of the town of Greenwich, we have to make a change to our town board, a change for the better. We, meaning everyone of us who lives and pays taxes in our wonderful town, must make the right choice. We have to bring back common sense solutions in government. Our leadership must:

- Stop wasteful spending and manage our town with the same care we use in our own households and businesses.
- Act with honesty and due diligence on all town matters.
- Adhere to the budget and not depend on grants.
- Support the first responders, our seniors, and our youth programs, as they are the heartbeat of our town.
- Maintain our small town, country charm and beauty as that is what brought so many of us to the town we love.

On Election Day, November 7th, I encourage you to make the right choice when you vote. With their common sense solutions, experience and leadership, Don Ward, Jeff Duxbury, and Dawn Sharts is the right choice for Greenwich.

Sincerely,

Tom Thomas

Greenwich

Open and Honest

To the Editor:

I attended the candidates' forum at Greenwich High School on Thursday evening (10/12/2023) and several things gave me pause. The first was that although invited, none of the Republican or Commonsense candidates were there. Not showing up for an event designed to let voters know what you stand for is a questionable practice when running for office. Getting out and meeting voters is an essential part of that process and this event, which was very well run and moderated, would have been a great way to do that.

The second thing was that when Supervisor Jim Nolan summed up at the end, after discussing the grants that the Town had successfully applied for and received, he noted that they had been able to increase funding in several key areas. This funding allowed the Town to move forward with work on parks, address issues involving senior services, and maintain all current funding levels without raising taxes. In this time of inflation and with the price of everything going up, it is refreshing to see that the Town Council and Supervisor have had the resourcefulness and management skills to access funding for the Town without coming to

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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the taxpayers with their hands out. Talk about common sense. I know who gets my vote! Be a voter! On November 7, cast your vote for Nolan, Donahue, Anderson, and Tjarks!

Richie Bittner

Greenwich

Vote Row D for County Clerk

To the Editor:

I am very concerned with what took place in the selection of our County Clerk by the Washington County Republican Committee. Stephanie Cronin, our longtime incumbent County

Clerk, was not endorsed which came as a complete surprise to many of us. All I will say in this regard at this time is that revenge and retaliation have no place in our electoral system. Stephanie is running as an independent on November 7.

Our County Clerk must be a professional, knowledgeable and experienced person. Stephanie Cronin is such a person. There are many responsibilities and functions of the County Clerk. Among the many duties is being the clerk for all civil proceedings instituted in the County Court as well as the Supreme Court. During my 24 years as the Washington County Judge I have had regular contact with our various County Clerks. The County Clerk sets overall policy for our motor vehicle department. Many of you have your deeds and mortgages and other documents and confidential papers recorded and filed and kept secure by the County Clerk's Office. I could continue to enumerate so many more duties but am limited in space. Stephanie Cronin has served in the County Clerk's Office for 18 years and during this time four years has been the Deputy County Clerk and for the past 8 years our County Clerk having successfully run twice for four-year terms and I should note each time was endorsed by our Republican Committee. She is very conscientious and works very hard. I fully support Stephanie Cronin without any reservations whatsoever and urge you to vote for her on November 7. You will find her listed on the Row D Independent Party line under the Escape Party which is the fourth and last party line down on the ballot.

Philip A. Berke

Granville

Retired Town Judge, District Attorney, County Judge and State Judicial Hearing Officer

False Equivalency

To the Editor:

Thank you J&P for the Meet the Candidates event at the Greenwich High School. It is unfortunate that no Republican candidates availed themselves of this opportunity. Introducing the event, Editor Johnson noted that the opportunity to participate had been fairly offered to all candidates. By way of explanation for their decision to decline, the Republicans noted that a main reason was that one year ago, then candidate for Highway Superintendent Stan Matison had declined a debate with his opponent.

That is true, but it is also a false equivalency. As I noted in a letter to the editor at the time, "I was in the room when [Stan] considered the offer and he noted that he is not a politician and did not see how appearing on a stage and debating would show voters how he would do the Highway job. I supported Stan's decision then and applaud it now. Debates are useful for politicians to demonstrate how they will use their verbal skills to influence policy. That is not a part of the job Stan is applying for." (J&P,

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Voters were satisfied with Stan's qualifications and experience, the appropriate factors by which to make their hiring decision and elected him.

Policy is the entire job for which candidates for Supervisor and Town Council are applying. Their vision for the future of Greenwich, how they think, reason, and apply law and policy to govern is on display in situations like the Meet the Candidates event. Voters were unfortunately left to wonder how the Republican slate might have responded to the important policy-driven questions Greenwich residents submitted. Leaving voters in the dark does not seem to me to be a very good demonstration of qualifications to do the job.

Respectfully,

Alan Stern

Greenwich

Chair, Washington County Democratic Committee

Jill for Hebron Council

To the Editor:

I am voting for Jill Nadolski for reelection to the Hebron Town Council and if you live in Hebron, I think you would be well served to vote for her too. Jill moved to Hebron, fell in love with its beauty and charm, and decided to give back to the community by running for office. She has the drive, gumption and energy it takes to do a good job for the people of Hebron, and has proven herself to be a careful listener, a tireless researcher, and a good steward of our taxpayer dollars. Jill has gone after and secured grants, brought new ideas and a fresh take on things, all while working well with the other members of the board. If you want to see more about her in detail, check out <https://www.hebronunited.com>.

I'm a little embarrassed to say that for years I was hardly aware there was a town council, even though I live just up the street from where they meet! Hebron was, and is, a rural, extremely quiet town. We don't have a central business district, we don't have stores, restaurants, gas stations...we don't even have a traffic light. I agree with what I have heard many of my neighbors say at board meetings: We love Hebron the way it is and we don't want it to change. But I'm wise enough to realize that sticking our heads in the sand and hoping change passes us by will not protect us from it. The world is changing all around us, and quickly. Failing to plan means you are planning to fail, as they say. Jill has worked hard to help Hebron plan for the future by reaching out and gathering as much input as possible from her fellow Hebronites about how that future should look, and she would always welcome more. Are we just lucky to have had her valuable skills benefiting our town for the past few years, or are we just smart enough to recognize talent and dedication when we see it? Maybe a little of both. Let's be smart enough to keep her working for us. Vote Jill Nadolski for Hebron Town Council on November 7th!

Tanya Goldstein

Hebron

Re-Elect the Current Clerk

To the Editor:

Wait, what??

Stephanie (formerly Lemery) Cronin has worked in the Washington County Clerk's office for 18 years. She was elected twice to be the County Clerk, this being her eighth year in that office. Stephanie

has so much experience overseeing five departments that it should be a no-brainer for her to be supported to continue in that role.

Imagine everyone's surprise when the Republican nominee turned out to be a person with absolutely no experience in the County Clerk's office.

Much has already been said about Stephanie Cronin's experience. Much has already been written about her pursuit on behalf of Washington County of grants and reimbursable funds to the tune of \$330,000. Much has already been written about Stephanie's desire to continue to improve practices to streamline the business of the County Clerk's office.

But nothing has been said or written, at least to my knowledge, about the salary of the County Clerk. It's a good one, and it should be! The responsibilities of the County Clerk cover not only that department, but also DMV, the County Archives, the County Courts, and the County Historian's Office.

It is my understanding that Stephanie Cronin's opponent's experience is in an important and honorable profession. However, that experience has nothing to do with the operation of the County Clerk's very large domain.

The choice is simple. Do the taxpayers of Washington County want to pay the same salary for an on-the-job apprenticeship for an inexperienced novice? Or pay the salary to someone with 18 years' experience in the very office of which she is currently, and competently, the administrator?

Are you fiscally responsible? Do you prefer long-time experience along with impeccable qualifications? Do you expect the County Clerk's office to continue to run smoothly? If you answer yes to any of these, then your choice is simple: Vote for Stephanie Cronin on the ESCAPE line on November 7. Stephanie deserves your vote, and Washington County deserves Stephanie Cronin.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Stern

Greenwich

Chair Greenwich Democratic Committee



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Argyle town board meeting notes

Robin Lyle
Journal & Press

The Argyle Town Board met Wednesday, October 11th at 7:00 p.m. Present were town officers: Supervisor Bob Henke; Councilmembers Kevin Hayes, Scott Lufkin, Steve Bonhote, and Patrick Sullivan; Clerk Shelley McKernon; Highway Superintendent Mark St. Jacques; Bookkeeper Rebecca Brown; Town Historian Michelle Bromley; and, Youth Board Treasurer Matt Jones. Also in attendance were three residents.

The town budget was a major topic of discussion with preparations underway to have a proposed 2024 budget completed before the next monthly meeting. Some budget proposal highlights include:

A balance of \$160,576 remains from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. The board discussed retrofitting the entrance and bathroom at the Town Hall for wheelchair accessibility and installing a new septic system.

Buying a 2024 International truck with plow for \$298,801. Councilmember Hayes explained a budget mechanism in which money is set aside each year to be used for anticipated future large equipment purchases. New equipment will be kept and maintained for ten years and then sold. The gains from that sale will be used to offset the costs of a replacement. This allows the town to have reliable equipment, and funds available when needed. The board

wants to purchase an excavator next year and a loader the following year.

A 2-4% increase in funding for the J.A. Barkley and Cossayuna Fire Departments.

An across-the-board wage increase for town employees of 2%. Exceptions were proposed for the deputy town clerk to be commensurate with the court clerk. The bookkeeper also requested a larger increase.

The Youth Fund exceeded an expected donation amount of \$2,000, actually garnering \$18,000. Part of the windfall came from ARPA funding along with fundraising efforts for a pavilion.

A budget workshop was scheduled for 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 18th at Town Hall and a public hearing will be held at the November Town Board monthly meeting.

Highway Superintendent St. Jacques reported on talks with Ft. Edward to purchase a bucket truck together for hanging flags and banners and taking down trees. A used one is available for \$40,000. Currently, the department borrows a truck from Kingsbury when needed. Councilman Hayes asked about the possibility of adding a third town to the partnership and Councilman Lufkin stated that it may be better to rent one when needed.

St. Jacques attended the convention of the NY Association of Highway Superintendents and a Salt Summit meeting at Lake George

where he had “some great discussions on brine and truck sander calibration.” He will ask his department to track salt and sand use this winter to help understand whether the use of brine should be pursued by the town.

The Town Historian, Michelle Bromley, updated the board on her research into banners honoring Argyle veterans, avenues to display and encourage residents to interact with local historical materials, an “Argyle History Day” at the high school, and conducting oral histories. She recommended the Skenesborough Museum in Whitehall as an example of how town artifacts could be presented.

Matt Jones, Youth Board, recommended that the town purchase an AED (automated external defibrillator) for the recreational fields after a recent incident. The board discussed purchasing AEDs for the Highway and Town Hall as well. Local resident, Joanne Wolcott, recommended that the town also consider “Stop the Bleed” kits as having even more life saving potential than AEDs and to consider having NARCAN available to treat opiate overdoses which are at record levels.

The next monthly meeting of the town board will take place on November 8th at 7:00 p.m. Scheduled during that meeting is opening of oil bids at 7:01 p.m., a public hearing on the 2024 budget at 7:05 p.m., and a public hearing on a local law to override the tax levy cap at 7:10 p.m. Meetings are always open to the public.

Thanksgiving 5K returns

The Cambridge Thanksgiving Turkey Trot 5K will be returning for a second year this Thanksgiving! After a great turnout in its inaugural running last year, the race will be back for another morning of fun, community fellowship, and exercise.

The race is open to both runners and walkers. Beginning at Coila Church on State Route 372 the race course takes participants down main street of the historic village of Cambridge before looping back to end at the church. The flat course is sure to offer runners a chance to run a fast time and walkers the chance to have a good time on Thanksgiving morning.

All participants will receive a Turkey Trot T-shirt and finishers will have the chance to take home prizes from some of your favorite local businesses!

The race takes off at 8:30 A.M. Thanksgiving

morning, Thursday, November 23, 2023. Race registration is \$25. Proceeds from registration fees are donated to a local organization each year, and this year’s recipient will be the Cambridge Valley Rescue Squad.

Registration and more information can be found at <https://runsignup.com/Race/NY/Cambridge/CoilaChurchThanksgiving5K>.



Turkey sale

The Cambridge Food Co-op is now offering locally-raised turkeys to all customers for the Thanksgiving holiday. Shoppers are able to place orders for Stonewood Farm whole turkeys and/or breasts until November 1, 2023. Stonewood Farm poultry are raised just up Route 22A in Addison County, Vermont. For pricing and information please visit the Co-op’s website (www.cambridgefoodcoop.com) or call the store (518)-677-5731.

The Cambridge Food Co-op is a community-owned grocery store that sells local, natural, and organic produce and meat, wellness products, and more. It’s been on Main Street in Cambridge for 45 years! The Co-op is located at 1 West Main St., Cambridge. www.cambridgefoodcoop.com.

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.

Cambridge plays



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.

Congrats!

The Greenwich Teachers’ Association (GTA) presented Maddy Brophy, a 2020 GCS graduate, with a \$500 stipend. Maddy will be student teaching this Spring at Greenwich Central School. She is obtaining her Bachelors in Elementary Education from SUNY Oneonta. Maddy has also been substituting at GCS during the spring semesters and has been assistant coaching the tennis team this Fall.



A ‘Scarry’ costume

The Greenwich Free Library, Em’s Art Shack and The Greenwich Youth Center are inviting all ages to make their own Halloween costume on Saturday the 21st, 1-4 p.m., and then march in the Halloween parade on October 29th. Costumes will be based off of “Richard Scarry’s Cars and Trucks and Things That Go.” Materials will be provided but patrons are also encouraged to bring their own. No registration is required but materials will be available while supplies last.

Guests are asked to bring a non-perishable food item to donate to Comfort Food, if they are able. More info? Call 518-692-7157.

Two shows, in time for Halloween

Fort Salem Theater will offer two seasonally inspired events to celebrate the Halloween season. Prepare for a series of spine-tingling entertainment with “The Rocky Horror Show” and “Whispering Bones | Ghost Stories” this month.

“The Rocky Horror Show,” running October 20-31, 2023, brings the cult classic story LIVE to the stage with songs like “The Time Warp,” “Damn it Janet,” and “Touch-A-Touch Me.” The hilarious (and adult-themed) hit musical centers around sweethearts Brad and Janet, who stumble upon the eerie mansion of Dr. Frank-N-Furter, leading to a night of wild encounters and electrifying performances.

Times: Friday, October 20 at 7:30PM, Saturday, October 21 at 7:30PM and MIDNIGHT, Friday, October 27 at 7:30PM, Saturday, October 28 at 7:30PM, and Tuesday, October 31 at 7:30PM.

“Whispering Bones | Ghost Stories” takes over the venue’s Cabaret



A scene from “Rocky Horror”

Room for one-night-only on Sunday, October 29, 2023 at 7:30PM.

Tickets for both shows are on sale now and can be purchased online at www.FortSalem.com or by calling 518-854-9200.

Jack-o-lanterns

Join Hudson Crossing Park for the third annual Jack-o-Lantern Trail Walk on Saturday, October 28, 2023 at Hudson Crossing Park.

Festive, fall family-friendly fun will get everyone in the Halloween spirit. Lit Jack-o-Lanterns will line Hudson Crossing Park’s Sensory Trail, leading visitors along the river trail for this special Halloween twilight adventure from 5-6pm. Fun activities will also be happening for all ages, including a Person & Pet Costume Parade at 5pm, dance performances by the Witches Walk of Southern Saratoga (who will be accepting donations for local pet charities), and more!

Those interested in carving pumpkins the day of are welcome to come by the HCP pavilion from 4pm - 5pm. In-person carving is \$10/pumpkin, with all supplies provided. Those who have already carved jack-o-lanterns are encouraged to bring them from home and add them to the trail. Drop them off at the pavilion starting at 4pm or place them along the Sensory Trail to the Dix Bridge. (Please note that Jack-o-lanterns must be lit with battery-operated candles or glow sticks – absolutely NO open flames allowed.) Please take your goulishly-good pumpkin home at the end of the evening or pick up the next morning.

Suggested donation of \$5 per person for the trail walk is gratefully accepted. All proceeds to benefit Hudson Crossing Park. For directions to the park and to learn more, visit HudsonCrossingPark.org.

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Comfort Food is well-stocked and ready

Samantha Simmons
Journal & Press

A food center in Greenwich is working to ensure people do not go hungry and creating access to fresh, local foods.

With two locations, one in Greenwich and the other in Cossayuna, the Comfort Food Community serves clients in Washington, Warren, and Saratoga Counties. Clients include individuals, schools, libraries, and senior living centers, according to Executive Director Amie Collins.

Collins says while the pantry is able to serve tens of thousands of people each year, they, like many other similar organizations lack funding to fully implement some programs. But they ensure that the pantry is not running out of food. Collins says the non-profit is grateful to receive donations, grants, and overwhelming community support, but there is always more that can be done. Collins says financial barriers often prevent the pantry from increasing additional services like the Free Food Run which delivers fresh produce to several locations once a week throughout the summer.

"In rural communities, one of the barriers to food access is transportation," Collins said. She adds that delivery services are not always

funded through grants. While food is the central piece to a food pantry, coordination is crucial to keep food moving and people feed.

Services are not exclusive. Alyssa Place, the Communications Coordinator, says numbers do not tell the whole story. She says thresholds may create an unnecessary barrier.

Collins says the pantry can often be limited in funding sources. She says some funding requires certain income or benefit statuses to be met which, "means the food is not as accessible as it can be," Collins said.

In an effort to ensure students have access to fresh produce, the pantry partners with more than a dozen school districts across the region. The Farm-2-School program makes it easier for schools to obtain New York State grown food. Additionally, the pantry collaborates with more than 30



Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner recently toured CFC

local farms.

Collins and Place say the community has been a staunch supporter of their efforts. Through donations and volunteers, the pantry continues to expand.

In June 2021, the non-profit was able to purchase a 20,000 square foot facility. Collins says the pantries serve as a model for rural emergency food delivery and assistance programs. She says the expansion has allowed them to support smaller pantries in the area.

With the holidays approaching, Collins says they receive an increased volume of calls from individuals looking for support. Collins says this is in part to fluctuating housing arrangements. The pantries try to theme dinners around the holidays. While not always possible, organizers and volunteers try and have vegetables to make everyone's favorite side dishes. This year, Stewart's Shops has made a generous donation of butter that will be distributed through Free Food Runs.

Some clients may feel ashamed by using the pantry system, but Collins says there are some ways to mitigate those feelings like giving clients the power of choice. They get to shop between aisles and coolers. This ensures clients get what they want and minimized food waste. Meal kits are also preprepared and include ingredients and instructions to teach clients new recipes and ways to incorporate varying ingredients. The instructions are coordinated by their nutrition education coordinator.

She says being able to properly equip clients with the knowledge to prepare their food is another investment that often gets

overlooked in grants.

Janine Jurkowski is a professor and department chair at the University at Albany's School of Public Health in the Department of Health Policy, Management and Behavior. Jurkowski says people in rural areas may face inequitable access to fresh food. "It's really hard to get grocery store chains to come into rural areas, because there's just not as many people

'Low paying jobs and a lack of transportation also play a role in poverty.'

and the rural areas are shrinking in terms of population," Jurkowski said.

When there is limited access to grocery stores, people tend to shop at stores like Dollar General or Stewart's that have fewer fresh food options and can be more costly than major chain grocery stores. "People are piecing their income together," Jurkowski said, "... emergency food pantries are still important to have in those areas."

Low paying jobs and a lack of transportation also play a role in poverty according to Jurkowski. She says expanding benefits like SNAP or EBT, while social policy changes, are necessary to address hunger.

Toward the end of the month, the pantry sees an increase in clients as other benefits like the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program run out or elderly clients with social security are in between checks.

To get involved, visit <https://www.comfortfoodcommunity.org/volunteer>.

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Embracing Oktoberfest and fall adventures

Shirley Renauld
Journal & Press

Have you experienced the joy of Oktoberfest yet this year? Ingrid, for instance, celebrated her Oktoberfest in September. So, grab your lederhosen and dirndl skirt, whether you're in kindergarten or at any age. Add a touch of creativity by braiding your hair. Engage accordion players to infuse the air with lively tunes, from spirited polkas to soothing waltzes.

All that dancing builds an appetite. It's time for pretzels – whether you prefer them crunchy or soft. Pay attention to their unique twists, as it might inspire you to try baking your pretzels at home. Are soft pretzels one of your favorite fair foods? They come with salt crystals, but do you also enjoy them with mustard or cheese?

Now, it's time for the main course. Imagine a sumptuous feast featuring sauerkraut with bratwurst links nestled in one pan and sauerbraten with its flavorful gravy. Don't forget the kartoffein pancakes and dumplings. Someone even brought Deutch Kartoffein salad. For dessert, indulge in a slice of dark chocolate German Chocolate Cake or a serving of Apple Strudel.

A single day of celebration leaves you craving more. So, why not plan a visit to the Pennsylvania Dutch region of PA? (Remember, it's German, not Dutch – an early linguistic misunderstanding.) Your adventure may include observing pretzel production at a local factory, exploring Kitchen Kettle Village's locally made products, and enjoying "Moses," this year's musical at the Sight and Sound Theater. With aisle seats, you'll be right next to costumed performers walking past you. Don't forget to take a scenic drive through the countryside, where you'll witness cropland being worked and harvested, all powered by horses. You'll also come across family members tending to their lush gardens and laundry hanging on the clothesline. The season's outdoor Farmers' Markets and indoor shops offer the opportunity to observe the canning process. And, of course, your trip won't be complete without bags of pretzels and chocolate. As you drive, take a break to enjoy smorgasbords in towns with intriguing names like Bird-in-Hand.

If you're staying locally, don't miss the chance to visit Foote's Amish Sheds. Bob and his family bring these well-crafted sheds from PA, and they can be customized according to your specific needs. Once it's ready, Bob will personally deliver it to your site. While traveling northeast out of Greenwich, you'll notice the dairy farms that Amish communities have converted into sawmills. These sawmills serve both their own construction needs and supply lumber for various purposes. You can also explore roadside markets offering early-morning baked goods, canned products, seasonal produce, and handcrafted items. Keep an eye out for their sleek buggies, driven by impressive horses, as they bring their products into town. And for a taste of German country cuisine, Glasser's in Greenwich is a must-visit.

Several farms have diversified into agribusinesses to supplement their income. This time of year marks the peak of agritourism season, with locals and visitors enjoying the seasonal displays. It's common to spot license plates from other states on vehicles, showcasing the widespread appeal of these autumn adventures. You'll encounter pumpkins in all shapes and sizes, alongside various gourds. Can you distinguish between the gourds and winter squash? Look out for cornstalks, potted chrysanthemums, crisp apples, and local cider. Be sure to savor warm apple cider donuts, and don't miss the opportunity to watch them be-

ing made at Saratoga Apple. If you're planning to use pumpkins for creative displays, remember not to carve them too early if you want them to last. Consider using tempera paint for temporary designs or latex paint for permanent ones. Drawing with permanent markers and creating stacked or combined displays are other imaginative options. Fashion a seated figure using different squashes as body parts and utilize bushy plants as hair, anchored down by a crown of stones. You can even use burdock leaves for a vest, providing both a unique look and protection from frost. Gourds, known for their hardiness against frost, offer versatility. They may not be edible, but their unique shapes make them ideal for crafting crawling creatures. For this purpose, you can employ nails to make holes and attach stems or sticks for antenna and legs. As for the potted chrysanthemums, decide whether to leave them in their pots or plant them and create a decorative display around them.

Throughout the week, you might spot school buses parked at farms, a clear sign of children on field trips. Is it your school bus this time? Nothing compares to the educational value of direct experiences. Imagine having a calf or goat suck on your fingers, finger-combing through the soft wool of sheep, and sitting on hay bales on a wagon as you head to the fields to pick your pumpkin or apples. Take a bite out of an apple you've just plucked from the tree, and lose yourself in a corn maze, such as the

'You'll encounter pumpkins in all shapes and sizes.'

one at Schuyler Farms (thank you, Ken). A visit to a dairy farm may grant you the opportunity to witness a robotic milking system in action in a rotary milking parlor. Cows patiently queue up for their turn to be cleaned and milked on the rotating platform. A common question that arises is, "Where is the milk?" It's not visible because it's flowing through the hoses into the waiting tank truck. From there, it's off to the dairy for processing and eventual sale. Observant visitors may wonder why a cow appears to be wearing a necklace. The hanging pendant, in fact, plays a vital role by communicating to a computer the amount of milk the cow produced and regulating her food intake. Unfortunately, cows aren't known by name but by numbers, which can be found on their ear tags.

Should you decide to picnic under an apple tree on the farm, and an apple happens to fall on your head, will you, like Henny Penny, embark on a mission to inform the animals, "We must go tell the King that the sky is falling"?

Is "Where the Wild Things Are" your favorite book by author-illustrator Maurice Sendak? It's heartwarming to know that a local family possesses an autographed copy, acquired when they attended a book signing hosted by Sendak at a nearby bookstore. Sendak, too, found inspiration in our region. He established his workspace in one of the buildings near a farm pond, adding another building to showcase artwork related to his creations. One of the highlights was the head of a wild thing, a centerpiece that had swung from a tree limb during a wild rumpus, mirroring the one in his book. The historic hilltop farmhouse was modernized, offering



breathtaking scenic views. The property also featured a garden house with a vast garden area and pathways, perfect for leisurely walks. An inviting small table and two chairs beckon you to rest a while. You might stumble upon a disused brick smokehouse, sparking visions of hickory wood fires curing and flavoring hanging hams. The fields surrounding the farm continue to thrive, with active hayfields and corn fields.

When Sendak wasn't working on his creations at the farm, he opened its doors to busloads of visitors. These visitors could hike the rolling hills, imagining the serenity that captivated Sendak. The visit culminated in a meal at long tables set in the converted barn, where the food was also prepared. With ideas from Sendak's book and your own imagination, you're ready to craft your own wild things. Start by making a wearable wild thing using a large paper bag. Cut arm holes on the sides and measure where to cut eye holes – ensure they provide good visibility, airflow, and comfort. Gather elements from nature, like pumpkin seeds for teeth, milkweed pods for ears or horns, cattail or corn leaves for wild hair. Incorporate sticks or feathers and explore various materials for skin covering. Experiment with crafting an insect house by affixing deceased insects. If all else fails, turn to craft materials for unlimited possibilities. Your creation is parade-ready, ready for the wild rumpus (outdoors, of course). Maurice Sendak would be proud.

What insects are still visible in your surroundings? Continue to exercise caution when placing your hand, as you might inadvertently disturb a wasp. Honeybees are diligently gathering nectar from blooming flowers, while other beetles, beyond ladybugs, now grace the landscape, often seen crawling but also soaring with the spread of their wings. Perhaps you've noticed someone sporting a scarab beetle. These beetles held special significance for ancient civilizations. This year has brought an abundance of praying mantises. Many have witnessed their flights, landings, and appearances. Carpenter Ken had a unique experience when he discovered a praying mantis just landing at his shop. She lingered long enough to deposit her egg sac – a fascinating turn of events. Now, we await what Ken will do with this unexpected visitor.

Autumn signifies the season of spiders. Have you encountered one in your home? The good news is that spiders help control fly, mosquito, and moth populations. While we appreciate their outdoor web traps, it's essential to keep corners and spaces free from cobwebs, which lack intricate designs and don't serve the same purpose as spider webs. So, if you see cobwebs, it's time for some cleaning!

Tractor Parade details announced

The Greater Greenwich Chamber of Commerce 11th Annual Holiday Lighted Tractor Parade, presented by Capital Tractor and TD Bank, is set for Saturday, November 18, 2023 at 6:00pm in the historic Village of Greenwich, New York.

This annual kick-off to the holiday season, faithfully supported by the community and Greenwich Chamber members since 2013, has become one of the largest events in Washington County and, unofficially, the largest parade of its kind in the country. It is estimated that 10,000 people attended the parade in 2022 to view over 70 tractors and displays travel through the heart of the village.

Grand Marshalls for the 2023 Tractor Parade are Bob and Dick Nettle of Nettle Bros. Meats in Greenwich. The Nestles are celebrating 50 years in business and have become a household name for meat in southern Washington County. The Greenwich Chamber is proud to have Bob and Dick Nettle be honored during the Tractor Parade.

Generously supporting the parade are Capital Tractor and TD Bank as title sponsors, Black Dog Designs, The Fort Miller Group, Greenwich Ford, The Greenwich Journal and Salem Press, Odd Duck Farm, Pro-Dive Pools, and the Village of Greenwich as diamond sponsors, and CDPHP and Wallie's of Greenwich as platinum sponsors.

New this year is online registration for parade entries. Visit greenwichtractorparade.com to register a parade entry or print the participant packet to mail or drop-off at the Greenwich Chamber office. The deadline for entering is Tuesday, November 14.

Parade entries will be judged in the following categories, with a first and second place in each: Best in Show, Best Greenwich Chamber



A recent parade committee meeting

Member, Best Antique Tractor, Best Float, Most Creative, Best Musical Entry, Best Use of Lights, and Best Small Tractor.

Visitors and spectators are encouraged to come to the Village of Greenwich early in the day before main road traffic back-up occurs and road closures take place at 5:00pm. Detour routes will be announced leading up to parade day. Parking is at a premium and attendees may use side street parking and available open lots. Carpooling is encouraged and patience is requested when leaving the village.

Activities will take place during the afternoon and food trucks will be placed at various locations in the village. Local shops and restaurants will be open and the Chamber encourages attendees to "shop local" to support small businesses. Horse drawn wagon rides, provided for free by the generous support of parade sponsors, will be located at Washington Square. Children will be able to meet and have their picture taken with Santa and Mrs. Claus at the information booth nearby the Village of Greenwich office building on Academy Street.

More information on the 11th Annual Holiday Lighted Tractor Parade is available, and will continuously be updated, on the event website at GreenwichTractorParade.com.



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OBITUARY

Patricia Anne Crowd, 72,

Patricia Anne Crowd, 72, a well-loved resident of Greenwich, went to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Monday, October 16, 2023, at Glens Falls Hospital, surrounded by her loving children.

She was born June 15, 1951, in Manhattan, NY, to the late Melvin and Alicia (Edwards) Brown.

Patricia lived her young life in the Bronx and Marble Hill area, with her siblings Pamela and Melvin Jr., along with her many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. Pat was well known and loved in her community, a testament to her big heart and great sense of humor. She could be strong willed and stubborn at times, but she was always loyal, loving, and brave. Her greatest

love was God, and she instilled that faith into her children and grandchildren. Her church was important to her, and she enjoyed singing worship.

Spending time with her children, grandchildren, and church family, were her favorite things to do. Patricia enjoyed the October girls breakfast club, attending and volunteering at Church events, family gatherings, family dinners and she absolutely loved celebrating the true meaning of the Christmas season. Often you would hear her telling stories of her younger years, or times spent with her friends over a meal out, and she most certainly was always gushing about her grandchildren.

Patricia will be remembered for all the joy and love she shared with everybody she encountered. She truly lived by the scripture Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me".

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her brother Melvin Jr., husband, Ronald Crowd and special friends, Donna Hartwell, Paula Allen, Pat and Charlie Clark, and John and Kathy Wood

She is survived by her loving children, Christopher Crowd and his significant other Maria, Nicholle Crowd and her significant other, Dennis, and Alicia Crowd, and her husband Todd Andersen Sr.; seven grandchildren: Xavier (Karla) Crowd, Arianna (Ethan Casner) Crowd, Trinity Crowd, Lily and Violet Rich, Todd Jr., and Annalise Andersen; sister, Pamela Brown of Montclair, NJ; niece, Tatiana and her children, Natalia and Nyla Pereyra; well-loved extended relatives and special friends.

Family and friends may call from 12 to 3 pm on Sunday, October 22, 2023, at Flynn Bros.,



Inc. Funeral Home, 80 Main St., Greenwich, NY, 12834. A funeral service will follow at 3 pm at the funeral home.

Following her service family and friends are invited to the New Life Christian Church, 2 S. Union, Cambridge, NY, 12816 for a celebration of her life.

Burial will be private at the convenience of the family.

Patricia's family would like to thank all of Pat's special friends, too many to mention, Dr. Hoy for his excellent care of Mom as well as the Renal Dialysis Center of Glens Falls.

Donations in her memory may be made to the New Life Christian Church.

Arlington Turkey 5K

The 27th Annual Running of the Turkeys, 5K Road Race, 5K Walk, 1K Kids Fun Run will take place on Thanksgiving morning, Thursday, November 23 at 9 AM; Kid's Race begins at 8:45. The start and finish will be located at Fisher Elementary School, 504 East Arlington Road, Arlington, Vt. Race day registration begins at 7:30 and ends at 8:45am. For more info, check out the BKVR website at <https://www.bkvr.net/running-of-the-turkeys> You can send in a paper registration or sign up online.

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Touch a Truck goes off without a hitch

Battenkill Community Services (BCS), a non-profit that helps people with disabilities, held a first-time event on Oct. 15 near the Greenwich Traffic Circle called Touch a Truck. This newspaper stopped by and took some photos, and we had some questions for co-organizer and BCS program director Karen Squires. Here is our Q&A:

J&P: *The event was much bigger than we had expected.*

KS: *That's a good thing, right?*

J&P: *How did you get so many different groups and vendors to participate?*

KS: Battenkill Community Services is very active in our community, we know several of the community partners who were here. Hudson Crossing Park is a wonderful resource for our community, we use it often for all kinds of outings, lunches, nature walks, exploring all that it has to offer, or even just doing a craft at the tables, and meeting members of our community. BCS loves the Library! All of them, we are especially fond of Schuylerville and Greenwich, we visit often, and know all of the staff.

J&P: *For a first-time event, were you happy with the way it worked out?*

KS: Absolutely! We were very pleased with the way it turned out, this being our first year, we had no idea what to expect.

J&P: *What was some of the reaction you received from people who attended?*

KS: From local representatives (Jim Nolan Town of Saratoga Supervisor, and Pam Fuller, mayor of Greenwich) to community members, to our BCS families, and the folks participating in it, everyone thought it was a wonderful community event.

J&P: *Tell us more about the concept of the event and who it benefitted.*

KS: Touch A Truck Family Festival idea happened while a group of BCS staff were trying to come up with a fall event that would be unique, community and family based, and something that all ages would want to attend. April Martin and I both have extensive event planning experience. We were talking about other local community events where a lot of folks were interested in attending, and how a few in Hudson Falls organized by Tim Havens of Falls Farm and Garden had big trucks. Touch A Truck was born! While we did not coin the name, we did make it our own version. As soon as we started to reach out to folks, we knew in the Fire, EMS, Law Enforcement service we had a great response. We knew from the beginning we wanted to add our community partners. There was no fee for the vehicles and non-profits to participate, our food and for-profit vendors paid \$40 for a space. We reached out to local area businesses to ask for sponsorships. Greenwich Ford stepped up to be a lead sponsor of our event. We are grateful for all of the support we received to help us put this event on.



J&P: *Tell us more about BCS...*

KS: Battenkill Community Services Inc. is a 501(c) 3 non-profit, was founded in 1999 by a small group of folks who were looking for an alternative to traditional Group Day Habilitation programming for four individuals. Forward thinkers ahead of their time, created the areas first without walls group day hab. Since that time Battenkill has grown to now support over 100 individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities including autism, and their families in a variety of programming. BCS serves five area counties, some in rural areas where no other services are offered.

Our programming includes, Without Walls Group Day Hab, Community Hab, Respite, and Housing Subsidy Program. We have a group of 22 individuals along with staff who traveled last week to Las Vegas Nevada and visited the Grand Canyon! Battenkill's Mission Statement is Opportunities Without Limitations. Each day you will see us out in Argyle, Cambridge, Greenwich, Mechanicville, Schuylerville, Salem, Ft. Edward just to name a few doing our volunteer work with Meals on Wheels, or helping social puppies, maybe delivering backpacks, we might be exploring the canal trail in Hudson Falls. You may see us at Stewart's or Cumberland Farms learning about money, budgeting, or purchasing.

J&P: *Will this become an annual event?*

KS: Yes, we have already been asked by those who participated, and other who were not able to be here about next year. Also, LifeNet (medical helicopter) has said they can join us next year. We are looking forward to mid September 2024 and our 2nd annual Touch A Truck Family Festival.

J&P: *Anything else you'd like to add?*

KS: To learn more about us and all the cool things we do, follow us on Facebook! If you would like to make a donation, you can visit our website www.battenkill.org and make a gift or mail it to us 2549 State Rt. 40, Greenwich, NY 12834.



Time flies so pilot the direction

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

Q: *I'm in my 40s and feel like time has flown by in my career without me making much progress toward the job I want. How do you counsel your clients on achieving their careers goals especially when they feel stuck?*

A: I counsel my clients to focus on the quality of how they spend their time, not just the quantity. What works best is to play a video in your head about your ideal job. Then break down the smallest step you can take each day to arrive at that job.

When I was young, a wise older woman told me I could have anything I wanted if I was willing to do three things:

- 1) Know what I wanted
- 2) Know the price to get what I wanted
- 3) Be willing to pay the price.

The price to get the career we want may involve more education, longer hours, or less work/life balance. I remember when I was working on my business and going to graduate school, a friend observed that I had no work/life balance. I realized she was right and realized that if I wanted my career I had to be willing to work hard during that time.

If we believe we should never have to stay late, show up early, or burn the midnight candle to get things done, we may sabotage ourselves. Obviously if the price is your integrity or physical safety, no career would be worth that sacrifice.

Michael Altshuler, an American motivational speaker, noted: "The bad news is time flies. The good news is you are the pilot."

In flying your own plane, you have moments

of freedom where you can choose actions that will open up options for you. You can also choose actions that alienate others or shut down opportunities.

Here are some common ways we close doors: needing to be right, power struggles with management, or supervising co-workers when you're equals. Whether you have a point or not, isn't the issue. The issue is how many enemies you make while you insist on making your point.

The ability to paraphrase and ask insightful questions allows people to see what you see without making enemies. Especially if you're bright, this strategy gives others a chance to catch up to the reasoning you already did. Smart people sometimes don't understand that the brains of others simply don't work as quickly and that others may need more bread crumbs to help them see the problem or solution.

Ask yourself if you have any personal theories that are getting in the way of making career progress. If you believe you shouldn't have to give up any personal time, work longer hours, or take on hard projects, you may be creating hurdles.

In 35 years of doing executive coaching and counseling, I've noticed the essential problem most adults have is when their theories don't align with reality. Basically we're like scientists who don't like gravity, so we keep getting upset when items don't float in the air. Effective scientists should be willing to throw away their previous theories in favor of results that reflect greater truths.

Being a workplace scientist entails a spirit of inquiry at work rather than an insistence that our theory "should" work.

If what you are doing is not getting you what

you want, examine your theory about reality before anything else. Insisting that your theory "should" be right when you keep failing, means you're not learning from experience.

If you promote yourself to captain of your career plane, every breakdown could potentially become a breakthrough if you formulate more accurate theories.

You'll also see a clear direction toward the destination you're flying to. You'll be able to see the cities you must fly over. You'll be able to arrive without arguing with reality about what it takes to end up on a better career path.

The last word(s)

Q: *I've made some bad decisions in my career and now I'm trying to adopt a useful attitude about turning things around. What do you tell your clients when they're embarrassed about their poor choices?*

A: Yes, I would echo what Bob Packwood — a retired politician from Oregon — said about mistakes: "Judgment comes from experience. Great judgment comes from a bad experience."

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JILL ON MONEY

Shutdown-o-nomics

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Special to Journal & Press

Here we go again...although Congress voted to keep the government open, averting a shutdown, it's just for 45 days.

We should be used to the dysfunction — there have been 21 government shutdowns since 1976. Here are questions that I have fielded about these recurring events:

How would most Americans experience a shutdown? Federal workers would bear the brunt of the stalemate, with about 500,000 furloughed, and 500,000-1,000,000 being forced to work temporarily without pay. More than one million active-duty military personnel could forego pay during a shutdown.

All government and military worker's wages will eventually have to be repaid when the government reopens.

For travelers, most national parks and museums would shutter and the process of getting through the airport could get tougher, because TSA agents would be working without pay and some would likely not show up. The same is true of passport applications, which could slow down.

What about Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid? All three are authorized through separate laws, so checks and benefits would continue to flow. Military pension benefits

would be paid, and Veterans' Hospital facilities would be expected to remain open.

Recipients of other benefits like the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), would likely stop after a few days and Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits would be impacted if a closure is longer than 30 days.

What is a credit rating downgrade, and should I care about it? A credit rating measures the ability of a company or a government to repay its debt.

Until 2011, the U.S. maintained the highest rating from all three of the big agencies, Standard & Poor's, Fitch, and Moody's.

During the 2011 debt ceiling standoff, S&P cut its rating (and has never restored it), and then in August, Fitch did the same — mostly due to the political dysfunction that has led to these moments. Recently, Moody's put the world on notice that it could also issue a downgrade.

How does a shutdown impact investors?

A shutdown would not affect the government's payments to bondholders, but the debate added pain to a rough September, when stocks and bonds suffered.

There is big concern that amid high interest rates, the trifecta of spiking energy prices (up by 34 percent since June production cuts by Saudi Arabia and Russia), restarting student loan payments, and a looming government

shutdown could cause an economic slowdown and eat into the gains that stocks have made so far this year.

How does all of this affect the Federal Reserve?

A shutdown could be an issue for the Fed because the collection of economic data would halt. That means that various employment and inflation reports, on which the Fed relies, would not be released.

Without these and other data points, the central bank may be more cautious and do nothing at its policy meeting on October 31-November 1. The Fed could also choose to delay their meeting if they cannot get timely data.

What is the overall economic impact of a shutdown? The Congressional Budget Office analysis of the 34-day 2018-19 shutdown found that growth (as measured by real GDP) was dented by 0.1% in Q4 2018 and by 0.2% in Q1 2019.

Economists from Goldman Sachs were projecting similar results this time around, with expectations that the trend would reverse in the subsequent quarter, when the government reopens.

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Candidate forum (cont.)

We're leveraging that to get more things done, through grants without raising taxes.

ANDERSON: Some of our opponents have spoken poorly about grants because it is our tax money. We're not at a level that's controlling that, but we are paying those state and federal taxes and so I think it's crazy not to use that because we're opposed to the grant system, and this is starving ourself to win the moral high ground. I don't understand that. I think we should get as much grant money as we can to invest here in our community. It's done good work already in the Greenwich Revitalization Plan study.

JOURNAL & PRESS: *Here's a question. ... This one's a little bit more big picture, and it might make you think outside the box a little. Given the crisis of global and local climate change, please list one new strategy that Greenwich could implement to address the need for greater sustainability in our community.*

DONAHUE: As a past fire chief, I'm going to go with public safety. I think we need to prepare our infrastructure for the storms we've been having. That wash out culverts, plans to escape in time. At the fire department, we've been doing rescues ... forests. And you can say it's not going to happen here, but you just look right around in our neighborhoods, where they get 12 inches of rain in a couple hours. Nobody can withstand that. But we have to be ready for it.

NOLAN: Climate smart communities is the answer. The town initiated several months ago a discussion with an expert on climate smart communities. Hebron has entered into this program, and it's basically where you buy the program and the government and other agencies monitor your activities, and there's all different activities you could do.

For instance, you could hold public hearings on the value of getting climate friendly heating sources. You can, as the town has, we did an engineering study earlier, in my time as supervisor, and we identified our oil fire burner as on its last legs. So one of the first things we've done is, we've reached out and we've looked at both geothermal heating and heat pumps as an option.

So, the Climate Smart Community Program, should we go out and do that and document it, we get points. And after you get so many points, you get grants that come back that you can use to leverage further and work on this.

The town is looking at ways to help the climate, both in the heating of our buildings and other ways that would help us become a greener.

JOURNAL & PRESS: I just got a late question. And maybe other people might be interested in it too. This is about political parties. Some might say that political parties have no place in local politics. As you're backed by a political party, your own party can you speak on what impact you see the political party system having on your job or activities as a local elected official?

NOLAN: The first thing I'll say about myself is I'm not a politician. And I say that because if you look at village elections it's not Democrat, Republican – you create your own political party with your own name, and you run basically as yourself.

That's what I believe is the way it should be. As I said earlier, when I vote in an election, I don't look at someone's political affiliation. I look at what they've done and what I think they can do in that office. And I vote for the best person. I don't believe in us versus them. I believe in what's best for the community and voting for the best person.

I also don't believe in the animosity that has developed in this town and in this country. With respect to political parties, I think it is negative and it serves no purpose, especially to the people of the town and of this nation.

ANDERSON: At this level, I really don't think that most of the headlines and the stereotypes that we apply to Democrat and Republican, just at the national level, they don't apply here. We're, we're all residents of Greenwich, and we all want the best form of Greenwich. Our opponents are looking for the best version of Greenwich they can do it to. Where we do differ is we have different beliefs in how we get there. And I believe that Jim Nolan's record, Pat's record, and to the future of investing in Greenwich, in projects today, and making those investments that are going to be returning value to us, and for the next 10 years, 20 years, is the best way to build Greenwich.

DONAHUE: All right. When I was 18, I registered as a Democrat. I've stayed Democrat. But I do not believe in politics as a team sport. Us against them. I'm my own person. I can make my own decisions. And it's carried me this far.

JOURNAL & PRESS: *Closing thoughts?*

NOLAN: In my nearly two years as town supervisor, we have accomplished an awful lot. First of all, we've developed a new comprehensive plan in collaboration with the village. Secondly, we did an engineering study at Town Hall. So that we get to know every facet of what needs to be done at Town Hall. We actually implemented one.

Town Hall is now fully handicap accessible. We've got veterans banners in collaboration with the village again. Up and down Main Street, out Route 29, and on some of the side streets. We, as Pat Donahue mentioned, we rewarded our first responders, our volunteer firefighters, and our volunteer EMS workers with a 10% reduction in their assessment for their time as firefighters.

We're looking, at the behest of Councilman Donahue, who's voted and supported by full board at a length of service agreement, that would award them, after so many years and at a certain age, a payment each month. We've done this and many other things we've accomplished, but we have much more to do.

My budget that I presented to the town board last week, the tentative budget, includes additional money for our senior citizens, for EMTs.

It includes money for grants, applied for grants. And we are doing all of this with no tax increase. And the reason we're doing that is because of grants. We're able to leverage grants. So, I think my fiscal experience and my fiscal responsibility in enabling us to be able to do these good things for Greenwich and to not raise taxes is notable.

CRONIN: There's a lot of people sitting out here tonight. New friends that I have made over this last nine months. It has not been an easy nine months. It has truly been a struggle trying to find out deep inside who I am and what I'm really looking for in my position.

I have had some wonderful support from supervisors as well as previous supervisors, which I wouldn't be sitting here today without one of them that I'm looking at right now [Sara Idleman in the audience]. And I appreciate her with all my heart. As well as two very special people sitting in the second row, who have given me the opportunity to be supported in something that I truly feel is important for the whole county, and that's to make sure that our lives, our history is secured, and that we continue to put our residents safe.

First, before we put anything else, because when it comes down to it, our communities, our county, it's all about the people that are in it and not about necessarily who was running it. Thank you all for letting me be here.

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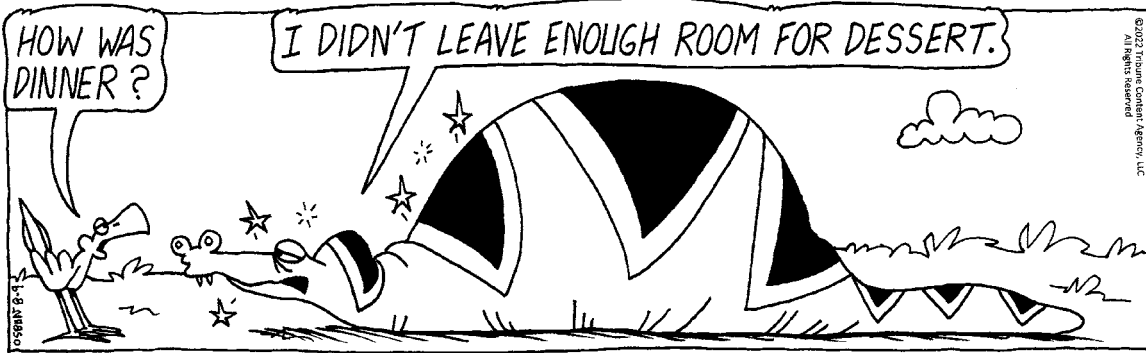
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FUN, GAMES & FAST FACTS

Animal Crackers by Fred Wagner



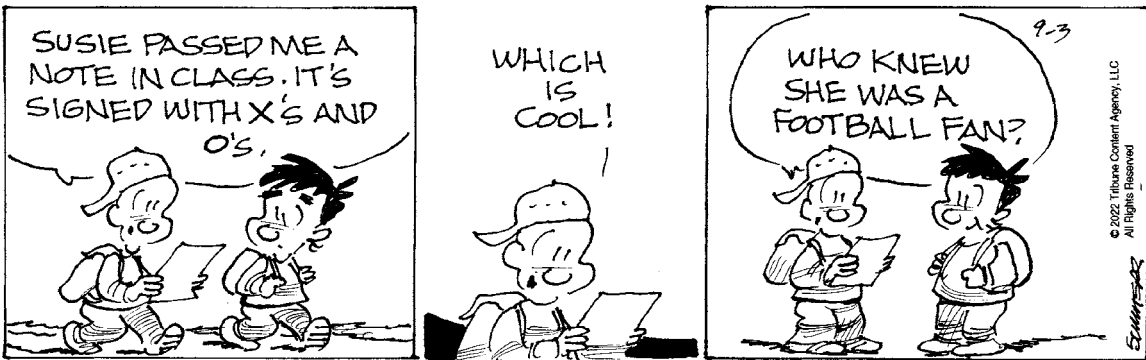
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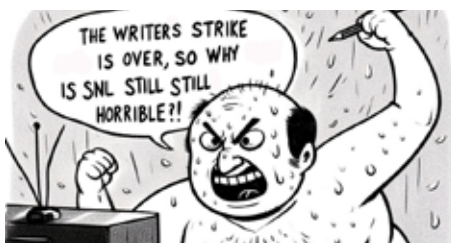
Gasoline Alley by Jim Scancarelli



The Middletons by Dana Summers



Rover's World by Jim Gray



9 to 5 by Harley Schwadron



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RACK 1: I1 O1 O1 U1 S1 N1 M3 Double Word Score

RACK 2: A1 E1 O1 R1 T1 C3 N1

RACK 3: A1 E1 I1 T1 Z10 B3 P3

RACK 4: A1 E1 I1 U1 N1 N1 G2 1st Letter Triple

RACK 5: A1 E1 O1 G2 K5 C3 L1

PAR SCORE 265-275 FIVE RACK TOTAL
BEST SCORE 323 TIME LIMIT: 25 MIN

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

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, across, 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.

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

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

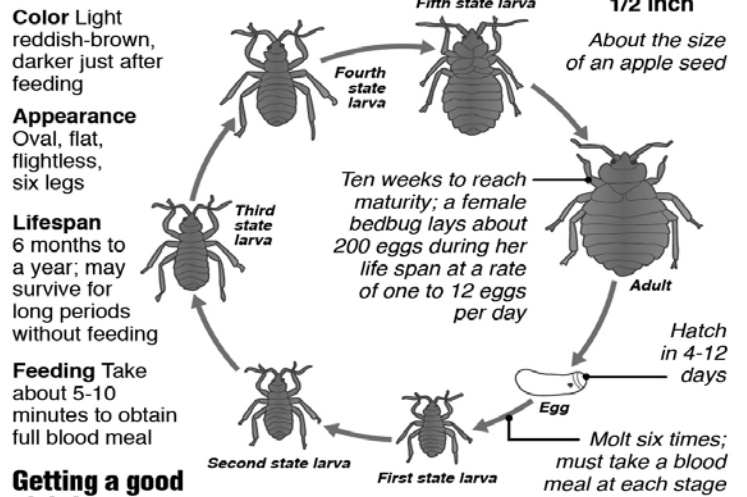
Boggle BrainBusters Bonus
We put special brain-busting words into the puzzle grid. Can you find them?
Find AT LEAST SEVEN EUROPEAN CAPITAL CITIES in the grid of letters.

Fast Fact

Paris battles bedbugs

Bedbugs have become a nightmare haunting France as they were spotted at homes and in public transport.

Small bug, big problem
1 cm
1/2 inch
About the size of an apple seed



- Color** Light reddish-brown, darker just after feeding
- Appearance** Oval, flat, flightless, six legs
- Lifespan** 6 months to a year; may survive for long periods without feeding
- Feeding** Take about 5-10 minutes to obtain full blood meal
- Getting a good night's rest**
 - Examine mattress, especially the seams for molted shells
 - Keep bedrooms free of clutter, no fabric touching walls or floor; seal wall cracks and crevices
 - Experts say exterminators, with several follow-up visits, may be needed

Source: Mayo Clinic, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Graphic: Staff, TNS

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JUMBLE

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

MRAFE
GGION
SIFNUO
MACERY

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Why do they always make the puzzles easier early in the week? Why don't they print the puzzles bigger?

Same complaints every day. Can we just drink in silence?

THE CHRONIC COMPLAINER WAS UP EARLY DRINKING HIS ---

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

Argyle Acrostic By Frank J. D'Agostino

- Find these words associated with Election Day (and find Frank's acrostic books on Amazon):
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|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|------------|------------|---------|--------|----------|--------|
| Candidate | Choice | Count | Decision | Democratic | Election | Leading | Lose | November | Party |
| Polls | Precincts | President | Races | Register | Republican | Results | Senate | Speech | States |
| Tally | Ticket | Victory | Vote | | | | | | |

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MORE FUN & GAMES

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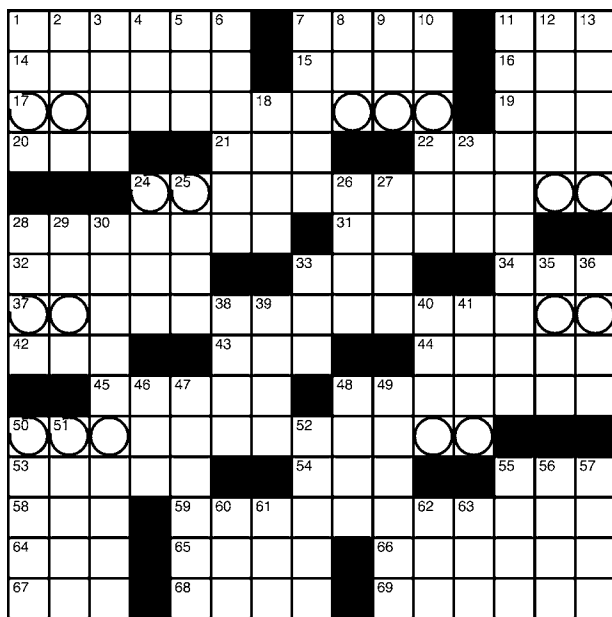


Political Cartoon of the Week by Dana Summers



Cambridge Crossword

- Across
- 1 High standards
 - 7 All-in-one product's selling points
 - 11 Open page on a web browser
 - 14 Weasel-like pet
 - 15 Spot for pore strips
 - 16 "Don't Bring Me Down" band
 - 17 *Locavore movement
 - 19 Also
 - 20 Mos. and mos.
 - 21 Diary
 - 22 Identity
 - 24 *Insulating layer around a nerve
 - 28 Bounce back
 - 31 Phone notification
 - 32 Former Disney president Michael
 - 33 Aromatherapy locale
 - 34 Snakelike fish
 - 37 *Accept a difficult role
 - 42 Alex and ___; jewelry company known for bracelets
 - 43 Have debts
 - 44 Witherspoon of "The Morning Show"
 - 45 Invisible urban pollution
 - 48 Fake names
 - 50 *Use a randomizer to decide, say
 - 53 Refers to
 - 54 Harley-Davidson's stock symbol
 - 55 Friend
 - 58 Maker of Good Grips kitchen tools
 - 59 What an investigative journalist might do, and what the answers to the starred clues literally do
 - 64 Tear
 - 65 One of Eve's sons
 - 66 Dressing with anchovies
 - 67 Super Mario Bros. console
 - 68 Sup
 - 69 Florence's role in "Black Widow"
- and "Hawkeye"
- Down
- 1 Dubious
 - 2 Letter opener
 - 3 Texts the wrong person, say
 - 4 Branch
 - 5 Word before "It Go" and "It Be," in song titles
 - 6 Pinched
 - 7 34-Across, to a sushi chef
 - 8 Cry noisily
 - 9 Night sch. class
 - 10 Quietly fume
 - 11 Private discussions
 - 12 In the air
 - 13 Diner option
 - 18 Snitched
 - 23 The first "H" of HRH
 - 24 Sunbeam floater
 - 25 Citrus hybrid used in Japanese cuisine
 - 26 Kitten-lifting spot
 - 27 Shut noisily
 - 28 Duty roster
 - 29 ___ Rachel Wood of "Westworld"
 - 30 Some halters
 - 33 That woman
 - 35 Alternatively
 - 36 Vintner's dregs
 - 38 Fancy-schmancy
 - 39 ___ pop: Belle and Sebastian genre
 - 40 Singer India, ___
 - 41 "Snow Crash" novelist Stephen-
 - 46 Number of World Series wins for the Nationals
 - 47 "No way to sugarcoat this"



- 48 "I see now"
- 49 Mid-size Subaru
- 50 Obvious disdain
- 51 Folklore trickster
- 52 Pod member
- 55 Selfie stance
- 56 Galway Bay's ___ Islands
- 57 Harp constellation
- 60 Squeeze bunt stat
- 61 Poetic twilight
- 62 RSVP convenience
- 63 ___ Aviv

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.

Happy Birthday! Sincerely, the App Store.

Greg Schwem
Tribune Content Agency
Special to Journal & Press

I recently celebrated another trip around the sun, a euphemism for “Happy Birthday” or, in my case, “Four years away from Medicare!”

I’m not one of those individuals who feel a 61st birthday is cause for celebration. Sure, it’s nice to open my Facebook feed and see “Happy Birthday” posts from, so far, 143 friends. I usually wait a few days and then post the obligatory, “Thanks for all the birthday wishes” message, prompting another two dozen friends to apologize, lest I unfriend them.

Friends, please don’t feel guilty if you missed my special day, for I received all the accolades I could handle by opening various apps on my phone. I don’t know why I need to reveal my date of birth so I can do something as innocuous as paying for gas by waving my phone in the pump’s general direction via my fuel app, but I do it anyway. And often, that information is rewarded, but with varying degrees of excitement from the app developers.

Take my credit union, for example. Upon rising from bed on the day I turned 61, I turned on my phone and saw I had received birthday wishes from the financial institution that currently holds the title to my Lincoln Nautilus. Via the app, it wished me “the happiest of birthdays, filled with lots of cake!”

I was hoping for something a little pricier than cake. Cancellation of my loan would have been a nice gift.

Some of the food and beverage establishments, whose apps clog my phone, are willing to part with their product or service for free. Thank you, Starbucks, for your generous offer of one complimentary hand-crafted beverage or food item. I was up very early on my birthday, either from the excitement of turning 61 or the fact that, as a sexagenarian, I urinate hourly.

By 6 a.m. I had already had my daily coffee allotment. But I was hungry, so I wandered into my neighborhood Starbucks, opened the app, thrust it toward the barista, and was rewarded with a complimentary cheese and fruit protein box. Nothing like slices of brie and gouda to begin my next year on earth. And only 470 calories!

“Happy 29th,” he yelled as I exited the store. Those baristas, such kids!

Not to be outdone, my McDonald’s app was also giddy about my special day. So much so that McDonald’s EXTENDED the amount of time I could get one of several menu items for free. By 10 whole days! Perhaps this is the Golden Arches’ way of telling me what I already know.

My short-term memory is fading.

Nevertheless, I have until October 6 to walk into, drive through, or park outside of any McDonald’s and obtain, absolutely free, items ranging from a Hot ‘N Spicy McChicken to a Sausage Burrito to a six-piece Chicken McNuggets. Surprisingly, the latter contains about half the calories of the Starbucks protein box. Next year I will shun the gouda.

I spent the rest of the day waiting to see if other apps would be as generous. Would Spotify treat me to an ad-free playlist? Would United Airlines offer me a complimentary round-trip ticket? Would Uber offer me a free ride? That would have come in handy last week when I found myself slogging through 8 inches of New York City rain toward a flooded subway, unwilling to pay the double-digit surcharge for a ride from midtown Manhattan to LaGuardia.

And then there is Amazon, my phone’s most visited app. Come on Jeff Bezos, you’re worth nearly \$150 billion. Make your loyal customers



happy on their birthdays by footing the bill for one item your online mall carries. Put a monetary cap on it if you must. I would have been happy with a three-pack of socks, seeing that most of my footwear was ruined following my New York stay.

But how about lifting the cap on those special birthdays: 16, 21, 40. How about 65? I will gladly renew my Amazon Prime status annually if it means I can choose anything I want on Sept. 26, 2027.

Can I get a Lincoln? With free shipping?

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.



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A bridge between our library and theater

Warren Schultz
Greenwich Free Library

Libraries and theatrical plays have an odd relationship. Plays, from those of Aesculus, to Shakespeare, to O’Neil, to Mamet, to Sondheim, represent some of history’s finest literature. Yet most libraries have a very slim collection of play scripts. (And surprisingly there are few notable plays that take place in a library.) Take a look at the Greenwich Free Library. Of the 31,000 volumes in our location on our shelves, you will find six books of plays. Six! That’s not to fault our library. That’s a typical number for public libraries and it doesn’t reflect our feelings about plays. Why so few plays on our shelves? Because plays are written to be performed or read aloud in front of an audience. Read from a page, plays fail to live up to the promise of life and vitality. You’re not likely to sit down in your easy chair and casually read *Cymbeline* or *Coriolanus* as you would a Tom Clancy novel. But lucky for us, we have plenty of local community theaters that bring plays to the public, performing a service that libraries don’t.

We’re going to do something about that.

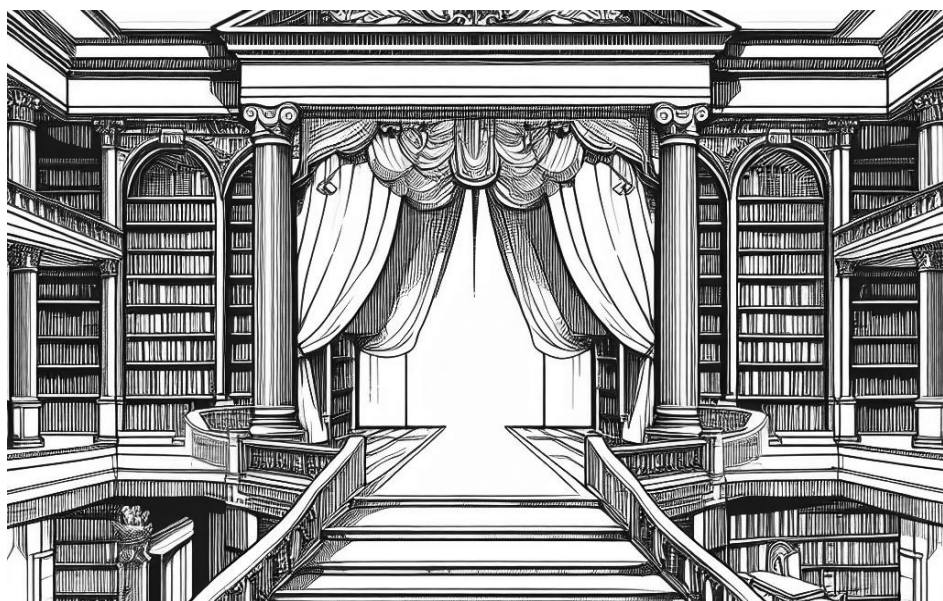
The Greenwich Free Library presents a remarkable number of programs for patrons from pre-school kids to senior citizens. All free of course. And now the library will be turning our attention to bringing theater to the library.

As a playwright, libraries and plays are inalterably coupled in my mind. It was many years ago when I was working at the Champlain College Library in Vermont that I became friends with the head of the theater department and joined faculty and students in weekly play readings. And when the school announced an upcoming short play festival, I wrote a play for it. (This was the 90s and the play was called “Dating Dot Com.”) That was my first play since college. Since then, I have written many more plays, including a couple that won awards at

short play festivals in New York City.

In researching my most recent full-length play, “Grant’s Ghost” – some of you may have attended the premiere at Hubbard Hall last fall – I relied on libraries, near and far, to research the life of Ulysses S. Grant and his last days. I probably couldn’t have written a historical play such as that without a library. I used public and academic libraries to find the information I needed. I made plenty of use of interlibrary loan, marveling each time a book arrived for me from a distant library. (And of course, we offer interlibrary loan at the Greenwich free library.)

So, libraries and playwrighting occupy a special place in my mind. And I’m excited that our library will be building a bridge between our library and theater, as we launch a monthly class called “Writing and Producing a 10-minute Play.” I’ll be leading these sessions as we go over critical play elements from exposition, to climax, to resolution of the short play. We will also cover proper formatting, dialog creation, and even submission of plays to festivals. Each session we’ll work through some exercises to get the creative juices flowing. Hopefully all participants will leave each class with some play concepts in mind. Then they will go home and write. When they bring their new work to the next session, we’ll have a “cast” of other participants do a cold reading. And then comes the part that every writer dreads the most when we’ll hear what the cohorts thought about it, with guidelines about feedback – no negativity allowed!



For a writer – new and established – there’s nothing more powerful and satisfying than to hear your words spoken on a stage. We may even uncover some natural actors among the participants.

As a finale on March 11, we will launch a production of our plays in the library, presenting those plays to a live audience of friends and neighbors, as we transform the Greenwich Free Library – for one night – into the Greenwich Free Theater.

There are still a few spots open in this class, which begins on October 23 and will meet once a month for six sessions. You can register on our website at Greenwichfreelibrary.org. If you don’t care to join the class, you can still attend our performance on March 11. Stay tuned for information about how to attend the show.

Warren Schultz is an author and playwright who has worked in five libraries. He is an upstate native.



IN GOOD FAITH

Let there be peace

Mary Anne Brown
Journal & Press

Over the past few days, the scenes that we have watched of the victims and destruction caused by the war in Israel have been so very disturbing. Though we share the sadness and the urgency to help, we feel powerless. Many will never again return to the family where they once found great love and security. Many loved ones have been killed or are missing or severely injured. Many people will never again return to the comfort of that place they once called “home”.

This is not a geo-political article, but simply a note about how we can help. Perhaps we question whether we can contribute something real and concrete that would truly show the suffering people that not only are we concerned, but we want to support them through this endless tragedy. Maybe we feel guilty that we have so much when they have so little that mere survival is their only prayer. Many of us may even question where God is in all of this agony.

With each news broadcast, I was becoming more hopeless. Emerson once wrote, “You are what you think about all day long”, and I found that my continuing to witness the waste and anguish was paralyzing me from any worth-

while action. Being in a state of darkness is not a wise place for anyone to be for very long, so I decided I will “fast” from media now and then during this war and turn to that which brings me peace...the goodness of God and people.

Without the noise of the world, I heard in the silence of my soul the comforting words from the ancient Psalm 134 that the Jewish people know very well, “The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those crushed in the spirit.” I wonder if this ancient song is being repeated across Israel. Peace is emphasized in the noble Quran 56: 25-26. “Therein they will

‘Too often we are teased into the public uproar and lose sight of all we have.’

hear no abusive speech, nor any talk of sin, only the saying, “Peace, Peace.” I wonder if the Palestinian people are praying to Allah to deliver them from this raging violence. Jesus taught his followers, “Blessed are the peacemakers.” I wonder if the Christians are asking God to give them courage and strength as they endure this time of war and fighting.

These holy messages are clear and encouraging as I am reminded to live with less, so they, the Jews, Palestinians, and Christians in that region could have more. Though my individual long-term response is still unfolding, I know now that my giving through Americares, UNICEF and other relief organizations will be needed and welcome.

Too often we are teased into the public uproar, and we lose sight of all we have in God, our Holy Friend. My Spiritual Director often urges me to remain “in the calm eye of the storm which is where God can be found.” When we come home to the Holy One, we will discover how best to respond to this world crisis. By coming home, we will live in truth and goodness. Coming home to the arms of the One we call Holy will bring us deep and lasting peace that will stand the test of time. Shalom, Salaam, Peace to all.

MaryAnne Brown, RN, BSN, MA is a music minister at St. Joseph’s Church and has a special interest in spirituality and health. Currently, she serves as President of Greenwich Interfaith Fellowship, Inc.



Fake news!

Michael Levy
Journal & Press

Let us begin by stipulating that Artificial Intelligence (AI) can and is being used to generate text, image, and video content expressly designed to influence public opinion on a mass scale and to potentially change the outcome of civilization. As generative AI tools grow more sophisticated, many will deploy this technology to amplify disinformation campaigns in order to manipulate world opinion. AI can also be used to digitally oppress the truth.

Event descriptions, photos, and video footage can always be presented out of context to present a certain version of events or to express a particular viewpoint. Photos or film footage can be manipulated and edited too. In the past, if you wanted to create a fake photo or video image, and had enough money, access to highly skilled artists, and had weeks or months for completing this type of editing project, you could have created a convincing portrayal of events that never actually happened. This kind of manipulation wizardry became evident to moviegoers watching *Forrest Gump*, a movie released in 1994. *Gump*, played by Tom Hanks, was shown with deceased personages such as John F. Kennedy and John Lennon. The blue screen trickery and digital erasing techniques used by these filmmakers created a convincing

recording of events that never actually occurred. Images like this are commonly referred to as being deep-faked. Merriam-Webster's defines deep fake as "an image or recording that has been convincingly altered and manipulated to misrepresent someone as doing or saying something that was not actually done or said."

The cost and equipment impediments for using deep fake technology has been dramatically reduced since the doctored archival footage from *Forrest Gump* was first shown on the silver screen almost 30 years ago. And as this technology proliferates, anyone with the right software can make a convincing deep fake video on a home computer. While some will do this for entertainment purposes, there are a greater number who will seek to "weaponize" this technology to deliberately deceive others in a nefarious attempt to change the course of history.

Disinformation campaigns do have a deeply destabilizing effect. In addition to manipulating public opinion, it can overwhelm accurate and truthful information presented by reliable sources.

Which brings us to what is happening in the world these days. The Russian invasion of Ukraine continues to escalate, and Israel is gearing up for the next stage in its war with Hamas. The images being shown in the media are as dis-

heartening as they are alarming. President Biden made a statement that he saw a photograph of forty babies who were beheaded in an attack in Kfar Aza, a kibbutz near Gaza. If this is true, it is beyond horrific and a war crime of epic proportion that necessitates a suitable response. If this photograph is not factual as has been alleged by a few since it comes from a report that has been hard to confirm, what does that say about the actual intentions of its originators?

And several social media outlets are using AI to deliver targeted footage of the situation in Gaza to certain audiences, like the highly specific advertisements sent out to their subscribers based on their browsing and viewing history. For example, in their social media

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feeds, young mothers are receiving photos of Palestinian children who were killed by bombs alongside the adverts for baby products that they can buy at the local store. Could the absence of a balanced presentation of the situation create anti-Israeli sentiment and does it even matter if it were intentional or not?

Social media is capable of documenting history in real-time but often suffers from the problem of legitimacy because some unscrupulous content creators create false or misleading material to advance their own agenda. By creating a litany and preponderance of fake news, the actual truth is consequently being buried and will never see the light of day again.

Turning locally now, many Washington County residents are getting some of their neighborhood news from social media sources such as Facebook. There are several Facebook groups worth mentioning here – Greenwich Uncensored 2; Schuylerville Community Page; the Salem/Cambridge, NY Community Page; and several others. Some of the news provided on these Facebook pages is excellent. Sometimes, local posts include opinions that are intertwined into the facts. If you subscribe to these Facebook pages, you would have learned about two recent police stand-off events leading to road closures (one on Route 29 and another on Route 22), and you could have

read more about Mike Arnold, the pilot who was arrested for stalking in Schuylerville. The latter story made national and international news, but the local Facebook postings provide additional perspective and facts.

And this brings us to the Greenwich Journal and Salem Press. Despite the best attempts of Darren Johnson, the editor and publisher of this newspaper, this biweekly is turning more into a magazine that a purveyor of news. It is time to change that paradigm because newspapers such as this are truly the first record of history. You can search the archives of this newspaper, but can you do that on social media platforms? Is Facebook or "X," a reliable historical record?

Here is my proposal for all the social media users out there. If you post local news stories on any of the Facebook pages mentioned above, you should submit the same exact story to this newspaper for future publication. Whether you post your story on Facebook and/or submit it to this newspaper, please answer the following six basic questions: Who, What, When, Where, Why, and How. This approach is a basic method for assembling a news story. All you need to do is to remember the mnemonic "5Ws and 1H" when you witness a news event. Please send your news stories, social media posts, and photos to: editor@journalandpress.com. You must include your real name (for use on the byline), along with your contact information in case there are any questions.

And how will Mr. Darren Johnson, the William Randolph Hearst of Washington County, prevent fake news from being published in the Journal and Press? That is the true strength of a local newspaper. If local writers are submitting news and photos for publication, they have a personal stake in maintaining their solid reputation in the community. And articles about local subjects are easy to verify, especially if several diverse sources provide similar information to the newspaper.

A phrase comes to mind now – "Think globally, act locally." We cannot prevent deep fakes everywhere in the world, but we can report the news properly in Washington County. Let us invent a new model of integrating social media postings into the printed media, where truth is paramount, and falsehoods are not tolerated. If this works, we will have a mostly accurate historical record of these turbulent times. I hope that this approach spreads from the local to the global. We can end the pandemonium on this planet, and it starts here. Imagine a world where truth triumphs over inciteful rhetoric. That is a great random thought!

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Some wisdom from 1776

Lance Allen Wang
Journal & Press

As the Constitution is the basis for our system of government, it tends to get most of the analysis and press, and with good reason. However, its older sibling, the Declaration of Independence, has something to teach us as well. It tells us not just about America and its ideals, but about the mindset of our nation's founders.

For instance, my personal favorite part of the Declaration is this:

"... And for the support of this Declaration... we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor."

That is extremely weighty. Nothing less than their lives and their good name to each other, in support of a concept, one central to what we were supposed to become.

Why do I find it so inspiring? To start with, it shows that our founders had put their skin in the game. Independence was no longer a theoretical construct. After all, words are cheap – the day would only be won by action. These gentlemen placed their lives at risk over an idea, over the Enlightenment philosophies that drove their actions. They had seen how Enlightenment philosophies helped pull

Europe out of the Dark Ages and many of these men were now the keen minds who were creating an American Enlightenment. These are the men who gave birth to the Republic.

They declared an end to "King" and "subject" and forged a new relationship requiring consent of the governed. They demanded a firm separation of church and state and placed it alongside religious tolerance and freedom for minority religions as an enlightened "American" value. "New model" American colleges taught non-denominational moral philosophy instead of theology and literature, arts, and music were now seen as important disciplines of study. It was the founders that helped take these philosophies, and others which disposed of superstition and replaced it with facts, science, and reason, and wove them into the fabric of our nation.

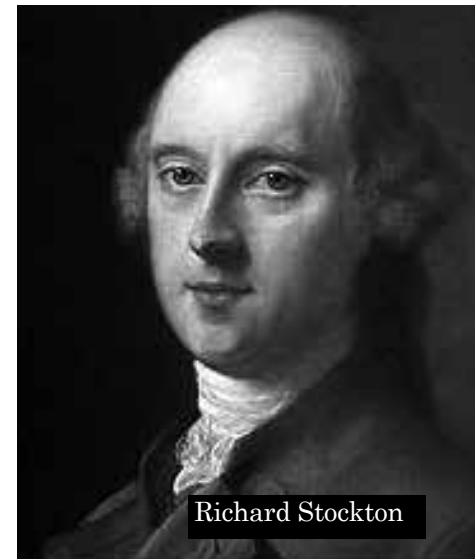
What they created was quite imperfect. However, it had enough tolerance for discord that it would survive and take the goals that seemed only aspirational (such as "... all men are created equal...") and provide us a structure to achieve those aspirations.

There is an essay that periodically makes the rounds on social media, dramatically speaking of

the fates of the signers of the Declaration, the ones who put skin in the game. It turns out that most of the legends are not true, but New Jerseyite Richard Stockton, one signer, was captured and imprisoned for signing the Declaration. Others found themselves in peril during the war, since 17 signers held commissions as Army officers. These were brave souls, who knew exactly what they were up against when they committed to the independence of the colonies.

The founders turned their back on all they knew, on a system which elevated them to a status where they could stand among other luminaries and together challenge the status quo, a sovereign and his world-class army and navy. Our founders knew exactly what they were doing, and put their lives and fortunes at risk by banding with other like-minded individuals. No wonder they mutually pledged their lives. It was certainly not a rhetorical flourish – it was a fact that envisioned the end of a noose.

So long as we remain true to who we are as a nation, a nation led by the people, not a sovereign, a nation founded by courageous visionaries who understood it takes more than simply talk to change the world around them, the best



Richard Stockton

days are ahead of us. So long as we understand that the goal is to continue to form a "more perfect" union that aligns with the values we have espoused, we are oriented in the right direction. Keep the faith, America – and put some skin in the game.

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143 Greenwich CSD students honored

On Thursday, October 12, 2023, the Greenwich Junior-Senior High School held its Annual Academic Awards assembly for students in grades 10-12 (a few accelerated 9th grade students attended).

During the assembly, students were recognized for academic excellence in the following areas:

1. Achieving Mastery (a grade of 85% or better) on a NYS Regents exam
2. Achieving the highest grade on a NYS Regents exam
3. Achieving the highest grade in a course
4. Achieving a score of 4 or 5 on an AP exam
5. Earning a grade point average of between 84.5% and 89.4% for all four marking periods of the 2022-2023 school year (this award is known as the Honor Roll)
6. Earning a grade point average of between 89.5% and 100% during all four marking periods of the 2022-2023 school year (this award is known as the High Honor Roll)
7. Earning the Ashlar Lodge Award for the highest grade on the NYS Geometry Regents exam
8. A handful of students were also recognized for earning very prestigious academic

awards donated by various colleges, universities, and/or corporations including the Xerox Corporation, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, St. Lawrence University, Clarkson College, Wells College, Sage College, Alfred University, Saint Michaels College, the University of Rochester, the University of Vermont and the Bausch and Lomb Corporation.

Many of the students recognized during the assembly also received a gift certificate from Jay's Pizza in Greenwich. The gift certificates were purchased using money donated by the Hannaford Corporation as part of the Hannaford Helping Hands program. Principal George Niesz thanked the Hannaford Corporation and Mrs. Joann Sloan-Haynes for her ward work and dedication in promoting the Hannaford Helping Hands program at Greenwich. Mr. Niesz also recognized and thanked Mrs. Amy McPhail for her hard work in organizing the ceremony.

Altogether, 143 students were recognized at least once during the assembly. Below is a list of those students that were recognized.

Molly Abate, Ava Aierstok, Maxwell Aierstok, Kiley Allen, Esmeralda Alvarado, Chloe Alvarez, Max Anatriello, Grace Autiello, William Bain, Andrew Baptie, Sydney Baptie, Kaden Bentley, Chloe Bentzen,

Seth Boddery, Sophia Boice, Riley Brophy, Eli Buretea-Bloom, Nicholas Campbell, John Carnett, Joseph Carnett, Wyatt Cary, Allison Chuhta, Keegan Clayton, Peyton Colby, Jayden Conlen, Madelyn Curley, Calvin Curtis, Lyla Curtis, Elizabeth Darrow, Noah Davis, Olivia Davis, Rylee DeLuca, Brooke Demianenko, Samuel Dixson, Sara Douglas, Serena Drost, Hunter Dupuis, Jackson Fortier, Morgan Foster, Kate Fowler, Alexis Godfrey, Emily Gonzalez, Avery Graves, Langston Hall, Kendall Hamilton, Avery Hawrysz, Ryan Hughes, Brodie Hunt, Joseph Hunter, Ryan Ingber, Kylie Jirak, Leo Jordan, Makenzie Keir, Lillian Kelley, Caroline Kelley, Keira Kirk, Gabriel Kurland, Brooke Kuzmich, Honora LaRock, Hudson Logan, Hunter Logan, Kylie Lundberg, McKenna Lyndaker, Olive Magowan, Elizabeth Marci, Melody Mathys, Colby McCauliffe, Brenden McClay, Gabriel McFarren, Allison McQueen, Eliza McQueen, Cameron Meaker, Evan Merrill, Allison Michel, Isabelle Miller, Esther Moore, Johnathan Morency, Levi Murray, Lily Nichols, Max Nichols, Lucien Niemi, Jacob Olmert, Samuel Palacios, Luna Paradis Wiebe, Anthony Perry, James Perry, Joseph Ra-



Lucien Niemi and Principal George Niesz

dovich, Sarah Radovich, Nicholas Record, Adrianna Rojas, Mia Sausville, Jack Scieszka, Julia Sgambelluri, Keera Shields, Paul Sievers, Joseph Skiff, Bridget Smith, Ella Smith, Kelsy Smith, Caden Speciale, Alyssa St. Mary, Loren Stark, Savannah Sterling, Dominic Stevens, Kayla Stewart, Morgan Stone, Eli Strasswimmer, Aaron Stutzman, Sophia Tomczak, Colin Traver, Addison Truax, Dorothy VanPelt, Jessica Viscusi, Erik Wade, Aidan Waite, Jay'den White, Brayden Wilbur and Tyler Willetts.

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