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Remembering Claudia at the Library

Sarah Murphy, with Cliff Oliver,
Naomi Meyer and Nancy Battis
Special to Journal & Press

I'm writing this on Friday October 11th, having just returned from Claudia Blackler's memorial service at the stunning and serene New Skete Monastery. The memorial concluded with reflections from friends and family, and there was much talk of the library, how much Claudia loved her work as director of the Greenwich Free Library, and how much we all benefited from that work. One of the New Skete Brothers spoke of Claudia's integrity in upholding the values of public libraries; Claudia's daughter Laura shared the story of Claudia's work at the Argyle library, which involved saving and caring for a calf that had fallen off a cattle truck. Dave Wever, whose mother served on the Board of Directors when Claudia was hired, said that Claudia took "a stack of books" and turned it into the vibrant library we have all come to rely on for community.

I met Claudia three years ago when I came to Greenwich to interview for my current position. She was a member of the library board at the time, and I spoke with her along with five other board members and two staff members. I don't know what I said, but I remember nearly everything the group told me, and I especially remember Claudia. Her height, her sense of humor, her accent. Her frankness. Two anecdotes especially stood out: Claudia's well-earned pride in organizing Black history programs that endured and were celebrated for several years. And the tarantula.

I spent some time this week speaking with past and present library volunteers and former staff to get some of the details of those two stories straight. What follows is a bit of unofficial oral history.

'You couldn't say no to Claudia.' 'She wouldn't let you.'

On Black History in Greenwich and Claudia's programming efforts

Cliff Oliver, library board member and volunteer: "Claudia liked to say that I started it. No, she started it. I wasn't the only Black person in town, but there were only five of us. [The Black History Month program] was so successful because nobody believed it. Nobody believed in this lily white town there could be so much Black history, and it was so positive."

Naomi Meyer, library volunteer and former board member: "She really did not mask what she believed. She was very comfortable talking about race and religion. She was comfortable in her identity."

Cliff: "When Claudia started it, when she first suggested it, I said, 'For what? For me?! Get out of here!' She said, 'Think about it,' in her Long Island accent, 'How have you been treated here?' [I said,] 'It's good, it's cool.' [Claudia replied,] 'You think it's you? Because you're nice? So, they're nice to you? No, somebody must have been here that started it. Somebody was here before you who established this.'

"In the 90s, [the programs] ran for a good ten years. [It started when] I found, in the Gill room, I found glass plates, a lot were broken, some were peeling, but you've got a treasure here. Claudia got a grant to convert them [to photographs], and for Whipple City Days, we



Claudia Blackler and Nancy Battis at the 1994 Greenwich Free Library's Christmas party for volunteers. —Gill Room archives

opened up the Community Room and laid out all the copies. And all of these old people were in there looking at these photos, and [while they were there,] we just started asking people, did you know any black people here in Greenwich? And the first hour or so, everyone was like oh no, and then it came out, 'Oh wait a minute, Obie and Melinda, oh yeah, Len Hazzard' and all these names started coming up, and it was happening faster than we could write it down. She asked the right questions to the right population. And that's how it started.

"The library was packed, people were waiting outside the door. I don't know where she got the funding, she had chicken and greens and cornbread and she had vol-

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unteers make everything. She had an army of volunteers.”

Naomi: “You couldn’t say no to Claudia.”

Cliff: “She wouldn’t let you say no.”

Naomi: “When she did something she did it, she didn’t do it halfway. And when she stopped doing it, she was clear. She had clarity. And she was the best storyteller.”

Cliff: “Loud and proud. Holy Mackerel.”

On the library’s pet Tarantula

Cliff: “I don’t know who got the tarantula, I don’t know why we got a tarantula, I have no idea, but it was here. It was right on the front desk. And it was here for years. For years! It was right at the circulation desk.

It got away. It was alive. Who donated that? It was a big draw!”

Nancy Battis, former Assistant Librarian and Gill Room volunteer: “Someone gave it to us, may have been someone’s pet, and they donated it. It was in a fish tank, the tarantula. What was his name? He did have one... [At some point] we moved it into the children’s room, and unbeknownst to us, some little boy picked up the beautifully made cover, he managed to get it off, and let the tarantula out. Weeks passed! Finally, someone came into the office and said, ‘The tarantula is over here [in the fiction section].’ Claudia trapped it with a box and a piece of cardboard.”

The following day, after giving it some thought, Nancy: “I tried to think of that spider’s name. I thought, was it Boris? That wasn’t right. It was probably Charlotte. The children named it after the story. And you know most spiders are female,

right?”

While these stories may seem to have little in common, it strikes me that both are a testament to what it means to take a stack of books and turn it into a community. Claudia Blackler, coming from diverse Long Island, knew that Greenwich was not a monoculture, and she made absolutely sure that her library was of and for every single person in this town and in this town’s history. She also made sure that everyone had a reason to come to the building, whether it was for a book or a glimpse of a live tarantula. And she sure as heck wasn’t afraid of spiders.

Sarah Murphy is Director of the Greenwich Free Library.



Journal holds candidate event

Darren Johnson
Journal & Press

This newspaper invited all local candidates to a “Meet the Candidates” event at the Greenwich Free Library on Oct. 14, which also was a holiday. I moderated the event after having invited all candidates directly as well as through their campaign managers. About two dozen local residents attended.

This event happened too late for it to be properly recorded in this print edition, however, we will have full reporting on our vibrant Substack presence – go to JournalandPress.com. Currently, our Substack posts nearly equal the readership of this paper. It’s free to join. As well, we will print a fuller story in our print edition before Election Day.

The goal of the event was to get away from campaign rhetoric and to talk to the candidates about the democratic process and running for office in general. This allowed

candidates to show a more personal side to themselves and the audience seemed very engaged and receptive to this approach. They also were able to comment and ask questions, and the event was very civil.

Paula Collins, running for Congress; Carrie Woerner, a longtime incumbent running for 113th Assembly, and Rachel Clothier, an appointed incumbent



Paula Collins



Carrie Woerner

running for a four-year term for Greenwich Town Justice, accepted the invitation.

State Senate candidate and incumbent Jake Ashby and Greenwich Town Justice candidate Steve Patrick both had previous engagements on the books for the extended holiday weekend. We will interview them separately. Other local candidates did not reply to multiple requests to attend.

Questions included the need for affordable childcare and housing in the region, the economy, broadband in our region, the effects of social media on our youth, engaging potential voters during these turbulent political times, the effects of national politics down ballot, running as a woman and potential voter biases, constituent service, being heard as a candidate while the number of media outlets shrink, and more.

Again, if you don’t subscribe

to our Substack, you may want to. We publish items daily there. Yes, the print edition is our gospel, but we can be more spontaneous online. Give it a try.

We’d like to thank the candidates and audience for coming, and the Library for lending us its beautiful room. Go see those baseball portraits on display there now!



Rachel Clothier

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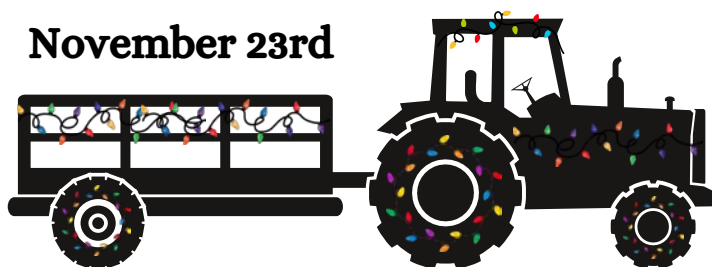
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Paranormal tours of Salem Jail

Rachel Clothier

Special to Journal & Press

It has been 20 years since the Washington County Jail in Salem, NY, had its last inmate escorted out in handcuffs and sent to the new Washington County Correctional Facility, in Fort Edward, NY.

The old jail was built in 1906 and was in operation just shy of a century. The structure of steel cells is intact exactly how it was set in place 117 years ago. The three story lock up held males and females from 16 years old up, those pending trial, those who had been sentenced serving time and those who were sentenced to prison awaiting transfer.

The jail held persons on a wide variety of charges from public intoxication to murder. It also served as a shelter for the homeless on occasion. Catherine Ertel Crank wrote a book entitled "A Bed for the Night," where she tells of the numerous accounts of the jail being a more welcoming environment than the freedom of the tramp lifestyle.

Each of the jail cells still contain a cold water faucet, a toilet and a metal cot. The thin mattresses, small pillow and blankets and towels are all gone. I have walked through the old jail many times when I was the Administrative Coordinator at the Historic Salem Courthouse. I will admit it took many attempts to work up the courage to get through the whole thing. Time and harsh temperatures have taken a toll on the facility, and it now looks like something straight out of a horror movie.

I recently toured the "new" jail in Fort Edward. I found that some things are similar; there are separate pods for females, males, and a maximum security area. However, the capacity is much larger, and the recreational areas in the new jail are inside and above ground. The old jail had rec in the basement or outside in the side yard where the children on their way to school across the street could watch the inmates hanging out. The industrial kitchen in the new jail is large; Elise Jackson, the former cook of the old jail from 1965 to 1988, would have loved the space.

You can see the inside of the Old Washing-

ton County Jail for yourself during the month of October if you sign up for one of the "ghost hunts" that Haunted Nights Events or Beyond the Grave Paranormal Investigations hosts. The events help raise money for the preservation of the historic building. Last I checked there were still spaces available for the Oct. 19 and Oct. 25 events.

Groups may contact Peter Carrolan, the "paranormal guide," at pcarrolan@gmail.com for more information on scheduling an evening at the old jail.



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Hudson Crossing Park is excited to invite the community to “Pumpkins in the Park”, a free event filled with family-friendly fall activities. Everyone is welcome on October 26, 2024, from 3 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for a fun-filled day of nature, pumpkins, and spooky surprises.

At 3 p.m., kick off the festivities by joining North Country Wildcare as they showcase some of their incredible birds. This is a unique opportunity to see these beautiful creatures up close and learn more about their important role in the environment.

From 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., let your creativity shine as we carve pumpkins at the pavilion. All tools will be provided, and volunteers will be available to assist. Suggested donation is \$10 per pumpkin, with all proceeds to benefit Hudson Crossing Park.

Capping off the evening, the Sensory Trail will come to life with carved jack-o-

lanterns lighting the path, creating an eerie glow as night falls. Already carved a masterpiece? Bring it to the park and help us decorate the trail! All pumpkins not taken home at the end of the evening will be left on the trail for grateful wildlife to snack on. No open flames allowed for lighting - glow sticks or battery operated candles are suggested. The Sensory Trail is wheelchair and stroller accessible, and all are welcome to enjoy a spooky stroll through the illuminated path.

After walking the jack-o-lantern lit sensory trail, head on over to the Champlain Canal Region Gateway Visitor Center at 7 p.m. and enjoy a haunting candlelit performance by the Schuylerville Drama Club. They will be telling eerie tales from our own backyard in “Ghostly Legends: Shadows of History.” It’s the perfect way to wrap up an October evening—eerie, captivating, and full of local lore. The Drama Club sug-

gests a \$5 per person donation at the door for “Ghostly Legends.”

Hudson Crossing Park is centered on Champlain Canal Lock C5 Island just north of the Village of Schuylerville along Historic Route 4. Learn more about this and other upcoming events at www.HudsonCrossingPark.org.



‘Cozy mystery’ author

Author Marie Grimmke will visit Greenwich Free Library on Thursday October 24 at 6:30pm to discuss her book “Fall of the Green Witch.” The event is free and open to all. Grimmke says “Fall of the Green Witch” is a cozy mystery and a romantic comedy



rolled into one, “but more than anything, it’s a love letter to small villages, gardens, community, and neighbors.” The novel takes place in the town of Green, “a tiny village perfectly situated between Montreal to the north and New York City to the south, the Adirondack Mountains to the northwest and the Green Mountains to the northeast.” The murder of the Green Witch in the community garden on Halloween night brings big changes to the village of Green: love, justice, and hope. Exactly as the Green Witch herself predicted.

Marie Grimmke is a graduate of SUNY Potsdam and the College of St. Rose, majoring in English and special education. She taught for more than 30 years in Galway and Granville high schools, and after retirement, she substituted and provided home instruction to students in the Saratoga Springs school district. Her writing experience, in addition to teaching writing skills to students, also includes writing feature articles for Main Street News and the Chronicle.

College wins \$500K grant

SUNY Adirondack announced it is the lead institution for a project awarded a \$500,000 grant by the U.S. National Science Foundation in its inaugural year of the \$14.5 million Two-Year College in STEM Education (ITYC) program.

SUNY Adirondack was awarded a grant through the Improving Undergraduate STEM Education (IUSE) initiative for a collaborative project with University at Albany and SUNY Geneseo. The grant is intended to provide two-year college chemistry faculty with professional development support for collaboratively adopting and implementing evidence-based practices to improve the student experience in introductory chemistry courses.

The ITYC program granted 35 awards to institutions in 18 states and the District of Columbia. Several projects involve collaborations among institutions.



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Zahn talks about burnout at college

SUNY Adirondack offers *Addressing Burnout*, a free workshop, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 25, at the college's Northwest Bay Conference Center.

"We all still feel the aftermath of the global pandemic," said Kim Comisky, director of Healthcare Pathways at SUNY Adirondack. "Since 2020, the rate of burnout has skyrocketed, and this program provides attendees with tools to put things back in perspective and prioritize our wellness."

The workshop will be led by Benita Zahn, a certified health and wellness coach, who will help attendees explore burnout and how our accelerating sense of the world contributes to it. Zahn will guide participants in building personal action plans to recognize and prevent burnout.

Offered by SUNY Adirondack's Healthcare Pathways in collaboration with Hudson Mohawk Area Health Education Center, this program is designed for those working in social work, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech language pa-

thology and other service fields, and qualifies for CEC content hours.

Registration is free and open to the public, but required at www.eventbrite.com/e/addressing-burnout-tickets-952580141847. To learn more about the program, contact kowens@hmahec.org.

Healthcare Pathways is funded by a State University of New York (SUNY) Future of Work Centers grant that allows the college to develop career pathways and provide support to individuals pursuing careers in health care.

Zahn earned Master of Science and Doctorate of Professional Studies in bioethics from the Alden March Bioethics Institute at Albany Medical College. She worked in commercial TV news for 40 years, earning a New York Emmy, New York State Broadcasters Award, International Radio and TV Awards, and was recognized by the American Heart Association, American Lung Association, American Society of Anesthesiologists Media Award, as well as many other



honors. Benita also hosted the long-running "Health Link" program at WMHT-PBS. She co-hosts the podcast "Everything Theater" and writes about health for a number of local magazines and newspapers.

Quilting in Cambridge

Join the Cambridge Historical Society and Museum (CHSM) on Saturday, October 26th from 1-4 pm, for a celebratory Open House, when they will officially welcome our quilts back home from conservation. Refreshments will be served on their porch. Last winter the museum was chosen as a grant recipient through the NYSCA/GHHN Conservation Grant Program, that was made possible with public funds from the New York State Council on the Arts, with the support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature. With additional support from the members of CHSM through their Collection Protection Fund, two whole cloth quilts in the collection were chosen to receive special care. Older textiles are extremely fragile and are vulnerable to damage from insects, environmental changes, and long-term storage. These quilts have now been stabilized, repaired, and given new safer storage containers.

Come meet wool cloth Calimanco Quilt and learn about its fascinating history, beginning in England in the early 1700's, and continuing into upstate New York in the early years of the 19th century. Unassuming in appearance, it is a conversational treasure trove of historical textile techniques. And its sister quilt, a white-on-white cotton Greek Revival Medallion Trapunto quilt from around 1820, also has a lot to say about the early years of the Republic. The museum curator, Susannah White, will be on hand to explain the conservation process, the challenges of caring for historic textiles, and the importance of preserving these timeless artifacts.

The Museum is located at 12 Broad Street, Cambridge, NY. The first floor is accessible to all. For further information call or text 518-350-0627, or email: info.cambridge.ny.museum@gmail.com.

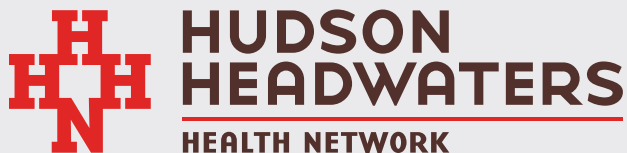


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Consider tax-smart charitable gifts

Breanna Lundy
Journal & Press

For a small community, we are lucky to have a handful of active nonprofits right here in Greenwich! As we enter the annual season of giving, you might be thinking of charities you wish to support. But you also might be wondering how to gain some tax benefits from your gifts.

It used to be pretty straightforward: You wrote a check to a charity and then deducted the amount of the gift, within limits, from your taxes. But a few years ago, as part of tax law changes, the standard deduction was raised significantly, so fewer people were able to itemize deductions. Consequently, there was less financial incentive to make charitable gifts.

Of course, this didn't entirely stop people from making them. And it's still possible to gain some tax advantages, too.

Here are a few tax-smart charitable giving strategies:

- **Bunch your charitable gifts into one year.** If you combine a few years' worth of charitable gifts in a single year, you could surpass the standard deduction amount and then itemize deductions for that year. In the years following, you could revert to taking the standard deduction.

- **Make qualified charitable distributions.** Once you turn 73 (or 75 if you were born in 1960 or later), you must start taking withdrawals from your traditional or inher-

ited IRA. These withdrawals — technically called required minimum distributions, or RMDs — are taxable at your personal income tax rate, so, if the amounts are large enough, they could push you into a higher tax bracket or cause you to pay larger Medicare premiums.

But if you donate these RMDs directly to a qualified charity, you can avoid the taxes. And because these donations, known as qualified charitable distributions (QCDs), will reduce the balance on your IRA, you may have lower RMDs in the future.

Of course, if you need some or all your RMDs to help sustain yourself in retirement, the use of QCDs may not be of interest to you. Keep in mind, though, that you can start making QCDs at 70½, even before you must start taking RMDs. QCDs up to \$105,000 can be taken in 2024.

- **Consider a donor-advised fund.** If you're interested in a long-term charitable giving arrangement, you might want to consider establishing a donor-advised fund. You can put many types of assets into this fund, and then direct it to make grants periodically to the charities you've chosen. You get an immediate tax deduction for your contribution, and, if you donate appreciated assets, such as stocks, you'll avoid the capital gains taxes you would have incurred if you simply sold the stocks and then gave the money to the charities. One note of caution, though — your contributions to a donor-advised fund are irrevocable, and once the assets are in the fund, you can't use them for anything except charitable giving.



These strategies — QCDs and donor-advised funds in particular — can be complex and involve several issues of which you should be aware. So, you should consult your tax advisor before taking action. But if any of these techniques are appropriate for your situation, give them some thought — because helping a charitable group and getting tax benefits for doing so is a “win” for everyone.

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Reserve your Ham Supper

Old Saratoga Reformed Church, 48 Pearl Street, Schuylerville, will host a Ham Supper on Sat. Oct. 26, 2024 from 4:00-6:00pm. The menu will feature baked ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans,

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Snow goose migration

Bob Henke
Journal & Press

When Janice and I were in graduate school, the financial setting was always sort of grim. I did all manner of things to keep us afloat. My jobs ranged from training bird dogs to cutting up railroad ties to vaccinating and cutting calves. One day another graduate student, Emil, asked if he could use the garage for a couple days to work on his truck. Partway through the valve job, he got around to why he really was there. He had a great brainstorm about how we could supplement our income without the dirt, cold, and uncertainty associated with our various gigs. He proposed we pool our resources and buy a total wreck from one of the local insurance companies. We would rebuild this mess and sell it at a huge profit. The key to this was that we specialize in MGs, partly because Emil had always wanted an MG and partly because he had a friend in the insurance business who just handled an MG total.

We began work on the twisted carcass the next day, beginning by stripping off body parts. My tool kit was rudimentary—a half-inch drive socket set, breaker bar, and a torque wrench. Emil found great mirth in my “tractor tools.” His kit included quarter inch drive sockets and a couple 3/8ths drive bars for stubborn bolts. He laughed when I broke off bolts and I laughed when he broke his extension cranking on a headbolt.

Emil would have loved me today.

I had an inch and a half socket on a 3/4 inch drive breaker bar. The bar was 24 inches long and I had a seven foot piece of pipe hooked to it. I was removing the brushhog blades, starting by pushing the pipe around in a circle, like Conan in his developmental years, flipping the bar over, and repeating the process. The huge, fine-thread nut I finally got off weighed more than Emil’s entire socket set.

Both of our approaches were correct. The point is, you use whatever sort of technique

and equipment is necessary, given the conditions presented by the job. This theory also explains a major part of the wildlife scene at this time of the year. I have had several conversations with folks in the past couple weeks regarding geese; specifically, why we are not seeing the big flocks of migrating geese we expect to at this time of year.

There is a lot of mythology about bird migrations. This is likely a result of the huge variability in the way various species approach the process. Some are extremely time sensitive, triggered predominantly by the amount of daylight. Thus, we get various species of swallows arriving and leaving on a schedule that varies by only a few hours year after year. Some species of vultures are just as predictable. Other birds are triggered by temperature. When the thermometer first dips into the 40s, they are gone. These species tend to follow temperature gradient on both their north and south odysseys. Then we come to the geese. Just as Emil and I chose our tools for a particular function, geese time their southern movements based on one particular function—digestion. While their northern journeys are primarily a race to get to prime nesting sites in the north, the southern trip is sort of like a cruise, with attention to the buffet.

Geese are grazers, eating grasses in some cases, forbs and roots in others, for an average of 16 hours a day. During that time they will defecate once or twice an hour, some-

Sightings

When Fall comes and the dew becomes heavy, we suddenly begin to see spider webs everywhere, outlined with dew droplets and backlit by a low angle sun. It gives the impression of a huge increase in spiders but they have been there right along. The fun part of this time of year is seeing the huge array



of web types. The large delicate spirals are the work of orb weaver spiders. Every species builds a somewhat different pattern. This pretty lady is a shamrock orbweaver photographed by Dave O’Brien in Hampton.

times adding up to almost a pound of poo in a 24 hour period. When the food supply begins to diminish, they pick up and leave, in large flocks because family groups have gathered together at the feeding grounds.

We also tend to think of migrations as sudden, non-stop marathons. For the geese—not so much. They quite often start and then turn around and go back 50 miles to some delicious grassland they passed. Janice used to remark about the “dummies” flying the wrong way. I would point out that they tended to change leaders every few minutes because it was tiring to be in front. When one of the females was leading, I averred, they quite often got lost and went the wrong way. This exchange always yielded the expected result.

When the migration starts, a temptingly green field or shallow water area will draw

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them down to eat and relax for a while. We have had years when, despite the cold, there was little snow, and the corn gleanings and water vegetation remained accessible. In these circumstances, a great many of the geese are perfectly content to spend the winter here. It makes good genetic sense as well for the first ones to reach the north in spring get the most desirable nesting sites and stand the best chance of hatching large broods. Even here the migration urge does not leave. It is not widely known but snow geese travel huge distances before they can fly. The most predator-free nesting sites are quite often not the best feeding sites. When the goslings are hatching, the parents are going through their annual molt and cannot fly until the new feathers grow in. Families typically take off on cross-country hikes from the thick nesting sites to grassy areas

around lakes and rivers. These travels are often for distances of up to 50 miles, which take them only a couple days to complete. One would think predation would take a terrible toll on these flightless families but actually snow geese are terrific runners and even the goslings can outdistance most of the predators found in the north. Their broken-field running techniques are also quite effective against avian predators.

The other factor in goose migration is the effect of the winds aloft. When they start their flights, they always seek a tail wind. If they get a favorable one, they will continue riding it and saving energy until they cross a pressure gradient and the wind diminishes, at which point they will begin to descend and seek food again. The best at this are the snow geese who continually gain and lose altitude until this prospecting brings them to a favorable wind. They prefer to fly on clear nights and have been sighted by aircraft at altitudes of up to 7500 feet. Even

at these great heights, the continually calling, which keeps family groups sorted out, is clearly audible on the ground.

Tonight, while I was out looking at the northern lights, there were several huge flights of snow geese, too high to see, but their clipped barking honks let me know the aurora was not the only natural marvel overhead in the cold sky. It will give me something to contemplate as I wrestle with the new mower blades and my “tractor tools” tomorrow.

Contact Bob Henke with your sightings or questions by mail c/o The Greenwich Journal & Salem Press, by email at outdoors.tomorrow@gmail.com, on Twitter at @BobHenke, or on Facebook.



Barn to become pavillion

The barn at Hudson Riverside Park in the hamlet of Clarks Mills in the Town of Greenwich is a dead man walking.

The Town has issued a legal notice this week saying:

Sealed bids for the Hudson Riverside Park 5149 County Route 113 Greenwich NY 12834 for barn demolition. Work includes removal of barn and two wing additions. Haul away and dispose of all refuse. Fill in basement area beneath the wing addition on the North end of the barn with clean fill. Snow fence must be used to contain light debris on demolition sight and to prevent entry of nonauthorized personnel. Old utilities must be removed/closed. Bring in topsoil to taper down from the existing slab to create a usable finish grade height. All bids will be received by the Town Clerk Deborah Tjarks, 2 Academy Street Greenwich, NY 12384 until 3:00 P.M. local time Monday, November 4, 2024. The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, at 1:00P.M.

The plan is to put a pavilion on the slab. The razing may begin as soon as late November.

The property used to be home to Schuyler Prep. A former teacher there, Jack Jackson, recalled that the barn had been used for “daily gym classes, weekly feature films and occasional special events.” He believed that the barn was erected when the property was owned by Governor Dix.

Via email, town supervisor Jim Nolan said the barn had been researched by local consultants, was probably built mid-century, and has no historic value. He also said:

“We are using a \$100,000 DASNY grant as well as \$24,000 Champlain Canalway grant to complete demolition of barn/classroom, erection of a 50’ x 20’ picnic pavilion, purchase of six picnic tables, erection of a 200’ fence near the viewshed embankment, paving of the parking lot as well as a sidewalk around the side and back of the classroom building, and signage.



“The classroom building has been power washed, stained, and the inside meeting rooms are being primed and painted. This work is being done at no cost (except for materials) by the County Youth Bureau and Alternative Sentencing program.

“There are plans to put a playground and swing set in the park as well.”

Asked who may populate the former classroom building, he added: “Some groups we are thinking about are: Senior Citizens, the School District, the Youth Center, Town Summer Youth Camp, DAR, and Scouts. Not an exhaustive list.”

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Artist talk with Cyndy Barbone on Oct. 29

Cyndy Barbone, a long-time resident of Greenwich, has been selected as a grant recipient of the Rural and Traditional Arts Fellowship for 2024. This prestigious fellowship, recognizes Barbone's artwork and her innovative project proposal.

As part of the project, Cyndy will use



data from the Comfort Food Community and present her finished work at the Greenwich Free Library with an exhibition and artist's talk on Tuesday, October 29 at 6:30pm.

Awarded by the Arts Council for Wyoming County and New York State Council on the Arts, this fellowship has been given to ten individual artists who live and work in rural communities in New York State.

Drawing inspiration from her personal connection to gardening and food, Cyndy is creating a symbolic textile piece that celebrates the work of the Food Recovery Program at the Comfort Food Community. This project visually documents the 10,350 pounds of produce gleaned by CFC from local farms in 2023, highlighting the importance of addressing food insecurity

in the region.

"I am deeply honored to receive the Rural and Traditional Arts Fellowship for 2024," said Cyndy Barbone. "Through this project, I hope to show the community how art can be a means to spark conversations about important social issues. The bounty of food grown in this area is incredible, unfortunately, there are also many in our area who suffer from food insecurity."



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Hope

Lance Allen Wang
Journal & Press

I've been thinking a lot about hope. Hope occupies an interesting place in my mind. For me, it exists in that nether region between concrete, iron-clad rational thought, and the equally important place where my faith resides. Now, some might think of "hope" as a touchy-feely place where child-like simplicity can steer us towards a cover-all answer that says "everything is going to be all right" – and that wouldn't be entirely wrong.

But I don't think of hope that way. I think of it as a perspective, a lens. Hope is that which keeps me getting up in the morning with an optimistic outlook. It is what has helped me get through the worst times in my life, knowing that something better was coming – eventually.

United States Navy Admiral James Stockdale was held prisoner in the "Hanoi Hilton" after being shot down over North Vietnam. He said it was the optimists that died first – after all, they were expecting the best, and repeatedly got the worst. The heartbreak eventually drained all the hope they could muster. It was the "realistic optimists" who survived, he said. They thought, "I am going to get out of here. It may not be today, it may not be tomorrow, but I will." Hope is about playing the long game.

The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King had a saying which captures the sense of hope. "The arc of the moral universe is long," he wrote, "But it bends towards justice." Much like the prisoners in Hanoi, he knew it may not be today or tomorrow that freedom was coming. But he took that as inspiration to redouble his efforts rather than abandon them. He said, "... I've been to the mountaintop ... I've seen the Promised Land. I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight, that we, as a people, will get to the Promised Land" in perhaps one of the most rhetorically beautiful expressions of hope ever uttered in America.

Sometimes that hope is not borne out, as

in the case of diarist and Dutch Jew, Anne Frank. In hiding from the occupying Germans from 1942-1944, she, along with her family were eventually betrayed and deported to the concentration camp at Auschwitz and then Bergen-Belsen where she died. My personal epitaph for her is something she wrote in her famous diary - "In spite of everything I still believe that people are really good at heart." I cannot imagine that, considering her circumstances, this was a conclusion that she reached lightly. She showed a willingness to look beyond the tortuous present which surrounded her and defied it with her view of mankind. She was not prepared to make a rash generalization that what surrounded her in Nazi-occupied Holland was normal or the general human condition. She's not the aberration - the Germans are. There is a better place. There is Rev. King's mountaintop. That is a fundamental basis for hope, and in the end, it drives my personal worldview.

Hope is intangible. Signs of it are quite tangible. I see it every time I talk to my Godkids. I am impressed by their minds, but even more by their empathetic hearts which seem to know that while not everyone is "good," people should be given the benefit of the doubt as their starting point.

So why bring all of this up? Why am I musing about all of this? Simple. We have an election coming and people are tense. As for seemingly every election since the turn of the 21st Century – this is the "most important one ever." Yes, it is an important one. But as the rhetoric heats up, we want to ensure that we do not become small and afraid.

The things I've heard the GOP say Democrats are does not reflect most of the Democrats I know. And there seem to be a whole bunch of Republicans who do not fit into the MAGA mold and are more or less ignored by their current candidate. So rash bumper-sticker generalizations defining people by their political party tend not contribute to the lens through which I view the world. Rather my hope is built on actual experi-



ence with people who are neighbors, not just political "isms."

Think about the last time you went into the Stewarts. That person who went in right before you, and stopped and held the door open? You know, as you sped up a little bit so they didn't have to hold the door for another second or two waiting for you? And then you said "Thanks," and they went on their way, and you went yours?

You went through that entire interaction, and never once did you consider whether they were a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent, a Christian, a Jew, a Muslim, a Buddhist, Black, white, gay, straight, trans, or any other subcategory. They may be a neighbor. Maybe not. But they were just doing what a decent human being would do. You didn't notice, of course, because you don't think about it – because we go through that drill several times every day.

But maybe it's time to be a bit more mindful and give people a little more credit for the fact of having done us this simple decency and kindness. And perhaps like oil poured upon a cloth, that kindness can spread. May not be fast. May not be far. But it's a start.

And that is a basis for hope. And maybe that's a perspective we should try on for size as we face forward into another new dawn.

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Aquifers and lack of ‘forever chemicals’

Beth Ulion
Journal & Press

On a sunny morning in early October, I waited at the bottom of SAW hill for a tour of Salem’s Water Treatment Plant. Housed in a red metal-sided barn just outside of Salem Art Works, the plant treats water for 915 people, main street businesses, and Pizza World, the only customer outside the old village boundary. The wells are just behind the plant, drilled 60 feet deep in a brushy area.

Eric Rogers, Salem’s Chief Water Treatment Plant Operator, pulled up apologizing for being late. His passion is the water system but most of his hours are spent with the Salem Highway Department. Eric worked as a field inspector for the company that installed Salem’s water system in 2003. “I can picture the bones of the system to this day,” Eric said standing in the spacious main room of the plant, a map of the pipes and hook ups on the wall.

This meeting was pre-Hurricane Helene so the biggest concern I had about local rivers and aquifers focused on the flood of invisible contaminants they might bring into our homes.

Industrial contaminants, namely the PFAS chemical family known as “forever chemicals.” PFAS, specifically PFOA, is what our neighbors in Hoosick Falls have been dealing with. This group of chemicals has been manufactured since the 1940’s. They are used in products across all industries because they repel water and oil, allow water and oil to mix, hold up at extreme temperatures, form foam, and facilitate cleaning. A 2024 ProPublica investigation found that 3M, one of the main manufacturers, discovered the harmful human health impacts of PFAS in the 1970’s but kept it hidden. Negative health impacts can affect reproduction, children’s development, the immune system, hormones, cholesterol levels, and cancer risk. These chemicals do not break down – in the environment or in us.

With the ubiquity of PFAS, I wondered about Salem’s municipal water supply. This was an easy answer for Eric: Salem’s town-supplied water is PFAS free. In 2020, New York State implemented the most rigorous PFAS testing requirements and limits in the country for public drinking water. Two chemicals within the chemical group, PFOA and PFOS, are limited to 10 parts per trillion or ppt. This means there could be 10 gallons of contaminant per trillion gallons of water. Testing has never found any trace of PFOA or PFOS in Salem’s public water.

The NY Department of Health (DOH) requires public water supplies to test for a wide range of contaminants from coliform bacteria to lead. In the water treatment plant, Eric opened a cabinet high on the wall and pulled out an empty sample jar sent by the lab for sample collection. Some jars are glass, some plastic. Some come empty, some contain a powder. Each chemical or element tested has a specific protocol. When submitting samples for PFAS testing Eric cannot wear polyester and must use designated gloves, due to cross-contamination concerns.

In April 2024, the Environmental Protection Agency released new PFAS drinking water standards. PFOA and PFOS are limited to 4 ppt, and new generation PFAS (PFHxS, PFNA, HFPO-DA, and mixtures of these) are limited to 10 ppt. Since Salem’s water supply has never tested positive for PFAS, it is unlikely any of these additional PFs will show up.

Eric explained that we are just lucky that no industrial user or manufacturer of PFAS set up shop within the two aquifers that converge in Salem. One aquifer runs under White Creek, along Route 153, while the other runs under Beaver Brook, north up Route 22. Surprisingly, Salem’s aquifers do not seem to be a priority for US Geological Survey’s mapping so I cannot confirm their locations through research.

This is also great news for the hundreds of Salem households that rely on water



Eric Rogers displays a water sampling bottle

from private wells drawn from the same aquifers. According to the DOH “private well testing for PFAS may not be warranted in an area where the public water source testing does not detect PFAS compounds and PFAS sources have not been identified in the environment.” The DOH coordinates with the Department of Environmental Conservation to identify areas likely impacted by known sources of PFAS. Homeowners in these locations are often offered testing by the state. The DOH can also recommend trustworthy laboratories that do PFAS testing for homeowners still interested in testing their well.

A NY Senate bill to require PFAS testing of private wells upon the transfer of property has to make it out of committee since 2016. Several counties with documented PFAS contamination already require this so I understand the hesitation for a state-wide rule. That said, the sources of PFAS are extraordinarily wide-ranging and seeing that “no trace” box checked when I purchased my home would have been a comforting welcome to the neighborhood.

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When a good samaritan becomes the best birthday gift

Greg Schwem

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Hey, it's my birthday today! The sun is shining and the day should be full of nothing more than fun and possibilities. I'll start my own personal celebration just as soon as I run a few errands. Let's do it quickly.

I just have to drop this mail at the post office. Why drive on a day like today? I'll walk, reminding myself that I am still healthy at my age. My Apple Watch confirms it with every step.

Theore, that's done. Now I'm going to walk home and seize the day. Wait, WHERE'S MY WALLET? Oh no, it was in my pocket with my phone. I remember pulling my phone out to accept a "Happy Birthday" call. Could it be that...? Yes, my wallet is now somewhere on the streets of Chicago.

Within seconds, my birthday has devolved into mental angst, heart palpitations and a series of profanities, spoken at various levels and heard, unfortunately, by passersby including school children. Sorry, kids. Yes, I should watch my language, but you have no idea what I'm facing. On my birthday nonetheless.

You see, in this city of 3 million people that wallet is now resting in the hands of somebody who just gained 80 bucks in cash. Someone who is eyeing two credit cards and could easily walk into any retail establishment from a grocery store to an electronics store and emerge with whatever he or she desires, courtesy of me. It's been nearly 30 minutes since I realized the wallet was missing. Plenty of time for multiple transactions.

What other scenario is there? This is Chicago, depicted by the media as a crime-infested hellhole brimming with homicides, crooked politicians and dishonesty. May as well begin the checklist of items I need

to complete for being so careless, so stupid, so... (insert profanity here).

I'll start with locking my credit cards. At least I still have my phone, so all it takes is one swipe on the bank's website. A call to the bank confirms nobody has purchased a new Playstation, or anything else for that matter. Do I feel better? Can I resume celebrating my new milestone?

Heck no, because I have to get to work. Now how exactly am I going to do that? My driver's license is gone, and so is my bus pass. My cash was in my wallet, as were my ATM cards, so I can't make a withdrawal. Oh well, at least I can Uber. No, no I can't because I just locked my credit cards. How fast before rideshare drivers realize that?

I'm told I should receive new cards in five to seven business days. Of course, things like this only happen at the end of the work week, or on holidays. I'm heading overseas in three days. I need a credit card. At first pleasant but now annoyed, the bank agent says she will expedite a new card, which will only take one to three business days. Still not enough time. She gives me some convoluted explanation about how I can link Apple Pay to my new credit card. I have no idea what she's talking about.

I ride my bike to work. I check my phone. An email pops up with the subject line, "Your wallet." Somebody named Mario not only found it but took the time to research my social media accounts, leading him to my website and my email address.

He lives blocks from me. He found the



wallet outside a neighborhood drugstore. I meet him after work. He tells me he is from Croatia, sells Volkswagens and has two young children. He begrudgingly accepts 50 bucks.

I didn't ask for this on my birthday but received the best gift ever.

The realization that there are good people in the world. Honest people who put others before themselves and expect nothing in return.

Washington could use a boatload of Marios.

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.



How can I help?

MaryAnne Brown
Journal & Press

Catastrophic, devastating, never before seen. The weather reporters are running out of superlatives to describe the ferocity of the recent hurricanes. As we watch the footage of flattened and flooded communities and listen to the interviews of victims and survivors we are reluctantly brought to the frontline of the human suffering and material damage. Many scenes make us shudder; many survivor accounts cause us to weep.

Witnessing this massive storm damage and human tragedy can leave us, as bystanders, feeling helpless. We may tune out appeals for help, and experience frustration or guilt for not doing more. These are common symptoms of “compassion fatigue” which happens when we become overwhelmed by constant exposure to tragedy and need. Compassion fatigue can lead to emotional burnout and decreased empathy and does not just affect the ability to help others, it can also impact one’s own mental health and sense of well-being.

As I grew more engulfed by the tragedy left behind by Hurricanes Helene and Milton, I knew this was unhealthy and I needed to counter my own compassion fatigue. I began by setting some emotional boundaries and limited my exposure to disaster media coverage. After resting and recharging so I could effectively help those needing hurricane relief, I had to do something. I started small by offering donations to a couple of organizations who were on the ground supporting those hit hardest.

How many of us in the rural community that this newspaper serves are feeling the pain of these events personally, knowing of friends and family in the region? What about police officers, emergency workers, business owners, farmers, those in schools, and members of places of worship in the region? We may not know them personally, yet we appreciate the fact that they are living through this trauma day and night, for an uncertain period of time. How can we

help in ways that are sustainable and meaningful?

Sacred texts from different traditions, remind us that, as full-time believers, we are compelled to act. Hindu scripture states, “May we look at each other with the eye of a friend.” Buddha teaches, “A generous heart, kind speech, and a life of service and compassion are the things which renew humanity.” Jewish wisdom urges us to “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Each of these teachings emphasizes the importance of kindness, compassion, and mutual support in sustaining a caring community. Even as non-believers, we must help others. After all, we share a common humanity.

How can we help? Perhaps we can rethink holiday giving. Rather than slipping into excessive spending on material goods, we can offer meaningful gifts by donating more to hurricane relief. We can shift our focus from shopping for expensive items that provide only temporary satisfaction to making a long-lasting impact in affected communities. This will be the year that we will donate to reputable organizations on behalf of our loved ones, explaining to them how this money will help families like ours rebuild after the storms.

Another way to reframe holiday giving is to create care packages. Several organizations, such as Church World Service, provide instructions, materials or kits for local groups to assemble care packages for hurricane relief. These packages of hygiene products, clothing, toys, or tools for rebuilding bring hope and promise to those in greatest need. What a great service project for youth groups, scouts and retirees!

Relief organizations always need fundraisers. Our choir will polish up their voices for a Benefit Concert in the coming months. In 2022, after Hurricane Ian we connected with a small St. Joseph’s Parish in Florida and sent the community the proceeds from



Sunflowers – a symbol of hope

a choir concert. Partnering with a similar village, organization, or church, is a meaningful way to share the trouble. Then we are united with that village, that VFW, that Fire Department, that church. In this way we honor our shared humanity, and we stand with them through their recovery process, rather than simply offering a temporary handout.

Indeed, this Hurricane Relief effort will take a concerted effort by a skilled, dedicated nation. Now is the time to take the necessary steps to embrace our commonality with the hurricane survivors. Our call to action is to encourage one another to take small, meaningful steps to help hurricane victims. Our community routine of generosity contributes to the spirit of southern Washington County. Our natural question to our neighbors in need is always, “How can I help?”

MaryAnne Brown, RN, BSN, MA is a music minister at St. Joseph’s Church and has a special interest in spirituality and health. She serves on the Retreat Team at Dominican Retreat and Conference Center in Niskayuna and provides grantwriting services.



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E. Main St., Cambridge. Offered on a sliding scale of \$15-25/woman. Please bring a sacred object for our center table, your open heart, a journal, pen and cash or check. Facilitated by Teresa King. She has been facilitating circles and workshops for 27 years. Registration is required by contacting her at teresaking1@live.com or by visiting <https://thelargerpicture.com>.

Details can be found under Events. Strong Women circles are not affiliated with any religion. Attend when you are able.

Last chance for art buying

November 9 & 10 will be the last weekend that Whiting Studio Art and Gallery will hold an Open Studio. The public and Plein Air painters are invited to visit the studio between 10am and 5pm. This will be the last chance to purchase art at a reduced price for holiday gift giving.

Plein Air painters are encouraged to set up to paint on location and bring

examples of their work for the public to see and purchase. Each painter will be responsible for sales.

Located at 105 Holmes Road in Argyle NY, the studio is open from May until November each year. More information is available on their website www.whitingartwork.com.

Pantry's \$5000 donation

The Cambridge Food Pantry received a \$5,000 donation from the Washington County Home for Aged Women, Inc. The money will be used toward building additional storage at the food pantry. As numbers of guests continue to grow every week, storage has become an issue this year. This money will go a long way to serving our neighbors in the Cambridge Valley. The Washington County Home for Aged Women, Inc. was created to help provide care for the elderly and indigent people of Washington County. The income received from investments is necessary for the corporation

to give grants to not-for-profit organizations that directly provide care and services to elderly individuals. The Cambridge Food Pantry serves many area seniors. Find out more at <https://cambridgefoodpantry.com>.



Donate blood

The American Red Cross continues to work to restock critically needed blood products uncollected due to the ongoing impact of Hurricane Helene's devastation in the Southeast. Donors outside of affected areas are encouraged to make an appointment to give now and help keep the blood supply stable in the weeks to come.

Since making landfall, the storm and its aftermath have led to the cancellation of more than 100 blood drives, causing thousands of blood and platelet donations to go uncollected. For so many people living with urgent medical care needs, blood transfusions are essential, and donations in the Southeast are key to keeping our nationwide network stocked. The Red Cross operates through a national inventory with the ability to move blood wherever and whenever it is needed most.

The time to give blood or platelets is now. Bring hope to those in need by visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS or by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App. As the Red Cross continues to urge people to give blood or platelets now, our teams are also on the ground providing vital relief – like food, water, shelter and support – in communities devastated by Hurricane Helene. If you're able to help those impacted by disasters big and small across the country, like Helene, please consider making a gift of any amount.

All who come to give blood, platelets or plasma through Oct. 31 will receive a \$10 Amazon.com Gift Card by email, plus be automatically entered for a chance to win one of three \$5,000 gift cards. For full details, visit RedCrossBlood.org/Treat.

Some upcoming donation events:

Saratoga Springs

10/24/2024: 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Stewarts Ice Cream Building 2, 461 Church St.

10/24/2024: 12 p.m. - 5 p.m., St Paul's Lutheran Church, 149 Lake Ave

Schuylerville

10/26/2024: 8 a.m. - 12 p.m., Notre Dame-Visitation Church, 18 Pearl St

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Scout trip

Recently members of the Troop attended a district wide shooting sports event held at the Hudson Falls Fish and Game Club. At this event they learned firearm safety and participated in skeet, trap, 3D archery and small caliber accuracy shooting events. Lunch was served by the Club and the Scouts had a great time. They then went to compete in rounds of mini golf, enjoy some ice cream and concluded the night with a camp out at Camp Wakpominee. It was



said to be a great weekend filled with camaraderie and learning new skills. If anyone is interested in joining the Troop, they should contact Scoutmaster Jeff Conkey at trop27greenwich@gmail.com.

Cambridge tea time

It's time again for the annual Victorian Tea at the Cambridge Historical Society & Museum at 12 Broad Street in Cambridge, New York at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 20. Included in the afternoon tea are delicious savories and sweets, endless tea and a "Stylish Times" fashion show presented by the well-known Phyllis Chapman of Vintage Visitors. For over 20 years Phyllis has presented live historic fashion shows drawing from her large collection of hand-made, period correct reproduction clothing worn by live models.

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Klan meeting quashed

Here's our regular look at articles that appeared in the various editions of our Journal & Press family of newspapers from decades past...

100 Years Ago

Oct. 15, 1924

A meeting held for the announced purpose of organizing a branch of the Ku Klux Klan, or at least of explaining the workings of the organization, resulted in riotous scenes in Glens Falls last Thursday night. Several persons who attended the meeting were attacked and police protection was necessary to rescue them. The meeting was held in Wilbur Evert's garage located a short distance outside the city limits on Bay Street. The organizers are said to have been Klansmen from Schenectady and other nearby cities.

Not more than 40 or 50 persons attended the meeting in the garage, but a mob of 1000 or more men and boys assembled outside and were successful in an effort to break it up. Every window in the garage was broken by stones or other missiles, and several persons inside the building were hit. Finally bottles of ammonia were thrown through the windows to force those inside to come out for air. When the men left the building, several of them were assaulted, and deputy sheriffs and police officers were called upon to furnish them protection.

Byron Baker of South Glens Falls, alleged to have been one of the organizers of the meeting, was arrested after he had been manhandled. He was charged with carrying concealed weapons when it was alleged he swung a hammer upon a person in the crowd. Baker was later discharged as the crowd moved downtown. There were additional disturbances as a person suspected of having attended the meeting was discovered. Rockwell Gardner of Luzerne was attacked near the garage, but was rescued by the police. Later

he was attacked in the city and was badly beaten before he was rescued by the police and taken to the station house.

Later in the night, a small crowd went to the Baker Brothers garage in South Glens Falls and broke in one of the large front windows. The officers were summoned, and the crowd was disbursed without further damage.

80 Years Ago

Oct. 4, 1944

Officials of the town of Berlin down in Rensselaer County have denied reports that there is a movement afoot there to change the name of their village and post office because they think Berlin smells of Naziism. The suggestion was made, rumor said, to adopt the name of a village in Greece, which has been destroyed by German invaders. ... In the case of Berlin, the postal guide lists no less than 15 American towns and cities with that name. And why pick on Berlin when there are a dozen or so Germantown's, Germanvilles and Germanias?

70 Years Ago

Oct. 20, 1954

There were 6816 people in the southern part of Washington county who received free chest x-rays when the mobile unit was here this fall. This is a more than 100% increase in the number x-rayed when compared with the same survey, which was made here three years ago. The Washington County Tuberculosis and Public Health Association, which arranged for the clinic, reports the numbers who responded to the invitation for a free chest x-ray were most satisfactory.



60 Years Ago

Oct. 29, 1964

Adult education classes at Greenwich Central School, which started this week, include ceramics and chair caning Monday; high school equivalency, sewing and beginning furniture refinishing on Tuesday; advanced furniture refinishing and conversational French on Wednesday, and cake decorating on Thursday.

Men's physical fitness classes are expected to start next Monday for the

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THROUGH THE DECADES

Murder in Easton (cont.)

younger men in the high school gym, and on Wednesday for the men over 35 in the elementary gym, with John Traver in charge.

Much interest was shown in the ABC shorthand or rapid writing class but it has been impossible to find a teacher in the surrounding area.

40 Years Ago

Oct. 11, 1984

The New York State police announced Friday the arrest of Mark S. Lewis, 25, in connection with the murder of the Reverend James I. Borden of Easton. The murder occurred Monday, October 1. Warrants were filed before Easton Town Justice Ralph Briggs, charging second-degree murder....

The suspected murder weapon, a scuba diver's knife, was found with the subject and has been held as evidence in the case. Lewis has been charged with felony murder – a murder committed during the commission of a robbery. ...

When questioned about the events, captain Looney said, "We don't know all the details. In fact, we may never know them. We assume Lewis was invited into the house." There were two places set at the

kitchen table.

While Lewis had no prior record of being fingerprinted, the arrest and arraignment was made on the basis of fingerprints found in the house and truck. Louis was arrested at a sister's house and offered no resistance.

20 Years Ago

Oct. 7, 2004

Corinth is gearing up for a half-time show during the Corinth – Greenwich game on Friday, October 15. The game will be played at 7 PM on the Corinth football field.

During halftime, there will be a ceremony honoring the armed service personnel from Corinth and Greenwich, currently deployed in Iraq and Afghanistan. Families of servicemen and women will be escorted onto the field, and there will be a banner with her names on it. There will be patriotic music and a huge American flag will be unfolded. It is hoped that a human yellow ribbon can be formed.

Corinth resident and veteran Mitch Saunders came up with the idea to recognize these soldiers for all their sacrifices.



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—Compiled by Darren Johnson

Trunk or Treat at college

SUNY Adirondack's Office of Student and Residential Life cordially invites goblins, superheroes and princesses of all ages to Trunk or Treat, a free on-campus celebration from 4 to 6 p.m. Oct. 30.

This family-friendly event is free and open to the public. Enjoy candy, music, bounce houses and more in the north parking lot of the college's Queensbury

campus. (Enter campus at the light at College Drive, off Bay Road, then take the first exit out of the rotunda.)

"We're excited to provide a safe, fun-filled event to the community," said Dillon Murphy, assistant director of Student and Residential Life. "This is a great opportunity to celebrate Halloween and welcome our neighbors on to our beautiful campus."

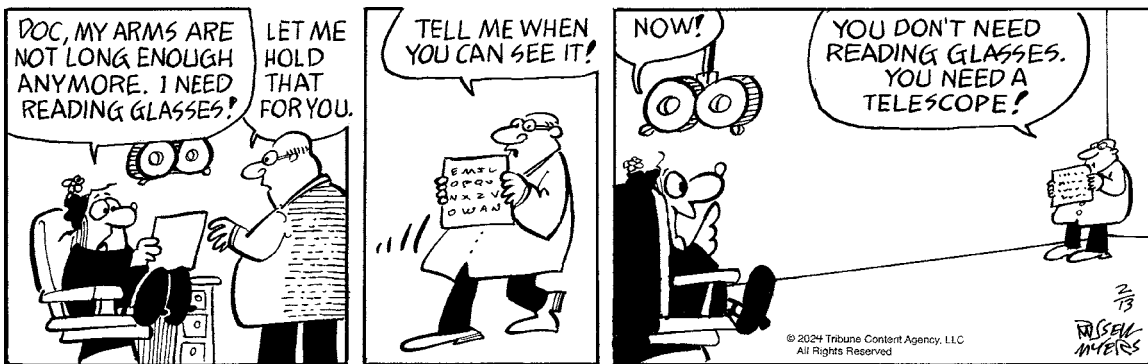


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Animal Crackers by Fred Wagner



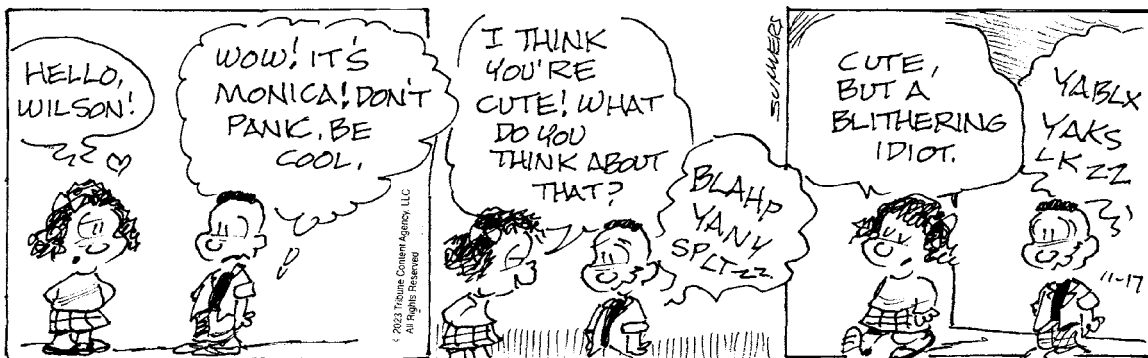
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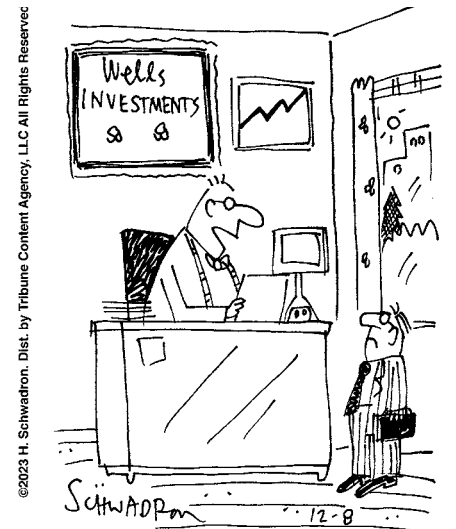
Gasoline Alley by Jim Scancarelli



The Middletons by Dana Summers



9 to 5 by Harley Schwadron



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JUMBLE

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

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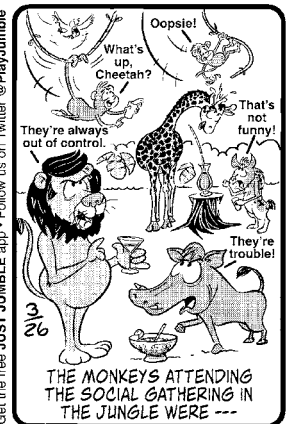
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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



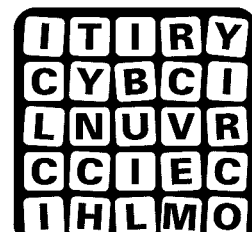
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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Boggle BrainBusters!

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

BOGGLE POINT SCALE	YOUR BOGGLE RATING
3 letters = 1 point	151+ = Champ
4 letters = 2 points	101-150 = Expert
5 letters = 3 points	61-100 = Pro
6 letters = 4 points	31-60 = Garner
7 letters = 5 points	21-30 = Rookie
8 letters = 10 points	11-20 = Amateur
8+ letters = 15 points	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 WORDS STARTING AND ENDING WITH "C" in the grid of letters.

Answers to Last Sunday's Boggle BrainBusters: GHAPE, DOLPHIN, WARTHOG, HANSTER, CHEETAH

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SCRABBLE G₂ R₁ A₁ M₃ S₁

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E₁ E₁ O₁ F₄ N₁ L₁ S₁

RACK 1

I₁ O₁ M₃ M₃ R₁ F₄ S₁

Triple Word Score

RACK 2

O₁ T₁ N₁ B₃ A₁ E₁ L₁

RACK 3

A₁ I₁ C₃ R₁ H₄ G₂ P₃

1st Letter Double

RACK 4

I₁ O₁ U₁ S₁ N₁ B₃ M₃

RACK 5

PAR SCORE 260-270

FIVE RACK TOTAL

BEST SCORE 339

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

Word Find by Frank J. D'Agostino

Find these words associated with a money, (and find Frank's acrostic books on Amazon):	Average Banker Bond Broker Buyout Controller Cost Credit Debit Deficit	Depreciate Escrow Fees Funds Gross Income Ledger Loss Payment Rates	Revenue Sales Savings Taxes Teller Wages Yield
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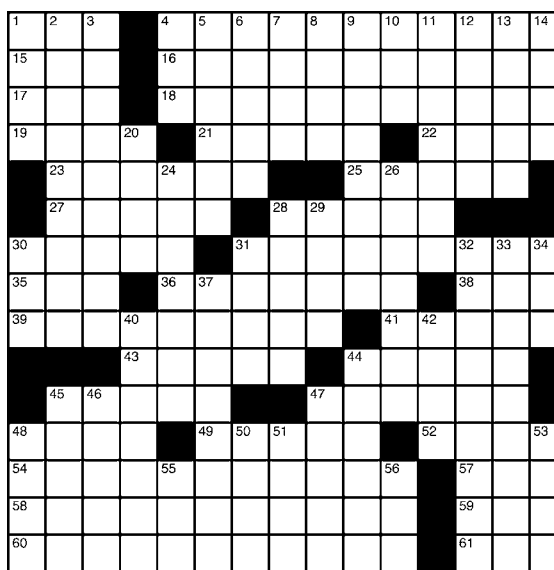
Sudoku

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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Crossword

Across
1 Includes, briefly
4 Bell hooks work whose title comes from a line often attributed to Sojourner Truth
15 Prune
16 Pink flower with a yellow center
17 "Oklahoma!" Tony winner
18 Mayonnaise-based condiment
19 Jedi on Dagobah
21 Taskbar lineup
22 Walked
23 Negligent
25 Aim
27 "Born a ___": Trevor Noah memoir
28 ___ pool
30 Elements of Byzantine architecture
31 Last-minute participant
35 Journalist Tarbell
36 Award with a Journalistic Integrity category
38 Quebec street
39 Equal-pay issue



41 Whirlpool subsidiary
43 Strike force?
44 Jellyfish's lack
45 Medicare Advantage program
47 Hawk
48 Self-referential
49 Best possible
52 Forgets to charge the phone, say

in the 1962 comic book "Amazing Fantasy"
4 Germane
5 Game challenge
6 Busters
7 Nickname of vodka-maker
Beveridge
8 Home country of Oscar-winning filmmaker Asghar

54 "Okay, you got me"
57 NPR's Shapiro
58 Mail with a North Pole return address
59 ___-de-sac
60 Multipurpose piece
61 Problem that often grows with fame

Down
1 Tandoor material
2 System with shades of meaning
3 Character who debuted

Farhadi
9 Flight number
10 Director Anderson
11 Sojourner Truth forte
12 Grievance
13 Broad tie
14 Sine qua non
20 Brest friend
24 "That did me in"
26 Minor gridiron gain
28 Nick, Alabama coach
29 Sporty car roof
30 Unkind remark
31 Vacaciones destination
32 Rugged contest
33 Hallway accent
34 House call?
37 "Spamalot" co-creator
40 Vaudeville great
42 Cooked
44 Faith
45 Use the elliptical
46 Make repairs
47 Check words
48 Major in transgender activism
50 Bucks in a forest
51 Treebeard and friends
53 Isolated work group
55 Touch a touchscreen
56 Part of a chorus line?

SCHOOL NEWS

Greenwich honors 130 students

On Thursday, October 10, the Greenwich Junior-Senior High School held its Annual Academic Awards assembly for students in grades 10-12 (a few accelerated 9th grade students also attended). During the assembly, students were recognized for academic excellence in the following areas:

- Achieving Mastery (a grade of 85% or better) on a NYS Regents exam
- Achieving the highest grade on a NYS Regents exam
- Achieving the highest grade in a course
- Achieving a score of 4 or 5 on an AP exam
- 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)
- 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)
- Earning the Ashlar Lodge Award for the highest grade on the NYS Geometry Regents exam
- 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, 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, one hundred and thirty students were recognized at least once during the assembly, with one hundred and five individuals receiving an actual award. Below is a list of those students that were recognized.

Ava Aierstok, Max Aierstok, Max Anatriello, David Arana Riese, Grace Autiello, William Bain, Andrew Baptie, Alexander Barbur, Kaden Bentley, Chloe Bentzen, Jonathan Bowling, Riley Brophy, Dylan Brown, Hunter Brown, Eli Buretea-Bloom, John Carnett, Joseph Carnett, Wyatt Cary, Ella Celani, Dmitri Chincola, Allison Chuh-

ta, Peter Chuhta, Keegan Clayton, Charlotte Collins, Jayden Conlen, Brooke Conlin, Michael Cronin, Madalynn Curley, Lyla Curtis, Olivia Davis, Rylee DeLuca, Brooke Demianenko, Samuel Dixson, Serena Drost, Emery DuBois, Hunter Dupuis, Mason Foster, Morgan Foster, Kate Fowler, Kaelie Fox, Madison Genevick, Alexis Godfrey, Emily Gonzalez, Carter Goodling, Avery Graves, Langston Hall, Kendall Hamilton, Avery Hawrysz, Ryan Hughes, Reese Hunt, Taber Hunt, Ryan Ingber, Claudia Johnson, Rockwell Johnson, Leo Jordan, Makenzie Keir, Lillian Kelley, Connor Kirk, Gabriel Kurland, Violet Kurland, Brooke Kuzmich, Hazen Lilley, Hudson Logan, Marley Loveland, McKenna Lyndaker, Olive Magowan, Samuel Magowan, Melody Mathys, Kendal Mattison, Harper McCarthy, Colby McCauliffe, Brenden McClay, Gabriel McFarren, Eliza McQueen, Isabelle Miller, Johnathan Morency, Finnoula Murray, Levi Murray, Max Nichols, Samuel Palacios, Luna Paradis Wiebe, Joseph Radovich, Sarah Radovich, Carson Reynolds, Izaiah Reynolds, Alexzander Rifenburg, Jack Scieszka, Julia Sgambelluri, Isla Shaw, Sarah Sievers, Joseph Skiff, Kaitlin Skiff, Jackson Slater, Bridget Smith, Ella Smith, Alyssa St. Mary, Kayla Stewart, Morgan Stone, Brayden Stutzman, Avery Timmins, Colin Traver, Addison Truax, Jessica Viscusi, Erik Wade and Brayden Wilbur.

Congrats, all!

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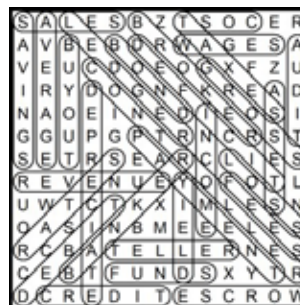
Jumble: LANKY
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Final Jumble: Party
Animals

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PAR SCORE 220-230						TOTAL	288

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The best leadership is invisible

Dr. Daneen Skube
*Tribune Content Agency
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Q: *I just landed a high-level management position and want to excel. Do you have general guidelines you advise your clients who want to shine as effective leaders?*

A: Yes, I advise you to evaluate carefully who you admire as a leader. Being bossy doesn't make you the boss. Moreover, taking all the credit or constantly finding fault won't create an inspired team. The best leader invisibly motivates and helps people think. An effective leader's staff believes the ideas belong to them.

Lao Tzu, Chinese philosopher, nailed effective leadership when he said, "A leader is best when people barely know that he exists, not so good when people obey and acclaim him, and worst when they despise him. Fail to honor people, They fail to honor you. But of a good leader, who talks little, when his work is done, his aims fulfilled, they will all say, "We did this ourselves."

We have many examples of leaders on the world stage that lead through fear, intimidation, or narcissism. In the short-term leaders like this can grab power. In the

long-term, eventually these same "bully" strategies will lead to an erosion of power and credibility from this leader.

If you have ever had a boss that used intimidation tactics, you know why employees working for a bully become demoralized, and start quietly quitting. Team members in such an environment will do the minimum, but never show up with their best selves.

Leaders who shine know how to use questions, paraphrasing, and observations to help each employee figure out solutions to problems. Such a leader then nods admiringly and encourages, "See you've got this. Go ahead and do what you just told me."

Be careful that when employees come with problems you don't become the answer man or woman for employees. If staff get accustomed to you doing all their thinking, you'll undermine their development. Be willing to use silence when employees are struggling with problems. If you expect them to think of solutions, they'll learn how to create ideas.

Coach your staff that you hire the best, and give them the tools and space to show off their stuff. Let employees know you nev-

er want them to come to you with a problem without bringing a possible solution to that meeting. When they struggle, do a lot of listening and directive questioning. Help them arrive at a solution that you already can see. With a few targeted questions, they will also see it.

Effective leaders know their essential job is to mentor and "raise" effective employees. Your people won't perform well if you do lots of hand holding or criticism when they fail.

When staff do fail, make a habit to ask what they've learned. Also normalize the idea that failure isn't the end of the road, but a fresh start knowing what doesn't work.

At the end of each week your staff can say, "We did it ourselves," and you can smile and know that you provided all the invisible support to make that success a reality.

The last word(s)

Q: *My long list of responsibilities overwhelms me every week. Is there any easy way to prioritize everything I have to accomplish?*

A: Yes, as Peter Drucker (1909-2005), an Austrian-American management consultant, observed: "Efficiency is doing things right; effectiveness is doing the right things." Run through your list and highlight the priorities that support all your other goals.

Daneen Skube, Ph.D., executive coach, trainer, therapist and speaker, also appears as the FOX Channel's "Workplace Guru" each Monday morning. She's the author of "Interpersonal Edge: Breakthrough Tools for Talking to Anyone, Anywhere, About Anything."



Veterans Day event

Saratoga National Historical Park, where the bravery and sacrifice of some of America's first veterans helped change the world, will hold a Veterans Day Commemoration and Family Fun Day on Saturday, November 9 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

The day will begin at 10:00 am with a ceremony honoring those who have served from the earliest American veterans in the Revolutionary War to today. This short ceremony will include speakers and a moment to remember those who are no longer with us.

Following the ceremony, representa-

tives of veteran's services, organizations, and local military units will be on hand to provide information and celebrate. Refreshments and family friendly activities will continue until 2:00 pm. Veterans can also pick up their free lifetime passes to federal public lands by bringing a veteran marked driver's license or ID.

This program is presented in partnership with the Daughters of the American Revolution, Sons of the American Revolution, Military order of the World Wars, Theodore Roosevelt Chapter (New York), and Friends of Saratoga Battlefield.



The Tri-County United Way VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) program has been honored with the National IRS “Hall of Fame” Award, a testament to its exceptional contributions and unwavering support for individuals and families with low to moderate incomes. Chosen from 14 national nominees, Tri-County United Way’s VITA program distinguished itself through its remarkable service, community impact, and dedication to financial stability.

Over the past 21 years, more than 200 volunteers have played a vital role in earning this Hall of Fame accolade. While some have moved on and others have passed away, we remain deeply proud of the dedication and positive impact our VITA volunteers have had on our local economy. These dedicated individuals continue to assist low-income families and seniors with their tax returns across Washington, Warren, and Northern Saratoga Counties.

Special thanks go to our most recent volunteers from the last two filing seasons:

Cathy Barton	Nanette Doheny	Frances Hanna	Dianne Lewis	Frank Musso	Will Sawma	Heidi Villarini
Charlene Bolster	Nancy Douglas	Margaret Hurlburt	Michael Linke	Donna Nichols	Mark Semon	Donna Waite
Roseanne Brevot	Julie Gann	Kay Hutt	Lyn MacAlpine	Kevin O'Brien	Stanley Shattuck	Rosemary White
Pat Bryant	Gerry Geddis	Sonya Jurnak	Marge Maxwell	Dee Park	Nancy Skirkanich	Mary Ellen Williams
Loretta Citarella	Victor Greco	Daisy Kavanagh	Sue McNeil	Bree Pisacane	Rachelle Tessier	
Phil Cote	Thelma Hack	ShannonKavanaugh	Douglas Meyerhoff	Joan Prouty	Ann Thibideau	
Larry Crandall	Lydia Hall	Jean Killian	Richelene Morey	Mary Provost	Judith Tholl	
Joseph Dewey	Bill Hamelin	Lee Lenhart	Jeanie Mullen	Arlene Reduto	John Truchon	



VITA, an IRS-sponsored program, offers training to local volunteers, equipping them to complete income tax returns for our community. Volunteers begin their training in December and must pass certification tests before they can assist with tax returns. Without their commitment, many individuals who rely on this vital service would likely have to turn to paid tax preparers. To volunteer, contact Laura Jensen, Director of Community Engagement at Ljensen@tricountyunitedway.org or learn more at www.tricountyunitedway.org.

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The Historic Salem Courthouse, County of Washington, State of New York is seeking bids for an upgrade of the audio/visual equipment in the upstairs courtroom of the courthouse. The system will be mainly used for public presentations, musical events, and occasional video presentations. All equipment shall be installed without direct attachment to the structure of the courthouse. Any mounts, trussing or cabling shall be supported by independent structures, not connected to the courthouse. For copy of Bid specifications and schedule walk thru email President Herb Perkins hperkins450@gmail.com Please take notice this is a Public Work Project, see bid documents for the prevailing wage schedule (PRC#2019002387). All the bids are due in a sealed envelope, or email (hperkins450@gmail.com) , no later

than 3PM on Friday, October 25, 2024 at the Director’s office at the Historic Salem Courthouse PO Box 140 , Salem, New York. The Historic Salem Courthouse reserves the right to reject all bids. Dated: 9/25/24
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Tru-Home Enhancements LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 9/10/24. Office: Washington County. US Corp. Agents Inc. designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to Registered Agents Inc. at 7014 13th Ave suite 202 Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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VILLAGE MATTERS

The Giving Tree

On Saturday, October 12th, among peak foliage, Mayor Amanda Hurley, Trustee Donna Frank Moore and residents of Greenwich celebrated the planting of a beautiful new tree in Memorial Park, across from the Baptist Church.

The tree is a Green Mountain Maple, and the Village is forming a Tree Committee that will work on bringing a good variety of trees into the Village in years to come, including Autumn Blaze Maples, Elm, Oak, and Chestnut, according to Trustee Moore.

The tree ceremony was part of the Village's quest to become a Tree City USA.

Mayor Hurley said, "We are also proud to be working towards earning the Tree City USA designation. For those who aren't familiar, Tree City USA is a program that recognizes communities that are dedicated to the care and management of their trees. By pursuing this goal, we are committing to sustainable urban forestry practices, ensuring that Greenwich remains a vibrant, green place for generations to come."

"The importance of trees goes far beyond beautification. They help clean our air and water, benefit wildlife, increase our property values, and are a good investment of our public dollars," added Trustee Moore.

Annabel Gregg of the Lands and Forests Division of the Department of Environmental Conservation was on hand for the celebration and said the tree would be one of the very first to be included in the upcoming database of the gubernatorial 25 Million Trees initiative.

The ceremony was brought to a close with a reading of Shel Silverstein's "The Giving Tree" by local Town Justice and Village Treasurer Rachel Clothier.



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Canal songs

“Reflections in Song – Canal Songs and Stories” will be presented on Friday, October 25, 7-8:30pm at Brookside Museum 21 Fairground Ave., Ballston Spa.

George Ward, folklorist and singer, “Canal Balladeer,” will present a program of historical and personal songs and stories reflecting two hundred years of New York State’s canals and their people.

Join Ward on a relaxing Friday night as he takes the audience back in time through the wistful voices of the past. His performance will include songs he has performed at folk festivals, in concert halls and coffeehouses, canal side and on tour boats for fifty years. This event is free to attend but donations are accepted.

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Comfort Food earns Farm-to-School Grant

As students head back to school, Comfort Food Community (CFC) announced that it has received a New York State Farm-to-School Grant to continue connecting schools and students with high-quality, locally sourced foods for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school years. This grant will allow CFC to continue enhancing school meals, supporting local farmers, and promoting sustainable eating practices.

The Farm-to-School grant aims to increase the volume and variety of New York State farm products purchased by schools/districts and served in school meal programs. In 2023, CFC distributed a remarkable \$217,000 worth of food through their Farm 2 School program, providing essential nourishment to approximately 17,535 students. This new, \$99,440 award guarantees funding for two more years of the program, including operation and staff. This will allow the 18 participating school districts- 33 individual schools- to continue sourcing a variety of local items—including apples, apple sauce, juice, frozen vegetables, fresh produce, dairy, and meat.

According to CFC Food & Farm Hub Account Manager, Lisa Wilson, “The goal is to increase the amount of local product served on school menus. Our food service directors often lack the time or resources to source local products due to large order minimums or storage restrictions. We handle this critical part of the process for them.”

Working closely with school districts

across Warren, Washington, and Saratoga counties—including Argyle, Cambridge, and Greenwich—CFC is committed to improving food access and leading the community to end rural hunger. By facilitating direct partnerships between schools and New York State food producers, CFC ensures that nutritious, fresh food makes its way into students’ lunches.

Sarah Keen, Director of Food Service at Schuylerville Central School District, emphasizes the importance of this initiative: “I don’t want Washington state or the West Coast to feed New York when we have so many farms right here. By prioritizing local products, they’re not only fresher and more nutritious for our students, but we’re also minimizing our carbon footprint by reducing the distance food travels to reach our schools. Most importantly, I aim to support our local economy and our farmers.”

Keen adds, “Comfort Food Community is crucial to making this happen. Being a relatively small school district, we find it chal-



Food & Farm Hub Account Manager Lisa Wilson delivering New York apples to Salem School

lenging to source from multiple small farmers, while larger distributors don’t always carry hyper-local products. CFC enables us to receive everything we need in a single delivery.”

“In my dreams, everything that we serve would be local—Totally New York trays,” Keen envisions.

Thanks to the New York State Farm-to-School Grant, Comfort Food Community is poised to continue its impactful work, ensuring that students not only enjoy high-quality meals but also cultivate a connection to their local food systems and communities.

For more information about Comfort Food Community and the Farm 2 School program, please visit www.comfortfoodcommunity.org/food-access.

New historic marker at Hebron Town Barn

On Sunday, November 10, 2024 at 2:00 p.m., the Town of Hebron and the Hebron Preservation Society will hold a special rededication ceremony at the Town Barn on the corner of Bogtown Road and Chamberlin Mills Road.

Hebron historian Debi Craig has been working with Washington County Historical Society board member Sarah Hall to restore the Samuel Nelson historic marker which was placed in the 1990s. Samuel Nelson was born in Hebron November 10, 1792. Nelson, who grew up in Hebron, served 27 years on the Supreme

Court of the United States (you can tour his former law office at the Farmer’s Museum in Cooperstown). The marker has been exposed to all kinds of weather and had lost much of its blue and gold paint over the years. Sarah Hall has taken on the project of preparing and restoring historic markers around the county over the past year. She has restored six markers so far. She prepared the surface and painted the blue background then she and Craig both repainted the gold letters.

For more information call 518-573-3758.

Undefeated

The Greenwich Witches football team is 6-0 on the season. They have scored 352 points and given up 6. Greenwich has home games vs. Cambridge/Salem Saturday, Oct. 19, at 7 p.m., and then Warrensburg/Lake George/Bolton on the following Friday, Oct. 25, at 7 p.m.

Pictured are team seniors:

#58 - Brayden Tyner, #61 - Max Anatriello, #27 - Jack Saunders, #4 - Jayden White, #2 Calvin Curtis, #5 - Joe Skiff, #8 - Joe Radovich. —DAN PEMRICK PHOTO



Give back for pets

Join community members and patrons of the Easton Library and Greenwich Free Library by “giving back” to the community by donating NEW items such as food, collars, leashes, health supplements and cleaning supplies. Donations will support several local animal rescue groups whose volunteers are based in southern Washington County. Almost Home Rescue, Lucky Puppy Rescue (Great Beginnings Adoption Center), Salem’s Community Cats, and Short and Stumpy Pups Inc. dba Our Best Friends Rescue, will be the beneficiaries of the contributions.

All of the rescue groups believe that each pet deserves plenty of love, attention and exercise. Saving pets from a life of being a stray, neglect, puppy mills, animal shelters, and such, is the cornerstone of each group. Many of the puppies and dogs found in these sad situations are rehabilitated. They go to foster homes (sometimes permanently) or they find their forever homes. The cats found also go to foster or forever homes. The Salem’s Community Cats provide spay and neuter services.

Look for collection boxes and a complete list of requested items at the entrances of both libraries. All donations need to be NEW (or gently used gear). Collection bins at both libraries will be available through Saturday, October 26.



New parade route

A press release from the Greater Greenwich Chamber of Commerce:

“Get ready for a dazzling night in Greenwich as the beloved Holiday Lighted Tractor Parade takes on an exciting new route this year! Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 23, 2024, at 6 p.m., when the lighted tractors will roll out from Capital Tractor and make their way through town, ending at the Argyle Brewery. This revamped route is designed to offer better viewing spots and align with enhanced safety practices, ensuring a fun and secure experience for all attendees.

“As you line the streets to watch the festive parade of brightly lit tractors, you can expect a lively atmosphere filled with entertainment, delicious offerings from food trucks, and the chance to grab some exclusive 2024 Tractor Parade apparel. It’s the perfect way to kick off the holiday season in style, so bring your friends, bring your family, and get ready for an unforgettable evening that will light up more than just the night sky.”

Blessed

It wasn’t a large turnout but the Blessing of the Animals went off without a hitch Oct. 5 at St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church in Schuylerville. The Journal & Press was the promotional sponsor of the event.

Altogether, they blessed five dogs, a cat, and one stuffie (a horse). Pictured is Deacon Helene Patterson with Jenna Leskovec, Rocky and Willie.



Choosing the next town justice

To the Editor:

Selection of the Town of Greenwich Judge is one of the important decisions that voters will make at the voting booth in November. The position of Town Justice is an interesting contradiction, because in New York town and village justices are the only judges who are not required to be lawyers, and YET they preside over a range of cases, from vehicle and traffic matters, small claims, evictions, civil matters, and criminal offences. This is why it's crucial to elect a qualified candidate. Finding a qualified person who is willing to do the work is difficult. I learned this when I needed to find a person to appoint as Village Justice.

I felt so lucky to successfully recruit Rachel Clothier as our Village Justice in 2020. Rachel isn't a lawyer, but she has put in years of legal work that prepare her for the tough job of making decisions that affect offenders and victims, following New York State and Town laws. The law is her vocation and her passion, and her philosophy is to fairly and evenly adjudicate decisions, for all people who come before her bench.

Rachel worked as a legal assistant for the NYS Attorney General's office for 8 years, and she has done legal research for regional law firms for years. She served as our Village Justice for 2 years. During this time she managed the Court, with its extensive paperwork, efficiently and accurately, including navigating the annual audits of all court records and financial reporting.

Then, after the devastating loss of our Town Justice Leo Flynn, Rachel agreed to step into the Town Justice position.

She took over the Town Court at a challenging time, not just because the Court was new to her, but because the Town Court at that time had to incorporate all of the Village of Greenwich cases into their docket. She does a superior job. Working with the Court Clerk, she quickly organized records and schedules and met her goal of continuing with a 1-day court. She runs the court efficiently and knowledgeably, researching

pertinent laws when needed before making decisions. Knowing where and how to identify pertinent legal cases and guidance is another crucial skill she possesses.

If we fail to reelect our current Town Justice, Greenwich residents will lose a dedicated, tireless, enthusiastic, knowledgeable public servant and vital resource. I urge every voter to cast a vote for Judge Rachel Clothier.

And as a Baby Boomer myself, I'm allowed to say this: It's time for a new generation of public officials! Move over, Boomers!

Thanks for your consideration,

Pam Fuller

Greenwich

Fairness and Dedication

To the Editor:

A few years ago, I witnessed Steve Patrick in a situation that exemplifies the qualities he will bring to our community as the town justice, fairness and dedication. My granddaughter was competing in a sectional track meet in the pentathlon and Mr. Patrick was her coach. It was an unbearably hot Saturday afternoon and the meet had been going on for hours. As a coach for 40 years, Steve has led many teams to championships and supported athletes to meet their potential in their event. His dedication to our youth, as a teacher and coach has been remarkable.

On this particular day, I watched my granddaughter compete in five events while Mr. Patrick pumped her up, gave her sound advice and held an umbrella over her to shield her from the scorching sun. I share this story because it demonstrates Coach's dedication to our community and its members. She was by no means one of the best on the team, but there he was, supporting her like she was a division one track star. He was treating her with the respect, fairness and dedication he treats everyone with, even though her chance at the blue

ribbon was minimal.

As the town judge, he will support everyone with the fairness and dedication he demonstrated not only at that sweltering track meet, but as he has demonstrated all of his years in Greenwich.

A vote for Steve Patrick is a vote for all of our community members.

John D. Pemrick

Greenwich

Experience Counts

To the Editor:

I'd like to voice my support for Judge Rachel Clothier for Greenwich Town Justice.

Both candidates running for this position have shown their commitment to this community through their work and volunteer activities. No one could question either candidate's integrity or work ethic, but Judge Clothier has the education and work experience that make her an exceptionally qualified candidate.

She served two years as Greenwich Village Justice and is currently the Town Justice, consolidating the Village and Town courts. With 8 years' experience as a Legal Assistant in the NYS Attorney General's Office, she has the legal background important to continue fulfilling this role with expertise. Judge Clothier's undergraduate and graduate degrees also align with understanding of policy, ethics, and legal procedures.

As Judge Clothier is already demonstrating effective leadership, competency, and fairness in this position, let's support her in continuing in this important position. It makes sense.

Debbie Anderson

Greenwich

Please read more on next page

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Qualified for the Job

To the Editor:

The campaign to elect a Town Justice seems to be coming down to a straightforward decision. The position of Town Justice was established in Colonial America. In many places, it still harkens back to the days when few rural community members had real legal backgrounds. The next best thing was to elect someone that most people knew and trusted; someone who had exhibited good judgment, was 'fair', and had 'common sense'. Additionally, a Town Court was not historically a busy or complex place. Adjudicating cases of out-of-town speeders and the occasional tipsy teenage driver was not that difficult or even consequential. But times have changed, and the legal world we live in is far more complicated.

Rachel Clothier is our current Town Justice. She brings to the job significant legal and public administration education and experience. She's a degreed paralegal who worked for the NY Attorney General's Office for eight years. She did legal research

and drafted briefs & opinions on everything from municipal authority to tort law. She has been the Greenwich Village & Town Justice for the past three years during which the Greenwich Court has become one of the busiest courts in Washington County.

This choice should be easy. We are being asked to hire a person for a very important Town job. In any job search, the most important objective is determining that the job-seeker is qualified. Does he or she have the necessary knowledge and experience to merit the job?

Consider if Rachel Clothier answered an ad for the position of nurse at Saratoga Hospital or teacher at Greenwich High School. She doesn't have a degree in health care or education. She has never stood before a classroom nor worked in an emergency room. Her applications would likely be dismissed out of hand. She is simply not qualified for those jobs. Why then would someone with no legal training, background, or experience be seriously considered for the job of Town Justice? Having deep community roots, a great personality, and lots of friends is not enough. None of those excellent qualities are actual qualifications. We voters should reject this application how-

ever much we may like the applicant.

Keeping Judge Rachel Clothier as the Town Justice is the real "common sense" decision.

Maryann McGeorge

Greenwich

Why Change?

To the Editor:

If it ain't broke, don't fix it.

Most of us are fortunate enough to not have stood in front of a judge for some sort of negative actions. But even mundane charges like traffic violations demand clear thinking on the part of a justice. Should I or someone close to me be in a situation like this, I would hope for an unbiased opinion of a judge who is knowledgeable about laws, has experience in these matters, and in whom I have confidence that I will be treated fairly. Rachel Clothier has been doing just this for several years, overseeing a busy schedule, and keeping up with legal developments. The residents of Greenwich are lucky that she wants to do this job and is looking out for our best interest. Why on earth would we look elsewhere?

KC Scott

Greenwich

SCHOOL NEWS

Honored for AP success

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

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

Greenwich JSHS had 45% of seniors who took at least one AP exam during high school, 41% of seniors scoring a three or higher on at least one AP exam, and 13%

of seniors who took five or more AP exams.

Greenwich JSHS offers seven AP courses. JSHS Principal George Niesz identifies the school's AP courses as integral to the overall academic program at Greenwich. "Our AP courses and college courses allow our college bound students the opportunity to experience rigorous coursework while still in the nurturing environment of our school community", said Niesz. "Our AP teachers are highly trained and committed to the idea that our students can excel in challenging courses when provided with excellent instruction. Over the past sixteen years, our students have always averaged above a score of 3 on AP exams. Last year the average score was 3.91. These scores demonstrate that our students outperform stu-

dents from around the country and around the world that take the same exams". Niesz added, "this recognition, along with our high school's recent ranking of 3rd in the Capital Region (U.S. News and World Reports), is meaningful because we did not apply for this recognition. Both of these honors were bestowed without any application from our school. It appears to simply be based on objective measures," said Niesz.

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



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