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The Election is Nov. 8

Lots of letters as we finally conclude our candidate coverage

While, yes, our region sees the federal and state lines frequently changing, over the past few months, we have made it a point to interview the candidates whose jurisdictions have the largest populations here, and we end with our final pieces of coverage before Election Day ... and lots of letters!

Please read more throughout this issue



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Schuylerville Library awarded \$120K

The New York State Education Department has awarded \$119,850 in Public Library Construction Grant funds to the Schuylerville Public Library as part of a New York State program designed to assist libraries undertaking major construction and remodeling projects. The Schuylerville Public Library has recently completed some renovations, lighting upgrades, a 500 square foot addition, and projects to make their facility fully accessible. This award will allow the library to add some much-needed space for meetings, programs and storage. The Pavilion will be approximately 27x27 feet on the northwest side of the current library property and feature a covered area for picnic tables and public programming, as well as secure storage.

“We are thrilled to have received this grant. Library services are essential for the well-being of all of our patrons including children, teens, adults, and seniors. This project will also allow the library to serve more of the community’s needs with addi-

tional space for outdoor programming, which has been incredibly popular in the last few years. We appreciate all who made this project possible,” said Board President Amy Carpenter.

The \$119,850 grant will be applied to the \$159,800 anticipated cost of the project, with the library’s construction reserve funding the remainder. Paul Mays, with Butler, Rowland & Mays Architects, LLP designed the space, with the community’s goals of increased program and meeting space in mind. A few years ago, the library hosted some community input sessions to zero in on what the 10,000 district residents want in their library, and overwhelmingly the answers were focused on more space. The library plans to accept construction bids in late winter, once local approvals have been obtained. The Southern Adirondack Library System made



this grant available to member libraries and assisted in the grant-writing process.

Soup-er Luncheon

The Easton Methodist Church, 12053 Route 40, North Easton will have a “Soup-er Luncheon” on Election Day, Tuesday, November 8 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Diners may eat in or take out. Choices will be Clam Chowder, Chicken Tortellini, Chili, Hamburg Noodle, Split Pea & Ham and Tomato Bisque. With the soup will be a variety of breads and muffins, beverage and dessert. Covid precautions will be taken in serving the food. The cost is \$10 for adults.

Wreath sale

It is that time of year again when you can decorate your home in holiday cheer and support your local library at the same time. Funds benefit the Bancroft Library and its’ programs. With the hard work and help of The Wreath Shop we are able to offer 2 decorating options this year.

Choices: Wreath with burgundy or red ribbon \$30 and Kissing Ball with burgundy or red ribbon \$35,

Orders are due by November 10th. Pick-up time will take place on Sunday, November 27th from 11-1:30 near Bancroft Library in the garage bays. Please feel free to contact Meg Adams at 518-791-0530 or Wendy Hunter at 518-728-1886 if you have questions or need a different pick-up option.

Help pick YA books

Join the “Collection Connection” in the Community Room of the Greenwich Free Library on Thursday, November 10, 2022 – 6:30 – 7:30 pm. Chat with library staff and other patrons as they look to the future by creating “wish lists” of books, audiobooks, and DVDs for the coming season. Topic: Adult and Young Adult (YA) Collections.

Serving light refreshments and plenty of conversation. Registration is requested. To register, email grn-director@sals.edu, or call the library at 518-692-7157, or visit www.greenwichfreelibrary.org to reserve a spot.

Ham take-out dinner

On Saturday, November 5, the Annual Ham Harvest Supper will be continuously served from 4:30 to 6 pm at Old Saratoga Reformed Church, at the corner of Pearl and Burgoyne Streets in Schuylerville. This year it is a drive through dinner only. The menu is: Baked ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, squash, green beans, Dutch Kraut, roll, and homemade apple crisp.

Ticket price is \$15. Reservations are recommended by calling 518-695-6638. To pick up a dinner, enter the driveway by the lower alley end, pull up to the front door and a server will bring your dinner out to you. Exit onto Pearl Street.

Hedgehog, bunny and lynx. Oh my!

Consider visiting “Wildlife Education with Bernadette Hoffman” in the Community Room of the Greenwich Free Library on Saturday, November 5, from 2:00 – 3:00 pm.

Join Biscuit Pricklepants (the hedgehog), Lil Bun (the Holland Lop bunny) and Maxwell (the Canada Lynx) when they visit.

Bernadette (Bernie) Hoffman brings wildlife education to libraries, schools, youth and senior organizations, festivals, and even birthday parties. According to Bernie, “the education of our next generation is the only hope for the survival of our endangered and threatened animals. It is the only hope for the survival of all species. We need to teach children that there’s a huge natural world beyond their computer, television and backyards!”

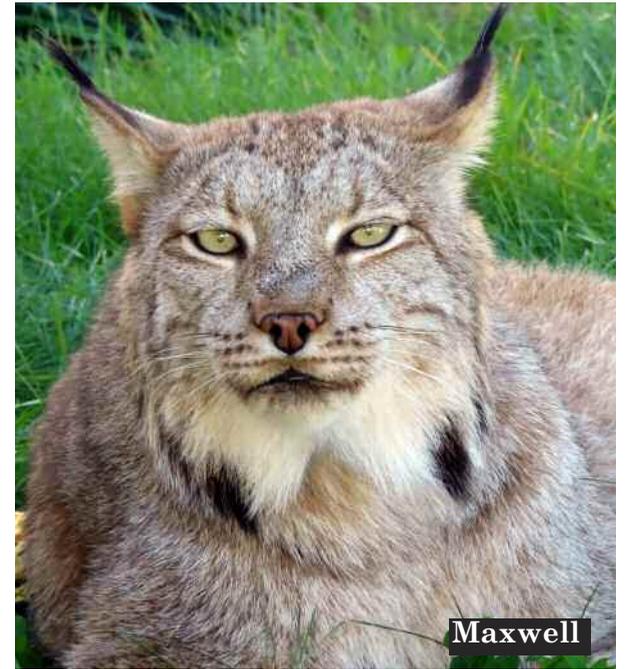
She often hears that “wild animals belong in the wild.” But what happens when

there is no “wild” left? As habitats rapidly disappear due to agricultural and urban expansion, wild animals are being pushed closer to the brink. When the wild is gone, there are two options: captivity or extinction.

This free workshop is intended for all ages and is limited to 35 participants. Please pre-register to reserve your spot. To register, email grn-director@sals.edu, or call the library at 518-692-7157, or visit www.greenwichfreelibrary.org to reserve a spot.

Hoffman was a zookeeper for six years (2002-2008) at Flag Acres Zoo in Hoosick Falls, NY. She cared for 150-200 animals (40+ species) while teaching college interns in exotic animal husbandry. She gave educational zoo tours & presented offsite programs.

After twenty-one years in operation, the



Maxwell

owners retired and the zoo closed in the fall of 2007.

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Assembly candidates meet in debate

Samantha Simmons
Journal & Press

The League of Women's Voters of Saratoga County set up an online video debate on Oct. 17 to educate members of Assembly District 113 about their candidates for this year's New York State Assembly race. This election year, the candidates running to represent the district are David Catalfamo- R, and the currently seated assemblywoman Carrie Woerner- D.

The moderator for this event was league member Donna Dardaris.

Questions asked to the candidates were reviewed and compiled by league members after being received from the community.

Catalfamo opened the debate by expressing his concerns with what Woerner has failed to do in her last eight years in office. His foremost qualm is his fear for the criminal justice system as it has been "turned on its head."

This district and New York State are facing what the moderator described as "quality of life issues." Woerner said that the cost of living has become unattainable due to inflation. Short term implementations like the fuel credit, a gas tax holiday, have been set but will expire with the new year. She recognizes the need for more work to be done in the long term.

Catalfamo disagrees that the fuel credit will be effective for the community in the long run and says, "we need to actually get serious about this" and broken cultures in Albany need to be fixed.

As parents are returning to work and affordable childcare in New York is scarce, the candidates discussed their proposals to make childcare more affordable and accessible in the State. Catalfamo shared his thoughts saying that the state has been "way too bureaucratic and heavy handed to help them [private sectors looking to provide childcare] achieve that." Woerner agreed and added that there have been "silly regulations" that are making it difficult for compliance and the success of childcare programs.

At-home care of elderly patients was mentioned to which Woerner brought up the need for local community colleges to offer LPN and CNA opportunities as well as the BOCES programs to be ramped up for CNA training for high school students.



The climate crisis is also heating up, as we have seen numerous attempts in the media recently to get the attention of the world to take the crisis more seriously. On this year's ballot, the Environmental Bond Act, worth \$4.2 billion, is an "eye-popping" amount as Woerner puts it. The act will serve as a multi-year investment in the environment which includes clean water, air, and wildlife. Catalfamo worries that this is going to lead to the banning of common utilities like propane tanks and worries about the lack of availability of gas-resources in the coming years. Woerner argues that this act will create jobs in a green-energy economy and make us less dependent on foreign governments for fossil fuels and concedes that we need to be responsible for how the money is spent.

As much of Assembly District 113 is inhabited by rural areas, the topic of overtime threshold in farming is looming. Catalfamo states that this is a disaster for farms in N.Y. as they are looking to drop the threshold from 60 hours a week to 40 hours. This means farmers will be eligible for overtime pay once they reach those 40 hours. He continued that this policy was driven by New York City interests and not considering upstate. Woerner and Catalfamo agree that this will lead to reduction in the number of farms which means less food will be produced and put food security at risk and leave us dependent on the west and or overseas for food supplies.

Crime rates, both in the district and state are up. Woerner thinks bail reform has gone too far and law enforcement has been stripped from keeping communities safe. She argues that for certain categories of crime, like domestic violence, there must be a "decompression" time to keep these indi-



viduals off the streets for a little while longer. Catalfamo sees this as a larger issue and there must be a change in culture and the way society views crime as the criminal justice system is the "bedrock of the community" and it needs to be restored.

With the recent overturning of Roe v. Wade, many women have reproductive rights on the top of their voter check-off sheet. During the debate, candidates were asked their opinions on bodily autonomy. Both agreed that women should have the right to choose, and that the decision is between a woman and her doctor. Catalfamo shared his opposition for late-term abortions, unless the mother's health is at risk or in cases of incest and other similar instances.

In the 113 Assembly District, like many other parts of the state and country, affordable housing is limited and hard to come by. Woerner suggests a focus on small starter homes and housing in rural communities for the influx of population as more people are relocating to take jobs at companies like GlobalFoundries. Catalfamo reinforced here that if elected, he would fight for lowering the costs of housing to make N.Y. more affordable.

Broadband coverage is a large part of making N.Y. more connected and is useful in many sectors of life such as healthcare and the education system. As we have seen over the last few years due to the COVID-19 pandemic, having service is essential, especially in rural communities that are isolated. Catalfamo shares the view that companies supplying the connection have "run out of the ability or desire to extend coverage to communities that are lacking." Woerner said she has been working on rid-

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Stefanik predicts a ‘red wave’ Nov. 8

Darren Johnson
Journal & Press

Writer’s Note: My earlier interview with Matt Castelli, the Democratic challenger for the local congressional seat, ran in our mid-August print edition and is on our site, Journaland-Press.com. The election is Nov. 8.

Rep. Elise Stefanik (R-Schuylerville) is seeking to win her fourth term as congresswoman for New York’s 21st district, an expansive region that includes 15 counties, including the whole Northern Tier along with some Capital Region counties, including Washington County; though Saratoga County, where she lives, had recently been cut out of her district via redistricting.

In a phone interview, she said the process as to how lines were drawn was politics as usual, but she doesn’t plan to move if re-elected.

“I am two corn fields from the line,” she said. “We are still living in Schuyler Hills. I have a 14 month old son.

“According to New York State law, you have to live in the state of New York [to serve in congress], and Democrats, you know, egregiously, overreached when it came to their process of drawing these lines.

“... 80% of my district is the same, and of course, it got larger. Picking up Montgomery, parts of Otsego and Rensselaer.”

She said that her opponent, Democrat Matt Castelli, has no ties to this region:

“It’s really important to point out, my opponent has moved twice because he has zero ties to upstate New York. He is a downstate Democrat from Poughkeepsie, who’s never even voted [here] before he moved here to carpetbag into the district, signing a short term lease, actually right near where I live. And then just signing another short term lease just two months ago in Glens Falls. He will be back to Poughkeepsie, when he faces the loss in this district.”

During a divisive era and transition from presidents Trump to Biden, Stefanik has maneuvered the national stage to the point where she is considered the No. 3 Republican in the country, though the heated rhetoric at that level may alienate voters who care more so about local issues, and are turned off by the vitriol.

“Well, first of all, my No. 1 goal is always to be the best congresswoman I can be for New



York’s 21st Congressional District,” she said. “And we are known for exceptional constituent services, whether that’s helping with delivering \$5 million in VA benefits – those are individual veterans who have reached out to our office or their family members that have had trouble with the VA bureaucracy – or over \$3 million in Social Security benefits, over \$600 million when it comes to the federal total. ...”

But Stefanik said that the national issues do matter at our local level.

“Every national issue touches this district, for example, inflation. No. 1 issue across the country.

“Definitely the No. 1 issue in all the counties in my district,” she said. “When I talk to seniors who are struggling to make ends meet, when I talk to families who are struggling with their grocery bills. And then, you know, you think about the border issue, which is a crisis at the national level, that has an impact here too, because we’ve seen an increase in fentanyl overdoses specifically in Washington County.”

Stefanik said having a top-level representative helps the district. “I would say my constituents are very proud that they don’t have a back bencher, that they have someone at the highest levels to raise their priorities and raise their concerns. This district that is on the map in a very big way at the national level, and my constituents understand that I will not apologize for giving this seat the highest priority it can possibly have.”

Does she see these races every couple of years as a distraction?



“Well, I always work very hard in this district and I run on my record as results. And the national Democrats and left wing activists viciously attack me more than any other member of the House in many ways,” she said. “But I work for my constituents in this district, and overwhelmingly we’ve won on our record of results, whether it’s constituent services or whether it’s on the big issues like Fort Drum or agriculture policy. We have tremendous support from the agricultural community because of the leadership I’ve shown on farm issues.

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Stefanik (cont.)

“And this district’s elections haven’t even been close. I mean, we’ve won this by double digits, sometimes the largest margin in the entire Northeast for any Republican member.”

Stefanik said that she enjoys living and shopping locally and the friendliness of neighbors. Having her first child since the last election also has affected her outlook.

“I think every parent will tell you it is a big life changer, when you become a parent. It definitely puts life into perspective in terms of prioritization. The most important legacy we all will have is, if we’re parents, raising our children, and it has given me the fire in the belly in terms of fighting for values that I want to make sure are in this country when my son grows up.

“It also allows me to be a leader on issues like the baby formula shortage. That was something that we experienced firsthand as a family. Sam, when he was primarily formula fed, the shelves were empty. And I was hearing that also from parents across the district, and that allowed me as the newest mom in Con-

gress to really highlight that issue and effectively call out the Biden administration for their failure in terms of the FDA to address that. And, ultimately, we will pass legislation when Republicans take over [known as] Babies Need Formula Now Act, which is a bill I worked on and introduced that Nancy Pelosi hasn’t brought to the floor.

“But, certainly there are day-to-day issues that have huge impacts on young mom and dads, or making sure our rural hospitals continue to get the funding they need because you need to have accessible hospitals, when you are giving birth to a child and have that exceptional care.

‘Our priority is an economy that’s strong and, and the No. 1 issue is stopping the rate of inflation growth.’

“[Havinng a child] has put my life into perspective, but it also has energized my work in terms of the advocacy that I do. I also spend a lot of time thinking about educational opportunity and making sure that all kids have the best possible educational opportunity in our

communities. So during Covid, when there was funding provided for schools, we worked to make sure that school districts that didn’t initially qualify, we fought to make sure they got that funding.

“I also was very much opposed to the remote learning. That was extremely challenging for families in this district. No. 1, because of lack of broadband, which we’re working on and trying to hold the state accountable for their failure to focus on truly communities of need, which are in this district, but also the learning loss that came from that remote learning, and the negative impact it had on our kids’ mental stability as well as de-

velopment emotionally.”

Regarding small local businesses, many of which are suffering in our region, Stefanik added:

“For every small business, labor is the No. 1 concern. Just the inability to find workers, and these are good paying jobs. I mean, people are increasing their pay and yet they’re still not able to fill the slots they need to keep their businesses going. So we need to make sure that the incentive is always for folks to get to work and not to stay out of work. That was one of the real challenges during Covid when New York State kept extending and actually Congress, Democrats in Congress, extended the pandemic unemployment assistance as we were attempting to reopen the economy. And that puts small businesses in a very difficult spot. I’m also in favor of lowering taxes and regulations on small businesses is really important.”

Stefanik predicts a “red wave” of GOP wins across the state and country this Election Day. “People are smart. They know it’s a direct result of single party Democrat rule with trillions of dollars going out the door, and it’s fueled the highest rate of inflation in my lifetime,” she said. “Our priority is an economy that’s strong and, and the No. 1 issue is stopping the rate of inflation growth. And we do. Stopping the trillion dollars of spending package and bringing the budget back towards balance and to fiscal responsibility.”

She added: “Energy is also a piece to that. You have to lower the price of energy and utilities. And we have a series of bills that Republicans have introduced. Pelosi has not brought them to the floor, but we will in a house majority unleash American energy independence [and reverse] many of the executive orders of Joe Biden canceling important energy programs like the Keystone XL Pipeline.

“I believe this is going to be not just a red wave, but a red tsunami. And I think in New York in particular, because we’ve seen single party Democrat rule in Washington, we’ve also seen it in Albany and the crime crisis in New York State. I mean even in Washington County there was just this theft at Calamity Jane’s, which is an important gun retailer in our region. A crime that was committed and our law enforcement did a great job responding, but that has real, real impact on the safety and security of our communities ... and I’m proud to have endorsement from every state law enforcement union.

“So I do think there’s going to be a red wave. I think we’ll pick up certainly the House majority we’re going to earn that majority.”



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'It's a part-time job'

To the Editor:

Wow, I never thought in a million years that a part-time Highway Superintendent position would get more attention in our local papers and social media platforms than our more important state and national races.

I am Leslea Davis, a registered Democrat. I have been married for 40 years to Glenn Davis who is a registered Republican and running for the Town of Greenwich part-time Highway Superintendent. I will be crossing party lines along with many Democratic supporters for my husband. Glenn loves our community, has great ideas to improve our infrastructure and believes he can make the highway department even better. I believe he is qualified, well prepared and will make a difference.

I'd like to respond to the letters in this paper's last edition written by Tom Mattone, Willy Grimmke, Suzanne Cohen and Jacqueline Farbman, whom I'm certain know absolutely nothing about my husband.

Due to 18 years in construction and heavy equipment and 22 years as a lineman Glenn definitely possesses many of the "talents" needed to succeed as our "part-time" Highway Superintendent and in life! He never "quits" something that he commits to and he believes that instead of constantly complaining about things you take action and do something about it.

We are all aware of how busy the highway department is but the superintendent position is still a "part-time" position. Any superintendent relies heavily on his experienced foreman to run the crews through daily operations. While the superintendent has to spend most of his time with the long list of responsibilities/talents that Willie Grimmke mentioned in his first paragraph. A super is obviously on call 24/7 but it won't matter if you don't have the right guy doing the job.

Glenn, too, has the support of other town highway superintendents, both present and many past ones. I'm certain if Glenn is elected he won't have an issue working alongside any other town highway superintendent. He actually would enjoy it. Glenn's job history surely shows that he can work with all types of people and has successfully done that. And, oh boy, let's not forget about the political signs. Tom you are so right about the placement of these signs. I can assure you that all

of Glenn's signs have been placed on family, friends and other supporters "private" property but you wouldn't know it because most of Glenn's signs have been either destroyed, run over and even stolen. So as you ride around it looks like your candidate is running unopposed and maybe that makes you happy. You did, however, miss the opportunity to denounce the actions of these disrespectful and immature individuals who are trespassing and stealing Glenn's signs.

It's so unfortunate that so many voters won't cross party lines and won't even listen to or learn more about the other party candidate. My husband is a hardworking man who will do his damndest to prove you all wrong.

So please let's all get out and vote on Tuesday, November 8th for whomever you like and for whatever reason.

And to Tom, Suzanne, Willie and Jacqueline, "You may have the pleasure to meet my husband Glenn Davis, risking his life trying to put your power back on, due to a snow, ice or windstorm, structure fire or downed power pole. When you do, please thank him and don't write a letter to the editor you went without power too long."

Sincerely,

Leslea Davis

Greenwich

To All Greenwich Town and Village Residents:

My name is Glenn Davis and I am running for the position of Greenwich Town Highway Superintendent. Again, it seems to be of ongoing concern that I have a full-time second shift job that I intend to keep as I am not quite to the retirement requirements yet for National Grid. I'd like to assure you that I am very accustomed to working 18 hour days during storm conditions. I fully intend to be available and ready to serve our community in any aspects of weather and at any time. My 2nd shift job at National Grid allows me the flexibility to do so.

I would prefer to address managing the infrastructure. Such things as road evaluations, water management programs and dealing with snow and ice control. We must pay more attention to equipment maintenance, cost and when and why to replace them. I also believe we need to be more open when dealing

with the public. I will do my best to get our employees better training and support for their needs. To everyone who attended my meet and greet on the 12th at the Greenwich VFW, I hope I was able to answer all of your questions of how I will help the Town of Greenwich Highway Department grow and move into the future.

Let's do it right the first time.

Sincerely,

Glenn Davis

Greenwich

Dear Editor,

I am writing about the Greenwich Highway Superintendent election. I am endorsing Glenn Davis. The reasons boil down to one word (although I will use many), EXPERIENCE.

The position is for Superintendent; a person who will have control over the safety, maintenance, and budget of our roads. This is 65% of Greenwich Town Budget, taxpayers' money approaching one million dollars next year. We need someone that has had experience with project estimates, surveys, and scheduling. We need someone who has been in a leadership position before, experienced in safety, and risk assessment, training, and scheduling. We need someone who knows heavy equipment, drainage, and preparation so the roads are ready to be paved.

Glenn Davis is the person we need as Highway Superintendent.

He has experience in all these areas and more. He worked five years learning heavy equipment and earth moving. He owned a construction business for 18 years, learning survey, project estimates, project preparation, project execution, and follow through. He has worked for Nation Grid for 20 years, 13 as a Foreman. He is experienced in team building, scheduling, risk assessment, training, and getting important jobs done.

Glenn Davis is a local man who, having worked and earned experience, wants to serve his community. He is nearing retirement from National Grid and is an honorable man that would not put himself forward for this position unless he knew he would be able to do the work needed for Greenwich.

Sincerely yours,

Jeannie Pemrick

Greenwich

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'It's a full-time job' (cont.)

Dear Editor:

As Chair of the Washington County Democratic Committee, I often have a role in campaigns at all levels. I am very proud of the manner in which Stan Mattison, Jr.'s campaign for Greenwich Highway Superintendent has unfolded. Greenwich voters have not seen Stan nor anyone working to elect him engage in name calling or juvenile poking on the internet.

What they have seen is that Stan has stayed out of political games in favor of spending time on the job in the Highway Department and following that up with direct conversations with Greenwich residents. He listens first to their concerns about our roads and talks with them about his experience doing the kind of work that responds to their needs. He has been working most of his career in this field, operating heavy equipment, repairing trucks and graders, moving earth and paving. He has successfully managed teams and demonstrated that he not only has the qualifications for the job, he has the qualities of leadership needed to handle this responsibility.

Stan chooses to run on his experience and close knowledge of Greenwich's roads and our Highway Crew. When the Journal and Press offered to host a debate between Stan and his opponent, he demurred. I was in the room when he considered the offer and noted that he is not a politician and did not see how appearing on a stage and debating would show

voters how he would do the Highway job. I supported Stan's decision then and applaud it now. Debates are useful for politicians to demonstrate how they will use their verbal skills to influence policy. That is not a part of the job Stan is applying for.

I urge Greenwich voters to hire him.

Alan Stern
Greenwich

To the Editor:

The Town of Greenwich Highway Superintendent election this year has two candidates who seem to have different views as to the requirements of the job both historically and how it is budgeted. One candidate, Stan Mattison Jr., has vowed to be a fulltime highway superintendent – available 24/7 for regular and emergency duties like snow plowing, road repair after a storm, etc. This is how the position has been filled in the past in both Greenwich and surrounding towns. The other candidate has stated he will keep his fulltime job but be available for work and consultation at all other hours.

I decided to go to the Town website and look at the proposed 2023 budget. What I found is that the highway superintendent's salary is \$50,000 a year plus health and retirement benefits. Clearly, the salary and benefits are designed for a fulltime Highway Superintendent who will be

available at all hours. It would be a tremendous disservice to Town of Greenwich taxpayers to pay \$50,000 plus to someone who holds another full time job and will not be giving 100% to our highway dept. and to the roads that we all travel on each and every day.

The choice is clear – we need to elect highly qualified Stan Mattison Jr. because he will be a fulltime highway superintendent who will earn the salary Greenwich taxpayers are paying for.

Margaret Roberson
Greenwich

To the Editor:

I feel it necessary to remind Greenwich voters to not let small-town politics cloud their vision of the best candidate for the job. In business, you would hire the most qualified and experienced applicant for a position. The race for our Greenwich Highway Superintendent should be no different. We must select Glenn Davis as he is best prepared to serve us. Glenn's many years of experience in construction have provided him with knowledge of excavation, heavy equipment operation, budgeting, and managing time and materials. Most recently, Glenn's employment at a major utility has enabled him to develop his leadership skills, work with large-scale projects, and has shown him the importance of workplace training and safety. When looking at all of these qualifications, voting for Glenn Davis is the right choice for Greenwich.

Sincerely,

Tom Thomas
Greenwich

Dear Editor:

How lucky is Greenwich?! We have two popular men running for Highway Superintendent, both with deep roots in the community and many friends.

But this contest is not a junior high election for class president. This should never be a popularity contest.

Stan Mattison, Jr, is hands down the superior candidate to be our Highway Superintendent. He has an incredibly broad spectrum of experience, much of which is directly related to road work.

Paving and related experience:

- Paved state and town roads, all phases
- Commercial paving
- Tested subsurface materials for runways
- Blacktop, concrete, and aggregate sample testing

Equipment and related experience:

- Studied hydraulics, power trains, construction, forestry, and Ag equipment at Cobleskill
- John Deere service technician
- Large equipment repair mechanic and operator

Fleet mechanic

Management experience:

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Seniors bus trip

The Olde Saratoga Seniors are hosting a bus trip to Villa Roma in Calicoon, NY, on Wednesday, November 30, 2022. It will be a lunch and a Holliday Motown Tribute. The cost of this trip will be \$49 for senior members and \$54 for non members. If interested, please contact Peg Jennings at 518-275-5805 or Pat Temple at 518-338-2329. They would like to know by November 1, 2022.

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'Butterflies' comes to Schuylerville

With the emergence of post pandemic theater across the region, Schuylerville Community Theater (SCT) is happy to announce its latest production is set to open in its more regular homebase performance venue of the Saratoga Town Hall on 12 Spring Street in Schuylerville NY -- Nov 11, 12 and 13.

"Butterflies Are Free" is a play written by Leonard Gershe. The story is loosely based on the life of attorney Harold Krents and is a charming romantic comedy—about a young blind man, his over-protective mother and the free-spirited actress who wins his heart. The SCT version is directed by Garrett West, who is a veteran of directing with both SCT and other regional theater groups. This local production features a small, intimate cast that highlights the

acting talents of Logan Haynes, Virginia May & Melissa Hughes with many more behind the scenes in cast and crew.

Butterflies Are Free premiered on Broadway at the Booth Theatre on October 21, 1969. Directed by Milton Katselas, the production starred Keir Dullea, Eileen Heckart, Blythe Danner and Michael Glaser. A 1972 film adaptation starred Goldie Hawn, Eileen Heckart and Edward Albert.

Tickets for shows \$18 for Adults and \$15 for Students / Senior and are available by calling 518-695-5480. This show is intended for mature audiences and there are no longer mask mandates at the venue. You can always visit the Schuylerville Community Theater Facebook page or www.scttheater.org for the most information on all their activities.

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Cemetery cleanup

A general cleanup of St. Joseph's Cemetery, located just outside the village of Greenwich, on County Rt 52, will be conducted now through Veteran's Day, November 11th. As cemetery main-

tenance personnel prepare sacred grounds and the resting place of loved ones for the winter months, families are asked to please remove anything they wish to save before November 11th. This would include flowerpots, urns, decorations, solar lights, etc. After November 11th loose items left on graves or headstones will be picked up and discarded. The cleanup should be completed by Thanksgiving. Those wishing to put holiday wreaths or greens on the loved one's grave may do



so after the fall cleanup is completed. Any items left after the holidays will be removed and discarded in spring. The volunteers added: "Many thanks for your understanding as we strive to keep St. Joseph's Cemetery a clean, peaceful, and sacred space for those laid to rest there, their family, friends, and visitors."

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Post-Covid estate planning

Jill Schlesinger

Special to Journal & Press

When listeners come on my radio show or podcast to discuss their financial questions, they know that at some point in the conversation, I will ask about their estate documents. It does not matter whether it's a young person, an older one, single or partnered, parent or childless.

As we approached National Estate Planning Awareness Week (October 17 - 23), I thought now was a good time to nudge everyone about the importance of this topic.

A 2022 Caring.com survey found that just 33.1 percent of adults in the U.S. have a will.

Amazingly, after facing sickness and death amid the COVID-19 pandemic, a staggering 66% of Americans STILL do not have a will or any other estate planning documents in place. I know that it's just hard to contemplate illness, death and money, the trifecta of emotional issues. But if you can walk through the process methodically, you will be rewarded with peace of mind for you and your family.

Here are the most common estate documents to consider:

Will: A document that ensures that assets are passed to designated beneficiaries, in accordance with your wishes. In the drafting process, you name an executor, the person or institution

that oversees the distribution of your assets. If you have minor children, you will name a guardian for them, a point that seems to be a big barrier for many families. My advice: Name someone you can both agree on now and revisit the issue in a couple of years.

Letter of Instruction: This may contain appointment of someone who will ensure for the proper disposition of your remains. I know that this is sort of creepy, but it is important if you are choosing a method that is contrary to your family's tradition.

Health Care Proxy: Appointment of someone to make health care decisions on your behalf if you lose the ability to do so. This is an invaluable document that will help guide your care, in a manner consistent with your wishes.

Even with a Health Care Proxy, you may need to complete a "Do Not Resuscitate (DNR)" order, which instructs health care providers not to perform CPR or other lifesaving emergency procedures if your heartbeat or breathing stops. A lot of people use a Living Will to communicate their end of life wishes, but in many states, you cannot use a Living Will to name a health care agent; you must complete a Health Care Proxy form.

Power of Attorney: Appointment of someone to act as your agent in a variety of circumstances, like withdrawing money from a bank, responding to a tax inquiry, or making a trade.

Trusts: Revocable (changeable) or irrevocable (not-changeable) trusts may be useful, depending on family and tax situations.

The good news about estate planning is that it has gotten easier and less expensive over the

past ten years. If you have a straightforward situation, you can use an online service. However, if there are any complications, like a second marriage, family estrangement, a special needs family member, or significant assets, I recommend using a qualified estate planning attorney in your state of residence.

As you prepare for the meeting (or the online session), remember that this process is a gift to your heirs -- something that will help them manage the disposition of your estate without extra hassle. That said, you will have some homework, including gathering the following:

- Bank, brokerage, and retirement accounts
- Pension/Annuity documents/contracts
- List of savings bonds
- Life insurance policy details (private and through the employer)
- Housing, land, and cemetery deeds
- Mortgage accounts
- Proof of loans made
- Location of safe deposit box(es):
- Accountant/CPA/Investment/Insurance Advisor Contact Information

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Argyle Town Board October notes

Robin Lyle
Journal & Press

The Argyle Town Board held its monthly meeting on October 12. Present were Supervisor Bob Henke; Councilmembers Steve Bonhote, Kevin Hayes, Scott Lufkin and Patrick Sullivan; and Clerk Shelley McKernon. Also in attendance was Eric Gordon, an assessor with the Washington County Real Property Office, along with two residents.

Replacement of the town assessor dominated the discussion. Nancy Strong, Argyle's assessor for a number of years, has retired. In light of this, Henke had invited Eric Gordon, an assessor with the Washington County Real Property Office to attend the board meeting.

Gordon explained that the county is able to provide assessment services to towns. Currently, Gordon is the assessor in both Cambridge and Fort Ann. He stated that Argyle could contract with the county for his services at a rate of \$12.00 per parcel, totalling \$29,784 for the year. His services would include office hours in Argyle two days a week and availability by cell phone during all working hours.

The town assessor's job is to maintain an inventory of all town properties along with the estimated value of each. This inventory, referred to as the assessment rolls, is updated yearly. The amount of property taxes owed by a property owner is derived from the assessment.

Contracting with the county for assessment services, "would be quite a savings for the town," Gordon pointed out. Currently, Argyle has budgeted a salary of \$42,000 for the assessor and another \$3,000 for data collection. Gordon's fee includes the data collection, along with preparing the town inventory, handling subdivisions and mergers, as well as periodic

revaluations, or "revals", and any small claims cases brought by dissatisfied property owners protesting their assessments.

The value assigned to a property must be based on the market value, which is an educated guess of what the property would sell for in an open sale based on recent sales of similar properties. Once that value is determined, other factors may influence the final assessment amount – such as whether the owner is a veteran, senior citizen, or whether the property is used for agriculture, multiple residences or commerce. These factors can increase or reduce the final assessment amount of a parcel.

"What really piqued my interest is the reval," Henke said, "the last one cost \$60,000." A "reval" is a revaluation of all of the properties in a municipality and is typically conducted every five to ten years. The revaluation can address changes in property values caused by housing and property trends that go beyond how an individual property is upgraded or maintained. For example, trends favoring farm house or mid-century modern styles, condos or water frontage, can impact the market value of a property. If a periodic revaluation is not conducted, these trends can result in increasingly inequitable assessment rolls.

Councilmembers continued the discussion after Gordon's departure. "It's about half of what we were paying the current assessor including fringe and data collection. But you can't just look at it as a financial matter," Henke stated. Agreeing, Bonhote said, "I don't think money is the issue. We need someone here in the office."

The board agreed to advertise the assessor position with a Thanksgiving deadline for applications and to table making a decision about whether to contract with the county for assessment services for now. Henke said, "I'll write a nice letter to Nancy [Strong]. She came to help

us when we needed it."

In other news:

- McKernon presented a proposal from RingCentral to provide phone service to all town offices at a monthly rate of \$226.82. "Our phones are old. Mine doesn't have voicemail anymore and I can hardly hear the caller," McKernon stated. "Currently we have Cornerstone which costs \$301 per month." The Highway Department would no longer be a separate phone number from the Town Hall. The board accepted the contract.

- The Rec Committee announced that a gazebo was donated from Earl Towers in Hudson Falls and will be placed in the rec fields. The committee is also considering building a pavilion near where the bathrooms are located using donated materials. A new septic system will be funded through a combination of donated services and labor and ARPA funding.

- Fuel bids were received from Bove and Main Care and read by McKernon. The town accepted Bove's bid which was lower.

- The Summit Lake property that the town is purchasing from the county is still in the hands of the lawyers, yet to be finalized.

- An amendment to the Right to Farm law has not yet been written. Henke and Sullivan made plans to work on the language.

- The contractor working on a new website for the town has not reported on his progress.

- Two public hearings will be held at the start of the next monthly meeting taking place Wednesday, November 9 at 7 p.m. The first public hearing will be on a proposed Local Law 1 and the second will be on the tentative 2023 budget.

- The board went into Executive Session to discuss ongoing contract negotiations and salary of a particular individual.

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Hometown heroes – our past and future

Michael Levy
Journal & Press

As someone trying to write semi-amusing articles about life in Washington County, I often end up examining the chapters of local history that many may have missed or probably have already forgotten. It truly is fascinating to look at the history of this town through its people, places, and events.

And this quest has led me to the front page of this publication dated May 25, 1995. The headline reads, “Leading citizen, Dr. R. Leith Skinner, dies”. The article reads as follows:

Dr. Skinner was born February 27, 1910 and spent his life serving the citizens of Greenwich, both as a leading physician and in community involvement.

He graduated from Greenwich, high school in 1927, from Williams college in Williamstown, Mass, in 1932 and Albany Medical College in 1937. He served his internship at Albany Medical Hospital in 1938 and returned home to Greenwich to set up – in the practice of medicine on Hill Street.

The war years deprived Greenwich of his services. He answered the call to war and was Captain and Commanding Officer of Company C, 261st Medical Brigade, 1st Engineer Special Brigade with, the combat team from the 1st Infantry Division at the invasion at Gela, Sicily in 1943. Returning to England for training “Overlord”, he was commissioned a Major and appointed Commanding Officer of the 4th Division Medical Brigade; at Utah Beach, Normandy.

Following the end of World War II, Dr. Skinner returned to Greenwich and resumed his practice at 166 Main Street, where he con-

tinued to practice until his retirement in 1981.

In addition to his practice, he was a member of the Washington County American Cancer Society Board of Directors from 1946 to 1978, the Washington County Civil Defense Commanding Medical Officer from 1956 to 1966 in charge of the Greenwich unit from 1956 to 1958, recruiting and training the 125 members.

Dr. Skinner -was a member of the Albany Medical college and Alumni association and served on the Board of Directors from 1961 to 1963 and from 1983 to 1986. In 1963 and 64 he was chairman of the Alumni Fund campaign. From 1938 to 1981 he was on the staff of the Mary McClellan hospital and twice served as staff president. From 1983 on, he was on the public relations committee for the hospital and -was chairman of the hospital capital fund drive for Easton and Greenwich. He also found time to serve as Health officer for the towns of Greenwich, Easton, Cambridge, and Argyle.

As a member of St. Paul’s Episcopal church in Greenwich, he served as Vestry man in 1985 and Warden in 1988. He was a member of the Easton-Greenwich Rescue Squad and had been chairman and co-chairman of the squad’s fund drives since 1982, In 1985, he was Grand Marshall of the Whipple City Days parade, A World War II veteran, he was, a member of the American Legion Post 515. He was a charter member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #7291 and was honored by the Post with a life membership several year ago. He had served as surgeon to the Post.

A most pleasurable addition to Greenwich by Dr Skinner was the beautiful garden, at his home and the gardens at the Greenwich Free library.

Leith Skinner spent a life of dedicated service to his patients, his friends, his community. Dr. R. Leith Skinner served his fellowman as a professional, as a friend, and as a caring citizen. He served his community, his town, and his country.

I was told last week that a new memorial was added to Dr. Skinner’s gravesite at the Greenwich Cemetery. I will strive to get over there very soon to see it.



Hopefully the story of Dr. Skinner’s life inspires some young people who are now in the process of getting their college and post-graduate education to think about coming back to Washington County and serve out local communities for a lifetime.

Yes, it is normal for high school graduates to leave rural areas such as ours for college, good-paying jobs, or the military. Unfortunately, only a small number return. We need to make Washington County attractive to bring these folks back. Our community and elected leaders need to ensure there are good services, high quality education, and well-paid employment. And we must include other important things such as affordable housing and decent healthcare.

People who return are better positioned to create community growth and continued sustainability because they have existing connections and a true understanding of the community’s perspective. Our homegrown heroes have done it in the past and maybe some will even do it in the future. Just a random thought.

Michael Levy is a government manager residing in Greenwich. He is also a Commercial Pilot and a Ham Radio operator.



Dr. Skinner tending to the Library garden, circa 1980s

Competitive Greenwich Highway race

Darren Johnson
Journal & Press

We've written previous stories on the Greenwich Highway Superintendent race – you can find our free archives on JournalandPress.com – and we've also hosted many letters on this race. It's for the three-year unexpired term for the position vacated by Jeff Derby earlier this year.

Stan Mattison, Jr., son of the previous long-time Superintendent, is an independent running on the Democratic ticket, while Glenn Davis, a National Grid foreman, is running on the Republican ticket.

Both tout extensive construction experience but a bone of contention has been the definition of the position; whether it is full-time or part-time. Davis said that he plans to keep his second-shift position at National Grid, and said that his organizational experience will allow the Highway department to create efficiencies where crew can work more optimally. Still, he said he'd be available by phone 24/7 and will commit to spending at least 30 hours a week at the department and/or with the crew. Mattison said that due to short staffing, the department is all hands on deck, and he's ready to spend extra time doing what's needed, including during snowstorms. The salary for the position is approximately \$50,000 a year.

I asked the candidates if they had any closing thoughts before Election Day, which is Nov. 8. I had offered to host a live debate, but Mattison refused, citing that he wants to make the position about the job and not politicize it.

Here are their closing thoughts:

"I believe this race is a good thing for the



Glenn Davis

Town of Greenwich," said Davis, who also serves on the town's Zoning Board of Appeals. "Everyone benefits from having these discussions and being made aware of the process. I really believe I am in the campaign because I care about people.

"I just want to see the job done right," Davis added. "I believe that the department would benefit from improving training. There's a great group of people working out there, and I would like to acknowledge that. I'm old school and believe in 'please' and 'thank you.'"

Davis said he brings in a watchful eye and budget knowledge: "It's about doing the best you can with the money you have."

Mattison said: "I believe it is a 40-plus hour a week position – 24/7 really – especially being short-staffed, like we are. I plan on manning a plow or filling in labor-wise anywhere I'm needed.

"There seems to be a huge misconception about what a highway superintendent's job



Stan Mattison, Jr.

really is," he added. "I will tell you it's not just to sit at a desk and give orders. The highway department is not a multi-million dollar private sector company. It's a small crew of guys who work together for the Town of Greenwich to keep the roads safe."

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At Easton Library

Crafty People/Kids Wanted! All ages are invited to join Easton Library Thursday, November 17th at 4:30 PM, for a fun afternoon of craft making and community service. They will be making fall crafts to deliver to nominated seniors in Easton. Help brighten someone's day with a fun surprise! All materials will be provided. s.

Protecting Backyard Animals

A number of sources are predicting a cold

and snowy winter for our area, with the possibility of temperatures 20 and 30 degrees below zero. What are you doing to protect your backyard animals?

Come join the conversation to share thoughts and ideas with your neighbors at the Easton Library on Thursday, November 17 at 6 PM in the library's meeting room.

Easton Library is located at 1074 State Route 40 (in Easton), Greenwich, NY. Please call the library at 518-692-2253 with questions.

Olde Saratoga Seniors

Next meeting of the Olde Saratoga Seniors will be held on Wednesday, November 2 at noon at Town Hall. All veterans are welcome to attend. For more information contact Pat Temple at 518-338-2329.

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Walking in Cambridge

The Cambridge Central School District walking program for community members is returning. The program will run from Nov. 7, 2022 through May 5, 2023. The program runs from 5:30-8 p.m. Monday through Friday (except holidays and snow days). Individuals will enter through the former elementary entrance (in the tower). Upon entering the building, all walkers will need to sign in.

Individuals can register for the program by visiting the district office at 58 South Park St. from 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. To register for the program, individuals will need to sign the school release form and pay a refundable \$5 deposit for a swipe card to retrieve access to the building.

For more information, or if you have any questions, please call 518-677-2653 ext. 1010.

Greenwich Seniors

The Greenwich Senior Citizens invite all area Seniors to their meetings held the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 12 Noon at the Bottskill Baptist Church, 26 Church, Greenwich. The 1st monthly meeting is a covered dish luncheon with desserts and coffee provided. There is usually a speaker or social time at this meeting. The 2nd monthly meeting is a business meeting – please bring a sandwich or lunch for yourself, desserts & coffee are provided. Craft projects are open to everyone at 10 AM before each meeting.

All veterans are invited to the November covered dish luncheon – at 12 Noon. Mary Ann Brown will entertain with patriotic music and song.

Please call Eileen at 518-937-1838 for more information.

Please pardon us...

We've been juggling a few things with the paper and have had a disruption in our printing supply-chain. Please excuse us if a piece you were looking for is not in this issue – we'll get it in the next one! Also, this may make mailing a day late. Hang in there. We're doing the best we can. Send items and thoughts to editor@journalandpress.com.

Veterans “Cup of Comfort”

The VFW Post 7291 located at 63 Abeel Ave in Greenwich is proudly hosting, “Cup of Comfort” on Veteran’s Day, November 11th. Veterans and their families are invited to stop in to the Post between 11am-2pm to enjoy a nice homemade lunch featuring chili, chowder, stew, soups and dessert. There is no cost for the luncheon.



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BUDGETING?	YES	?
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MANAGING LIABILITY?	YES	?
ASSESSING RISK?	YES	?
FLEET MAINTENANCE?	YES	Mechanic
JOB ESTIMATES?	YES	?
PLAN DEVELOPMENT?	YES	?
SCHEDULING?	YES	?
CREATING TRAINING?	YES	?
EVALUATION?	YES	?
EMPLOYMENT STABILITY?	YES	?
FINANCIAL STABILITY?	YES	?
OWNER/OPERATOR?	YES	?

Chill out – November is here!

Shirley Renauld
Journal & Press

Have you been enjoying the seasonal decorations in Schuylerville? Thank you Mary for coming up with the idea and Dave for constructing the varied expressions to make them look so realistic. And thank you Chelsie for your community spirit, your initiative with the Chamber of Commerce. We local people as well as visitors see the revitalization of the village, building on its history for the present. Even as a youngster, Eric Laffer was interested in art. A few years ago, he used that interest to develop an art gallery right here in Schuylerville. Have you visited the Laffer Gallery yet? At the recent Chamber meeting, Eric announced that they have an open call for artists to submit two and three-dimensional art for a Dec to Jan juried group show. Pass the word to artists you know.

Are your fall team sports winding down? It's been so good watching all you girl and boy Witches and Horses play with spirit whether it was field hockey, soccer, cross-country, tennis, football.

What soccer fun at community sports. What would we do without the volunteers: putting in Schuyler field; all the parent-coaches and those maintaining the fields. Now we need to help get the fields in shape for next season; OSAA and GAA are already registering. Before the indoor team season, what individual sports or physical activities will you do and where: Gymnastics, Creative Movement with Ms Lily, Dance, Karate, Cheerleading, ... Even horseback riding, lessons in the arena or trail riding. For Rock Climbing, check with Sophia.

Nov 1 is the re-registration deadline for 4-H. Get your paperwork in and receive a coupon to the Holiday Lights. Did you get a new pet project, develop a new interest from the Fair, have a 4-H friend, just want to join a group, call Chrys at CCE about clubs in your area.

Remember those blue corduroy jackets at the Fair? Those FFAers are already planning their activities. They are holding their annual Citrus and Food Sale fundraiser now. Contact FFA advisors at high schools or your neighborhood FFA member if they don't contact you.

We vote on several occasions: It might only be giving our opinion or stating our preferences, a kind of sandwich for lunch the sport we play... No matter what is our decision, it will affect our future: what kind of sandwich we get next time... Other times voting is more formal: using ballots, voting for someone

“running” for a position or for our choice of something that should be done. Are you “running” to be a leader of a group or to be a class officer? Helping to decide on a mascot? We “vote” our choices all year long, but at this time of

‘It’s time for all living things to move from outdoors to inside.’

year, we hear lots of politics and get cards in the mailbox. It's election time. “The first Tuesday after the first Monday” in November is designated as national Election Day. This year it's Nov 8, the day to elect federal officials (some places it's even a day off school!) It is now possible to vote early or by



Schuylerville's Scarecrow Stroll

absentee ballot, but many qualified voters still prefer to vote in person. If that's your parents' choice, go with them to the polling place to learn the voting process and see how the voting machine works (There might even be some free snacks available there, too.). We need to learn about, even meet, the candidates before voting. Then stay tuned for results of the elections: How will it affect our future - even how our roads will be taken care of. Maybe you can watch a “swearing in” of elected officials. You are getting extra credit for social studies/civics, and even more, you are helping to determine your future.

Maybe while your family is out, you will get a Soup-er Lunch from the Easton Church that day. Or get a lasagna dinner from Centenary in Greenwich.

Nov 11, Veterans' Day is our next federal holiday, one to honor

all American veterans since WWI. Since there is no school on that day, a veteran might visit your class on a day before, in the tradition of Uncle Mac. Most of all s/he would talk about the American flag for which all veterans have great honor and respect. S/he would also explain the meaning of the Pledge of Allegiance. There might be a parade in town or a public ceremony in a park. We can best thank all our veterans for their service by displaying our flag, especially at our homes.

For the veterans, there are ceremonies and meals at local veterans' posts. You might have a family member participating. You could make table decorations for these meals. Start by making Sawdust Dough: Mix 2 cups sawdust, 3 cups flour and 1 cup salt. Gradually add water until the dough holds together. While your young friends play with it/work it for you, collect small bouquets of

(cont.)

dry plants. This time of year we're limited to what will not "shed"; so shake them before taking them inside!. From the garden, you might include sedum, hydrangea, seedheads of cone-flowers, even mint for scent. Wildflowers could include yarrow, maybe Queen Anne's Lace that has now curled its blossom, empty milkweed pods if you can find some. We want to avoid burdock and sticktight though! Cattails might be dramatic, but we have to get them earlier in the season so they won't shed. Back to the dough: First make it into balls and then insert your thumb, as to make a pinchpot. Next, push the stiff plant stems in and work the dough around them until the whole pot stands up. The dough will dry hard but it takes a while. Something to give color would be bitersweet, a vine that you will find along old fencelines. About now, the coating of the berries is cracking open to reveal the bright orange. You can cut the vine's stem to lengths to add to the weedpots, or place long sections of the vine along the center of the table between your weedpots and some gourds for more color. As you help clean up after the meal, save the decorations you don't give away- to use at home. The post might have a museum case showing awards given to the veterans and they will explain them to you (You're learning more history!).

Veterans' Day is free fishing again, too, whether it's catch-and-release from the Hudson or fish for eating from the Battenkill. So maybe enjoy after lunch.

As we look for objects of nature and hike for exercise, it's best for to use established trails now for safety because it's hunting season. Along your routes of travel, you've noticed yellow POSTED signs attached by landowners to wooden fence and other posts and to utility poles to restrict public hunting. It's the end of the turkey season. Have you seen adult turkeys with their near-grown poults grazing even in open areas? With the various dates for hunting deer: zones, with different firearms and bow, youth hunting dates, it's best to stay on trails! As always, we don't want to hit deer with our vehicles as they cross the road, so help your driver stay alert especially with darkness coming earlier: The first weekend in Nov always ends Daylight Savings time. But we have more daylight to start our days. We give our best to all hunters for getting meat for their families and to donate through the Venison Donation Plans of DEC. We thank venison processors and food distributors for their work helping to feed the hungry, too.

We enjoy the autumn colors while we are

hiking or still out rowing, canoeing or kayaking (right, Nancy?). Even as leaves fall, we watch the branches for objects we couldn't see before they fell: We find bird nests still attached, or on the ground if the wind knocked them down. It's okay to take them back with you; birds don't reuse their nests. We can study them to know how the birds made them: mud for fastening to the branches, what materials for the nests themselves, including the soft lining for the eggs. How can they do that with no hands! We can use them as seasonal decorations. Most spectacular would be to find a paper wasp or hornet's nest (right, Bob?). When you're sure it's not being used any more, would you want it for a decoration or would you take it apart to learn how they made the "paper", how many layers they made, and only one "door"? As long as we have garden and wildflowers, we still see honeybees visiting, so we know that they're still making honey.

We also see and hear that birds are doing more group than individual work now. Ellen says "birds are flocking" and we agree as we watch them swoop and dive to the ground (someone must have found food there) or to land together for a while in a tree (to regroup?). Yes, it's migration season. How do they know when and where to go? A miracle of nature. Amy, in Amy's Goose, found that even though she nursed an injured goose back to health, once it heard the honking call, it joined its kind rather than stay in the comforts of her farm. It's instinct. But how do goslings learn to fly if they have no parents? In Fly Away Home, a family trains Canada geese to follow a craft they make. We can all learn so much by doing, trying until we succeed. Why do they fly in a V? They seem to see the leader best that way and get the best air flow, too. We often hear them before we see them. We sometimes see small Vs, even flying west or east before forming the large V for the long flight South. Are they getting organized as you are with your group activities? Where are the ducks, the Mallards? They seem to have already left. What about our resident Great Blue Herons who seem to be loners? We're missing them, so they must migrate.

You could make origami/folded paper birds. Hang them with string or fishing line and watch them fly with the air currents.

We might see non-migrating animals looking for cold-weather homes: We might see squirrels, raccoons, owls look for holes in trees. Smaller rodents look for smaller spaces from the ground--oh, not in our houses! We might find a hard cocoon on wood where the larvae will live all Winter.

Yes, it's time for all living things to move from outdoors to in.

Catholic churches update

Sunday Mass at Holy Cross Catholic Church is at 8:15 AM, St. Patrick's celebrates on Sunday at 11:30 AM, and Immaculate Conception in Hoosick Falls is Saturday at 4 PM and Sunday at 10 AM. Weekday Mass will resume the week of October 25. Visitors are always welcome. You are encouraged, but not required, to wear a face mask in Church.

The All Saints Day schedule offers Mass on Tuesday, November 1 at 9 AM at St. Patrick's, at Noon at Holy Cross, and at 6 pm at Immaculate Conception. A Service of Remembrance will be held on Sunday, November 6 at 4 PM to remember in prayer all the deceased members of Holy Cross parish and families, especially those who have died this year. St. Patrick's Service of Remembrance will be held November 6 at 2 PM. Holy Cross and St. Patrick's are changing to permanent hymnals this Advent which can be dedicated with a bookplate dedicated to one or more loved ones. The forms will be available in Church and a donation of \$15 requested. Jeff Peck's last day will be Sunday, October 23. The Altar Rosary Society of Holy Cross will be hosting a brunch in honor of Jeff Peck on Sunday, October 30 after Mass in the church hall. St. Patrick's is holding a reception for Jeff Peck on October 23 at 12:30, (after Mass). Please join us as we celebrate the many years Jeff has devoted to the people of our parishes and beyond.

The food pantry is in need of -cereal, boxed rice or pasta dishes, canned meats like tuna and spam, soup, and snack foods for kids. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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

-Submitted by Rose Mary Sheffield

Good fences create good work

Daneen Skube

Special to Journal & Press

Q: *I'm in a job where managers, co-workers, and customers constantly demand more than I can give. I try to meet everyone's expectations, but feel burnt out and resentful. I'm worried that setting boundaries will get me fired. How can I deal with unreasonable and unrealistic expectations without jeopardizing my job?*

A: You deal with unrealistic expectations by negotiating with everyone on task trade-offs. People tend to go from requests to demands if you keep over functioning. You'll need to

train people to treat you differently or burned out and resentful will be your new normal.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, an American poet and educator, sagely noted, "He that respects himself is safe from others." Knowing our organic limits and communicating what we can and cannot do is respecting yourself. Confrontations, blaming, or venting that people want too much is not respecting yourself or being effective.

When we burn out responding to demands and finally throw a fit, all we do is scare people. We fail to train anyone in more realistic expectations. If we are realistic about our lim-

its, we find disappointing people more comfortable. If we over promise, we guarantee not delivering and disappointing people later.

None of us enjoy that look on people's faces when we tell them "no." Learning phrases like, "If there was anyone I would like to fly for, it would be you!" You can also try, "I have to make trade-offs between doing x or doing y, so which one do you prefer." The bottom line is you are letting people make choices between which things you can realistically do.

To start creating fences write down everything people are asking you to do. Now use different colored highlighters to figure out which of these tasks are trade-offs and which tasks you can do in a normal day. If in doubt, underestimate what you can do and under promise.

When, predictably, people give you the sad face when they hear you cannot fly, paraphrase them. Try this: "I see you're disappointed that I can get three of these items done and you get to pick which three." None of us can never disappoint people. Embrace that all of us are, occasionally, inadequate to the wishes of others.

Be careful you do not explain or defend yourself when people give you their best disappointed face. First off, explaining yourself does not result in anyone being less disappointed. Second of all, no one cares about your explanation once they hear the word, "no," as they stop listening.

If you want to avoid explaining and defending yourself, you'll need to embrace discomfort with your inadequacy. Try looking in a mirror, taking deep,

slow breaths and saying, "I'm occasionally such a disappointment," with serenity. Any emotion we can allow (like inadequacy) will no longer control your behavior.

When you accept others will find you to be a disappointment sometimes, you'll also not need to blame or shame them for their demands. Being able to state, "I can see you want x, and I'm not able to provide x," with serenity calms everybody down!

At first, you'll disappoint lots of people frequently. Over time, people learn where the fences (boundaries) are and will be more reasonable in their requests. You get to trade being burned out and resentful for being energized and powerful...and all it will cost you is a little guilt at first.

The last word(s)

Q: *I have a friend at work that I've bent over backwards to help. However, she never has my back. Is there a way to get her to return my loyalty?*

A: No, as I frequently quip with clients, "Quit shopping at Auto Supply stores for apples." People who have no gratitude are the wrong store for buying loyalty!

Daneen Skube, Ph.D., is an executive coach and appears on FOX's "Workplace Guru" each



Monday morning. You can contact Dr. Skube at www.interpersonaledge.com or 1420 NW Gilman Blvd., #2845, Issaquah, WA 98027.

GREENWICH COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE PUBLIC EVENT

The Town and Village of Greenwich are in the process of updating their comprehensive plan to reflect recently completed neighborhood plans and current conditions, issues, and opportunities.

We want to hear from you!

To learn more about the comprehensive plan and how to get involved, please visit the Town and Village websites:

<https://www.greenwich.org/home/comprehensive-plan/>

<https://villageofgreenwich.org/>



A Comprehensive Plan is a policy document that identifies community priorities and helps the Town chart a course for the future. Comprehensive plans involve community members coming together to articulate a clear expression of the community's highest aspirations.

Share your vision for Greenwich's future!

Where? Greenwich Elementary School Gym 

When? November 15, 5-7 PM 

Town Supervisor	Village Mayor	Project Consultant
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Who makes our garden grow?

KC Scott
Greenwich Free Library

Note: *From the Stacks* is a column featuring a variety of voices at Greenwich Free Library. For a complete list of library programs and events, please visit greenwich-free-library.com or follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

Volunteers are the lifeblood of the library. They are the cheery faces you see when you come in. They will help you look for a book, figure something out on the computer, keep the materials organized on the shelves, and check books in and out for you. They generously give their time in numerous ways. Some volunteers slip downstairs to organize the donations for the book sale, and you may only see them fleetingly until the day of the sale. Some hide away in the Gill Room, carefully organizing old photos and documents that often make a visitor looking for family information very happy. The library could not function without all of these volunteers.

The most invisible volunteers are the keepers of the very visible library garden. All the weeding, planting and careful tending is done by the time the library opens its doors in the morning. And the results of their labors are stunning.

The library has been at its current location since 1974. Longer ago than anyone remembers, Dr Skinner, who lived nearby, established the library garden. Dr Skinner was known for his beautiful home gardens and, for reasons lost to history, extended his expertise to planting at the library. He started all the plants from seed in his greenhouses and transplanted, weeded, and tended the library garden for many years by himself. By the early 90s he was ready to hand over the task to others. He died in 1995 at age 85.

There have always been willing volunteers to share their passion for flowers and gardening. In 1994 the library director at that time, Claudia Blackler, put together a year end dedication to library volunteers.

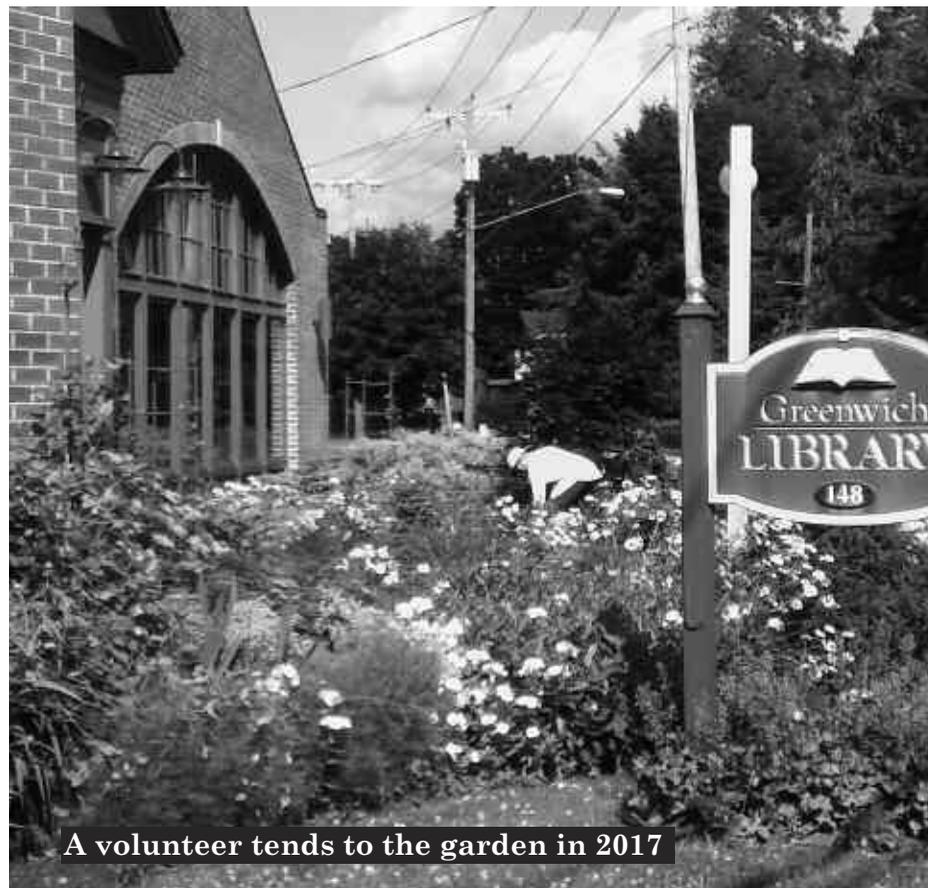
Of the garden, Claudia wrote:

“Anyone who drives through Greenwich notices the garden in front of the library.

As anyone who has a garden knows, you don’t achieve this kind of beauty without a lot of hard work. Most people I know who have gardens spend a great deal of time planning, planting, culling, weeding, watering and complaining.

We at the Greenwich Free Library are fortunate to have [a small group] who do all of the above except the complaining. They always have smiles on their faces. I’ve caught them working when the temperature was over ninety degrees, and the sweat was pouring off their brows. I have seen them swatting bugs, and trying to figure out what color bulbs they were planting since they came mixed with no labels.”

Today we are grateful that there are passionate gardeners to continue this tradition. It’s still a small group. Some come each week; others arrive with secateurs or weeders in hand whenever they can spare a half hour or so. Everyone has something to offer. For some it is cathartic. For some it’s a time of quiet reflection. Some people hate weeding and so develop a specialty for specific tasks, like edging the entire planted area giving it a tidy groomed appearance, or meticulously dead-heading roses to encourage enthusiastic blooming. Fortunately for the garden, others find weeding an absorbing, if not particularly exciting, task. Bags of compost appear and are distributed, extra plants are brought from home and donated. Sometimes there are seedlings or thinnings that need to be removed and are up for grabs. And there



A volunteer tends to the garden in 2017

are usually blooms that make their way into the library to display in a vase.

These volunteers are an infectious cheerful bunch. And who wouldn’t be, surrounded by the happy faces of flowers that have been coddled with special handling, the results of their careful tending? Each of them brings some sort of plant lore and knowledge, a tidbit here, a wealth of information there. Got a question about a plant? Someone there will know the answer, or be able to tell you how to find out. Our garden gnomes are truly the unsung heroes of the library.

So if you feel the urge to play in the dirt (ok, you can wear gloves), and participate in the always evolving arrangement of plantings here, and socialize in a blossoming environment, stop by the library garden some morning if you catch sight of those elusive gardeners. If you missed them, you can always leave your information at the desk and we’ll get the message through.

KC, a clerk at the Greenwich Free Library, has a ready smile especially if we’re talking about food, the library, dogs, books, cats, horses, gardening...you get the idea.



Elections are one giant fishy tennis story

Greg Schwem
Special to Journal & Press

As the 2022 midterm elections draw closer, now seems a perfect time to write about cheating.

The political air is already rife with cheating accusations, most lobbed by Republican candidates loyal to their esteemed leader, Donald Trump. The ex-president continues to whine that all 2020 votes cast for him were perfectly legal and all votes for Joe Biden were fraudulent, but only in pivotal states. Although it's difficult to reason with anyone who believes such nonsense, I've tried, using a tennis analogy whenever possible.

"Suppose Novak Djokovic loses to Rafa Nadal in five sets at the U.S. Open," I begin, pausing for signs of name recognition. I continue only after assuring my student that neither player is a member of the Jan. 6 committee.

"Nadal wins and Djokovic immediately protests, claiming all his shots were 'in,' yet some of Nadal's

shots, particularly the ones occurring on deuce and ad points, were 'out.'"

I'm getting a little heavy into tennis minutiae, but hear me out.

"Mr. Djokovic," a tennis official replies, "all the line calls in your match were made using electronic technology."

"Those machines are rigged!!!" screams Djokovic.

"OOOOOK, but your match also featured professional lines people who could overrule the technology at any time."

"All Nadal fans!," screams Djokovic.

Two other "sports," and I use that term loosely, are currently dealing with cheating scandals. One is still in the accusation stage, but the other contains proof of shenanigans. At the recently completed Lake Erie Walleye Trail fishing tournament, anglers grew skeptical when fish caught by original winners Jacob Runyan and Chase Cominsky weighed suspiciously more than their length. I know the feeling; my doctor tells

me the same thing every year during my physical.

A tournament official cut into several fish and found them stuffed either with filets or, in some cases, lead weights. Now I'd be happy eating a wall-eye whose insides contained another fish. Ever eaten crab-stuffed lobster? It's delicious! But sinking my teeth into a metal ball? Different story.

Officials stripped the pair of their titles, and a grand jury has indicted both men on charges ranging from grand theft to possession of criminal tools, to being stupid enough to stand idly by as their fellow fishermen hurled profanities their way and filmed the confrontations for YouTube.

Then there's the case of chess grandmaster Hans Niemann. The 19-year-old American has already confessed to cheating in online games by using software to determine his best move. But now Niemann is being investigated for possible cheating during in-person or "over the board" games.

I don't know how this is possible. Did Niemann say to his opponent, "Hey, look behind you!" then move his pieces around and proclaim "checkmate?" That's a question for chess authorities. I will not weigh in, considering my chess knowledge is limited to repeated viewings of "The Queen's Gambit" on Netflix and knowing the "pointy-hatted guy" moves diagonally.

My point is, no matter the event, someone is always looking to game the system.



Technology has only made those quests easier, although there was nothing technical about stuffing fish with lead. But electronic voting machines and vote counting methods are being used as excuses for poor results, in some cases BEFORE any votes have been counted. Witness Arizona Republican gubernatorial candidate Kari Lake who, prior to her August primary, claimed her election was rigged.

Then she won.

"We outvoted the fraud," she said.

On Nov. 8, we will go to the polls and cast ballots, unless we already did during early voting. Results will be challenged by candidates from both parties, even candidates who lost by millions, billions or gajillions. We will claim the other side cheated and then we will claim the system needs fixing while surreptitiously developing methods to cheat even more. That is where we are as a country.

Game. Set. Match.

Greg Schwem is a corporate stand-up comedian and author of "The Road To Success Goes Through the Salad Bar."



An Artist's Take

Political Cartoon of the Week by Joel Pett



Finding your empathy and spiritual path

Helena Winterbottom
Journal & Press

Gwen Cristaldi's book "Uncovering Your Light Within With Grace and Courage: focuses on the core concept of intuition, and how not following the intuitive messages we feel inside us can lead to confusion and heartbreak. Her book focuses on other spiritual topics as well, but mainly is concerned with how when we reach a fork in the road, our intuition is what guides us towards prosperity and good fortune, and listening to our inner messages is what can help us in the end, not what others might say. Now living in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., Cristaldi grew up in Greenwich, N.Y. This is her first book. "I needed to be authentic in writing it," she said. "My goal was to touch people on a soul level and inspire them."

The book observes how when people experience very difficult experiences in life, they tend to withdraw and are unable to express themselves when they can't connect with their emotions in ways they might have once been able to. "When you open your heart, you open the light within you. We all have a light to shine, we are here to shine our light," Cristaldi replied when asked what the key message of her book is. She continued, "How I uncovered my light, how I envisioned my light." The idea of her writing is that when people find themselves in difficult places, it took time to get them there, so it will take time to get them out of the situations, but they shouldn't be discouraged. There are plenty of ways to better understand what they can achieve and how they are about to be in a better place than they were before.

Cristaldi has worked as a life coach for clients for up to twenty years and her experiences with her clients are what inspired her to write this book. She works with people one-on-one to help guide them on their journey towards personal understanding and growth. She had been hearing similar things from people, that they had been having similar types of spiritual experiences or had that they had been having a difficult time. "Some things can take away from your spirituality, but some-

times the lessons that are the hardest are the ones we learn from and bring us closer to the divine."

In her book, Cristaldi expands upon her notions of intuition and what she thinks are the most important things we should know about our own intuitive guidance that we receive. "Your first gut feeling is your intuition . . . I put things in detail about how I did not listen to my intuition—I knew right away, I knew what was wrong but I didn't pay attention. I wanted people to be able to relate. Our inner knowing knows what's best." She says she believes in a higher power that guides us towards a higher good. She also believes in past lives and empaths, which she describes and defines in "Uncovering Your Light Within With Grace and Courage."

"Not everyone is an empath," Cristaldi explained. She went on to say that empaths are people who have a deeper sense of intuition than most.

Cristaldi describes the phenomenon of how we can separate what we know is being led by our ego and our greater truth in terms of life and our intuition. She expands upon this in her book and emphasizes its importance along with how we are guided by our intuition. When asked what inspired her book, the answer was: "I went through a situation that was difficult for me, and I struggled and it affected my health on a physical level, emotionally, mentally . . . I had to learn how to get out of that. Writing the book was healing for me. It was a healing process. It helped me to get through it and love myself."

"Uncovering Your Light Within With Grace and Courage" is available on Amazon. It is also available in select stores, including the Silo in Queensbury and Tushita Heaven in Queensbury. To access Cristaldi's services as a life coach more information can be found about her and what she does on her website:

www.gwencristaldi.com. She helps people on a spiritual awakening path and/or to help guide them with their own inner knowing. When asked if she has plans to write another book, she said: "I would like to. I'm waiting for that to come and that will come at the right time." Ultimately, Cristaldi believes it is important to spread the message: "I need to not lose myself by staying true to myself."

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Fun & Games

(solution below)



By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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

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Salem Sudoku

(solution page 26)

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Assembly (cont.)

ding the regulations and taxes that are “getting in the way to get a full build out across the state” of broadband services.

When it comes to funding, one thing Catalfamo agrees on is that New York State is spending too much in some areas, but not enough in areas like education. During the COVID-19 pandemic when students were learning from home, Catalfamo said there were many kids stuck at home who were dependent on the meals at school and internet access. He believes that more money should be put into education in the district, to which Woerner agrees. She believes that the schools in the area are “top

notch” but sees the need for more funding in poorer school communities.

The debate closed with what the candidates thought were threats to democracy. Catalfamo is seriously worried about the one-party rule

that has dominated Albany and that New York City policies drive the agenda of the state. Both are supporters of the Second Amendment and agree that those rights have been stripped from New York State residents.

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Through the Decades

What a show!

Darren Johnson
Journal & Press

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

120 Years Ago
Nov. 5, 1902

The presentation by local talent of the extravaganza entitled "The Fountain of Youth," Friday evening, entertained a very large audience at the Greenwich theatre. The preparations for the performance had been made under the direction of Mrs. F.N.E. Sparhawk of Gloversville, who was associated with her brother, F.H. Eaton, also of Gloversville, in writing a preparing the play for the stage. The characters with the exception of Titania, the fairy queen, were taken by local people, and about 50 children, dressed to represent fairies, nymphs and gnomes, played important parts in the performance. The curtain raised for the first act disclosed a scene of rare beauty, a wood scene with 10 tiny children representing tree fairies posed in attitudes of sleep. These are awakened by night shades, and the appearance of the queen's attendants and finally of the

queen follows. ... A host of characters famous in legend and fairy lore area introduced. Among them are Aladdin, Puss in Boots, Cinderella, Don Quixote and others, including King Cole leading an orchestra.

70 Years Ago
Nov. 5, 1952

The Greenwich Journal conducted an electoral contest to guess the number of electoral votes the winning candidate for president would receive. ... Sam Crozier is the only person who in his prediction gave the general [Eisenhower] more than 400 electoral votes. [He ended up with 442; Crozier got a free year's subscription to this paper.]

5 Years Ago
Nov. 2, 2017

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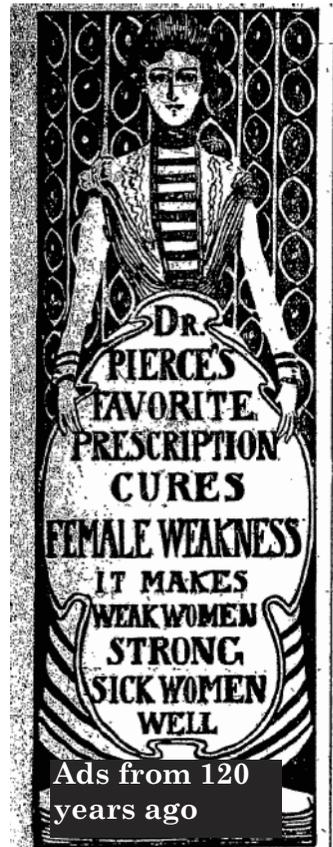
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Salem fuel fund needs \$

The Salem/Shushan Fuel fund was formed by Mike Keyes at the Historic Salem Courthouse, in September of 2008. This Winter (2022-2023) will be the 15th year that the Salem/Shushan community has come together to make sure that its residents stay warm. For most of its existence the Fuel Fund has been administered by the Salem United Methodist Church, with the help of Salem Rotary Club and many generous donors. Last winter season it served over 30 households and distributed over \$12,000 in fuel oil / propane / wood pellets/electricity/etc. This season will probably be its greatest challenge to date. Fuel costs (all costs) have increased significantly and the Fund has already distributed over \$2000 to help those in need. Cost increases alone will most likely drive total expenditures close to \$20,000 this winter, even if demands are not higher. In addition, it would not be at all surprising if

higher costs in all areas lead to more households being in need of help. The Fund is 100% donation driven. All those who volunteer for the Fund send a huge "Thank You" to all those who continue to make it possible for us to help those in need. None of this happens without their individual generous support!

The Fund is for both those who qualify for HEAP (Home Energy Assistance Program) AND those who do NOT qualify. If you think you may qualify for HEAP, call 518-746-2236 to apply. You may apply over the phone, by mail or online. It is not necessary to visit the office in Ft. Edward.

Donations will be accepted with many thanks. Checks may be made out to: Salem United Methodist Church (with "Fuel Fund" on the memo line) and mailed to: Salem United Methodist Church 31 West Broadway, Salem, NY 12865.

Students of the month

The faculty at Greenwich Central School announced the Junior High Students of the Month for October: Samuel Ziehm, Cooper Below, Carson Reynolds, Sarah Sievers, Isla Shaw, Lily Stewart, and Claire Smith. The faculty wrote: "While each has his/her own strengths, the constants are very clear...they are hard working, helpful, kind and responsible. They exhibit these traits consistently and are very real assets here at school. Congratulations to these fine young people."



Letters to the Editor

(cont.)

To the Editor:

He was respectful, quiet, dependable, determined, and big. That's how I remember Stan Mattison Jr. as the 14-year-old in my Social

Studies classroom. Not much has changed. Judging by his post high school education and experience, he is more than qualified to serve as the Town of Greenwich Highway Superintendent.

I had the opportunity to work closely with Highway personnel for ten years, both at the Town and the County levels of government.

As we all know, Highway costs account for the greatest expenditures of funds at the Town level. To carry out the responsibilities, it requires specific knowledge and experience. Stan is qualified to meet the challenges of the job. He has been educated and trained in the use of excavation and heavy equipment, is certified in mine safety and health administration as well as occupational safety and health administration. He is currently employed by the Town of Greenwich Highway Department. Let's not forget he was raised by a man who served in that capacity for years and a woman who supported that work in every way. Surely, the intricacies and responsibilities of that job have rubbed off on Stan Jr.

I hadn't seen Stan Jr. since his days in Junior High School. I was thrilled when I learned he would run for the position. His education, determination and dependability are impressive. With his extensive training and experience, he will serve the Town admirably as Highway Superintendent. He's the man for the job.

Sara Idleman
Greenwich

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Character Award

The Character Award was recently awarded to Oakley Waters, a Greenwich Central School student.

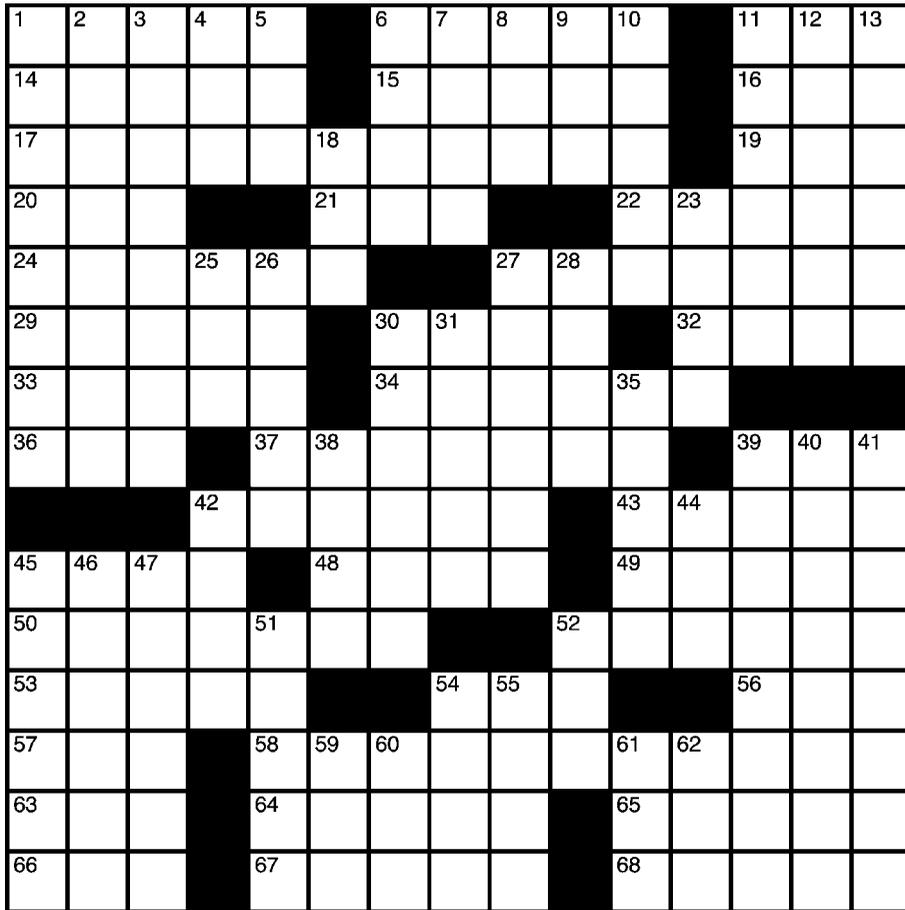
The selection is based upon both the candidate's noteworthy character/integrity and a project proposal to better the community or school in which the student lives. The award is a \$500 gift from Reid and Breanna Lundy of Greenwich. The selection committee met to consider several applications, and decided that Oakley's was most unique and potentially beneficial. It focuses on making the high school Counseling Office a more comfortable physical environment for all visitors. Oakley plans to start on the project this fall.

The Lundy's award will once again be offered in the Spring to any ninth - eleventh grade student with strong character and some creative ideas for community improvement. Her parents are Dean and Kimberley Waters. **Photo:** Lundy to Oakley Waters.



Cambridge Crossword

(solution page 26)



Across

- 1 Merged thespian union
- 6 Stares
- 11 Sault __ Marie
- 14 Show fear
- 15 Draw in the air
- 16 Disadvantage
- 17 Nightspot in "A Bug's Life"?
- 19 Throw __
- 20 Meditation sounds
- 21 " __ Alysamps": van Gogh work
- 22 Canon competitor
- 24 Hang out in the sun
- 27 Purse in "A Bug's Life"?
- 29 "Star Wars" droid
- 30 Normandy battle town
- 32 "Raising Buchanan" star Auberjonois
- 33 Not-so-VIP group
- 34 Garlicky sauces
- 36 Private __
- 37 Fancy dance in "A Bug's Life"?
- 39 Disfigure
- 42 Skeleton's place?
- 43 Hopping mad
- 45 Mythological ship
- 48 Recipe info: Abbr.
- 49 Frozen custard chain in 14 states
- 50 Queue in "A Bug's Life"?
- 52 Swallow

53 Winged, perhaps

- 54 Down
- 56 Zip
- 57 Member of the fam
- 58 Fruity beverage in "A Bug's Life"?
- 63 Day before Thanksgiving, e.g.
- 64 Woolly, say
- 65 Ancient Peruvians
- 66 Actor Benicio __ Toro
- 67 Alprazolam brand
- 68 Believes

26 Cracking-up letters

- 27 Fountain orders
- 28 Veg out
- 30 Bully's reply
- 31 Land with yaks
- 35 Like a pelvic artery
- 38 Advance
- 39 Tried to get along
- 40 Irregular
- 41 Fidgety
- 42 Tab, e.g.
- 44 Org. with an elephant in its logo
- 45 Put down
- 46 Bring back
- 47 Dr. Seuss' real last name
- 51 Mail collector
- 52 Had a bite
- 54 Italian hot spot
- 55 "Jeopardy!" name for 36 years
- 59 Actress Longoria
- 60 German article
- 61 Brand, "choosy moms choose," in ads
- 62 French article

Down

- 1 Four-star review, e.g.
- 2 At one time
- 3 Flexible fastener
- 4 __ hall
- 5 Ancient sanctuary
- 6 Box office take
- 7 Rainbows, say
- 8 Party pro
- 9 Earthbound bird
- 10 Valuable fur
- 11 Professional copyist
- 12 Colorful bird
- 13 Occupy
- 18 Tarzan player Ron
- 23 Good listeners?
- 25 They're allowed

ANSWERS ON PAGE 26

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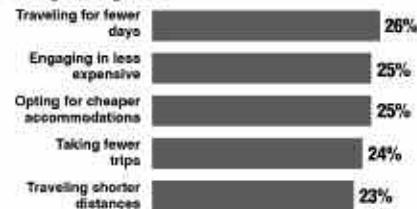
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Fast Facts

Holiday travelers changing plans

Of the 43 percent of U.S. adults planning to travel this holiday season, about eight in 10 of those travelers (78 percent) are changing their plans this year due to inflation and rising prices

Changes being made

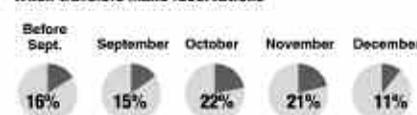


Household income of those disrupted

Inflation and rising prices are disrupting low-income families' holiday plans the most



When travelers make reservations



Source: Bankrate.com Graphic: Staff TWS

Find these words that are associated with music.

Allegro
Blues
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Hip Hop
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Scale
Soul

Sound
Swing
Tempo

Find Mr. D'Agostino's puzzle books on Amazon.com.

Argyle Acrostic

By Frank J. D'Agostino (solution page 24)

9 to 5 by Harley Schwadron



White Creek's monument to a battle

Lance Allen Wang
Journal & Press

Every now and then, someone truly makes my day by asking me to hunt down some information regarding a local historical oddity. Happily, it happened again at the most recent Town Board meeting. My friend Tammy Taber, who sits on the Town Board with me, handed me a cell phone with a picture on it of a clearly very old stone monument, and said “Marilyn wants to see what you know about it.” My eyes lit up as I saw it, only because I had recently been reading about the very event that the stone was celebrating. And I’m always happy to help Marilyn Robinson, one of several keepers of White Creek’s history. On a plaque attached to the stone, it said simply:

THIS STONE WAS ERECTED ON THIS SPOT BY THE CITIZENS OF WHITE CREEK, NY

ON RECEIVING WORD OF MCDONOUGH’S (sic) VICTORY AT PLATTSBURG

ON LAKE CHAMPLAIN, SEPTEMBER 11, 1814

THE STONE WAS RE-SET AND THIS PLATE AFFIXED 1925

The United States during the War of 1812 era was a quite different place than today. To start with, we had a small active military. A remnant of colonial days, Americans had a suspicion of large standing armies, and our small agrarian nation, not under immediate threat, did not consider the military a funding priority. However, anyone with their ear to the ground could hear war coming. British restrictions on American trade with Europe, along with impressment of American sailors into the British navy kept tensions simmering.

Much like during the Revolution, combat in North America was part of larger great power conflicts involving the British Empire. Again, on the other side of the globe, Britain was facing off against France. This time, in 1812, the British were fighting the seasoned armies of France’s Napoleon Bonaparte.

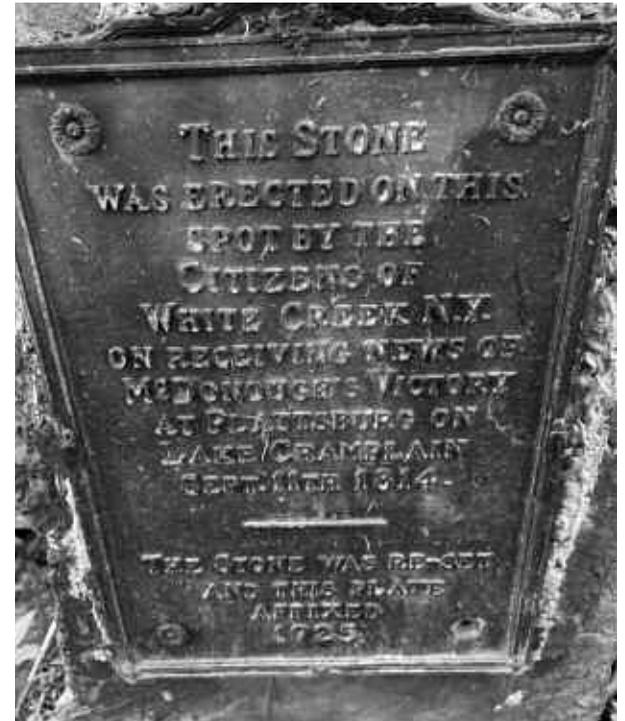
In the American Revolution, the strangle-

hold ongoing European wars held over the British helped our birthing process. One could only imagine how Yorktown would have turned out had the British fleet not been called home to protect the British Isles. However, this time, while the British were fighting the War of 1812 in America, fortunes in Europe turned against France’s Napoleon at Dresden and Leipzig, freeing up significant numbers of British troops to reinforce Canada and array against the upstart Americans. After two years of mostly indecisive skirmishing, 1814 would be a year of decision in this war.

And by August, the year of decision didn’t look pretty. In a scandalously poorly fought battle at Bladensburg (outside Washington), most of the poorly trained American troops scattered, leaving only a handful of US Marines and Maryland’s Fifth Regiment on the field in what was disparagingly called, “The Bladensburg Races.” The British victory at Bladensburg left the road open to Washington. Our government escaped, but the White House and Capitol were put to the torch by the troops of British Major General Robert Ross.

Meanwhile in Canada, the British had also reinforced Lieutenant General Sir George Prevost and given him permission to make attacks on the United States but cautioned him about overextending himself and being cut off. Prevost’s forces had naval superiority on Lake Champlain since 1813, and his naval commander was Captain George Downie. Our naval commander in the Champlain region was Master Commandant Thomas Macdonough. Macdonough had a reputation as an experienced naval officer – one who had won accolades fighting in the First Barbary War in 1803, where American Marines earned eternal fame at the “Halls of Tripoli.”

The way to gain naval forces at the time were one of two ways – either have ships sent to you, which the United States Government was in no position to do, or build them yourself, as General Arnold did at Ticonderoga in 1775. Macdonough secured the services of Vermont shipwrights and proceeded to build himself a fleet. By the time this year of decision, 1814, arrived, Macdonough was in command of three warships, and was working on a fourth which would be completed before the battle. He also had ten small gunboats, a legacy of President Thomas Jefferson’s administration, who had



tried to equip a navy on the cheap ten years earlier.

The British invasion from Canada began in late August. While Macdonough sent a couple of small gunboats to harass the British troops marching south towards Plattsburgh, he knew he was outgunned by the British fleet, so he pulled his war ships into Plattsburgh Bay, which would force the British to engage the Americans at short range. This removed a key British advantage, the superior range of their guns. He also made an extremely wise preparation – he used anchors, cables, and springs on his ships to allow them to turn about and expose their other side. Therefore, after the wood was splintered, guns dismantled, and sailors bloodied on one side of the ship, the ship could continue fighting with fresh guns on the other side.

Early in the battle at Plattsburgh Bay, which began at approximately 9 AM on September 11, 1814, the Americans hotly engaged the British flagship, HMS Confiance, and before long, killed Captain Downie, the British naval commander. However, the USS Saratoga, Macdonough’s flagship, would also be severely damaged in this exchange. Using his jury-rigged anchors and chains, he spun Saratoga about. Unable to maneuver similarly, the Confiance surrendered. Before long, their flagship

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Letters to the Editor

(cont.)

drill operator

Stan is a current employee of the town highway department, with all the experience that entails: paving, culvert installation, large equipment maintenance and repair, and roadside tree safety care. His interpersonal skills include an established team relationship with the rest of the department, a working relationship with highway superintendents in neighboring towns, and an ability to interact with individual taxpayers to listen to and address their concerns.

Without trying to be overly dramatic, if our roads are not cared for in a timely fashion, it could literally be a matter of life and death. Stan Mattison, Jr, will be available as your full-time, 24/7 Highway Superintendent, responsive to your concerns about the safety of our roads. You don't need to vote for someone because he is your friend. You should vote for someone because he has the most experience to keep you and your family safe. Vote for Stan Mattison, Jr, on November 8.

Mary Lou Stern

Chair, Greenwich Democratic Committee

(cont.)

shattered and surrendered, their commander killed, the other three British warships surrendered. The British officers boarded the Saratoga to hand their swords to Macdonough in surrender – to which the American responded by telling them to return their swords to their scabbards, as they fought in a way that was “worthy of them.”

With the end of the naval Battle of Plattsburgh, the British land commander, Prevost, pulled his 14,000 troops back towards Canada. He didn't want to risk losing his land force with



Macdonough

To the Editor:

In a recent issue of the Journal & Press, I had the privilege of seeing an article that I wrote published and yet I find that privilege definitely marred.

The reason that I say this is because never in my life have I seen a political ad on the front page of a newspaper, old or new. And, this is the second time it has occurred. It makes no difference to me whether Elise Stefanik or her challenger, Matt Castelli, appears on the front page, I would continue to raise an objection.

Political ads belong on the inside of a newspaper. The display of one on the front page, where you would expect pertinent community information, is a tacit endorsement of the candidate. If you want to give an editorial endorsement to Ms. Stefanik, go ahead and do it. I notice that the current issue has two other ads of this nature, one on the back, and the other inside. That area is where the Stefanik ad belongs, not front and center.

Sincerely,

Ken Perry

Greenwich

the naval force destroyed. A major, conspicuous victory was something that the Americans desperately needed after two years of steady expenditure of lives and treasure to no good end. The final toll of the battle – the Americans lost 220 killed and wounded, the British approximately three times that. The British lost all four of their larger warships in the battle, captured by the Americans who were left with uncontested control of Lake Champlain.

The conspicuous victories continued – within the week after Plattsburgh, the British would be turned back at the Battles of Baltimore and Fort McHenry, including losing land forces commander General Ross, who put Washington to the torch, to a Maryland militia sharpshooter.

In the North Country, Macdonough's victory removed the threat of British invasion. The citizens of White Creek erected a stone marker to commemorate the occasion. While they were no strangers to war – some older locals had fought the British at nearby Walloomsac in 1777 – to know that they were no longer potentially in the path of an attack south towards Albany or New York City was a relief.

Our Response: *In the 21st century, nearly all newspapers have cover ads. Ours are below the fold; local daily papers will even allow sticker ads for candidates atop the paper. A modern reader can decipher the difference between editorial content and advertising. Everyone has an equal chance at buying an ad there, all candidates are given an equal opportunity to advertise, and they are made known of such offerings. Most modern readers are also aware of the financial struggles print newspapers are going through and wouldn't begrudge advertising in a prime space; as for us, a newspaper running on a shoestring, color costs us additional, and we already have paid for color for the front page plate anyway so it doesn't cost us extra. It's also odd to complain about the rather unobtrusive nature of print newspaper ads when political ads are much more omnipresent on TV, radio and the Internet (which also have news). Occasionally, we'll hear from a partisan who wants to cancel their subscription due to a political ad they don't agree with. While you're at it, if political ads are so offensive, also cancel your cable/satellite and Internet service. And don't turn on the radio in the car. Otherwise, enough with the pearl clutching.*

The defeats at Plattsburgh and Baltimore directly led to the peace treaty between the United States and Great Britain. In between the signing of the treaty and its announcement, one of the war's most famous battles, the Battle of New Orleans, was fought. After the buzzer, so to say.

So, Marilyn down in “The Crick,” I hope this answers your question! The only one that remains for me regards the misspelling of Macdonough on the plaque. Were they copying a misspelling on the original stone, or was that an error in 1925 when they created the plaque? My guess is that bit of trivia is long lost, but I hope this article gives some insight on a decisive battle in the War of 1812 and why our forebears thought it was so very important.

Lance Allen Wang is a Councilman in the Town of White Creek who is also an Iraq Veteran and retired Army Infantry officer. He lives in Eagle Bridge, N.Y., with his wife Hatti.





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