

## In their own words

### Candidates for office offer statements; lots of letters as Election Day is Nov. 7.

In the final issue before Election Day on Nov. 7, candidates (and their supporters) have their say, through candidate statements, letters, an op-ed and paid advertisements.

Now it's your turn to make your decision and go out and vote. And on Election Night, visit our Facebook page at [fb.com/journalandpress](https://www.facebook.com/journalandpress) to get the latest results as well as candidate reactions about the election outcomes.



school news, arts and entertainment, community events, our "Through the Decades" archive column and more.

We also gear up for the Lighted Tractor Parade with a special edition coming out later this month. If you'd like to write for or advertise in it, contact us at [editor@journalandpress.com](mailto:editor@journalandpress.com). Or contact us about anything else! We're **YOUR** community newspaper!

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- ✓ **Pat Donahue for Town Council**
- ✓ **Reed Anderson for Town Council**
- ✓ **Deborah Tjarks for Town Clerk**



## Salem CSD informational meetings

The Salem Central School District Board of Education and administration, in collaboration with district architects, Mosaic Associates, have identified priority items in the district's most recent Building Condition Survey (BCS) that need to be addressed.

After 15-months of discussion and planning, with community input and thoughtful consideration, the Board approved a referendum to put forth a \$14.7 million Capital Improvement Project that focuses on safety, security, and accessibility for Americans with Disabilities (ADA). All the work proposed in the 2023 Capital Project will honor and maintain the historical nature of the building.

Residents of Salem Washington Academy will vote on the project

on Tuesday, December 5, 2023 from 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. in Room 418 in the High School.

The proposed Capital Project will:

- Address safety, security, and ADA accessibility
- Address infrastructure needs including roof replacement
- Expand ADA parking near both the East and West entrances to the building

The District invites all members of the community to learn more about the proposed Capital Project during the following community

presentations:

- Thursday, November 2, 2023 at the Salem High School in Room 405
- Thursday, November 9, 2023

at the Shushan Firehouse

- Monday, November 20, 2023 at the Hebron Firehouse

All three meetings will begin at 6 p.m.

## Tractor Parade issue

Our next issue will be devoted to the upcoming Lighted Tractor Parade, Greenwich's signature event, which takes place Nov. 18.

If you'd like to write for this special issue or advertise, contact us at [editor@journaland-press.com](mailto:editor@journaland-press.com) or call 518-879-0965.



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# Book Club a sheer delight

Washington County Historical Society's Local History Book Club will meet from 12 noon until 1 PM on Friday, Nov. 10, at Battenkill Fibers, 2532 State Route 40, Greenwich. A tour of the facility, led by Mary Jeanne Packer, owner, will precede our discussion. We will see scouring, carding, spinning, and plying.

Focus of the session is on Merino sheep in the early 1800's in Washington County and "Vanishing Fleece, Adventures in American Wool" by Clara Parkes, published in 2021.

The book club meets regularly on the second Friday of the month at twelve o'clock, usually at the county Historical Society in Fort Edward. The December topic will be on tugboats on the Champlain Canal, reading books by Fred Godfrey. Meeting will be at the Folklife Center, Crandall Library, Glens Falls.

Future sessions of the club will include books about the larger Adirondack area as well as works by local authors. Proposed topics include the temperance movement in our area, agricultural fairs in Washington Co., and the life of Salem resident Asa Fitch, historian and entomologist. For additional information, email Connie Harris Farrington at [connieandlee@roadrunner.com](mailto:connieandlee@roadrunner.com).



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# Candidate statements; election is Nov. 7

We asked each candidate in a competitive Washington County race to send us a 400-word statement and photo. These are the candidates who responded and their words/photos.

## Stephanie Cronin, Washington County Clerk

Hello! My name is Stephanie Cronin (fka Lemery) and I am running for my third term as your Washington County Clerk. I was born and raised in Washington County, as were my two daughters Caitlyn and Victoria, my mom and dad and my grandparents. This is truly a place that I call home and I've never wanted to stray from it.

I started my career in public service as the Kingsbury Town Court Clerk in 2002. I enjoyed working for Judge Feeder, and when the opportunity became available in the County Clerk's office, I decided to change career paths. I wanted to better serve the county residents. I have worked for Washington County Clerk's Office for the last 18 years, the last 8 of those years as your elected County Clerk. I started at the entry level of account clerk/typist and worked my way up by learning each step of the clerk's office, which includes recording clerk and indexing clerk, as well as the Deputy County Clerk. This experience also included the basic duties of a Motor Vehicle Licensing Clerk at DMV.

I truly enjoy the work that I do and the people I work with. As County Clerk, I also am appointed as the county's Records Management Officer. This is a mandatory role that all local governments



must have, and it is also a requirement to apply for the NYS Archives grants. I have recently worked with the County Clerk's newest electronic content management system vendor, IQS, to add older records to the system to make online access of those records easier. As these books are imaged, I am able to make space in the records room and I hope to add additional computer stations to better service the public who come in to do searches. I also anticipate continuing the most recent NYS Archives grant project. This project started with successful grant funding in 2018/2019 to digitize county, town, and village permanent vital records and town board minutes records. It's a great opportunity to not only help with local municipality spacing issues and access issues, but it is also a way to preserve our county's history.

I look forward to continuing to serve as your Washington County Clerk. On November 7 or during early voting, please cast your vote for me on the ESCAPE line. Thank you!

## Jim Nolan, Greenwich Town Supervisor

I am running for reelection as Town of Greenwich Supervisor.

I have an MBA in Finance and a Ph.D in Public Administration. I am a tenured professor at Siena College. I have previously served as President of the GCS Board of Education, President of the Green-



wich Free Library Board, Chair of the Battenkill YMCA Board, and a member of the Town of Greenwich Planning Board. I currently serve as a member of the SUNY ADK Board of Trustees.

Through thoughtful planning, building partnerships, and opening channels of communication, we've accomplished much in my term as Supervisor. Some examples:

- Development of a Comprehensive Plan for the Town and the Village that will serve as a guide for actions to achieve the vision we all have for Greenwich
- Development of a Town Park in the only part of Greenwich that borders the Hudson River
- Implementation of a Data-driven Process for determining which of Greenwich's 77 miles of roads need paving, grading, culvert replacement, crowning, and ditching
- Enactment of a Town Law providing a 10% reduction in residential property assessments for all qualifying Greenwich resident Volunteer Firefighters and EMT's
- Studying the feasibility of offering a LOSAP Program for Volunteer Firefighters and EMT's
- Honoring our Veterans with banners displayed on Main Street and along Route 29 and Route 40
- Working with the Village, we've obtained a \$166,500 grant to prepare our commercial district on Route 29 and past the circle to Middle Falls and up Route 40 for much-needed senior and rental housing by bringing water to this section of town. The same collaboration resulted in a \$15,000 grant to expand walking and biking options in the Village and Town

All this, and much more, has been done with NO Town tax increase in two years. In fact, we are collecting less Town tax in 2024 than we did in 2019.

In sum, WE ARE BUILDING TOMORROW TOGETHER

I am asking the residents of Greenwich to reelect me to a two-year term as Town Supervisor to keep the momentum going. Let's make this great Town of ours an even better place to live.

## Dawn Sharts, Greenwich Town Council

As a long-time resident of Greenwich, I have been actively involved in town-wide issues for over four decades. Regardless of any political aspirations, my commitment to this town remains unwavering. My late husband and I both shared a vision for Greenwich, one that emphasizes the preservation of our natural landscapes and green spaces without relying on taxpayer funds.

This is why I felt it was prudent to be a part of the Zoning Commission, something to define Greenwich's direction. While the Democratic candidates want to see some zoning changes, this is where I'll point out something curious.

I ask, where was Pat Do-

nahue and Jim Nolan when the zoning in this town was being put together? Where were they when the wireless company came to Greenwich? Where were they when Price Chopper offered to upgrade the Village's water system? When BFI came to Greenwich, it was a Democratic Supervisor at the time who was wine and dined by a big company. Fortunately, a group of residents fought it and managed to keep it away. This was not going to benefit Greenwich but rather downstate. Much like the solar enterprises will benefit an international company, versus Greenwich. Again, I am very familiar with these issues, with first-hand knowledge. I doubt Jim and Pat can say the same thing, as they weren't present.

As for the upcoming election, regardless of the outcome, my commitment to attending meetings and advocating for the principles I've



upheld for decades will continue. In contrast, Jim Nolan only began attending town board meetings in 2021 because he was running for office. I have a proven track record of championing the preservation of genuine green spaces. While Jim may choose to clear trees in his way, I champion the cause of preserving these trees for the benefit of our natural environment.

I believe in individual property rights, but I also firmly believe in the principles of majority rule. We do, after all, live in a democracy. Even when an issue arises that may not be universally popular, I believe it should be open to discussion. This is an approach that Jim and Pat have shown to differ from. For instance, when Jeff Duxbury proposed a proposition, the board did not engage in a meaningful discussion.

I'll conclude with this thought: whether you choose to support me at the ballot or not is entirely your prerogative. I won't dictate your choice. I simply ask that you reflect on why you live in Greenwich. Is it for the parks, or is it for the quintessential countryside charm, nestled amongst rolling hills and farmland? The very definition of green space.

Please read more on next page

## Walking program

The Cambridge Central School District walking program for community members is returning. The program will run from Nov. 6, 2023 through May 3, 2024. The program runs from 5:30-8:30 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.

# Candidates (cont.)



Reed Anderson, Greenwich Town Council

The classic signs of October are all around us once again. Fall sports, Halloween decorations and apple cider displays abound. Local elections are a few weeks away (November 7th!) and that brings a few more 'classical Fall' sights, lawn signs and political stereotypes. You won't be surprised to hear that the old refrain of "Democrats are spendthrifts and are so irresponsible with your taxes!" is as popular as ever.

The accusations of wasteful spending of our tax dollars by "Jim Nolan and his supermajority" have focused heavily upon the decision to purchase a new road grader. We've heard repeatedly from Dawn Sharts that "the purchase of a new grader for over \$200,000 was not needed as the old grader could have been fixed for under \$30,000." If the goal of the Town Council is to spend as little money as possible, then perhaps I might agree. Certainly, keeping spending in control is an important piece of the Town Council's responsibility. But to treat it as the only priority means that we miss the real goal: fiscal responsibility.

To me, fiscal responsibility is about finding the right balance of spending versus taxing to maximize the returns (specifically, the services provided to taxpayers) through prudent decisions. As we all know, sometimes it is most prudent to reject the easy short-term fix in favor of the longer-term investment. Especially when you also know that the short-term fix will just keep costing more.

In the case of the road grader, the cost of purchase vs repair must be evaluated alongside several other important factors. First and foremost, who does the grader serve? Its primary purpose is the maintenance of dirt roads, which constitute 17 miles of the roads maintained by the Town of Greenwich. This is a one-of-a-kind piece of equipment for Greenwich's Highway Department and essential for the folks who live on these 17 miles. The replacement transmission required for the grader had a lead time of 6-9 months, during which time the grader was guaranteed to continue to break down. Downtime for maintenance and repair meant there was no road grader available and man hours were being spent working on the equipment rather than on the roads. It's also important to consider that a new grader would be replacing one that was 26 years old and that in those 26 years improvements had been made to major equipment, like graders. The new one could handle more difficult grading jobs and would serve as a snowplow in the winter.

It is Fall and those political lawn signs are out. It's easy to point to a big expense and call it "wasteful spending" but the reality is rarely so simple. Just as you carefully weigh the decision to invest in a major repair or purchase so does the Town Council. They are very well aware of whose money they are spending and of their responsibility to spend it wisely. Just like you.

## Patrick Donahue, Greenwich Town Council

I'm running for re-election on the town board.

I've been a resident of Greenwich for 39 years. I have been a volunteer firefighter for 49 years. I served in the Marine Corps as an infantry rifleman with two overseas deployments. I belong to the Marine Corps League and the American Legion.

The reason I'm running for re-election - I care - I care about our town and the people who live here. I care about the volunteers in our town that provide much needed services: Fire

Departments, Rescue Squads, Youth Center, Food Pantry, libraries and many more. They are what makes Greenwich a great community to live in and I'm proud to serve them.

If Re-elected:

- I would continue working with the board on our comprehensive plan.
- Continue to work on the highway, public safety and codes committee.
- Supporting our town parks
- Working on programs to award firefighters and EMS personnel for their service



elected in 2015 and reelected in 2019. When serving on the Town's Highway Committee, I developed a vehicle lifecycle plan which has greatly reduced maintenance and replacement costs and which we have recently updated. At the same time, I've been honored to serve as the Village Clerk in Cambridge for 10 years.

I've served as President of the Owlkill Rod and Gun Club for four years, Commander of American Legion Maxson Post 634 for two years, co-founded Sgt Mausert Chapter, American Legion Riders, and have served as an advisor for the Medical Society of the State of NY on veterans' issues. I am a past Master of Cambridge Valley Lodge #481, F&AM and now serve as a staff officer for the Grand Lodge of NY. I served for four years as the President of Congregation Beth El in Bennington, Vermont, and recently returned to the position. At the same time, I have also served as a lay leader for 10 years, and still lead a monthly worship service.

Our ticket has united a cross-section of our local political landscape, an Independent, a Democrat, and a Republican, not because we agree on everything, since we don't. Our point is that we do not HAVE to. We agree on the role of local government, that White Creek Town Hall is not the place to bring partisan agendas or carry water for party elites.

Local government is a functional level of government. We operate where the rubber meets the road. We have a responsibility to actually make things happen. That is a lot more difficult when we are not united about Town government's vital role. When we are treating each other with suspicion, getting wrapped up in national culture wars and are more focused upon the things we differ on, we have a much more difficult job. The issues that divide us and make government dysfunctional at the state and national level serve no purpose here and have no place in our Town government.



## Lance Wang, White Creek Supervisor

I came to Eagle Bridge as a part time resident starting 19 years ago, when I was still in the Army. I came to stay after retiring as an infantry Lieutenant Colonel in 2009 after 21 years, including a year in Iraq in 2007-08. I earned my MBA from RPI in 2011 while working at the school. I have been a Councilman in the Town of White Creek for eight years, being

## Schuylerville clay arts exhibit

Saratoga Clay Arts Center's Schacht Gallery presents CLAYFEST, a national invitational exhibition celebrating the holiday season with a compilation of incredible functional pots and decorative works by twenty-one established clay artists from across the country. The exhibition opens on Saturday, November 18 with a public opening from 5-7pm and runs through December 30, 2023. The work will also open online in our SHOP at 5pm on November 18th. Details for the exhibition can be found online at [www.saratogaclayarts.org](http://www.saratogaclayarts.org).

Founded in 2011 by clay artist and educator Jill Kovachick, Saratoga Clay Arts Center is a ceramic art center located in Schuylerville, offering wheel throwing and handbuilding clay classes for youth and adults, studio space and residencies for artists, and exhibitions featuring emerging, mid-career and

established clay artists. The Schacht Gallery is open Monday - Saturday from 11am - 4pm and by appointment. They are located at 167 Hayes Road, Schuylerville. Call 518-581-2529 or email [info@saratogaclayarts.org](mailto:info@saratogaclayarts.org) for more information.



# Lots of election-related letters

## No-Showing Is Disrespectful

### To the Editor:

What motivates candidates for public office who decide not to appear in public forums with their political rivals? Most often, it seems arrogance and fear are their principal motivations. They are so sure of themselves and their support they think have nothing to gain by appearing on the same stage with their political rivals, rivals whom they disrespect by not appearing. But they are also fearful that they may say things that will hurt their candidacy, things that voters who are not familiar with them may find objectionable or offensive.

A commonsense understanding of what makes democracy work well includes the free exchange of ideas, open debate about the issues, and respect for the intelligence and will of the people. Certainly neither this kind of political commonsense nor a decent respect for the voters were evident in the decision of all of one party's candidates in our local election to skip the recent candidates forum. By spurning the opportunity to explain why we voters should support them, as well as the opportunity to debate their opponents, these no-show candidates displayed both an arrogance and fears that diminished the democratic quality of our local politics.

When we go to the polls in November, I hope Greenwich voters recognize and support all the sensible candidates who appeared on the high school stage earlier this month demonstrating their respect for the efforts of this newspaper to enrich and enliven our local democracy.

Ronald Edsforth

Greenwich

## A Nod for Nolan

### To the Editor:

I write in support of re-electing Jim Nolan to the office of Supervisor of the Town of Greenwich.

Much has been made of the impending demise of small-town America. To which I would say "Not So." Greenwich is a community of caring and thoughtful people, many of whom are actively engaged in maintaining all that has made the Town wonderful while doing the work required to move it forward into the future. Jim Nolan is one of those indispensable people.

I strongly believe that there is no room in local government for "party politics." Governing a small municipality should not require or even involve partisan ideology. Good governance is about excellent management. Excellent management demands the ability to listen well, evaluate a lot of information, weigh competing priorities, make and defend sound decisions, and communicate clearly. People who choose to step up for these local positions must also understand the importance and sacrifice demanded by public service. Taking a Town office is a tough job. There will always be another problem to solve, another crisis to handle, another unhappy constituent. All must be handled with effectiveness, efficiency, graciousness.

Jim Nolan has spent a lifetime honing the skills that make him an outstanding choice for Town Supervisor. He holds a Ph.D. in Business Administration and is a tenured professor at Siena College, having done years of applied research and classroom teaching. He moved seamlessly into college administration, chairing the Siena College Business School and driving two successful strategic planning initiatives for the College. He has served on a number of local and regional Boards, among them Sunny-

view Rehabilitation Hospital, the Greenwich Free Library, the Planning Board, and the GCS Board of Education. He has done all this and more with an inspiring sense of personal resilience and equanimity, having suffered a traumatic injury that changed him overnight from an accomplished athlete to a quadriplegic.

The job of Town Supervisor requires the ability to absorb and understand a lot of detailed data, handle multiple priorities, listen with patience and compassion, make fact-based decisions, rise above the political fray, and roll with the punches. Jim Nolan has the experience, the intellectual energy, and the public service commitment to do this job. He is already doing it very well.

Re-Elect Jim Nolan Greenwich Town Supervisor on November 7th.

Respectfully,

Maryann McGeorge

Greenwich

## Cronin Is the Only Qualified Clerk Candidate

### To the Editor:

I have served on the Washington County Board of Supervisors for twelve years. As a Town Supervisor elected to represent all the

was finally made tripling what the Counties receive. This will bring a projected increase of more than \$1,450,000 in revenue to the County over 10 years, while lowering DMV expenses. A huge win for the county! This will also allow the residents the convenience of doing some of their transactions online saving them a trip to the local DMV.

What most people don't know is during COVID Stephanie worked in the office every day keeping the workload caught up and in fact, was called on by the state to have her staff assist them in catching up on their records and work.

The DMV has been accepting walk-ins for two years since COVID abated. This year alone the County Clerk's Office and DMV have processed over 3,300 walk in transactions in eight months. Transactions such as Enhanced Licenses, which take 45 minutes and two people to process require appointments. Warren County elected to model their appointment system after Washington County and found they could handle more transactions daily.

The County Clerk's position is one of the most complex jobs in the county which includes managing the DMV, recording real estate transactions, handling court filings, deeds and other county records. Ask any County Clerk and you will find that it will take anyone without experience years to get up to speed.

When you go to vote think about this: DOES EXPERIENCE MATTER?

Dave O'Brien

Hampton

Town of Hampton Supervisor

## The Difference Between Then and Now

### To the Editor:

As a 68 year resident of both the village and town of Greenwich, I have witnessed many changes during this time. The Greenwich I grew up in was a thriving cluster of businesses, mills, dairy farms, busy railroads, gas stations, car sales, farm equipment and auto repair shops to name a few.

You could buy your shoes, clothing, TV's, groceries at five or six mom and pops stores – even having your groceries delivered to your door by Perkins grocery.

Contrast the above scenes from the 1950's and sixties to today. Main Street has many store fronts empty. It appears that we have become a bedroom community for residents who travel to Albany, Troy, Schenectady, Clifton Park, Glens Falls and Saratoga for work, shopping and recreation.

Another sharp contrast to today was the actual amount of planning by village and town officials then versus now. In 1968 village and town officials hired Hans Klunder Associates of Hanover, New Hampshire to conduct a door to door survey of residents on a multitude of topics. Each participating resident was interviewed by people hired and trained by this company to write down their responses. I was one of those trained on how to conduct and record their answers.

Not only village and town residents were interviewed but also residents of our many hamlets – Cossayuna, North Greenwich, East Greenwich and Easton. The results were tabulated by the company and disseminated to our village and town leaders.

Last week the village and town passed a

**Please read more letters on the next page**

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residents, I along with the entire Board of Supervisors is responsible to all residents to ensure that we provide the best possible services.

During eight of those twelve years, Stephanie Cronin served as the elected Washington County Clerk. For all twelve of those years, I have sat on the Oversight Committee of the County Clerk and DMV offices she manages. I have found Stephanie to be well versed in her job having spent eighteen years working in the County Clerk Office learning and performing every aspect of every job in both DMV and County Clerk office. More importantly, she has been innovative in designing and instituting several new procedures and processes which have either brought into, or saved, the County and taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars, improving service to the residents and reducing taxes.

One of Stephanie's most important contributions has been obtaining grants for digitizing all paper records for every department in the county, towns, and villages. These grants have totaled over \$330,000 to date. Not only does this system catalogue and file records more efficiently than paper records, it allows instantaneous retrieval and allows users to cross reference documents across multiple departments and retrieve those successfully! Now, instead of wading through paper records, information is accessible in seconds, saving labor costs! In addition, if this had not been accomplished the county would have had to purchase a building to significantly increase storage space costing hundreds of thousands of dollars plus the ongoing maintenance and operational costs.

Stephanie, working along with the State County Clerks Association, lobbied the State to significantly increase the percentage paid to counties for online DMV transactions. In this year's New York State Budget this change

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Comprehensive Plan that many residents know nothing about. There was sharp criticism from the several residents who showed up to the 6:00 p.m. meeting complaining about their complete lack of advertising of the plan – neither by letter to residents nor advertisements in this paper of the several meetings to discuss the objectives of such a plan.

When faced with this criticism the town supervisor and village mayor tried to explain that it cost money to mail out info even though they were using grant money to do this study. Their fall back was they had posted notices on their web site and they had gathered some feedback at a Whipple City Days booth.

The mayor further elaborated that the plan was just “a compilation of suggestions to be discussed in the future.” The suggestion of several citizens was to delay action until more residents could be involved in the planning. Of course, this advice fell on deaf ears as our leaders of today seem to pass their own agendas regardless of how the public feels.

So much for openness and transparency of today’s leaders!

**Morgan Snyder**

Greenwich

Town Planning Board Member

**Vote for Team Players**

**To the Editor:**

I want to remind the voters in the Town of Greenwich:

- Remember about 2½ years ago when then-supervisor Don Ward tried to take our right to vote for who we wanted as our Highway Superintendent away from us? Remember he tried to make it an appointed position?

- Remember 2 years ago when the voters in Greenwich received that infamous ANONYMOUS MAILER filled with all that false and misleading information?

- Do you remember the fact that when Don Ward was Supervisor he sat on the Hudson Riverside Park for 2 years. Like it or not the park belongs to us and we need to capitalize on its beauty. That’s what’s being done now and not all at a cost to taxpayers. Grants – are they free money? No, but they are money that we, as taxpayer have already paid in state taxes so why not apply for and use that money here in beautiful Greenwich instead of letting it all go to New York City or Albany?

- Remember the fact that Don Ward was the reason we lost the most dedicated Highway Superintendent the Town of Greenwich has had in many years.

- Remember that whole Comfort Food fiasco? That circus happened under Dawn Sharts as the Zoning Board of Appeals Chairwoman. The quote below was taken from the minutes of that same ZBA meeting on August 10, 2022, where Sharts stated, “We live in a small town and throwing arrows and making accusations is unnecessary.” Now how funny is this? I guess it all depends on who’s throwing the arrows and who’s making the unnecessary accusations now doesn’t it?

- Remember that at the July 12, 2022, town board meeting that Jeff Duxbury, voted “yes” to the purchase of the new grader? But now that it’s election time, he and his political party have decided to try to use the purchase of the new grader as wasting taxpayer’s money.

- I remember when Duxbury made the

statement to me during the Sept 12th, 2023, town board meeting how he had informed the board that he had contacted DEC back in May in regards to the town needing permits to do the trimming at Hudson Riverside Park. Well guess what? There’s no record of him informing the board back in May about needing permits at any meeting. I’ll tell you why, because he is NOT a team player and we need team players on our town board! We need board members who will work with the Supervisor and other councilmen and make decisions that are best for the Town of Greenwich.

The choice is clear on Nov. 7: Vote for Jim Nolan, Supervisor and Pat Donahue and Reed Anderson, Councilmen.

**Shirley Dewey**

Greenwich

**Trust Cronin for Clerk**

**To the Editor:**

Stephanie Cronin (née Lemery) has been a dedicated public servant within the Washington County clerk’s office for 18 years. She has been elected twice to the position of County Clerk, and is seeking re-election for a third term in order to continue to serve the community she loves.

In this time she has faithfully and consistently served the citizens of Washington County with the utmost professionalism, dedication, and unconditional positive regard. Stephanie has never wavered in her dedication to im-

**‘The Greenwich I grew up in was a thriving cluster of businesses, mills, dairy farms, busy railroads, gas stations, car sales, farm equipment and auto repair shops to name a few.’**

proving the lives and experiences of her constituents. Stephanie has, in only two terms, secured 3 grants for Washington County totaling \$330,671.00. These grants are making it possible for Washington County to digitize and preserve the permanent records of not only county offices, but town and village offices as well.

This will cut down on the time required for these offices to access records thereby reducing the barriers to access of these records for the citizens of Washington County. Stephanie has been unwavering in her absolute dedication to keeping the taxpayer’s money local, and used for services that will benefit them.

Annually, Stephanie has kept over \$100,000 from being released to the state and has kept it at the local county level where it can be better utilized to serve our citizens. Stephanie has worked tirelessly to optimize the processes of the DMV. During her tenure she has managed to open 5 satellite offices for DMV in Granville, Greenwich, Salem, Whitehall, and Cambridge. This has saved Washington County citizens untold amounts of both time and money in the form of closer access to a DMV office and monetary savings in the form of gas mileage due to their distance from Fort Edward.

**Logan Redding**

Hudson Falls

**Less Partisanship, Please**

**To the Editor:**

I appreciated the last edition of the Journal’s coverage of the candidate forum. I think it is important that voters get to hear directly from

candidates leading up to an election. I could not get there that night so was glad to see the coverage of the event and read each of the questions and responses with interest.

The last question that apparently came in while the forum was going on caught my interest because I feel our local elections would benefit from being less partisan. We probably will never eliminate it but here in Greenwich we can do without having the mess we see going on in Washington and how it is hurting us all.

It was refreshing to read that the Democratic candidates who were there all seem to agree with me and don’t see themselves as political. Driving around Greenwich today, I got to thinking about this issue because I could not help but notice not a single “Democratic” sign that mentioned the party anywhere.

I plan to vote for Jim Nolan, Pat Donahue, Reed Anderson and Stephanie Cronin not because they are Democrats, not because they are not Republicans but because from what I see and read about them, they are not focused on party but on doing the right things for Greenwich and Washington County.

**Jennifer Braucher**

Greenwich

**A Team You Can Trust**

**To the Editor:**

Letter of Recommendation – At my former company, you absolutely, positively could not get an interview without a recommendation from someone already working at the company. Further, it must not have been a casual acquaintance; but you had to “know” this individual. A person who had the skills, qualifications and most importantly was someone you trust. So, it is in that spirit that I heartily recommend Jim Nolan, Pat Donohue and Reed Anderson to you. I’ve worked with Jim and Pat for the last two years on the Town Council. Smart, caring people with a long record of community service. The amount of

taxes raised have remained flat in a time of record inflation while giving raises to our employees and tax breaks to our first responders and seniors. They’ve maximized opportunities for growth by passing a Comprehensive Plan. And Reed, while new to the political world, is well-known to me through family connections and youth sports involvement. He, too, is a smart, caring person that gives his time and talents to this community. On November 7, please vote for Jim Nolan for Supervisor, Pat Donohue and Reed Anderson for Town Council.

**Jim Mumby**

Greenwich

Councilman, Town of Greenwich

**Protect the Highway Department**

**To the Editor:**

Greenwich voters ... the Town of Greenwich needs your help!

First let me start with Don Ward and how he previously tried to make our highway superintendent an appointed position. A Highway Superintendent who would have been handpicked and appointed by Ward himself. The people of Greenwich spoke up then and told him we DID NOT want him taking our right to vote for who WE WANTED as our Highway Superintendent away. Please remember when you go to vote on Nov. 7th that if given the chance he will do this again!

Right now Stan Mattison Jr. is working on getting the highway department back to the

**Please read more on page 9**

# As the weather gets colder

**Shirley Renauld**  
*Journal & Press*

Signs of the times:

- If you see a yacht headed south on the Hudson, look for a Canadian flag on the back of it. It could be Canadians headed to spend the Winter in the Caribbean. Listen for them also playing and singing O Canada, their national anthem. The barge continues to carry crushed stone downstate also. Keep your eye on the water.

- Update on the egg sac that Ken saw the praying mantis lay and leave: So he could continue his carpentry, he gently moved it to a pile of wood shavings, where it could comfortably spend the Winter. That other adult still keeps returning to a local window screen, too. Hope you get to see it.

- What do you think about the scarecrows in Schuylerville? Do you recognize some of them? The paddler in the boat seems ready to head for the Hudson. Raggedy Ann and Andy appear to be happy playing on the playground. Do you know that they are also book characters? Johnny Gruelle created the stories after finding rag dolls in the attic (Have you ever explored in your grandparent's attic? Who knows what you might find.) In the books, he gave the sister and brother the same red hair, red and white striped stockings and shoe button (what are they?) eyes that he saw on the dolls. Then he started making the dolls, too. Look in your grandparents' library for a book about the Raggedys. Ask your grandma if she ever had one of the dolls. Which other of these not-scary characters do you recognize?

- The grasses are continuing to grow, but more slowly now. (Do you still have to mow your lawn?) As long as pasture grass continues to grow, farm animals continue to graze it, especially where it has been brush-hogged to allow for new growth. They still don't get enough to eat though, so farmers put hay bales in the pastures, too. Sometimes the twine (and saved to reuse for many purposes) is unwrapped from round bales at the top of a slope and the bale is rolled down. But hay is wasted this way, so Jon and others put bales on the bale-carrier wagon into the pasture to leave it for animals to help themselves. Square bales have twine cut off (because that baler wraps and knots the twine) are put into round or rectangular feeder racks with spaces for animals to put their heads to to eat. What hay they drop adds seeds to grow next year. This bale-grazing helps extend the pasture season. But we also begin to see fewer animals in pastures...

- It's time for culling. The most productive animals will be kept. Others will be sold. Have you ever been to an auction? The seller will want to get the most possible money, so the auctioneer works for that. Listen carefully--can you understand him? Be careful not to raise your hand or nod your head because to him it will mean that you are bidding to buy the animal. Plan to have a good lunch at the restaurant while you are there. Ruth's family owned the local Auction Barn Restaurant and she worked there, so she knows first-hand about the home-cooked food that is available there even on days when auctions are not held in the barn next door.

- It's time to prepare for Winter storage: Washington County Fairgrounds can protect your large summer items, your campers and boats. They can be stored in enclosed barns where you saw animals in pens during the fair, in pole barns with some open sides as near the fair office, or outside where families live during the fair.

- If you need storage for smaller items, Kyle has storage units in Middle Falls and along Rt 40N.

- At home, where do you store your Summer outdoor toys and tools, your clothing? In times past, before so much of our clothing was made of man-made fibers and much was made of wool, it had to be protected from moths. Moth larvae love to eat wool, so adult females laid their eggs on woolen clothing so the larvae can eat the wool when they hatch. But that meant holes in clothing! People found that moths did not like cedar wood, so they lined their closets with it. Coats and large items were hung in them and other items could be folded on shelves. Mothballs were also invented because it was found that moths did not like the ingredients. They were put in drawers of bureaus that stored items. Have you smelled either mothballs or cedar? If so, you will understand why this time of year, before needing to wear the clothing. Protected in this way, they were taken outside and hung on clotheslines to air out the smell. But some people like the smell of cedar. Scandinavians have used cedar wood for building their saunas both for the durability of the wood and for the smell... Uncle Dan assembled an indoor sauna made of cedar and leaves the door open after using it to continue the smell. Ask in your family if you have an item of antique furniture called a cedar chest. It was also called a hope chest because young ladies made handwork items (embroidery, crocheting, knitting) and stored them in the chest "in hopes of getting married." It would be another interesting place for you to explore.

- By Sun the 5th our Daylight Savings Time has ended. With the sun's rays directly over the equator, we will have equal hours of sunlight and dark and less heat from the angled rays. Make sure you fill your wood box -- those evening woodstove or fireplace will feel good as you do your homework.

- As you travel around, are you seeing political signs with names of people and the political offices that they are "running for," to get known and hopefully voted for on Election Day, the 7th. This is called an off-year election because we will not vote for a president. It is a local election year, so you would know candidates. This is an especially good year to go to the polling site with your family to learn the voting process. Perhaps someone in your family votes by absentee ballot; Your County Board of Elections sends the ballot by mail to the voter who completes and mails it back. Look at it before it is completed because we have the right to vote by secret ballot.

- The lockmaster tells us that they will be taking the buoys out of the Hudson on Nov 6. They start in the north of the Champlain Canal and have over 200 in all to remove so it will take a good part of the day. Watch for the barge with the bright blue housing and the yellow



crane that will lift them out.

- Veterans' Day is the federal holiday to honor those who are retired from serving in our country's military armed forces. It is always commemorated on Nov 11, regardless of the day of the week on which it falls because fighting stopped on the "11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month" to end WWI. Do you know someone who made the recent trip to the Gettysburg Battlefield with the group of local veterans? Dad Jim recalls his trip to Antarctica from Stratton Airbase as the recent ones did. This year Veterans Day is a Saturday so you have no school on Friday, which gives you and your friends a day to make table decorations for the local posts where veterans will have lunch after holding ceremonies and parades. First go hiking in the fields to get dry flowers. Wear jeans instead of sweats or you will be wearing more plant parts than you need. (Are they asking you to help spread their seeds?) Remember to take clippers to cut sturdy stems like those of Teasel and Yarrow. Along old fence lines in pastures, along country roads or at Hudson Crossing, you find color to add when you find the viney bittersweet that it's cracked its seed coat to show its even brighter orange. From corners of crop fields where large machinery couldn't get, look for stalks of grain, soybeans, corn. Then it's to your garden for Sedum at its height of color, Hydrangea that's fading and drying, Coneflowers that lost their petals, mums, marigolds... Will you cut Sunflowers so you can save the seeds or leave them for the birds to help themselves.

- For table decorations, what will you make arrangements in? If it's in little pumpkins, remember to save, wash and dry the seeds. At the post, line the arrangements in the center of the tables, twining the bittersweet between them and adding gourds. Invite families to take them home after the meal. If the tablecloths are paper ones, put out crayons and markers so people can draw and write messages. Join them in saluting the flag and singing patriotic songs.

- This year's Christmas tree for the White House has already been chosen at a local family farm. It has been marked with a patriotic ribbon and will be cut down on Nov 15. This story will continue...



# PT of the month

As October being National Physical Therapy Month, Sigma Rehab and Centers Health Care in New York are congratulating Washington Center's Physical Therapy Assistant Christine Cox as being named their Physical Therapist of the Month at the Argyle, New York skilled nursing facility. Ms. Cox, who has been at the 122-bed nursing home for nearly a decade, is extremely devoted to her residents

"Christine often goes above and beyond her normal responsibilities to ensure that the residents receive the care that they deserve," said Christopher Besson, Director of Rehabilitation. "Ms. Cox's patience, experience, and hard work are unmatched and she treats her residents like family, always willing to go the

extra mile."

According to Medicare.gov, the official rating system for both acute and post-acute care, Washington Center's rehabilitation has a five-star ranks when it comes to quality measurements where the percentage of short-stay residents who improved in their ability to move around on their own is at 83 percent these days, versus the New York State average of 77.8 percent and the US national average of almost 76 percent.



# Bottskill news

Bottskill Bottskill Baptist church welcomes everyone to our Sunday morning worship services led by our Pastor Lydia Widbin. We are located at 26 Church St. and services begin at 9:15. Families are encouraged to bring their children to enjoy our fun Sunday School classes which are held during the worship service.

A Welcome Pot Luck Dinner for our new pastor, Lydia Widbin and her husband Hector will be hosted by Bottskill Church in conjunction with the Lakeville Baptist Church at 4:30 on Saturday Nov 4. Dessert and beverages will be provided.

As in passed years, Bottskill is offering its parking lot for tractor parade goers. Donations for parking to a local charity will be gladly accepted. A soup and sandwich supper will also be available in our warm Fellowship Hall before, during, and after the Tractor Parade. Restrooms will be open.

A special Community Thanksgiving Service is being planned for November 21 by the Lakeville, Hoosick Falls, and Bottskill Baptist Churches. This evening service will be hosted by the Bottskill Church starting at 6:30. All are welcome.

## Bake/book sale

The Friends of Easton Library invite you to come to the library on Tuesday, November 7 for the annual Election Day Bake & Book Sale. You will find a delicious assortment of homemade

baked goods and a huge variety of books, audiobooks and movies for all ages and interests. You won't want to miss this popular event that runs from 9 a.m. – 8 p.m. For our neighbors wishing to make baked goods donations, drop off your treats to Burton Hall before 8 AM or Easton Library anytime throughout the day.

## Letters (cont.)

same standards as before but this will all take time. Currently Supervisor Nolan, and Councilmen Donahue, Mumby and Graves all work together with Stan Jr. towards those same standards that I worked so hard to give the people of Greenwich. I also know, from my own personal experience, that this will not happen with Ward trying to control the Highway Department like he did with me.

Maybe it's the FACT that Dawn Sharts tried to close off a portion of Beech Hill Road for her own personal use, or the way she and the rest of her peanut gallery talk and make comments amongst themselves when the board is conducting official town business at a board meeting? Not only is it rude but it makes it difficult for others to hear the supervisor and town councilmen. It could also be the fact that many of her "Letters to the Editor" contain A LOT of false and very misleading information. I can't address them all as I'm limited on how many words my letter can have.

The new grader ... Back when I was Highway Superintendent, then Supervisor Ward was well aware of the FACT that the old grader needed to be replaced. He was aware that there were several mechanical problems and was informed by myself and my highway committee that the town would need a new grader ASAP.

As far as paving the wrong road ... As I stated before the only mistake made was by the acting highway superintendent Ken McPhail. Ken planned on paving that road; he just forgot to put it in the paperwork that he submitted for board approval. It was no fault of Supervisor Nolan or board members.

What can I say about Jeff Duxbury? Well the park, permits, phone call and the DEC come to mind and the FACT that you made the call and let your party try and use it for political gain. Shame on you!

I could go on and on but let me finish by saying this: Town of Greenwich taxpayers pay for and deserve a Supervisor and Councilmen who will work together and move Greenwich forward. I ask that you join me on Nov. 7th and Re-Elect Jim Nolan Supervisor, Re-Elect Pat Donahue Town Council and Elect Reed Anderson Town Council.

Your former Highway Superintendent,

**Stanley Mattison Sr.**

Greenwich

### Why I'm Running

#### To the Editor:

My name is Reed Anderson. I am running for a seat on the Greenwich Town Council. I was born and raised in Greenwich, attended GCS, and graduated in 2001. I moved out of the area for 11 years and had tremendous opportunities to see the world. In 2012, when my wife and I were ready to start our family, we chose to come back to Greenwich.

I have worked at Crystal IS, an ultraviolet LED manufacturer, since 2014. For the last 7 years I have held the position of Production Planner. I am required to create manufacturing plans, raw material budgets and oversee our logistics department. These responsibilities have taught me valuable lessons in planning and forecasting, budget management, and managing people.

My father and brothers are the owner/operators of a local millwork and cabinetry shop. My mother is a retired schoolteacher who sat on the board of Comfort Food, leads a local 4H group, and teaches piano. My wife is the director of a non-profit ballet studio in Ballston Spa and both of my children attend GCS. My friends are farmers, lawyers, teachers, policeman, and contractors.

Jim Nolan, Pat Donahue and the campaign supporting their re-election contacted me because they wanted to bring representation from my age group to the town council. That gesture speaks volumes. They are running for re-election because they have a plan for Greenwich's future and the ambition to make it a reality. These qualities were apparent in my first meeting with them, and I knew that it was a team I wanted to be a part of.

For much of my life I have enjoyed the benefits of living in Greenwich. I am running for town council because I want to be of service to the town that has given me so much. 20 years from now, I want my children to see the same qualities in Greenwich that my wife and I saw when we decided to move here in 2012. I bring a valuable skillset from my professional experience and a desire to be of service. I am actively involved with a wide variety of town residents, and I know that I can be an effective representative for all of Greenwich at the town council. I hope that you feel the same and vote for me this November 7th.

**Reed Anderson**

Greenwich

Candidate for Town Board

### Owning a Mistake

#### To the Editor:

I work on the Greenwich Republican Committee along with Don Ward, Jeff Duxbury and Dawn Sharts. I have seen how much Greenwich means to them and how hard they have worked in a variety of ways for Greenwich; on the planning board, as members of the Town Board, farmer, local business owner, Commander of our VFW, volunteer firefighter and local coach. The list goes on.

They have my vote as people that want the best for all of Greenwich and its residents.

I also wanted to make sure that my mistake did not harm them. I operate our website, Good4Greenwich.com and two Saturday nights ago I was trying to change some of the layout. It is not easy for me and I hit "publish" instead of "preview" and it got saved to the page with some terrible typos. I was told that a screenshot of my mistake was taken and turned into an "ad" on Facebook. It used these mistakes (which I corrected the same night when I realized) against our three candidates.

I corrected that with comments and posts on Facebook and also emailed the administrator where it was posted. I am hoping it does not appear anywhere else. ...

But if it does, or you saw it on Facebook, please know this is all and completely my mistakes and mine alone.

Thank you.

**Jeannie Pemrick**

Greenwich

# 'Paint the Town Purple' raises \$24K

To commemorate June as Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month, Breanna and Reid Lundy, a local Argyle couple, rallied the Greenwich community to "Paint the Town Purple," the cause's official color. The couple has been spearheading the event for the past few years as part of the Alzheimer's Association's The Longest Day, a DIY fundraiser that encourages communities around the world to come together to stand up to the darkness of Alzheimer's on or near the summer solstice.

With the incredible support of the 'Paint the Town Purple' committee, a dedicated group of 14 local residents, more businesses and community members got involved to ensure the event's success, raising nearly \$24,000. Nationally, Paint the Town Purple – Greenwich ranked 28th in fundraising dollars out of more than 6,500 events that took place across the country this year. Funds raised ensure the Alzheimer's Association Northeastern New York chapter can continue to provide free programs and services to families affected by this disease in Greenwich and throughout its 17-county territory.

"When I say our town comes together, I mean it!" said Breanna Lundy. "I am absolutely amazed

and humbled by the more than 40 businesses, nonprofits and countless individuals who got behind us this year. From workout classes to 'Shop for the Cause' opportunities to 'Dine to Donate' events and many more, we are so appreciative of those who have been with us from the beginning, as well as the new businesses who really brought their creative energy this year.

"I also want to thank everyone who decorated their homes or businesses, including our decorating contest winners The Fort Miller Group and the Penny Wise Shop – we certainly lived up to the event name and painted the town purple!" Lundy continued. "For a small town, we put up a big fight and will continue that fight until we live in a world without Al-



The Lundys

zheimer's disease."

Mary Madison, a 'Paint the Peaks Purple' committee member and facilitator for a Greenwich Alzheimer's support group, described what this event meant to her: "My mother was an amazing woman. She was kind, generous and my best friend. Despite being a nurse, I watched her ravaged by Alzheimer's over a 10-year time frame. There was minimal support available and despite all our efforts my siblings and I could no longer keep her safe at home and had to place her in a facility. We were fortunate to find an amazing place that cared for her for over 8 years like she was their own mother."

She continued, "Thanks to the Alzheimer's Association there are now many support services available to help families keep their loved ones home longer and safer. I know the challenges, heartache and overwhelming exhaustion that comes with being a caregiver. I celebrate The Longest Day in recognition of those individuals, because for them, every day is the longest day. We are so blessed to live in a community who embraces this celebration wholeheartedly. Thank you to all those who donated, supported the businesses who supported our cause, showed their purple or helped in any way. You are all heroes in my book and have helped us get one step closer to a world without Alzheimer's."

This year, the committee also coordinated a free "Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia" educational program at Gather 103 for the community to learn risk factors of dementia, review the latest research efforts around diagnosis and treat-

ment, and hear tips on caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's. Local experts, including the Executive Director of the Alzheimer's Association Northeastern New York Chapter, presented information and answered questions from the community. It was important for the committee to not only raise funds, but also raise awareness of this disease that has impacted their families so greatly.

**'We were fortunate to find an amazing place that cared for her for over 8 years like she was their own mother'**

"I volunteered for the committee to honor my mother. The Alzheimer's Association was an incredibly valuable resource for me for 6 years after she was diagnosed with dementia," said Lynn Jackson, a 'Paint the Town Purple' committee member. "I especially enjoyed dressing in purple and dancing with the Battenkill Community Services group at the gazebo. Exercise is so good for both your body and brain."

Another committee member, Kathy Nichols-Tomkins, added, "This committee will work to do even more in the community next year and hope to increase awareness of this devastating disease and the local resources available to help families impacted by it."

More than 6 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's, including 426,000 in New York State.

Breanna Lundy and her committee are already strategizing for next year's event. To volunteer or get your business involved, email Reid and Breanna at [lundyrb@gmail.com](mailto:lundyrb@gmail.com) or call 518.692.2649.

# **DEAR GREENWICH VILLAGE AND TOWN RESIDENTS,**

**On Nov 7th you have an opportunity to elect a new Town Supervisor, a Councilwoman, and re-elect incumbent Jeff Duxbury. Here are some common-sense reasons why we need a change in Greenwich Town Government, and why Village residents should vote for the change as well.**

- **The current Town and Village elected officials have designated 98 properties as Level 2 or 3 potential brownfields located in the Town's and Village's major commercial zones and in Village properties located in the Town of Easton.**
- **What does the potential brownfield designation mean? It means that the 98 properties are potentially underutilized, abandoned, and or contaminated with toxic material.**
- **The property owners were never officially notified of being designated as a potentially contaminated property. Nor were any of the occupants notified as well.**
- **Now what? Ask the current Village Mayor and Town Supervisor how they are going to help the property owners resolve being labeled as a potential brownfield.**

**Don Ward, Dawn Sharts and Councilman Jeff Duxbury would work on a common-sense plan to resolve the unintended consequences created by the Mayor and Town Supervisor. The proposed expansion of the Village's water system West on Rt 29 to the roundabout will create a Town Water District that includes the majority of the Town's commercial businesses. Those businesses have not been surveyed to determine if they are willing to pay between 30%-300% more for water usage than a village user is charged. Ward, Sharts, and Duxbury will have a transparent, common-sense, approach to determine the need for a Town municipal water service. Is the water service needed, and at what cost to the customers in the water district. The current Town elected officials' goal to establish a Village Planning Board, lacks the authority to do so. However, Dawn Sharts, and Jeff Duxbury have decades of Planning Board experience while the current town officials have none. When Don Ward was Supervisor, he attended all Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals meetings to get the pulse of the issues at hand. Nolan attended none of either board meetings. Sharts and Duxbury are able to advise the Village Board on how they create, and appoint a Planning Board, and what training the members should have.**

**Almost all of the major projects listed in the Greenwich Revitalization Plan are Village centric. They include changes in Village zoning, parking, wastewater treatment plant issues and building guidelines. All Village residents, including those who live in the Town of Easton should insist that the Village Mayor and Village Board address the challenges that face the Village. Not Town officials, nor Town voters, none of whom live in and can vote in Village elections. The Town has enough of their own challenges to face.**

**Common sense solutions to overcome unintended consequences.**

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To learn about how you can get involved with Tri-County United Way's VITA program, contact Laura Jensen, Community Engagement at (518) 793-3136 or visit [Tricountyunitedway.org](http://Tricountyunitedway.org).



## T'giving 5K returns

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

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

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



The race takes off at 8:30 A.M. Thanksgiving morning, Thursday, November 23, 2023. Race registration is \$25. Proceeds from registration fees are donated to a local organization each year, and this year's recipient will be the Cambridge Valley Rescue Squad. Registration and more information can be found at <https://runsignup.com/Race/NY/Cambridge/CoilaChurchThanksgiving5K>.

## Cambridge community dinner

The Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry in Cambridge will be holding their monthly dinner a week earlier in November due to the holiday. The dinner will be served on Saturday, November 18, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at 59 South Park St.

The menu will consist of pork loin, oven roasted potatoes, string beans and dessert...and the price is the same ... only \$15 per person. Take-outs will be available or meet your friends and eat together inside while helping to keep this ministry open to help meet the needs of those who find it

hard to afford good food. There will also be an opportunity to contribute to the "Truck Fund" in hopes of getting a replacement for the old box truck used to pick up food from out of town. ngs That Go." Materials will be provided but patrons are also encouraged to bring their own. No registration is required but materials will be available while supplies last.

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

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# Jane Anne Monroe, 86

Jane Anne Monroe, a lifelong area resident, passed away on Sunday, October 29, 2023, at Washington Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation in Argyle, following a long illness.

She was born January 15, 1937, in Greenwich, NY, to the late Nora (Yandow) and Charles B. Woods.

Jane graduated from Greenwich Central School, class of 1954. In 1955 she married the love of her life Leslie Monroe, in Greenwich, and started a life together in the hamlet of Bald Mountain. Together they traveled near and far, raised animals as well as potatoes, and ushered Santa onto their porch every Christmas Eve, until Les's passing in 1990.

Shortly afterward, Jane retired from the New York Telephone Company and took a job as a school bus aide for Schuylerville Central School, where her kindness and spunk helped many children begin and end their school days. Jane ensured that each day was lived to the fullest, she could be seen and heard at her grandchildren's sporting events. She enjoyed camping in the Adirondacks, stirring the pot at Cynthia Meadows, fishing, boating, doing crossword puzzles with a dictionary, badly navigating road trips to Mississippi, playing cards, watching MASH on repeat, sewing, crocheting, and unintentionally hemming many pants into shorts.

She also enjoying tending to her flowers, driving the gals to Zacks Drive-in, making dinners and desserts, riding motorcycles, testing various sangrias, roller blading, eating ice cream, avoiding the doctors office, teaching Minnie how to drive, terrorizing shoppers on her scooter, sneaking vittles to the dogs who were waiting at her feet, and keeping the staff at Washington Center on their toes.

Jane was greeted in Glory by her parents; husband Les; daughter, Sandy Hanna, brother, Charles Woods and sister, Theresa Smith as well as their spouses; cherished nephew, Billy Smith; in-laws, countless cousins, neighbors and friends.

Her unique sarcasm, generosity, unapologetic pride, and pure love will be missed endlessly, by her daughter and best friend, Susan (Leonard) Seney; son, Stephen (Julie Bruce) Monroe of Bald Mountain; daughter, Stacy Olszewski; her grandchildren, Heidi (Scott) Hayes, Cyndi Seney, Jessica, Jeremy, Phillip and Craig; Minnie the Poodle; several nieces and nephews; all of the devoted team at Washington Center.



"What's meant to be will be."

Graveside services will be held at 10 am on Friday, November 3, 2023, in Greenwich Cemetery, Greenwich, NY.

Donations in her memory may be made the St. Jude's at [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org), Shriners Children's at [www.donate.lovetotherescue.org](http://www.donate.lovetotherescue.org) or the Washington Center Activities Department to be used towards BINGO.

Online condolences and messages to the family may be made at [www.flynnbrosinc.com](http://www.flynnbrosinc.com).

## Arlington Turkey 5K

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

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# Halloween Parade winners announced

Despite the bleak weather outdoors, the Greater Greenwich Chamber of Commerce Halloween Parade tradition continued inside at the high school with 150 candy bags and ribbons given away.

Judges had the tough job of choosing winners in 6 categories. Chey Blackmer of the Greenwich Youth Center, Evelyn Costello of Lakstyle and GGCC Vice Chair, and Evelyn Eidem of Evelyn S. Eidem, CPA, PC and GGCC Treasurer worked together on picking those stand-out costumes.

Suzanne Becker, owner of Blooms Floral Design and former GGCC Board President, emceed the event for her 10th year.

Emily Crawford of Crawford Island Art and Sarah Moses of Battenkill Community Services and GGCC Board corralled folks to make the event go seamlessly.

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

This year's winners (in order):

Best in Show – The Doonan Family, “Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe.”

Most Original – Violet Rudko, “Pinata”; Cora Anderson, “Dragon” and Calista & Lincoln Easton - “ET & Gertie.”

Scariest – Fiona & Sofia Baratto, “Creepy Clowns”; Delia & Harlan Patrick, “Wednesday” and Emelia & Evelyn Clary, “Dead Girls.”

Best Group/Family – The Brockway Family, “Addams Family”; The Harrington Family, “Adventure Time,” and The Giese Family, “Sanderson Sisters.”

Funniest – Karrissa & Maisleynn Rudko, “Mouse Trap”; Luke Smilie, “Pickle Car” and The Dewey Family, “Minions.”

Best Dressed Pet – EL Keyes/Indy, “Spider Dog”; Stella Kirk, “Mermaid Doggy” and Lowery Patrick, “Cow.”



# Boomer plan doesn't work? Try this now!

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

**Q:** *I'm in my 20s and the advice that worked for my parents isn't working for me. I'm barely making ends meet and working long, hard hours. I also have college debt. How can young people get ahead when every day we fall further behind?*  
**A:** *You're right that the rules, culture, and career paths are different than the world your parents experienced. You're also right that it's hard for young people. Young people can get ahead if they look ahead and plan for the new world they have to navigate.*

**A:** For my readers that have teens, consider the Running Start programs that allow high school students to gain two years of college credit during their junior and senior years of high school. You're saving your kids two years of college debt when they launch.

For young people already launched, consider every way you can save money. Consider moving back in with your parents, roommates, and living as frugally as possible.

Advertisers are financially seductive with youth, wanting to persuade you that you have to have the latest and best. Instead buy second-hand and don't spend a premium on sexy tech.

I remember when my husband and I were planning to get married we realized how expensive weddings were due to social expectations. We eloped, saved tons of money, and had a relaxing honeymoon. Then we discovered how expensive expecting a baby was, and purchased everything used.

Don't fall victim to having subscriptions to everything and trying to keep up with less financially responsible friends. If you want to pay off that student loan, live like a frugal stu-

dent to have the funds.

Also consider what career path you are on. There's nothing wrong with wanting to be well paid. It doesn't make you less evolved, spiritual, or selfish to make good money. In any industry there are jobs that pay better and jobs that pay worse even with the same credentials. Be thoughtful about the job you have, and the jobs you're considering to increase your pay.

You don't have to get discouraged because you're traversing a different world with changed rules from your parents. Most parents of adult kids realize their young adults have a much steeper hill to climb. The more we stare at the past and feel deprived about our present, the less creative energy we can apply to adaptive strategies.

Feel free to take a moment to grieve your difficulties, but don't let your wistfulness for your parents' career track distract you from making the best of your current world.

When we get stuck in frustration, we're often fighting with accepting what's in front of us. Keep in mind accepting isn't liking, it's a willingness to engage reality. We can only see opportunities that exist within our challenges, if we accept realities that are disappointing.

**Q:** *A guy at work enjoys calling me weird when I don't agree with him. I'm pretty conventional so I never know what to say to him. Do you have a snappy comeback?*

**A:** Yes, tell him, "Thank you, did you know the root origin of the word weird means one that controls his or her fate." Then look pleased and walk away.

**Q:** *What do you think the connection is between good work and a good life? Is there one mistake you see many people make?*

**A:** Yes, one mistake is going through the motions as if we have eternity to spend before we get truly get engaged in life! As Idries Shah (1924-1996), an expert on Sufism from India, warned his students: "What's a fundamental mistake of man's? To think he's alive, when he's merely fallen asleep in life's waiting-room."

**Q:** *My team often gets stuck in planning without seeing the central problem. Is there a way I can get them to see the issue they're ignoring?*

**A:** Yes, as Socrates, an ancient Greek philosopher, said, "I cannot teach anybody anything, I can only make them think." Ask good questions and let them catch up with what you see.

**Q:** *A co-worker is a gossip and is currently spreading false rumors about me. What is the most effective way to respond?*

**A:** Yes, ignore her, and realize that people who believe gossip were never your allies. As Lao-Tzu, an ancient Chinese philosopher, observed, "Care what others think, and you will always be their prisoner."

*Daneen Skube, Ph.D., executive coach, trainer, therapist and speaker, also appears as the FOX Channel's "Workplace Guru" each Monday morning. She's the author of "Interpersonal Edge: Breakthrough Tools for Talking to Anyone, Anywhere, About Anything." You can contact Dr. Skube at [www.interpersonaledge.com](http://www.interpersonaledge.com), or 1420 NW Gilman Blvd., #2845, Issaquah, WA 98027. Sorry, no personal replies.*



## JILL ON MONEY

# 2024 COLA fizzles out

**Jill Schlesinger**  
Tribune Content Agency  
Special to Journal & Press

Before COVID, the annual October ritual of announcing the following year's Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for Social Security recipients was a sleepy event. But since the inflationary spike that started in 2021, millions have been waiting breathlessly for the news.

A bit of historical context: Although President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the law that enacted today's Social Security system on August 14, 1935, it was not until decades later that Congress added an extra provision which accounted for rising prices.

Before that, benefits were increased only when Congress enacted special legislation. The COLA provision was part of the 1972 Social Security Amendments, and automatic annual COLAs began in 1975.

The problem with COLA is that the future year's increase is based on what happened in the previous year – and we know that conditions can change quickly.

Officials use a measure of the Consumer Price Index (CPI-W), which can differ slightly from the headline or core rate that you see reported on a monthly basis. According to the BLS, "the CPI-U is a more general index and seeks to track retail prices as they affect all urban consumers," while CPI-W is a more specialized in-

dex, which "places a slightly higher weight on food, apparel, transportation, and other goods."

The criticism of CPI-W is that the lower weight on medical care and housing are two categories that eat up a lot of a retiree's annual budget.

Earlier this year, the nonpartisan Senior Citizens League (TSCL) released research that found that older Americans have struggled to keep pace with inflation. "The buying power of Social Security benefits finds that older adults who retired before 2000 (now age 85 and older) have lost 36 percent of their buying power and would need an extra \$516.70 more per month (\$6,200 more in 2023) than they are currently getting to maintain the same level of buying power as in 2000."

Amazingly, the total loss of purchasing power includes the two decades prior to COVID, when CPI-W was muted, and the average annual COLA was 2.6%. That changed dramatically in 2022, with a 5.9% COLA increase, followed by last year's 8.7% spike, which was the biggest jump in 40 years. (The record COLA occurred in 1980 at 14.3%.)

And now, drum roll, please... the Social Security COLA for 2024 will be 3.2%, which means an average increase of more than \$50 per month starting in January.

For those nearing retirement, the takeaway from the past five years is to be careful about

life decisions that are predicated on best-case assumptions. In the ten years leading up to the pandemic, I would hear from many who were crunching retirement numbers, presuming that inflation would remain at 2% for decades in the future. When I would suggest choosing a higher rate of inflation, "just in case," I was tagged as a Debbie Downer.

I get it — using a higher rate of inflation (and a lower rate of investment return) — might mean that pre-retirees might have to wait a few more years to call it quits.

One of the best defenses against an uncertain future, one that could see inflation rise or markets tumbling at the wrong time, is to work longer, even if it is just a few years or part-time.

Not only does this allow your nest egg more time to grow, it also means that you might be able to wait to claim your Social Security benefit beyond your Full Retirement Age (66-67, depending on the year of your birth) to age 70, when you can receive credits for delaying filing that can boost retirement savings significantly.

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# Dressing down during the Depression

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

## 90 Years Ago November 1, 1933

Chief of Police Mooney and Patrolman McGrath of Hoosick Falls were conversing on a street corner in that village early Saturday morning when they saw a large beaver walking down the middle of the street. With the help of another man they succeeded in chasing the animal into the firehouse and later a game protector took it to the preserve at Stephentown. There is a beaver dam in the Hoosick river just below Hoosick Falls and residents believe the animal came up the river and then up Wood's brook in search of a new abode.

## Also, 90 Years Ago November 1, 1933

About forty boys of the Saratoga Springs high school appeared at the school last Friday wearing overalls, old shirts and other "depression" clothes. They were ordered by the principal, Newton M. Connolly, to return home and get more suitable attire. They left the school, but instead of going home, congregated in front of the build-

ing in a rather defiant mood. Soon after Principal Connolly called them into the auditorium, and after delivering an address again, told them to go home and get on regular clothes. This time they obeyed and in a short time regular sessions were being held.

## 40 Years Ago November 3, 1983

When the movie "The Bostonians" comes out next spring, local viewers may spot a familiar face in several scenes. Shirley (Linendoll) Sibirich of Troy, daughter of Bernard and Beluah Kelley of Greenwich, was chosen as one of several hundred extras in the film. The movie, an adaptation of the Henry James' 19th century novel, was filmed in Troy and stars Vanessa Redgrave, Christopher Reeve and Nancy Marchland. ... "I just went to the audition on a whim. I stood in line for four

and a half hours before anyone saw me, but it was worth it," she said.

Because of her 24-inch waistline, Mrs. Sibirich was among the luckier extras to have a costume fitted expressly for her. ...

"The scenes aren't very long,

but we had to do so many takes," Mrs. Sibirich recalls. She said she worked four days as an extra. "Somehow, when you know all the work that goes into making a movie, it's not so much fun watching them anymore."

—Compiled by Darren Johnson

## 4H group makes bat houses

The new members of the 4H group, Country Clovers, revived a long-standing club in Greenwich this year with several projects.

Over a few days at the Trevett Millworks shop, the kids made bat houses with Debbie and Reed Anderson. We had to measure the wood and we used tools to put the screws into the wood. We submitted one of the bat houses to the Washington County Fair. To go along with the bat house we also put up a display. Alongside the bat box, we painted a tri fold poster board and wrote facts about bats as well. This was our groups' first time participating in 4H and we hope to do it again!

Another project that our group did was planting pumpkins. One of the mom's started pumpkin plants and we planted the pumpkins on one of the members' fields. They laid cloth down first. We had 161 beautiful pumpkin plants and they even blossomed! But it rained too much, and the vines rotted. So, we lost a ton of pumpkins but we still had a few.

We spent one day at the Anderson's camp on Great Sacandaga Lake learning about boating. The boating day was very fun because we got to learn about how to use different personal watercraft. We were split into groups and learned about rowboats, canoes, and kayaks. For the rowboat and canoe, we

were told to go out about 150 feet with our teachers and go around the speed boat that was parked out on the water. For the kayaks we went out about 0.25 mile and came back. We learned about safety on the water, and it was very fun to learn with friends.

We did some art projects, too. We made group collages of shop tools and did leaf printing. Our next project in a few weeks will be a roadside clean-up and daffodil planting on a road in Greenwich.

Written by Country Clovers' Newspaper Committee: Cora Anderson, Flynn Anderson, Ben Mollica and Tracy Anderson



## Writers event

Writers Reading returns to the Greenwich Free Library Community Room on Tuesday November 14 from 6 to 8PM. Writers wishing to read may claim their 15 minutes by phoning 518-320-0502 or emailing dionondehowa@yahoo.com. Those who would like to attend as listeners are warmly welcomed. The program is guided by Bonnie Hoag, director of Dionondehowa Wildlife Sanctuary & School in Shushan.

## HELP WANTED

### After-School & Teen Services Coordinator

**Greenwich Free Library seeks an energetic and creative person to coordinate programming and services for children and young adults. This is a part-time position and includes paid personal and sick time.**

**The ideal candidate loves working with children and teens, possesses strong customer service skills, and communicates well both in person and in writing. This is a great opportunity for an early career library professional who wishes to deepen their connection to the community and learn more about librarianship, or an energetic person who connects with tweens and teens.**

**Interested candidates should read the full listing and application instructions at [greenwichfreelibrary.org](http://greenwichfreelibrary.org)**

**Greenwich Free Library is an equal opportunity employer.**

## LEGAL NOTICE

**Notice of Formation of Reforest Holdings LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York SSNY on 10/10/2023. Office Location: Washington County.**

**SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY**

**shall mail process to: The LLC, 101 Dobbin Hill Rd. Cambridge NY 12816. Purpose: any lawful activity.**

**6Xthru1/1/24**

## LEGAL NOTICE

**Notice of Formation of a NY Limited Liability Company. Name: Windy Hill Wellness 312, LLC. Articles of Organization filing date with Secretary of State (SSNY) was 09/29/23. Office location: 106 Main St. Greenwich, NY, \_Washington\_ County. SSNY has**

**been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and SSNY shall mail copy of process to 312 Windy Hill Rd. Greenwich, NY. Purpose is to engage in any and all business activities permitted under NYS laws. -6Xthru1/1/24**

## Animal Crackers by Fred Wagner



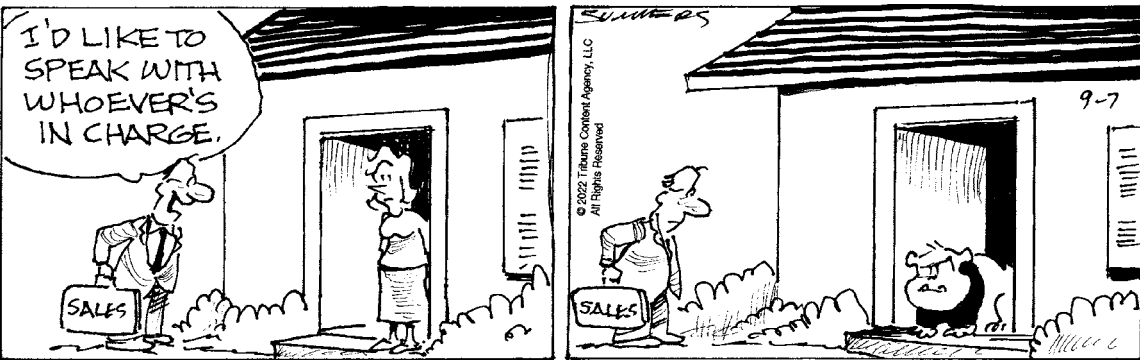
## Broom Hilda by Russell Myers



## Gasoline Alley by Jim Scancarelli



## The Middletons by Dana Summers



## Rover's World by Jim Gray



## 9 to 5 by Harley Schwadron



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RACK 2: I1 O1 M3 M3 R1 F4 S1 (Triple Word Score)

RACK 3: O1 T1 N1 B3 A1 E1 L1

RACK 4: A1 I1 C3 R1 H4 G2 P3 (1st Letter Double)

RACK 5: I1 O1 U1 S1 N1 B3 M3

PAR SCORE 260-270  
BEST SCORE 339

FIVE RACK TOTAL  
TIME LIMIT: 25 MIN

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

**Boggle BrainBusters!**

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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NOAML  
YTREA  
AISIC

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

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

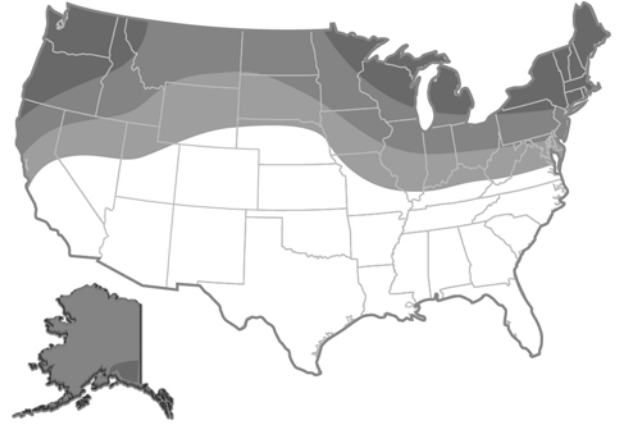
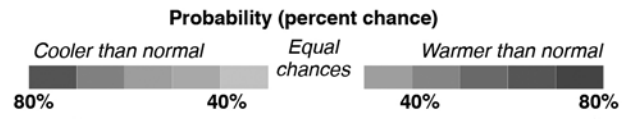
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We put special brain-busting words into the puzzle grid. Can you find them?  
Find AT LEAST EIGHT COUNTRIES STARTING WITH A VOWEL in the grid of letters.

## Fast Fact

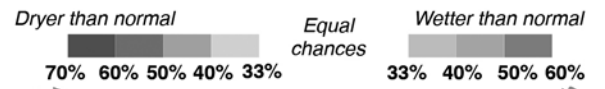
### 2023-2024 winter forecast

According to the National Weather Service's Climate Prediction Center, there is a "greater than 95% chance" that an El Niño continues through the Northern Hemisphere winter.

### U.S. temperature outlook for December-February 2024



### Precipitation outlook for December-February 2024



## Word Play Answers Page 20

### JUMBLE

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

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### THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



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

## Argyle Acrostic By Frank J. D'Agostino

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

## Filbert by LA Bonté



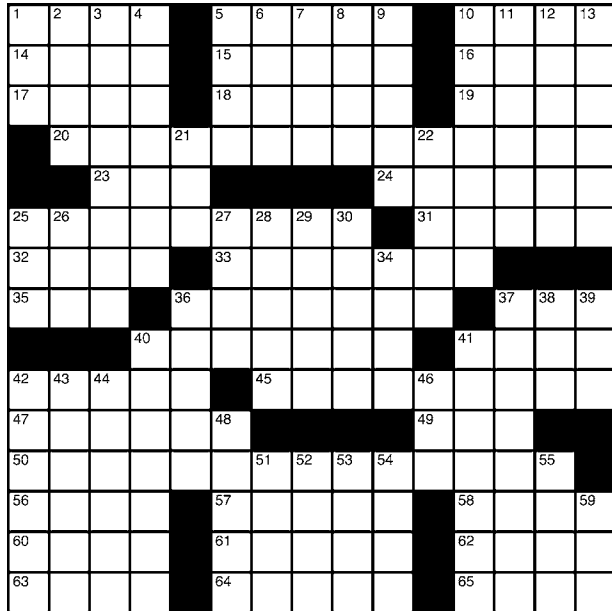
## Political Cartoon of the Week by Dana Summers



## Cambridge Crossword

- Across  
 1 Sarah Spain's network  
 5 Percussion set  
 10 Cards  
 14 "Go on, git!"  
 15 Tickle  
 16 \_\_\_ were  
 17 Textile machine  
 18 Nigerian seaport  
 19 "Ciao"  
 20 Medic with an office at Fisherman's Wharf?  
 23 Expert  
 24 Extremely chill  
 25 Leaders inclined to work as a group?  
 31 Extremely cold  
 32 Channel marker  
 33 Picked up the tab  
 35 BYU or NYU  
 36 Sun screen  
 37 Strive (for)  
 40 African country in the Maloti Mountains  
 41 Drains  
 42 Summits  
 45 Captain Hook's incredulous assessment of his nemesis?  
 47 Statue base  
 49 Member of MSNBC  
 50 Puts comfy shoes through rigorous testing?  
 56 Tropical spot  
 57 Safari equine  
 58 Most CFOs  
 60 Some game  
 61 "Middlemarch" novelist  
 62 Bend at a barre  
 63 Retired boomers  
 64 Action  
 65 Blood bank fluids

- Down  
 1 Subj. for those wishing to be bilingual  
 2 Utterly beyond repair  
 3 Play down  
 4 Motto for the ruthless  
 5 Meteorological effect caused by refraction  
 6 Desktop with an AppleCare option  
 7 Literary award with a spaceship logo  
 8 Starting on  
 9 Lab work  
 10 Thinned (down)  
 11 Pulitzer-winning journalist Wilkerson  
 12 Early ICBM  
 13 Hung around  
 21 Play-\_\_\_  
 22 "Science of Logic" philosopher Georg  
 25 Small ammo  
 26 Director Jean-\_\_\_ Godard  
 27 LAX postings  
 28 Superhero once played by Stephen Amell on The CW  
 29 "\_\_\_ Comes to Pemberley": P.D. James novel  
 30 Obama daughter  
 34 Friendly honk  
 36 Rats, gnats, and brats  
 37 Element in an algebraic equation  
 38 Wall St. event  
 39 Key that exits full-screen mode  
 40 Brand of packaged bagels  
 41 Is extremely frugal  
 42 Ladybug prey  
 43 Shuts



- 44 "The Gleaners" painter Jean-François  
 46 River that rises in the Bernese Alps  
 48 Fuzzy states  
 51 Move to a warmer state?  
 52 Drama honor  
 53 Cut short  
 54 Ink  
 55 Place to hibernate  
 59 "Wide Sargasso \_\_\_": Jean Rhys novel

## Salem Sudoku

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

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# LEGAL NOTICE

## NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING GREENWICH CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

### PROPOSITION

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

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

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

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

Dated: September 11, 2023

Rachel Logan  
District Clerk

4X thru Nov.

# A campaign is a preview of governance

**Darren Johnson**  
*Publisher*

I've been through a few election cycles now with this newspaper, and what's always a bit disappointing to me is when the losing candidates blame the paper for their loss.

This isn't just a Democratic or Republican thing — candidates from both parties seem to do this at times.

But a newspaper like this is just an open forum for the community. We're Main Street USA. A candidate can walk down Main Street with a bullhorn, extolling their virtues. Or a candidate can send letters and write op-eds — for free — and even advertise in the paper.

A candidate can appear at public events sponsored by the paper and, guess what, they are now on the cover of this newspaper. For free!

And we're not the only paper in this area. There's another paid circulation paper that caters to its readership. There's a free weekly paper mailed to every single household here.

But no one takes that paper seriously so advertising in it might raise awareness, but it won't help educate anyone's vote.

There's also Facebook. For about \$200, you can hit practically every voter in the region. Why not blame Facebook if a candidate loses?

There is a billboard location in town. With some planning, that can be reserved by a candidate. But no one is blaming the billboard company for a loss.

For candidates who don't attend this newspaper's events, they also may do sit-down interviews. They could sit with us for a podcast, too. At the very least, they could email in the 400-word candidate statements you see in these pages.

Or they can ignore emails and invitations and then be a martyr when things don't go right.

Last year, Rep. Elise Stefanik's opponent blamed North Country media, namely papers like this one, for his loss. In a blog post after the Election, Matt Castelli claimed the media wouldn't run his messages.

We did interview him. He didn't have much to say beyond the predictable talking points. He didn't place ads. His consultants (they are the real problem, milking ego-driven newcomers for whatever they can raise) sent us end-

**'A newspaper like this is just an open forum for the community.'**

less press releases, but they were pure rhetoric without much newsworthiness.

Stefanik, on the other hand, was more interesting in her interview. She engaged the paper. She appeared to have an understanding of what these papers do. She also placed ads. Not that ads influence editorial, but having a vibrant, diversified campaign shows that a candidate is in charge of their campaign and wants to reach more potential constituents.

A local county candidate recently came to my door. It wasn't planned. She was just passing out vote-for-me palm cards. I explained who I was and tried to allay fears this candidate may have with the media. I said we could do an interview over coffee. She seemed nice enough, but said she had to ask her campaign if that would be the best idea. I guess she was later told no, but who's the boss here? The candidate or the consultants?

I can understand if a candidate feels like they may not want to debate. Not everyone is good at that. But not sending in a candidate statement to the paper, which would be published as-is? That's a bit sad, sorry to say.

You can learn a lot by looking at how a campaign is run. Did the candidates have a plan in, say, March, that they carefully and methodically implemented over the next several months toward Election Day?

Did they thoughtfully plan out their campaign? Did they budget? Did they delegate tasks to trusted experts? How do their mailers look? Their web site? An effective campaign in our local towns would cost about \$15,000. That shouldn't be a lot for a party that has two years to fundraise. Have the candidates pony up some money. Have some party stalwarts donate. Hold a cool event to raise more cash. Raising money for a campaign at this level isn't that much different than running a town budget. It is planning and delegation of duties. Rallying people. Communicating clearly and openly.

Also, it's easy for a candidate to complain, but that's not enough to base a whole campaign on. Did the candidate offer some aspirational ideas in campaign materials? Most of us here in Greenwich struggle to pay the high costs of living here. Yes, it can feel hopeless at times. But can a candidate tell us something positive, something we don't know, but may help us see a brighter future ahead?

Election Day will come and go, and there will be winners and losers. But will the losers stop the blame game and instead look within and wonder that maybe they just didn't resonate with today's voters — despite all of the free press they got (or could have gotten) in their local newspaper?

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# The lime kilns of Bald Mountain

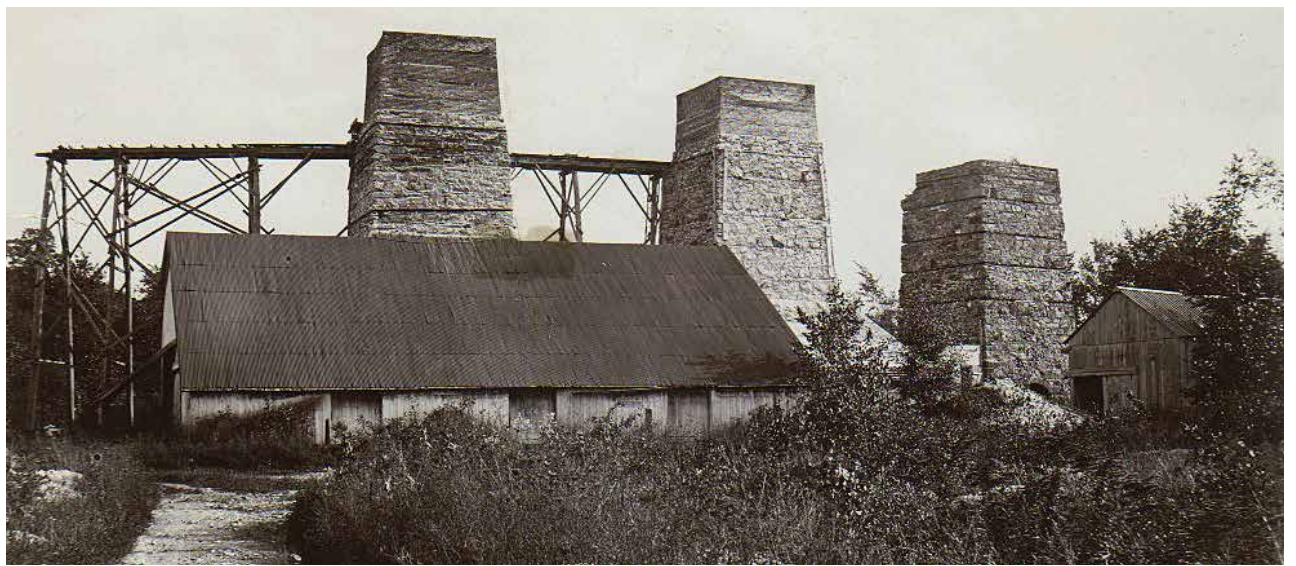
Ken Perry  
Greenwich Free Library

Lime production has been with us since ancient times. The use of lime from chalk or limestone, used as a building material, has gone on as long as the Pyramids, the Parthenon and the Colosseum. Called quick lime, it was the basis for mortar used in bricklaying and for the use of plaster on walls.

Lime burning here was occurring in pre-Revolutionary times and, according to Dr. Asa Fitch's manuscript history of Washington County, was done at Bald Mountain in 1790, when the first kiln was built there in by Cornelius Dunham, though other sources would give the name Samuel Dunham. Numerous individually operated kilns existed along the spine of limestone mountains that stretched from the north to the south of our county. Two may be found on Morris Levey's 1853 county map, on the west side of Rt. 40, just before the Bald Mountain turn.

From the 1820s to the 1840s, Bald Mountain lime was advertised in local newspapers such as the Albany Evening Journal as suitable for whitewashing, hard finishing and spruce work, which I suppose meant a final dressing of an application. By 1852, its manufacture went into warp speed under the auspices of Robert W. Lowber, an enterprising and controversial figure who introduced the most up to date kiln designs and constructed a self-contained community focused on the lime production in the area sometimes referred to as Lowberville. Employing sawyers, carpenters, coopers, teamsters and lime workers who were mostly Irish, the Lowber enterprise also included a three mile plank road that ran from the limestone cliffs to a terminus of warehouses and docks along the old Champlain Canal just before it entered the Hudson River. This is the same area where a trailer park exists today.

By 1855, census statistics indicated 80 people were employed here. Their wage: \$30.00 per month, less than what a Civil War soldier would earn. Ten, sometimes mentioned as eleven, kilns were in operation here for over twenty years. Over 60 houses built for company employees. In the 1870s, a small chapel was



undertaken, and being built where the town highway barn is today. At a later date, some of these same houses were moved intact down to Clarks Mills and Thomson.

Today, only remnants of two kilns remain, barely visible because of reforestation. Almost all the original houses were abandoned and torn down, if not removed. The stones used to construct the kilns here may have been removed and used for the cellars of houses built later in the surrounding area. If you have a cellar made from cut limestone, check the walls for burn scars.

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The Post Office and store, on the corner of Lowber and Anthony roads, is now a private home. The same is true of the Superintendent's house next to it. The fading red, dilapidated, blacksmith shop is just around the corner from the old store, on Anthony road. The Lowber mansion, which had twenty rooms and seven marble fireplaces, burned in 1946. The carriage house behind it then served as a private home for the owners of the mansion, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Herrington. Only two hitching posts indicate where the mansion stood. Here and there, vestiges of what used to be a beehive of activity remain.

How did this decline occur? In 1872, the business was sold to a lime concern in Glens Falls which eventually curbed production. The reason was plain. Bald Mountain had a better product. According to Byron Herrington in the article, "Bald Mountain site of historic lime kilns," which appeared July 17, 1975, in The Greenwich Journal, a professor at Williams College said that the lime produced here was of the finest quality in the United States. It was advertised throughout New York by its marketers as unparalleled. The Roudout Freeman, in 1867, lauded its quality as unequaled as a building tool, for finish-

ing, hard finishing and whitewashing, saying it was "stronger, works cooler, makes whiter walls and is free from stone and grit than any other lime in the market."

You might say, like Martha Stewart's discovery of the Boston Candy Kitchen in Glens Falls, that its celebrity lead to its demise. Nevertheless, the lime production here did not cease. Even with diminished production, Homer B. Bates, its superintendent, sent a letter to the Peoples' Journal, June 6, 1873, citing continued production. In that message, he noted that Kilns No. 7 and No. 8, in one week, May 18-25, burned 1,125 and 946 barrels of lime, respectively, which produced an average of over 295 barrels of lime per day. Mentioning the tenders for these kilns, Thomas A. and Peter Hughes (No. 7) and Timothy and John Sullivan (No. 8) were individuals found here earlier census records. There are, in fact, a number of workers from the lime works here who found their final resting places in the St. Joseph and Greenwich village cemeteries. Production here would continue into 1930.

What continues in this community are the names of the workers. Some, according to remarks given at the end of the 1875 census, moved away. The numerous Irish workers who came here to do the heavy quarry work of lime burning initially may have brought their trade, such as carpentry, sawyer or cooper, but the majority were unskilled workers who were children of the Potato Famine. Their names persist, if not directly, then in the genealogy of more recent generations. Names such as Quinn, Clary, Dwyer, Finnigan and Hughes; McCarty, Tracy, Moriarty, Welch, McGrouty, Sullivan and Whalen.

Those remaining reinvented themselves as farmers or mill workers at Clarks Mills and Thomson. Eventually the later generations of these families moved into the village, residing on John, Washington, Depot, Eddy, and Bleecker Streets, and on Barber Avenue. The story of other employees recruited here, those born in Washington County, Canada or Germany, is yet another tale. As a whole, it all reflects an early illustration of societal change brought on as a result and consequence of a one industry community supplanted by wider matters and relegated to what amounts to the Rust Belt we are all familiar with.

*Ken Perry is a former resident of Bald Mountain, now living in the village and collecting sketches of various street scenes here. He has a BFA in Art from Syracuse University, and was a former baker and prep cook for Wallies restaurant, from 1982 to 2006. An artist, author, family genealogist and local historian, he's trying very hard to fit into the village legacy of eccentrics such as Bicycle Pete. He also makes a good apple crisp. Along with Sandy McReynolds and KC Scott, Ken presented research on the lime kilns at a recent event at Greenwich Free Library, where he is a regular volunteer.*



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# The curious case of Stephanie Cronin

**Brian Campbell**  
Special to Journal & Press

Washington County elected officials have over the years been very good about the needs of Washington County residents. We have been fortunate to have actual public servants that have looked out for the well-being of our residents and their needs instead of political power and bullying for personal gain. I've been the Washington County Budget Officer for twelve of the sixteen years I have represented the Town of Hebron on the Washington County Board of Supervisors.

I came on as Hebron Supervisor by replacing a predecessor that had an alcohol problem and had a domestic dispute that gave Hebron a kind of black eye. My reason for running in the election was really to right the ship in my hometown, not really looking as far forward as ever being part of the County Leadership. However, that changed at the beginning of my third year as I was voted in as the Budget Officer in 2010. Let me remind you that was a year of reckoning with the fallout from banking problems across the country. Everything I had learned in owning and running the family farm was used in keeping the County in good fiscal condition. Times were rough for a while and the Board and the Administration pulled together to keep things on track and rebuild our budgets to strengthen our sustainability.

As I'm sure you are all aware the political environment includes radicals on all sides. No party affiliation is left out. It is a time where it is tough to get the type of people you need to run for elected positions that will do the research and go through the committee process to come up with the best way forward in some of the most challenging circumstances. We are losing three Supervisors to retirement that I have had the pleasure of working with for many years. I won't only miss them as colleagues, but the expertise they brought to our discussions. Experience and expertise are always greatly appreciated, but sometimes taken for granted.

So, I'm going to get right to the point. We are facing another election cycle. The electorate gets to speak by showing up at the ballot box. I know during the Covid outbreak the building was shut down and a lot of mandates went into place to try to keep people safe. Some ideas worked, some didn't, and some of us lost loved ones during that time. Our County Clerk, Stephanie Cronin, worked above and beyond what should have been expected of her. Instead of appreciation for her dedication, devotion,



At a recent Meet the Candidates

and professionalism; my own Republican Party hierarchy decided to decapitate her instead of support her in her re-election campaign. I'm well aware this was a bullying power grab, and they will tell you how the committee made the decision. I will tell you it was decided by a certain few that think the County Clerk should answer to the Board of Supervisors. That is a very dangerous approach. County elected of-

## 'Washington County needs the best elected officials we can get.'

officials have their own oath of office for a reason, checks and balances, not to be controlled by the Board of Supervisors. The County Board of Supervisors is the oversight of policy and budget with the elected group. The District Attorney, Sheriff, Treasurer and County Clerk only answer the electorate in their respective positions. We need to keep it that way. What is interesting is that three quarters of the current Board of Supervisors support the current County Clerk because we know we are not at a good time to lose experience and expertise in the County Clerks' office.

So, I want to enlighten everyone about that

experience. Stephanie has worked in that office for eighteen years. Stephanie is the third County Clerk that I have worked with. There is no question that she has brought more energy, enthusiasm, and innovation to the office. What they use against her (Republican Party) is what makes the office efficient. Five years ago, we had complaints about the one or two hours wait because of the lines at DMV. With the Covid restrictions we could only do drop-offs and appointments. What we learned was the appointments worked great for the NY State Enhanced licenses, where you need two people to process the application. People are now through the line in an average of fifteen or twenty minutes. Workforce challenges throughout the County, not just the County have less impact with the appointments. It is truly a much better experience for ninety percent of the people that come through our doors.

There are two phenomenal projects that Stephanie has spearheaded. The first was to take DMV to our local communities: Whitehall, Granville, Greenwich, Salem, & Cambridge. True customer service. The second was to apply for a grant to digitize all our Municipalities' records throughout the County. This includes Washington County, Towns, Villages, and now a Police Department. It started out as a way to digitize the Birth Certificates for everyone that was born at the Cambridge Hospital. It transformed into a huge opportunity that benefits everyone throughout Washington County.

My final thought is that Washington County needs the best elected officials we can get. Every level of government does. I worked on committees of two former Congressmen that walked away from this political environment in Chris Gibson and Bill Owens. Both were men of substance and great public servants. If we want to attract and retain that type of representation for Washington County, it is going to take people of substance at the helm of our political parties. It is now in the hands of the electorate to do what is best for Washington County. I strongly support the re-election of our current County Clerk, Stephanie Cronin. I certainly hope you will vote for her on November 7th.

*Brian Campbell is Hebron Town Supervisor and Washington County Budget Officer.*



## Wearing pink for a cause

Washington Center, the 122-bed skilled nursing facility on State Route 40 in Argyle, took some time out on Friday, October 20 to remember those and keep in mind of the people who have battled and are continuing their battle with breast cancer. So many staff members and residents at the 122-bed skilled nursing facility wore pink on "Think Pink Day", all for October breast cancer awareness and to get screened because early detection is the best way to fight the disease.

"Even though October 20 was Think Pink Day, we are wearing pink all this month to remember all of those folks who battled the disease and keep in mind of the many who continue to fight for their lives," said Washington Center Administrator Ray Mailoux. "We will do this every October and hope and pray for a cure soon."



# As corrupt as New York politics gets

Lance Allen Wang  
Journal & Press

Many of the great names of American politics rose from the State of New York. After all, both presidential Roosevelts, Theodore and Franklin, came from New York. Founding fathers John Jay and George Clinton were from New York, as were Presidents Grover Cleveland, Millard Fillmore, and Martin Van Buren. The list goes on. But one of the most infamous politicians of the 19th Century can also claim New York lineage, as he was born in that city, and right there is where he both gained his fame and eventually lost his freedom. For a long time his name was synonymous with corrupt New York City politics, and his story is jarring even today in a time when it seems we've lost our capacity to be shocked.

Born April 3, 1823 on the Lower East Side of Manhattan, William Magear Tweed came from humble circumstances. His father was a third-generation furniture maker. While he learned his father's trade, and additionally gained skills at bookkeeping, the charismatic Tweed discovered that politics was his true passion. His on-ramp to politics came through the volunteer fire companies in New York City. At the time, the approximately 120 volunteer fire companies were extremely competitive – violently so, in fact. Companies often represented specific neighborhoods, ethnic groups, and even street gangs, and stories of fires burning uncontrolled as fire companies fought were not uncommon. Tweed, a charismatic and physically intimidating man, helped organize a company, where he also caught the attention of Democrats in the 7th Ward.

The Democrats ran him for Alderman, a position he won in 1851, and then he was elected to the United States House of Representa-

tatives in 1852. He did not run for a second term, finding local politics more to his liking compared to the intense battles between free and slave states taking place in Congress. By the end of the 1850s, he had served as a school commissioner, member of the county board of supervisors, and a street commissioner. He also realized that accepting bribes and kickbacks for his support could become a very lucrative business.

Not long after, he was placed in charge of the city's Democratic political machine, earning his nickname by which history remembers him, "Boss." The Democrats in New York City were organized around a political organization called Tammany Hall, located on East 14th Street. Tweed's politicians were known as the "Tweed Ring," and they elevated graft into an art form. Skimming off the top of city contracts, some of the corruption was incredibly blatant – the building of a county courthouse in 1861, which was planned to cost \$250,000, ballooned to over \$13M. When all was said and done, the building was not even completed.

Tweed, by the 1860s the owner of a New York City mansion and an estate in Connecticut, also had his fingers in the civil service system of the city, rewarding friends and supporters with jobs, and also in the election system, which he freely manipulated. He bought the printing company which received city contracts for official print jobs – including voting ballots.

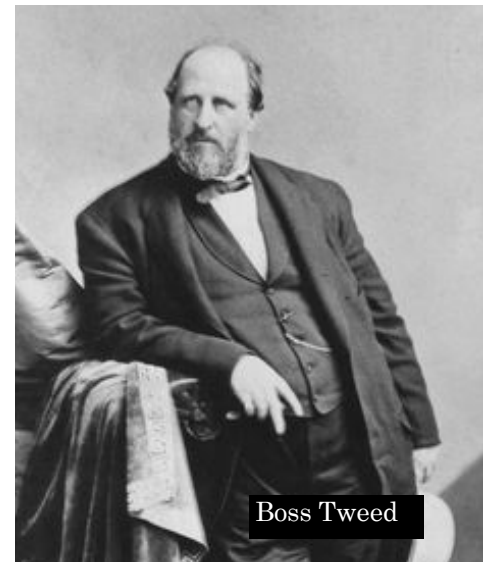
Despite his corruption, Tweed was able to maintain a firm base of support. Tammany Hall's foot soldiers were Irish immigrants, otherwise scorned in the New York City of the 1850s. Tweed embraced them, and they voted en masse for Tweed, keeping his ring in power.

How did it all come apart? A disgruntled former New York

sheriff by the name of Jimmy O'Brien forwarded documents to the New York Times that clearly showed the graft taking place in Tammany Hall, including real and fake accounting ledgers, payoffs, and bogus contracts involved in the court house project, which was by then a decade old. Appearing under a front page headline, "The Secret Accounts," the evidence was incontrovertible. This was the first major investigative report for the New York Times, which would go on to break many major stories over the years. The Times compiled its findings in a supplement published in July, 1871, entitled, "How New York is Governed: Frauds of the Tammany Democrats." Three months later, Tweed was arrested.

While "Boss" Tweed went down swinging, he did go down. He was tried once, and it resulted in a hung jury. But a second trial found him guilty of over two hundred crimes, and he was sentenced to 12 years in prison. Somehow, he arranged a deal that allowed him to enjoy meals at home with his family watched by a small security detail. One day, he slipped the detail, and made his way to Florida, and then to Spain via Cuba. Spanish police recognized this high-profile New Yorker, and arrested him, turning him over to American authorities. Tweed died in prison in 1878.

While political bosses during this period in American history did help in important ways, like improving conditions for immigrants as well as politically empowering them, the reputation for corruption destroyed the reputation of New York politics in general. When young Theodore Roosevelt told his parents that he wanted to enter politics, they strongly discouraged him. His parents adhered to the contemporary belief that politics was not the place for respectable men to make their living. But the young Roosevelt, a future pro-



Boss Tweed

gressive reformer that fought to wipe the legacy of corruption and cronyism out in the New York City Police Department and later the federal civil service, was never one to shy away from a challenge.

One of the nice things about a democracy and a free press, someone recently told me, is that the truth eventually comes out. By 1871 the protective bubble around the Tweed Ring popped, revealing easy money, power as its own means of currency, corruption, and most of all, an arrogant sense of invincibility. Once revealed, the blatant nature of Tammany's criminal activity became the means of its downfall.

A simple morality play from a city and state that has a reputation for unsavory politics? Perhaps. However, when all is said and done, I say (invoking my best Rod Serling invoking William Shakespeare), "The fault, dear Brutus, is not in our stars, but in ourselves..."

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 with his wife Hatti.



## Veterans event at SUNY Adirondack

SUNY Adirondack announced its annual Veterans Day commemoration, to be held at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10, at the college's on-campus Veterans Memorial.

The keynote address will be delivered by Chris Thomas, founder and owner of Elite 9 Veteran Talent Acquisition Services, a service-disabled, veteran-owned employ-

ment placement and business management consulting firm.

"We are honored to pay tribute to all our military personnel who

have served our country with pride and selflessness," said Kristine D. Duffy, Ed.D., president of SUNY Adirondack. "Our veterans are the heroes who protect the rights and privileges of this country and we thank them on this special day, as well as every day."

Cornelius Gilbert, Ph.D., chief diversity officer at SUNY Adirondack, will offer opening remarks. American Legion Post 533 Color Guard of Corinth will post the colors, and offer invocation, taps, benediction and retire the colors.

The National Anthem will be performed by Jacob Carpenter, vice president of SUNY Adirondack's Student Senate. President Duffy will offer a welcome address, followed by remarks from Elijah Cullum, student president.

## Operation Santa Claus

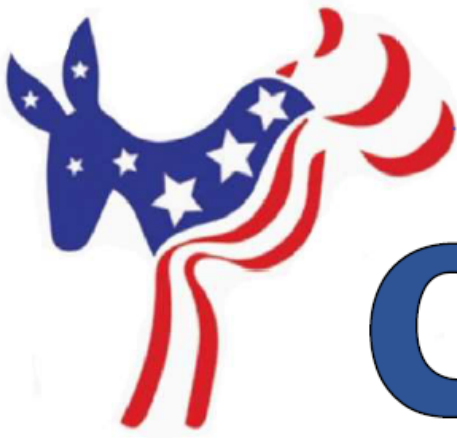
The Argyle Community Choir will present its annual concert to benefit Operation Santa Claus on Sunday, November 5th at 3 pm. The concert will be held at the Argyle Presbyterian Church located at 48 Main Street in Argyle. As in the past, a program of sacred and secular music will be performed by the choir. The second half of the program is dedicated primarily to Christmas music. Mitch Throop and Timothy Patrick will perform during the choir's intermission.

Operation Santa Claus provides clothing for children and the fixings for a holiday meal for their

families at Christmas. A freewill offering to benefit Operation Santa Claus is taken at the door.

This year's choir is made of individuals from many local communities, including but not limited to Argyle, Greenwich, Easton, Salem, and Glens Falls. It also boasts three generations of singers from one family! Please come enjoy an afternoon of lighthearted music to start your holiday season. For more information, feel free to contact Betty Reynolds at 518-638-8250.

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## Greenwich honors students inducted

On the evening of October 16, 2023, the Greenwich chapter of the National Honor Society inducted 15 new members. The ceremony was held in the Greenwich auditorium where families gathered to share in this special event. The current members entered in a processional, carrying lit candles. After all members arrived on the stage, the audience was welcomed by President Elizabeth Marci. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance and then each of the officers spoke about the 4 pillars of the National Honor Society. Elizabeth spoke about scholarship, Vice President Molly Abate spoke on character, Secretary Jackson Fortier spoke about leadership and then Treasurer Allison McQueen spoke about service. As each officer completed their speech, they lit a candle representing that pillar.

Following the reading of the pillars, the new members were inducted by the current members. While each new member was escorted to the stage to don a green robe, Ms. Marci read a short biography of the activities and merits that earned the new members entrance into NHS. Once all new members were on stage, the president and all members recited the NHS pledge and then all members exited the stage. A reception was held in the cafeteria where friends and family gathered to celebrate this great honor. Photos were taken and refreshments were enjoyed by all.

The following students were newly inducted into the Greenwich National Honor Society on October 16, 2023:

Ava Aierstok, daughter of Emily and Kevin Aierstok; Chloe Bentzen, daughter of Jeannine and Michael Bentzen; Seth Boddery, son of Bonnie and David Boddery; Eli Buretea-Bloom,



son of Sylvia Bloom and Mihai Buretea; Allison Chuhta, daughter of Steven and Suzanne Chuhta; Brooke Demianenko, daughter of Daniel and Tracy Demianenko; Serena Drost, daughter of David Drost and Marie DeCarlo-Drost; Morgan Foster, daughter of Leigh Foster and Amy Wise Foster; Leo Jordan, son of Apple and Anthony Jordan; Olive Magowan, daughter of Kristi and Adrian Magowan; Evan

Merrill, son of Kathleen and Jon Merrill; Julia Sgambelluri, daughter of Michael and Deborah Sgambelluri; Allyssa St. Mary, daughter of Elaine and Bob St. Mary; Kayla Stewart, daughter of Kristin and Jeremy Stewart; and Addison Truax, daughter of Marshall and Lexi Truax.