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Our favorite season!

Lighted holiday tractors, horse-drawn carriages and Santa and Mrs. Claus!

We print the Greater Greenwich Chamber of Commerce Lighted Tractor Parade map and a list of wonderful activities happening during this hallmark event. Also, find out when Santa and Mrs. Claus will parade down Salem's Main Street — via horse and carriage!

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What they are reading

The staff of the Greenwich Free Library tell us what books they are currently reading. Perhaps this might inspire our own holiday literary wish lists. Some of their choices may surprise you.

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Salem Christmas Parade returns 11/26

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas, now that Santa has announced his return for Salem's annual Christmas Parade! The Salem Area Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce the return of the highly anticipated Christmas Parade featuring special performances, majestic horses, floats, food trucks, and fun. This year's theme is "Christmas at the Movies," and kicks off the holiday season on Saturday, November 26th at 1:00PM on Main Street.

"We're so excited to start the countdown for the annual Salem Christmas Parade," explained Kyle West, Salem Chamber of Commerce President. "This year's theme is a perfect opportunity to celebrate the memories of our community members of all ages, and we can't wait to see this parade come to life once again."

From Salem Central School, this year's Grand Marshall is senior Mary Kate McPhee! Mary Kate is an exceptional senior at Salem Central School, chosen for the Clarkson Leadership Award and awarded the LeMoyne College Heights Award for maintaining excellent grades while making significant contributions in leadership and service to the school and community at large. Along with being involved in many different extracurricular activities, she is a member of the National Honor Society and a Scholar Athlete in field

hockey, basketball, and track. band, chorus, mock trial, and drama club. This December, she will star as Elle Woods in the high school's production of Legally Blonde!

C o m m u n i t y members and local groups are invited to participate in this year's parade with self-created floats, marching groups, bands, performances, animals,

vehicles and more. To join in on the fun, fill out the registration form available at www.salemnychamber.com as soon as possible! Participation is free!

Arrive early and join our Elf On The Shelf Scavenger Hunt! It's time for hide-and-seek as Salem's mischievous elves are tucked away inside local businesses with special elf codes, including Stewart's Shops, Laura's Garden, Jacko's Corner, and more! Find the most elf codes in shops around Main Street between 10:00AM and 12:30PM and win a prize, announced right after the parade. Participation



forms can be picked up on the day of the event at shops along Main Street and dropped off at Laura's Garden once complete.

The grand finale of this year's parade will be a special appearance by Santa and Mrs. Claus themselves! Following the parade, line up at the Gazebo on Main Street to get your family's photo with the jolly couple. This event is free and open to the public, sponsored by The Salem Area Chamber of Commerce.

For more information, or to register to participate, visit www.SalemNYChamber.com.

Heritage Hunters

Heritage Hunters of Saratoga County will meet on Saturday, November 19th at 1 p.m., at Ballston Spa Public Library, 21 Milton Avenue. 45 years ago the Library became the recipient of a special collection of books and other items with references to Saratoga County found in works all over the world. Dr. Bruce M. Manzer, a former Ballstonian, had spent17 years on the project and continues adding to his work. Library Director Andrea Simmons will explain Manzer's Bibliography. Attendees will be able to view the non-book items as well as the books in the collection. Public is welcome. For information call Ginny at 518-885-9309.

T-Rex Tea Party

"Dinovember & T-Rex Tea Party" will take place in the Community Room of the Greenwich Free Library on Saturday, November 19th, from 12:00-1:00 p.m. November is Dinovember at Greenwich Free Library, and staff members report, "Our good friend T-Rex is back, and he's ready to party with you!" The library will hold a T-Rex tea party for children and families on Saturday November 19th from 12:00 – 1:00pm. Story time starts at 12:15pm, after which partygoers can take pictures with T-Rex, and stay for crafts, games, tea, and snacks. Youth Services Coordinator for Early Learning, Emilly Sargent suggests, "Come dressed in your finest attire, if you please" for this very special tea party. The library will also highlight information about the 1,000 Books before Kindergarten program, and children are encouraged to sign up. There will be free books on hand, so readers will only have 999 to go to reach the goal!

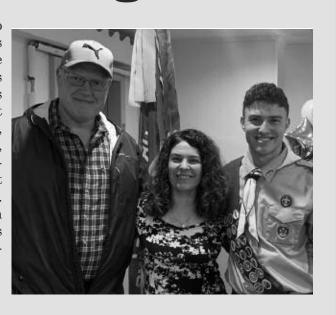
This is an all-ages family event, and patrons should register each child attending separately. The event is free but registration



is required and space is limited. Don't delay, register today. To register, email grn-director@sals.edu, or call the library at 518-692-7157, or visit www.greenwich-freelibrary.org to reserve a spot.

Newest Eagle Scout

Congrats to Greenwich's newest Eagle That's Scout. Reece Saunders from Boy Scout Troop 6127, Greenwich, which is chartered by Christ the King Center. Pictured with proud parents Kevin and Gloria.



DAR helps soldiers

Willard's Mountain Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution recently heard a program by Bruce Duxbury of Operation Adopt-A-Soldier, located in Saratoga Springs, NY. Mr. Duxbury spoke of the organization's work to provide support to U.S. Soldiers stationed worldwide by sending care packages filled with snacks, personal care items and notes of support. He read a letter from an officer who told about the moral boost experienced by the service men and women upon receiving the packages. The chapter had collected many of the suggested items to be distributed to our armed forces. Members of the chapter are pictured with Bruce Duxbury.



It's time for the Lighted Tractor Parade!

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The 10th Annual Holiday Lighted Tractor Parade, presented by the Greater Greenwich Chamber of Commerce, is Saturday, November 19, 2022 at 6:00pm in the historic Village of Greenwich, New York.

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This annual kick-off to the holiday season, which has been faithfully supported by the community and Greenwich Chamber members since 2013, has become one of the largest events in Washington County and, unofficially, the largest parade of its kind in the country. It is estimated that almost 10,000 people attended the parade in 2021 to view over 60 tractors and displays travel through the heart of the village.

Diamond sponsors for 2022 are Black Dog Designs, Capital Tractor, Inc., The Country Peddler Shoppe, Essity, The Fort Miller Group, Greenwich Ford, The Greenwich Journal & Salem Press, Greenwich Village Cafe & Bakery, MAG Chevrolet of Greenwich, Odd Duck Farm, TD Bank, and the Village of Greenwich. Every year a portion of proceeds from the Holiday Lighted Tractor Parade pro-

vides a scholarship for a graduating senior from Greenwich Central School who will purse a degree in the field of agriculture.

"Last year's Tractor Parade was beyond our expectations in many ways," said Kelly Eustis, Managing Director of the Greater Greenwich Chamber of Commerce. "We expect 2022 to be just as big and well supported than

years prior. Not holding the parade in 2020 was a loss but 2021 showed this beloved holiday event continues to be a staple of the greater Greenwich area."

Tractors will line up and depart from the Greenwich Central School parking lot and will return to the school for an awards ceremony to announce the first and second place winning entries in each of the eight categories.

Judging and the announcing of tractors will take place along the parade route at the grandstand, located at the corner of Main Street and Hill Street near the traffic light.

Activities will take place during the early afternoon and food trucks will be placed at various locations in the village, along with a beer and wine tent in Mowry Park. Local shops and restaurants will be open and the Chamber encour-

ages attendees to "shop local" to support small businesses. Horse drawn wagon rides will be

located at Washington Square and run from 1:00pm to 4:00pm. The Greenwich Chamber is excited to announce that children will be able to meet and have their picture taken with Santa and Mrs. Claus. "Selfies with Santa" will take place from 2:00pm to 4:00pm on Academy Street at the information booth nearby the Village of Greenwich office building. Music in Mowry Park will start at 2:00pm at the grandstand.

"The addition of shuttle buses, meeting Santa, and a beer and wine tent are new this year, bringing more people into the village earlier in the day to see all that Greenwich has to offer," said Eustis.

Visitors are encouraged to come to the Village of Greenwich in the afternoon before main road traffic back-up occurs and road closures take place at 5:00pm. Lighted detour notice signs will be posted at affected roads in

advance to give motorists time to make alternate travel plans for the evening of November 19th from 5:00pm to 8:00pm. Parking is line

advance to give motorists time to make alternate travel plans for the evening of November 19th from 5:00pm to 8:00pm. Parking is limited and attendees may use side street parking and available open lots. There will be no on-street parking along the parade route starting at 4:00pm. Carpooling is encouraged and patience is requested when leaving the village after the parade has concluded. Please be courteous to law enforcement, those directing traffic, and respectful of local property owners.

Buses, free of charge, will be transporting visitors to and from the Greenwich Elks Club, located at the corner of Bulson Road and State Route 40, before and after the parade. This is available from 3:00pm to 5:00pm and 7:30pm to 8:30pm. Please enter parking lot from State Route 40 entrance as buses will be using Bulson Road entrance. Drop-off and pick-up located at corner of Bleeker Street and Academy Street. Attendees must be on buses by 8:30pm to ensure drop-off at the Elks Club.

More information on the 10th Annual Holiday Lighted Tractor Parade is available, and will continuously be updated, on the event website at GreenwichTractorParade.com.



Musical talent

Twenty-six Greenwich students participated in the Washington County Area Music Teachers' Association's All-County festival Nov. 5-6 at Whitehall Jr-Sr High School. These students had the opportunity to work with esteemed guest conductors while making music with other dedicated student-musicians from Washington County. Congratulations to these performers!

Greenwich Student Participants:

Elementary Choir – Jade Rifenburg, Leia Cannon, Theresa

Miller, Kanyn Sheldrick, Alexis Waite, Emma Bentzen, Catherine Johnson and Amelia Cripps.

Junior Choir – Juno Catlin, Isabella Goodling, Harper Mc-Carthy and Damion Kessler.

Senior Choir - Chloe Bentzen, Alyssa St. Mary, Kelsy Smith, Anna Harrington, Megan Cross, Mia Sausville, Rhiley Sausville, Morgan Foster and Kathryn Campbell.

Senior Jazz Band – Sophia Boice, trumpet; Jack Fortier, drums; Leo Jordan, trombone, and Brian Wells, Jr., tenor saxophone.



Nolan appointed to ACC board

The state governor's office recently appointed Greenwich Supervisor and County Board of Supervisors member Jim Nolan to serve on the Board of Trustees for SUNY Adirondack.

Washington County co-sponsors the community college with

Warren County, where the main campus is.

Nolan said Washington County pays approximately \$1.6 million to SUNY Adirondack for operations.

"Obviously, Greenwich residents, as part of Washington County, are paying through their County tax bill," he said. "My being on the Board of Trustees gives me the opportunity to ensure the money is well spent."



Nolan's academic credentials helped him land the volunteer position. He is a professor at Siena and a former dean.

"I also see this as an opportunity to promote to Greenwich residents, especially high school students, the opportunities available at SUNY Adirondack," Nolan added.

10th annual Veterans Day race

Samantha Simmons

Journal & Press

The weekend before veterans' day, the Village of Schuylerville hosted their tenth annual Revolutionary Run for Veterans which is meant to honor Americas first veterans of the Revolutionary War and specifically the Battles of Saratoga. The battles held here are considered a turning point in the war, making the area quite historic.

The race took place at Fort Hardy park where British General Burgoyne and his army marched and laid down their arms to surrender to the Americans, according to Saratoga county's historian Lauren Roberts.

The event brings together runner, veterans or not, community leaders, and political figures to honor those who have fought for our freedom. All proceeds raised goes toward the Saratoga County Veterans Trust Fund which supports individual veterans and their families as well as veteran support organizations throughout the county.

Race Director Peter Goutos expressed his gratitude for the support from veterans that has made this event possible.

Frank McClement, director of Saratoga County Veterans Service Agency, said they are working towards the 250th anniversary of the turning point of the American Revolution which will be in 2027.

"What better way to support today's veterans than by honoring Americas first veterans

right here," said McClement.

The race hosted a handful of veteran support and advocacy groups, representatives from the



Turning Point Commission, Revolutionary War re-enactors, support from the Second Continental Artillery, crafts, and a short race for children. Crafts were meant for children to show them how basket weaving was done in the 18th century as well as clothing worn in that era.

Volunteers at the annual event included David Lockhart, chairman of the Department of NY American

Legion communication alliance and other mem-

bers on the legion who cook for the crowd at the event every year. Lockhart and the legion have been supporting the race since its inaugural race in 2011.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the race was forced to take a two-year hiatus but fortunately

enough they were able to exceed their goal and had over 300 runners participating in this hears event. Organizers of the event were surprised by the amount of runners returning so quickly.

As we come up on the 250th anniversary of the revolution in 2027, the commission has started to guide the county in celebration and will really kick things off in 2025 and celebrate through 2033.



Dairy Princesses as ambassadors

Since their coronation during June is Dairy Month, The Washington County Dairy Princess, Alyce Harrington (pictured right), and Alternate Kathryn Campbell (left) have Washington County Fair. The Dairy had a busy summer and fall. They completed Princesses and Ambassadors spent school programs, scooped ice cream at the National Ag in the Classroom Conference, were recognized by the Washington County Board of Supervisors, participated in summer youth programs, helped with the Farm Credit East Dinner event, visited libraries, passed out ribbons at the Eastern New York Summer Jersey show, visited Farmer's Markets, participated in com-

munity parades and hosted an Ambassador Training to help gear up the entire 40+ person team for the over 350 hours promoting the dairy industry during the Washington County Fair. From a welcome speech during Opening Ceremonies, passing out ribbons, working in the Dairy Princess Booth, passing out cheese, milk and yogurt, participating in the entertaining Celebrity Milking Contest, hosting

> the New England Mobile Dairy Bar and speaking at the After the Fair Dinner, the fair was surely the highlight of the team's promotion activities!

> The fall has included participating in the Washington County Cheese Tour at Argyle Cheese Farmer and Tiashoke Farms. The princesses promoted the Refuel with Chocolate milk by sharing the benefits of chocolate milk and delicious glasses of milk to numerous sports teams. Ambassadors have even jumped in by





completing their own school programs! Now, the team is gearing up for the Greenwich Lighted Tractor Parade, the Salem Holiday Parade and the Argyle Holiday Celebration. To cap off the fall a fun scrapbooking event has been planned to help the Princesses and Ambassadors record all their activities.

The Washington County Dairy Princess program is funded solely through donations from farms and agribusinesses from Washington County and across New York State.

Saints and Liars to play Courthouse

The Historic Salem Courthouse plays host to a lively evening with Vermont's "Roadhouse Roots Band," Saints and Liars. Postponed from June of this year due to COVID, the re-scheduled concert will feature the band's unique variants of country, folk, rock, and bluegrass music. Band member Jed Hughes said of the upcoming concert: "We're very excited to play for the Salem community which has a rich history in supporting the arts. We've always wanted to play music at a prison so thanks for helping us check it off our bucket lists."

Although fans were disappointed at the earlier cancellation, they will be rewarded with an extra treat at this concert. Pete Bernhard, the main singer and songwriter for the popular band The Devil Makes 3, is now playing solo and has recently released a record on Kahn Records, the label owned and operated by The Devil Makes 3. Pete will open the evening's event.

Tickets can be purchased on the Courthouse website and will be limited to 200. The doors open at 6 pm, and the concert kicks off at 6:30 pm on Saturday, November 19th. Optional food and

beverage purchases will be available. Michelle Nagai's On a Limb catering service will provide their famous hand pies in assorted flavors, and Jacko's provides the drinks.

The concert will help to support the many community programs sponsored by the Courthouse, such as the free Lunch, Learn, & Play summer program, the Battenkill Kitchen, the chamber music series and Music on the Green, youth pro-

grams and music lessons, Girls on the Run, and art shows in the Great Hall Gallery. We thank LARAC for funding to make this concert possible.

We ask that all ticketholders make a donation to the Salem Ecumenical Food Pantry, either by bringing non-perishable goods or making a finan-



cial contribution of cash or by check.

The Courthouse is located at 58 E Broadway, Salem NY. Tickets can be purchased at https://salemcourthouse.org/saints-and-liars/ For more information email hscpa@salemcourthouse.org or call 518-854-7053.

Salem Story Court a success; see the video

A new program, Story Court, debuted at the Historic Salem Courthouse on October 6th. The details of daily life while growing up in Salem and the surrounding area, as told by two lifelong residents, Neil Adams, 88 and Dick McGuire, 100, were the focus of a casual evening of oral history.

According to Neil Adams, of Shushan, when he was a boy Saturday nights on Main St in Salem were so busy it was difficult to find a parking spot. Women came to the village for shopping, kids came for haircuts and movies and the men gathered on the sidewalk to share stories about their week. This tradition faded away when television became the standard of evening entertainment. In a sense, Story Court revives the convention of face-to-face sharing of news, experiences, everyday ups and downs and funny anecdotes.

Although it will not occur every Saturday night, the hope is to invite the public to the Courthouse quarterly to hear reminiscences from different friends and neighbors, ask questions and share perspectives on the past. All of the sessions will be videotaped and preserved.

The idea for Story Court came from Historic Salem Courthouse board member, Karen Sheldon. She was inspired by a "60 Minutes" episode about Holocaust victims telling their stories while being videotaped for future generations. Not long after that, she spent time with her neighbor, Neil Adams, while he entertained her with stories about his long life on his ninth generation farm in Salem. She thought, "these stories have to be saved…everyone has a story."

Former Salem Town Historian and current Deputy Town Historian, Al Cormier, co-hosted the event with Karen Sheldon. As the author of many articles and books about local history, he has a strong appreciation for the value of stories about the details of farm and village life, everyday struggles, and changing times. He believes that "hearing stories from the people who experienced them make them authentic."

Adams and McGuire were perfect for the kickoff evening of Story Court. Their two lives, having spanned the last century, have seen more changes than most of us could ever imagine.

They recounted all sorts of memories about before and after electricity revolutionized their lives and when their dads got their first tractors. From the specifics of harvesting ice from Hedges Lake to keep milk cold through the summer, to where

they went to dances as teens, the two regaled the audience with hometown stories not widely available to hear or read.

McGuire, who lives in the same house on Scotch Hill Rd in which he and his father were born, is a historian himself. He maintains about a dozen museums at his farm covering topics from antique tractors and farm equipment to art and music. His sense for the importance of history was evident when he shared a moving and important

story about his bewilderment at the prejudice in the community. When his dad hired an African-American farmhand in 1935 his mother's friends were outraged and the "church ladies" wouldn't talk to her. They were shocked that Dick's dad would house this man in their home and share their dinner table with him.

Where else would you hear Dick McGuire's story about crossing the Battenkill River through the covered bridge (formerly on Route 22) during the flood in 1927 on his 5th birthday? Minutes after arriving home in their 1922 Model T Ford, the family learned that the entire bridge had washed away. Neil also described a colorful event when a herd of cows was being driven through the Shushan covered bridge and a recalcitrant bull had to be towed through while hopping over the crossbeams in the floor.

Covered bridges are prominent landmarks and the source of pride in the community, but these personal stories are a great example of how their long histories can be brought to life.

A link to the video of the first Story Court, filmed and edited by Tom McMorris, is available on the Historic Salem Courthouse website, salem-courthouse.org. Please view it for many more stories from Dick and Neil, told in their own voices. Another Story Court, perhaps centered on long time local businesses, is in the works for January 2023.

Olde Saratoga Seniors

The next meeting of the Olde Saratoga Seniors will be on Wednesday, Nov. 16 at noon at Town Hall, Spring St., Schuylerville. It will be a sandwich luncheon and Sarah from the Schuylerville Library will be giving a presentation. All are welcome, new members and guests. More information contact Pat at 518-338-2329

Hall of famer

Jenna Brophy was recently inducted into the Hudson Valley Community Hall of Fame. She was on the tennis team and graduated from there in 2015. She resides in Greenwich and is employed as a Registered Respiratory Therapist at Saratoga Hospital, pursuing a master's degree from the University of Florida in Health Education and Promotion.

Brophy was a two-year starter for the Vikings from 2012-13, where she began playing as HVCC's No. 2 singles and concluded her NJCAA career as the 2013 No. 1 singles NJCAA national champion. The unseeded Brophy entered the 2013 National Championships as an ultimate underdog. After advancing to the



championship round, Brophy won in three sets, 7-5, 3-6 and 6-4, to claim the No. 1 singles championship, and became the first women's tennis national champion in HVCC history. Overall, her career regular season record was 14-0.

From the Publisher's Desk

The writing is on the wall

Darren Johnson Journal & Press

Regular readers of The Greenwich Journal & Salem Press will notice this paper is a much different size than usual; maybe it will stay this size, maybe it won't, but it's not really my choice anymore at this point.

The past three years, I opted for a smaller paper size so that we could do more pages – 32 pages has always been my preference. I created templates to that effect, allowing one 800- to 900-word story per page, to be efficient, because this paper isn't exactly raking in the cash, and we don't have an office full of people worrying about text flow and leading. So, I'd learned once upon a time, using pre-designed pages could allow one person to do what used to take a whole office full of people to do.

But now we're 24 bigger pages instead of 32 smaller pages, although, if you do the math, it's the same amount of area. And redesigning the whole paper to fit the new format meant I didn't have time to write anything of note for this edition

This past year, I've had to do other redesigns, albeit not as drastic. That's because we don't own a printing plant, and thus have to rely on daily newspaper plants to fit us into their schedules.

It seems all plants use slightly different paper sizes and have different specs, so each time we switch, it means I have to spend many hours conforming to the new set of rules.

A problem is the daily papers either keep going out of business, or start outsourcing printing themselves. The most recent printer we were using had an antiquated press that eventually blew up. They happen to own another plant about three hours away, so *they* could stay in business. But too bad for us.

Before that, this newspaper printed with a plant in Gloversville, and another in Western Massachusetts, both of them had their daily operations bought out by larger newspapers, and their local plants closed.

Meanwhile, the cost of newsprint keeps rising, as well as postage. The plants have trouble finding workers post-Covid. Younger people don't

want to do these jobs. It costs us about double to get out this paper compared to pre-pandemic.

Eventually, we're going to be forced to stop printing. Not in a year, but maybe in two or three. Unless some major socio-economic change happens.

I've tried everything; discounted subscriptions, discounted ads. Most people are just used to news being "free" now, though I'd argue that free papers are markedly different than the paid-circulation ones.

In some towns all we have is a Stewart's to sell in now, as small businesses have been devastated in recent years. And more people steal the paper from Stewart's than actually pay for it. Or they'll sit in the booths reading it, getting chili on it or whatever, and then put it back in the pile without paying. I plan to write about these people in my next book titled, "Why I Hate People."

I've tried various editorial tactics — old-fashioned beat coverage of a town hall, expanded school and sports coverage, explanatory journalism; while the coverage has affected public opinion, it hasn't really amounted in more sales. There are so many hours in the day; if a tactic isn't working, I move onto something else.

It's hard to get the message across that this newspaper would *like* to do more, but can't afford to without the support of more readers and more advertisers. One notable local non-profit advertises everywhere else but here; perhaps we wrote something honest about a Democrat or Republican at one point, and someone on their board of directors has that partisan disease so many people seem to have nowadays.

Speaking of which, one talent I have developed over the years is the ability to handicap elections. I feel I have my fingers on the pulse of the silent majority – they aren't the fools who post memes on Facebook all day, by the way.

I don't put my prognostications in the paper; people tend to misinterpret this with actually caring about the ideology of a candidate.

I did predict Trump 2016 when very few other journalists had. There are people who don't answer polling calls, at least not honestly, and the Hillary Clinton campaign had its problems.

For our the last issue, I spoke with our congressperson, Elise Stefanik, and this part didn't get in the paper, but I agreed with her that Lee Zeldin had a chance of beating Kathy Hochul.

He'll make it close, I told

her, but it's too bad he took the Trump Oath. There was some dead air after I'd said that, as, of course, Stefanik had taken a similar loyalty pledge. And it's not that I'm judging whether or not someone likes Trump; it's that I don't like the idea of swearing loyalty to a person.

Zeldin did indeed make it close, and if he hadn't sworn loyalty to the former president, he probably would have won; and I knew Stefanik would easily beat the latest outsider to run a vanity campaign here. Different district, different rules.

In fact, oddly, while New York is known as a liberal state, the Democrats lost some key races here; it will likely sway the House toward red.

Nationwide, both parties lost when they took average voters for granted. Extremists who took candidate pledges lost. Celebrities lost. In New York, some congressional districts ran well-groomed, too slick, single men who, if you examined them closely, really could not commiserate with the average people who happen to live in these districts. Such candidates were about TV commercials and national issues and big ideas, and perhaps they came from privilege, but running for office should be about constituent service and getting down and dirty with us locals. Stefanik knows the formula.

At the micro-local level here in Greenwich, I feel voters would have been fine if either Highway Superintendent candidate had won. Both had enough experience and their hearts in the right place and, except on Facebook, the race was pretty cleanly run. Ultimately, it likely came down to the winner, Stan Mattison, Jr., having a bit more time on his hands to devote to the department; as his opponent, the very personable Glenn Davis, had a night job that may or may not have gotten in the way of his daily duties. This topic was first addressed in this paper, and exploded into a bunch of pro and con letters.

If this paper did not exist, the election might have gone differently, or maybe one or the other candidate wouldn't have run in the first place, knowing there was no civilized way to get the word out. Facebook? Ha!

At the very least, we now all know more about these candidates and the Highway Department because of the paper. Having knowledge leads to caring about the community and its issues. That's a good thing.

So I'm praying for a miracle – that some affordable newspaper printer will give us a home for years to come, and that more people will subscribe at JPsubs.com, and that more businesses will ad-

vertise. Or else, the writing will no longer be in the paper ... the writing will be on the wall.

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GCS Holiday Craft Fair







<u>Date:</u> Sunday, December 4
<u>Time:</u> 10am - 3pm
<u>Place:</u> Greenwich High School Gym
Fundraiser for Greenwich CSD
Class of 2027 and 2028

~Basket Raffle~Specialty Item Raffle~Bake Sale~

Raffle Drawings will take place at 2pm

Would you like to be a vendor? Email stironi@greenwichcsd.org for more information!

Local history calendar

The 2023 Town of Saratoga calendars featuring pictures from days gone by in the villages of Schuylerville and Victory and in the surrounding areas are now on sale. Calendar pages are sprinkled with close to 150 historical tidbits.

The photos include Broad Street Schuylerville businesses about 1950, third grade students at Victory Mills school in 1940, the Visitation Church parsonage, residences of Dr. Gow and Dr. Boright in Schuylerville, the bathing beach at Evergreen Farm in Victory Mills and six other pictures from the Town's past.

You will learn when Schuylerville athletic teams won championships, the Reformed Church was placed on the National Register, Betsy Schuyler married Alexander Hamilton, and when the junior-senior high school was dedicated.

Calendars may be purchased for \$5.00 in Schuylerville at Byron's Market, Saratoga Apple, Schuylerville Public Library, Schuylerville Village Clerk's office and at the Town Clerk's office or at the Old Saratoga Mercantile and Olde Saratoga Home and Garden on Route 29 and from Pat Peck, (518) 584-4129.

Purchase Gift Cards for your favorite local businesses from the Greenwich PTSA and support the students, faculty and staff while contributing to our community.



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A portion of all gift card sales go toward Greenwich PTSA supported activities.

Order online until November 22, 2022, at: 2022-fall-ptsa-gift-card-fundraiser.cheddarup.com or SCAN QR Code



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Bancroft Library touts improvements

The Board of Trustees of Bancroft Public Library (Ed Donoghue, President; Kim Erbe, Vice President; Rebecca Brown, Secretary and Financial Officer; Rachael Armstrong; and Alesa Wilson) in recent years applied for and received \$283,351 in grants to effect needed significant repairs and modernization to become more energy efficient and to conform to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The Board of Trustees was made aware of the availability of New York State Aid for Library Construction Grants and also Challenge Grants funded by the Southern Adirondack Library System and embarked on a multi-year plan to upgrade the Library building, including:

• A new rubber roof over R30 insulation;



- New AC for the Library and Reading Room and added air conditioning for the Community Room;
- Two new heating boilers and a fuel tank;
- The services of an architect to prepare plans and specifications to bring the building into compliance with the ADA;
- LED lighting in the Library, Lobby, Reading Room, and back office;
- The services of a contractor to bring Library and Community Room exterior access ramps and building facilities, including two ADA accessible restrooms, into compliance with the ADA;
 - The services of an Architect to provide construction administration services;
 - Power operated Library and Proudfit Hall entrance doors; and
 - Rear-courtyard-facing Low-e replacement windows for the Reading Room, Library, and Community Room.

The New York State Aid for Library Construction Grants covered seventy-five percent of the total project costs. The remaining twenty-five percent in matching funds were covered by the Friends of Ban-



croft Library, the Town of Salem, and accumulated donations and bequests to the Bancroft Library.

The board wished to extend a "thank you to Rebecca Brown for her persistence in managing the extensive paperwork associated with the grants and Ed Donoghue who acted as the construction project coordinator."

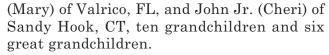
One major project the Board of Trustees will be looking into over the next few years would be to replace the library floor covering.

Obituary

Hazel 'Babe' Ross, 94

Hazel "Babe"
Ross, 94, passed
away peacefully
Thursday, October
27, 2022, at her
home. She was
born in Granville,
NY on September
27, 1928, to the
late Raymond Sr.
and Jennie
(Bernard) Ross.

She is survived by her loving children Mark (Erika) of Flagstaff, AZ, Deborah Bauman of Greenwich, Paul



In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her husband John "Jack" Ross and brothers and sisters, Jane Bruno, Elsie Hanna, Ben Ross, Bess Costantino and Ray-



mond Ross Jr.

She was married to the love of her life, Jack for 62 years. Babe and Jack traveled extensively across North America as co-railroad tour directors. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother and she was a diehard New York Yankees fan.

She started working as a telephone operator in her late teens and progressed to the fraud investigation department at AT&T for many years.

Babe was an institution in Greenwich and often was described as a firecracker, feisty and spunky in her later years, whether she was cleaning counters at Stewart's or working at the Greenwich

IGA, Kmart, or the Country Peddler. She had a knack for having an open ear and listening to people who became acquaintances or lifelong friends. She didn't forget a face and was loved by generations of townspeople.

Babe and her family were blessed to have caretakers who were loving, compassionate,

caring and patient for over 10 years.

There will be no calling hours. A mass of Christian burial will be held at 11 am on Wednesday, November 2, 2022, at St. Joseph's Church, 36 Bleecker St, Greenwich, NY, 12834 with the Reverend Martin Fisher officiating. Family and friends are invited to a celebration of her life at the Greenwich Elks Lodge on Bulson Road, Greenwich, following services at St. Joseph's cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her name may be made to St Joseph's Catholic Church or the Easton Greenwich Rescue Squad.

Online condolences and messages to the family may be made at www.flynnbrosinc.com

Celtic music

Perennial local favorites The McKrells bring Celtic-infused bluegrass music to a live concert at noon on Thursday, Nov. 17 at the Bulmer Telecommunications Center Auditorium on the Hudson Valley Community College campus in Troy. The hour-long event, the third of a four-part concert series, is open free to the public; no reservations or tickets are required to attend. The remaining fall 2022 concert will feature Fuego Sonoro on Thursday, Dec. 1 at noon in the BTC Auditorium. Info: Call (518) 629-8071, or visit www.hvcc.edu/culture.

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Country Living

On gerrymandering

Kate Sausville

Journal & Press

"I think that I shall never see a billboard as lovely as a tree." **-Ogden Nash**

Midterm elections are over, thank goodness. I can only hope the hate, vitriol, and other nastiness ends as well, though I'm not overly optimistic. This is mostly due to horrid posts on social media, and the number of foul mouthed signs that people decorated their homes and vehicles with. As a child I recall having my mouth washed out with soap when a curse word passed my lips. Perhaps some people need to experience this again. I do wonder when we decided that election signs littering our yards and roadways were the best way to tell everyone who we were voting for? Even on a recent trip through the Adirondacks, we saw political signs littering barren stretches of highway. In any event I am happy to see all the signs are quickly coming down, regardless of party.

As I get older, I find my tolerance for complaining without presenting solutions lessens greatly. This is especially true of our political system. I stopped watching my news several years ago.I find reading the news to give me a more balanced outlook. One issue that comes up time and time again is gerrymandering. It can be difficult to live in an area where you feel your interests are not being represented. Gerryman-

dering is a huge issue in many states, including ours. In simple terms, gerrymandering is where those in power redraw district lines to favor the party in power. While I am no expert on election reform, I do suspect gerrymandering causes more problems than it fixes.

In order to effect change, we need civil discourse. That can be challenging when the people you need to engage with are not behaving civilly. Screaming, name calling, and cursing typically does not get the results you are looking

for. This is regardless of your party affiliation. When you get called out for bad behavior, it is never okay to claim "they did it first." This is a lesson my preschoolers get on a daily basis, so I expect grown adults to understand this. Maybe this can be a shared goal for the coming year, working together to make necessary changes so that everyone feels represented. I don't know, it just seems more worthwhile than playing keyboard warrior and projecting your inside thoughts out loud.

The holidays are coming and some of our neighbors will struggle more this year. Food, heating oil, and other necessities are said to be



in short supply. If you are in a position to help, please do so. We have a wonderful food pantry and many other local charities that help get the resources to the families who need it. But also keep in mind some of those who need help but may be too proud to ask. So maybe pick up a bag of groceries, "just because," or knock on

your neighbors door just to say hello. Spread kindness where you can.

Kate Sausville is a resident of Greenwich.



The Larger Picture

Stockpiling Joy!

Teresa M. King Journal & Press

These words came to me this morning. They felt perfect for the title of an article about preparing for winter. According to the Old Farmer's Almanac predictions for the southern tier of Zone 1, it will be a very cold and snowy winter. If you happen to be a person who has a treasured winter activity, either cross country or downhill skiing, snowboarding or snowshoeing, you're probably anticipating winter joy, already!

If you do not have something that brings you joy connected with snow, now is the time to start stockpiling some joy! I invite you to spend a fair amount of time reflecting upon all the things that

make you feel happy, joyful, at peace and content. Each of these are slightly different from the other.

These things bring me great joy: hearing about what's happening in my children's lives, skiing on a blanket of sparkling snow at Prospect Mountain in Woodford, Vermont and bringing people together in circles and workshops to learn, heal and grow!

The simple act of getting together with a friend for a walk or a cup of tea makes me very happy, so does being spontaneous. I feel content reading a good book and writing in a cafe. Looking at the stars brings deep peace to my heart, mind and soul. Walking in nature and sitting in front of my candles each morning also bring deep peace and healing to me on all levels of my being. All of

these things make a huge difference in the quality of my life.

If you normally dread winter, decide ahead of time, that this winter will be different. Fortify yourself by stockpiling joy, peace, contentment and happiness. Give it a try. The only thing you have to lose is being unhappy for several months.

Teresa King is a workshop facilitator. Her next

workshop, Self-Acceptance Love and Being Good Enough will be held on Sunday, November 20. Details can be found under Events at https://thelargerpicture.com



Diamond miners

Scouts and their leaders from Greenwich Scouts BSA Troop 27, recently participated in the Herkimer Diamond mines geology merit badge program. Herkimer diamonds are double-terminated quartz crystals found in Herkimer, New York. The gemstones are close to five hundred million years old. The crystals are magnificent works of nature, found in the rock, having a diamond-like shape. Thus, the name "Herkimer Diamonds" has long been used in regard to these



lovely crystals. The scouts had a fun-filled day with exciting scientific exploration, including the topics of geology, paleontology, earth processes, commercial application, and water conservation. All scouts were able to earn the geology merit badge for their participation. Scouting is a year round program in Greenwich. Anyone interested in finding out more about Scouts BSA who is 10 years of age and currently in 5th grade should contact Jeff Conkey, Scoutmaster at conkey.jeff@gmail.com. Some of the scouts are pictured at the Herkimer Diamond mine.

Let them do the holiday baking

It is that time again....time to bake the goodies for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Let the members of the Cambridge Historical Society & Museum help you with that.

There will be lots of delicious pies, breads, cookies, etc. baked by experienced bakers on Saturday, November 19th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the museum, 12 Broad St., Cambridge.

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Essay winners

The Greenwich VFW sponsored the Patriot Pen Essay Contest for students in Washington County. The contest is open to 6th, 7th and 8th grade students. The theme is "My Pledge to Our Veterans." Entries are judged at the VFW Post local level, district, state and national levels. Prizes and scholarships are awarded at the Post, District, State and national levels. The three Greenwich contestants entered outstanding essays. The VFW 7291 Post winners received prizes worth \$100, \$75 and \$50. The first place national award is \$5000.

VFW Post 7291 Post Commander Don Ward and Lifetime Post member Lou Leone presented the local winners monetary award prizes at the Greenwich Middle School and Patriot Pen medals.

First Place Winner: Ella Celani

Second Place Winner:

Mya Saunders

Third Place Winner: Jordan Slater

Ella Celani's essay moves on to the District for the next level of competition.

Organizers offer "a special thank you to their teacher George Ostrowski for his guidance and working with his students to promote the Patriot Pen Program."

Pictured (L-R): Lou Leone, Ella Celani, Mya Saunders, Jordan Slater and Don Ward.



Storytime fun

Debi Craig and Dorothea Craig Casey are retired music teachers (and sisters) who want to bring the joy of reading, music, and movement to children in the Hebron area. A new story time will be offered for 3 to 8 year old children on Nov. 19, at 10 a.m. A parent MUST stay with child. The group encourages parents to join in on the fun as we read and sing about leaves and apples and other fall fun. The interactive program will last approximately 40 minutes. The Thanksgiving Fun story time is free and open to the public. The event will be held at the Hebron East United Presbyterian church in the sanctuary at the front of the building, 6559 State Route 22 in Hebron (about halfway between Salem and Granville. This event is presented as a community mission of Hebron United Presbyterian Church.

'Wild Wood' in Vermont

Photographer and owner of Whistle Wing Prints, Kristina Martin, teams up with Greenwich woodworker, CJ Lyttle in "Wild Wood II." The work of these artists is wholly inspired by nature, particularly birds. CJ's interest in carving began in the 1970's when he was given a shorebird as a gift and he eventually found that the art of carving was his calling. CJ will also be sharing an exhibit of framed classic lithograph prints from the limited edition prints "Classic Shorebird Decoys" by Milton C. Weiler. Including old carvings from a collection, most lacking the makers name. Kristina began birding in 2016, which led to her love of photographing wildlife, landscapes and farmscapes. The artists met at Valley Artisans Market, a 40-year-old artist's cooperative in Cambridge, New York, where they are active members and exhibit their

artwork along with 25 other artists. Their shared interests in nature and art absolutely motivate each other.

Come see this show of talent. The show will be open daily, 9 am to 5



pm, November 17th – January 4th, at the Gallery at Equinox Village, 49 Maple St., Manchester Ctr., VT 05255. Opening reception to be held Thursday, November 17th from 5-6 p.m. Refreshments will be provided.

For more information please contact Kristina at www.whistlewingprints.com or Kara at kwaite@equinoxvillage.com.

THANK 40U

I want to take a moment to thank the Greenwich voters who supported me in my successful campaign for Greenwich Highway Superintendent. Thank you to all who helped out with my campaign, whether it was hosting or attending one of my meet and greets, maybe you wrote a letter of support to the local paper, made a campaign contribution, put signs together, took time from your busy schedule to help canvas a district or maybe you showed your support by putting one of my signs in your yard, whatever you did..... I THANK YOU.... A very special thank you to Alan, Mary-Lou, Jim, Marie and the entire Democratic committee, I truly appreciate each and every one of you and all your hard work. I could not have done this without you. During my campaign I met many new people and made many new friends and for that I am grateful. Lastly to my kiddos.... Ellie, Oliver and Hanny, thank you for supporting your Dad through this whole campaign process.

Now it's time to get to work for the taxpayers in Greenwich!

Thank you all,

Stan Mattison Jr.

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Greenwich Highway Superintendent Elect

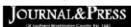
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Salem's McGuire turns 100

and leaders of New York agriculbirthday at an open house on Sunday afternoon, November 6th, at the Salem firehouse, five miles from the farm where McGuire was born and has lived for a century. He turned 100 on November 3rd.

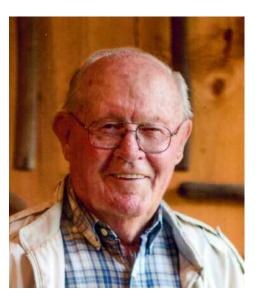
McGuire graduated from Salem Washington Academy in 1939 where he lettered in five sports, then studied agriculture at what is now SUNY Morrisville where he graduated in 1942. After WWII he taught agricultural management to veterans for five years at Greenwich High School. At one time his family farm, Penope (East View), included 640 acres of crops and 220 registered Holsteins. McGuire sold the herd in 1977 as he increased his involvement on

More than 200 friends, family, the boards of the New York and Ag & Markets, New York and American Farm Bureau. His American Farm Bureau, as well as tural organizations celebrated neighbors at Reafield Farm now fellow members of the Salem Ro-Richard ("Dick") McGuire's 100th manage the remaining crop pro-tary Club were also in attendance. duction.

> McGuire has been a member of the New York Farm Bureau since 1956 and served as President from 1970-84. He also served on the Executive Committee of the American Farm Bureau board and Cornell University's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Advisory Board. From 1987-1993 he served as Commissioner of New York Department of Agriculture & Markets. Former Commissioner Pat Hooker from Ag & Markets, New York Farm Bureau President David Fisher, and board members from the Federal Land Bank, Agri-Mark, and NYS Agricultural Society attended to celebrate with McGuire. Many colleagues from

McGuire's birthday observance started in October with his tossing the coin at the Cambridge-Salem vs Voorheesville football game and speaking at the inaugural "Story Court" series at the Historic Salem o u r t h o u s (salemcourthouse.org). During Sunday morning's service the youth group of the Hebron United Presbyterian Church asked McGuire how he made it to 100. His response was, "I've made lots of mistakes along the way, but I've tried to learn from them." The congregation gave their oldest member a standing ovation.

McGuire spoke after the cake cutting at the open house. "Thank you all, not just for coming today,



but also for all of your contributions to my life. I didn't get here just on my own."

Four generations of Richard Trainor McGuire attended the gathering at the firehouse, including 3 ½ year old "Trainor" who traveled from San Francisco. All 24 of McGuire's immediate family plan to celebrate members McGuire's 100th Thanksgiving with him.







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Random Thoughts

Washington County Villages 2042

Michael Levy Journal & Press

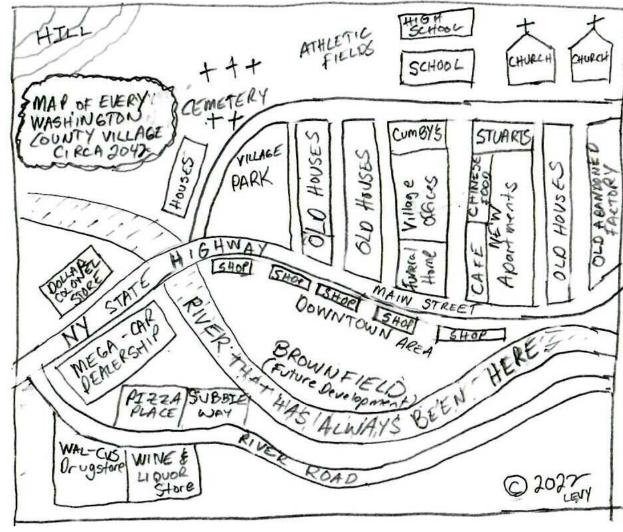
Someone in Greenwich recently mentioned to me that it was nice to see so many young children on their doorstep on Halloween with a happy cry of "Trick or Treat" once the door was opened. There are a lot of new families in the area now and that is a good thing.

Maybe because of the COVID-19 pandemic, parents in their late twenties to mid-thirties have decided to move their families from the urban sprawl of the New York and Boston metro areas to what they hope is the simpler life of Washington County, New York. With high-paying remote work being a possibility for one or more of the parents, the current situation permits pastoralism on a scale that has never been seen before except perhaps for when the exact reverse situation occurred in this country a hundred or more years ago during the Industrial Revolution when country folks migrated to big cities looking for high paying work.

Assuming these parents will not tire of the "rural" life and return to the metropolitan areas from which they hail, what will become of our trick or treaters once they have grown up in the villages and small towns of Washington County? In the year 2042 (when these children are the same age as their parents are now), what will this area even look like? Will they even want to come back here after they finish their education and as they start their careers?

This raises my question for today. Some small towns in this area are prospering but why are so many others experiencing a loss of identity? Locally owned restaurants and shops are becoming a thing of the past. In the last few weeks, three local restaurants have ceased operations. One can no longer go to the Auction Barn in Argyle, the Bog in Cambridge, nor even the Salem Tavern in Salem. Perhaps they will re-open soon. A bigger question is why do we accept this loss of local business and in their place accept franchises that will turn us into homogeneous places like others that residents flee without any regret?

We need to find a way to retain our small-



town values, historic character, scenic beauty, sense of community, and at the same time sustain a prosperous economy. We need a new plan for our future.

I am aware that there are several committees already formed or being formed to do just that. But committees work through consensus and not through innovation. Understandably, some people here do not like change. But progress is inescapable. The real problem is committees tend to stick to the old way of doing things.

Therefore, we need community leaders with vision, commitment, and true conviction! True leaders do not need to be elected. In fact, our elected leaders may be the problem. As the elections held earlier this month clearly proved, today's highly polarized political culture exists not only nationally but locally as

well. Successful leadership, elected or unelected, needs to bring a broad cross-section of residents together to develop a viable plan for the future.

Elected officials and planning boards tend to accept anything that comes their way, even if the proposed project is completely at odds with the community's needs and vision of the future. They must be working on the presumption that progress is better than no progress at This is especially true when dealing with the national chain stores who are only inter-

ested in identifying profitable store locations that will allow them to suck money out of our community.

Chain stores like CVS and Walgreens are popping up everywhere. These conglomerates build non-descript, single-story buildings on downtown corner lots, often after demolishing one or more older historic buildings along the way. And have you ever gone to a Dollar General Store that did not have the same cookie cutter design that every other Dollar General Store has?

Longtime local residents reminiscence, using their version of the past, and will say things like, "I remember when I grew up here, this town had so many stores downtown and now there's nothing." I bet that we all will be doing the same in twenty years.

So, what will Greenwich, Salem, and Cambridge look like in 2042, the year when this year's trick or treaters are in adulthood? A dystopian prediction might be that each village and town will be left with a chain discount dollar store, one Chinese restaurant, a pizza establishment, a franchised fast-food sub shop, and two competing convenience stores that sell gas, milk, bread, and beer. If not for the sign that one sees when entering the town, one may not be able to distinguish these places from any other small town in New York.

In the past, transportation and information exchange was both laborious and expensive and that was why we needed cities. But that is the thinking of the 19th and 20th century. If nothing else, the 2019 pandemic proved that the economic benefit of urban life is no more. We need to keep the rural life unique, distinctive, and desirable for current and future generations. And we need to start working on the future before it is too late. Just a random thought!

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



Jill on Money

The housing market cools; will prices?

Jill Schlesinger

Special to Journal & Press

With inflation stubbornly high, the Federal Reserve is pumping the breaks on the economy by raising interest rates. The reasoning is when interest rates rise, demand wanes, activity slows, and prices start to moderate -- and then eventually fall.

Easy, right?

Unfortunately for the central bank, inflationary cycles are tough to break, and rising rates take a while to filter through the economy. (Separately, the Fed can do little to easy supply constraints, but those do appear to be loosening.)

Behavior in the residential real estate market may be the Fed's best hope for a soft landing (meaning a slowdown which avoids a full-blown recession) for the economy.

To recap, amid the pandemic, a deluge of buyers seeking more space and armed with cheap mortgages, rushed into the housing market. With inventory levels low and activity high, prices soared.

That scenario played out in the broader economy, as consumers unleashed their pent-up demand and drove prices higher, first in the goods part of the economy and now in the services side.

While the Fed does not control longer term interest rates associated with most mortgages, all rates have been increasing. A year ago, a 30-year fixed rate mortgage was just over 3% (near the all-time low); today, it has more than doubled to almost 7%, near a 20-year high.

At last year's 3.2% rate, the monthly payment for a \$400,000 house, with 20% down and a 30-year fixed rate was \$1,384 for principal and interest; today, the cost increases to \$2,130. Put another way, the buyer that could afford a \$450,000 house a year ago, must drop down to \$345,000 because of rate increases.

Higher rates and prices have put the recent real estate acceleration into neutral. According to Redfin, "Housing-market activity is plunging further this fall than it did over the summer as mortgage rates near 7%...Price drops have reached a record high, and home sales and new listings are dropping." The National Association of Realtors (NAR) reported Existing Home Sales slid in September and are down 23.8% from a year ago.

The situation is impacting both buyers and sellers, with the former forced to remain on the sidelines amid a competitive rental market, and the later who are unwilling to list their homes and give up their low mortgage rates, contributing to a decline in new listings (down 17% from a year ago).

While home prices are not dropping precipitously, they are decelerating. In September, the median existing-home price was \$384,800, an 8.4% increase from a year ago (\$355,100), but down from the record high of \$413,800 in June.

Sam Hall of Capital Economics expects that prices overall will fall by 8% from the June peak over the next year. There is more evidence that the real estate frenzy is abating: fewer homes are selling above their list price; seller price drops are increasing, and the time of a home staying on the market is ris-

ing to a median of 33 days, "up more than a full week from 25 days a year earlier and the record low of 17 days set in May and early June," according to Redfin.

The Fed is likely hoping that the housing market slowdown will echo across various parts of the economy.

If so, the central bank just might get its soft landing. Then again, considering that residential investment is a large part of the nation's economy, any significant slowdown in the housing market could also increase the risk of a recession in the coming year.

The Fed's window of opportunity is closing quickly.

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Interpersonal Edge

Expect little, appreciate much

Daneen Skube

Special to Journal & Press

Q: I spend most days upset about how incompetent most people are and how little they care that they are incompetent. I end up fighting my own grumpy attitude and take it out on co-workers. I don't want to end up being the office Grinch, but how can I respond more effectively?

A: You'll respond more effectively if you expect little and appreciate much! When we go into conversations expecting much and appreciating little, we alienate the people we need to help us.

I typically spend hours of my time with private clients agreeing with entitlements they have on how others "should" behave. My clients are smart, high-functioning adults and they have every right to be upset that many people are not so highfunctioning.

The trouble is our opinions and expectations of others don't change the maturity of others. If we expect little of others, we may be pleasantly surprised rather than furiously disappointed.

Having low expectations of others is different than having high ambitions for yourself. You can let people know you hope to run the department, invent a brilliant product, or reduce turn over. Aspirations for yourself are vastly different than high entitlements about others.

If you think no one should be rude, careless, or incompetent you'll

make yourself very miserable, very fast! If instead you enter relationships with a low bar, then you can only be pleasantly surprised and grateful.

As Rumi, a 13th-century Persian poet, wisely advised, "Wear gratitude like a cloak and it will feed every corner of your life." We cannot muster much gratitude when we come into work rela-

tionships with entitlements that most people, most of the time, will not live up to.

Realize that it's understandable to be upset when people fail to meet your expectations. There's nothing wrong with wishing everyone had high integrity, was smart, empathetic, and competent. However, if you go into relationships feeling entitled to this high bar, you'll indeed turn into the office Grinch.

Effective interpersonal skills require a foundation of accepting that life and people owe us nothing! If we can grieve our entitlements, we go into the office on Monday wearing a cloak of gratitude. Turns out appreciation is cat nip to co-workers and customers to do more of what we appreciate.

The opposite is true for resentment when others fail our entitlements. People will give us even less than they did before because they'll resent our resentment. Again it's fine that you have ideas about how others should behave. However, these ideas won't motivate others to improve.

Some new clients tell me it's wrong to quit being grumpy when people fail to deliver what my clients expect. I tell my new clients that if being grumpy could transform human nature, we'd already have

fixed war, hunger, and violence. Then clients rethink their interpersonal strategy.

Take a moment of silence for the funeral of your former entitlements. Step into your workplace on Monday cloaked in gratitude and with no expectations. Enjoy your new ability to expect nothing and appreciate everything. Observe as those around you improve, as your expectations and grumpiness decrease.

The last word(s)

Q: In your writing it seems like you have a lot of energy to pursue what matters to you. I struggle with depression even on medication. Is there one thing you do that helps you have abundant energy?

A: Yes, find who and what feeds your soul and add more and more of that to your day. If you don't think you have a soul, do deep therapy and you'll receive an introduction.

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



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



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Schuylerville Village Board notes

Samantha Simmons

Journal & Press

At their October meeting, the Village was presented with the certificate of acceptance into the AARP/WHO Age Friendly Program. This makes the village the 719th community to join the coali-

Corey Heyman, the Village's clerk, noted that the general fund money market has earned \$4,064.47 in interest over the last two months. Mayor Carpenter said this is "good news" and the funds are "getting back up there."

The new visitors center has been able to secure funding from the Hudson-Hoosic Rivers Partnership to keep the building staffed until Dec.

The water board has been without an official clerk for five years and are looking to fill the position. Mayor Carpenter said, "the Village is looking forward to working with a temp agency for hiring a water clerk," to finally fill the position.

Mayor Carpenter thanked Corey Heyman, Chamber, businesses, and community members for their teamwork and putting together the NY Forward grant.

As the saga of the propane tanks at Ft. Hardy Park has been figured out, there has been an update that landscaping around the concrete pads and fencing is being worked on. Continuing with Ft. Hardy Park, the board is waiting for one more quote to fix the bathroom door with no rush since the building won't be open in the winter.

The Village is looking for a new school crossing guard. Travis Holcomb, the former school crossing guard, was praised on Facebook by parents and community members for being "the best". Holcomb has accepted a new position with the Schuylerville Central School District.



The zoning board of appeals has put in a request for training improvements for members of the board. The village board approved the funding for three people at \$150 per person.

The senior citizens organization requested funds for trips for members. \$2,500 has been released with detailed itineraries of trips provided.

With the theme of funds requested during this month's meeting, the garden club requested \$1,200 and presented receipts that showed the need for funds.

The 10th Annual Revolutionary Run, a 5k race, has put in an application to be approved for the event to return to Ft. Hardy Park on Saturday, Nov. 5. The event expects roughly 250 participants and 100 visitors. This year's race commemorates the 250 anniversary of the Battles at Saratoga, "America's Turning Point".

One village community member brought up concerns over a light on Schuyler Island Drive that needs to be replaced. Without this light, the area is not well lit as there can be heavy traffic for the area. Mayor Carpenter acknowledged this and said they will look into it.

5K Turkey Run in Vt.

The 26th Annual Running of the Turkeys, 5K Road Race, 5K Walk, 1K Kids Fun Run will take place in person on Thanksgiving morning, Thursday ~ November 24, 2022 @ 9:00 AM. The start and finish will be located at Fisher Elementary School ~ 504 East Arlington Road ~ Arlington, Vermont 05250. It's a scenic southwestern Vermont course with a hill (or two or three...)! Pre-race registration and packet pick-up on Wednesday, November 23 from 5:30- 6:30 PM at the school. 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 sign up online http://RunningoftheTurkeys.itsyourrace.con.

Computer security

SUNY Adirondack and SUNY Plattsburgh announced their latest articulation agreement at the college's shared Queensbury campus: a bachelor's degree program in Computer Security. An information session will be offered at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16, with Del Hart, chair of the department at SUNY Plattsburgh, and representatives from admissions and the branch office. Register at https://bit.ly/3t59myq.

The completion program will begin in Fall 2023, offering a twoyear study option for graduates of SUNY Adirondack's associate degree programs in Information Technology: Cybersecurity and Information Technology: Information Security, or transfer students with a similar background.

Library book picks (cont.)

of the early 90s, and read his *Hundred Dollar* Holiday at the urging of a friend. It was then that on humanity's overwhelming I learned that McKibben spent his formative Founder of the global climate years in Lexington, MA, the town where for 30 years my husband and I lived and raised our sons.

His newest work, *The Flag*, *The Cross*, *and the* Station Wagon: A Graving American Looks Back at His Suburban Boyhood and Wonders What the Hell Happened immediately caught my attention because the title grabbed me, but also because of the commonality of McKibben's and my family's experience of living in Lexington. I read the book twice, back to back, because it has so much fascinating detail packed into its 217 pages, and also because it made me nostalgic for the life and town I've left behind. As so much of his writing does for me, this book felt personal.

The Flag, The Cross, and the Station Wagon is a fascinating exploration of what has happened to America in our lifetime. McKibben and I are both sixty-somethings; I was born in 1956, McKibben in 1960. The book delves into patriotism (the flag), Christianity (the cross), and suburbia (the station wagon), and how each has transformed the United States, indeed the world, we share. He is optimistic that Baby Boomers have the life experience, knowledge, and resources to face headchallenges.

campaign, 350.org, he implores us to link arms and work toward a more just future. This new movement is entitled Third Act and is already gaining momennationwide: www.thirdact.org.

- Lynne Weygint

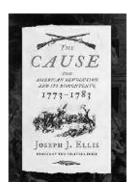
The Cause: The American Revolution and Its Discontents 1773 - 1783 by Joseph

Nonfiction, history

The Cause delves into the true backstory of the buildup and resolution of the American Revolution. For the casual visitor to history, this book will make you realize how much you weren't taught in school about the Revolution, or as Ellis enlightens us—The Cause.

The robust cast of historical figures and the roles they played in the founding of the nation takes a bit of concentration to keep them

straight. Ellis produces a phenomenal amount of research pulling from private diaries and little known personal letters to enrich the passion of their devotion to The Cause. Whether it be for the Rebellion or for maintaining His Majesty's Crown, the varying perspectives take the reader



on a journey feeling the intensity of the situation nearly two-hundred and fifty years after the occurrences. As Ellis said in the introduction to his book, "History is what we choose to remember." This should be the history that is remembered.

- Sandy McReynolds

Staff members at Greenwich Free Library are always delighted to recommend a book. If you don't see anything on this list that sounds like the right book for you, come browse our shelves, or ask us for more suggestions. See you at the library!

On the Square

The electric car at the turn of the 20th century

Lance Allen Wang Journal & Press

The President was spending two days in Buffalo, New York, as part of his itinerary, September 5th and 6th of the year 1901 at the Pan-American Exposition. His ten-day Presidential trip was also to include a visit to a Cleveland encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, a Union veterans' organization which William McKinley, a Civil War veteran, was quite proud of. On the afternoon of September 6th, a reception was held in his honor at the Pan-American Exposition's Temple of Music.

As The Star Spangled Banner played, a reception line formed and guests entered the room. Among the guests was Leon Czolgosz, who, upon arriving before the President, revealed a concealed pistol, shooting the President twice with a .32 caliber revolver before being subdued by police and bystanders. The President survived the wounds, but would die within a bit over a week due to subsequent infection.

The story of McKinley's shooting was big news, but an interesting footnote was how he was transported from the scene. The sound of the vehicle approaching was quiet, very much like a horse drawn wagon grinding along the stone streets, but without the clip-clopping of horse hooves. As opposed to the puttering sounds of a gasoline engine, along with an occasional backfire, this one

rolled along relatively quietly, except for the sound of an occasional warning bell, to alert bystanders it was coming. Sure enough, the ambulance was electric.

This wasn't unusual for 1901. As a matter of fact, this was truly the golden age of the electric car — of the thousands of automobiles already on the road, almost 40 percent of them, were electric. Another 40 percent were steam

powered, and the remainder were powered by gasoline. Interestingly, McKinley had been the first President to ride in an automobile not long before – but that was a steam powered vehicle, which did not impress him, stating that he felt the car and its occupants could be blown to bits at any moment.

By 1902, an electric car set the world speed record at 104 miles per hour when Walter Baker took his electric "Road Torpedo" out in Ormond

Beach, Florida. Thomas Edison took great interest in the electric car, patenting a nickel-iron battery in 1901, and improving it significantly in 1908.

By 1912, there were almost 40,000 electric cars on the road in the United States. That same year, Charles Kettering invented the electric starter. The starter also helped the gasoline-powered car, since one of the disadvantages of gasoline engines was that the user had to hand crank the engines to start them.

However, between the electric starter and Ford's implementation of assembly line techniques in their factories, gasoline-powered cars became cheaper and more convenient (cheap Texas oil didn't hurt either). By the mid-1920s, most of the electric

vehicle companies had folded or been sold – for instance, in 1923, Milburn sold out to General Motors.

Including the electric starter, early electric cars brought several innovations to the automobile industry:

1894 – Krieger in Paris, France develops "regenerative braking," which allows captured brake energy to be stored in a battery and help power the motor.

Porsche Mixte 1901

1897 – First car with power steering is an electric car

1898 - Porsche's Lohner Electric Chaise is the first front-wheel drive car

1901 – Porche builds the first hybrid vehicle, the Lohner-Porche "Mixte"

There has been a lot written about why electric cars never caught on after the 1920s. Until the birth of the modern hybrid and all-electric vehicles, progress stalled, despite interesting efforts like the 1966 Chevrolet Electrovair (yes, an electric Corvair). Some of it was politics, some of it was market forces, and no doubt some of it was due to the efforts of those who stood to gain the most from the continuance of the internal combustion engine.

Am I ready to go all-electric? Not even remotely. I'm an avid motorcyclist, and I have a tractor and mower to manage acres of grass at the farm. What I do support is continued research and development. Maybe someday there will be something cost effective that also meets my needs – just not today. During decades where the electric car was at its popular peak, competition resulted in innovation – it fires the imagination to wonder where that innovation could have taken us had it survived those long intervening years.

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







'Snow Business'

Deck the halls with boughs of showtunes, because last year's popular holiday review, *There's (Still) No Business Like Snow Business*, is back on the Fort Salem Theater stage with familiar faces and fun new songs, running December 2-4.

There's (Still) No Business Like Snow Business performs Friday, December 2 (7:30), Saturday, December 3 (7:30), and Sunday, December 4 (2:00).

All tickets can be purchased online 24/7 at www.FortSalem.com, or by calling the Fort Salem Theater box office at 518-854-9200.



For Kids (and Their Parents, Grandparents and Teachers)

It's about giving thanks

Shirley Renauld Journal & Press

On with our holiday celebration time of year, Hallo-thanks-mas. For the second part, we best look to our Native Americans Through time, they lived close with nature and continually expressed their thanks for it. Since they were storyTELLERS, we are thankful that eventually their language was written and translated for us, as in "Giving Thanks" by Mohawk Chief Jake Swamp which includes English as well as their written Native language. A few years ago Chief Swamp came to the South Meetinghouse in Easton and planted a tree of peace to symbolize all things living peacefully together and giving thanks.

Lessons were taught through stories. In the message from Chief Seattle, "Brother Eagle, Sister Sky", (as in The Lorax?) we are taught about living in harmony with nature, as "if you cut down a tree, plant one to replace it" as at tree farms. Or at least leave enough trees to drop seeds to grow more, as our foresters help us do by marking trees to save during timber harvests. "Folktales of Native Americans" records their stories and is illustrated with only outlines so you can also use it as a coloring book. "Turkey's Gift to the People" tells us how animals were saved during the Great Flood and that Turkey saved seeds within its feathers for planting after the flood. If they couldn't explain scientifically how something came to be, they created stories/fables/legends about it. "The Legend of the Indian Paintbrush" tells of the young artist painting outside who stuck his paintbrushes in the ground for the night and what he found when he woke up. You can make up a story about how something in nature came to be. As you tell it, use some drumming and shaking of seeds to accompany it. And, yes, tell, not read, in the true Native American way--and have your audience in a circle so everyone is the same distance from the "fire's warmth" everyone is of equal importance. We can hear local Abenaki Joseph Bruchac at his storytellings, accompanied by his drum and flute. In the meantime, we can read stories he has written.

Whether it was the first immigrants and the Wampanoags or our recent immigrants and us today, whether it was as we grew up and learned, we all started by watching, copying then doing, using body language before we could understand each other verbally. The Pilgrims learned to grow the Three Sisters (maize with beans to climb its stalks and squash/pumpkin to grow around its base) with seeds from the Wampanoags, to hunt for deer, wild game, waterfowl, to collect seafood, to know what wild plants



were good to eat, including for the first Thanksgivings. The Pilgrims shared their garden vegetables, invited the Wampanoags for a multiday gathering of thanks at harvest time, probably Oct. It was a picnic--no home could fit them all! Children played running and throwing games (the forerunner of our football?). After a break time, they did not gather for dessert because there were two problems: No wheat was grown and you know that it takes flour to make dough. Also, sources of sugar did not grow there. They didn't eat the ripe red cranberries that floated to the top of ponds (If you taste a raw one, you will understand why!) (And why do they float? When you cut one open you see the air spaces. Is that like you as you fill your lungs to float?) (Uncle Mike who lives across from a cranberry bog/pond sees far less floating this year and the bog's water is low because of the low rainfall. Plan to pay more for your cranberries for sauce and juice this year.) So it was back to more meat vegetables Wampanoags and Pilgrims. But as more explorers came and found sugar cane growing farther south and as more immigrants came, moved Westward and planted wheat, there was finally dessert. Aren't you glad? What will you help to make? Do you like to use the crust leftovers, cover them with cinnamon sugar to bake for a crunchy

As we did when we were young or as we learned a foreign language, Native Americans and immigrants began with speaking and listening to learn from each other's cultures. Then we learned to read and write; how did you learn? The printing press had already been invented by Gutenburg in Germany, so there were books for the Pilgrims to bring with them to teach their children to read, as did the continuing immi-

grants, while communicating orally with Natives. Through time, as immigrants, now considered Americans, understood the Natives, they wrote the oral stories in English. They illustrated them with reality and with dreams that were part of the Natives' lives, too. Have you ever made a Dreamcatcher? Use a grapevine wreath that you made and wrap it with string or yarn so it will allow the good dreams to come through but capture the bad dreams. To help the flight, hang feathers from it, with beads on them as Natives did. Of course, hang it near the head of your bed to get only good dreams.

People have long drawn to communicate and record. Indigenous/Native drawings done long ago have been found. Did your mother save some of your first drawings? People painted portraits before there was photography so we know what people looked like and how they dressed.. Folklife artists recorded everyday life: Grandma Moses painted about rural life. For this time of year we look at "Catching the Turkey" and "Thanksgiving Day". Her great-grandson, Will Moses, continues to paint in her style. We can visit his Mt Nebo Gallery in Eagle Bridge, next to the house on the farm where Grandma lived and facing the landscape that she painted. It is a museum to view his original paintings and prints as well as a shop where we can buy them as well as books, note cards and jigsaw puzzles made from his paintings. Later, local artists Cate Mandigo, Richard Salls and even some of Jacob Houston's paintings are in this folklife style, We watch for their local shows. Folkart shows work being done, as well as children's play: Nature's material,. mostly wood, were used for making toys. Have you ever spun tops, played dice, played a whistle, used a Jacob's Ladder...? Slate was used

before paper for schoolwork, for Tic, Tac, Toe and other games (They didn't have a phone like you!) Can you make continuous Cats' Cradles with string around your fingers? Use corncobs you saved to make "darts": Break each in half and push feathers into the soft centers. Shoot through a grapevine wreath hoop that someone holds in an outstretched hand and arm (a fore-runner of basketball?). Hope you saved husks for cornhusk dolls, too. Children learned hand crafts in the shop and in the house: woodworking and tool use; sewing, knitting, crocheting... What opportunities do you have to learn them? Make plans while your generations are together at this time. There was family singing and dancing with "Pa" playing the fiddle. In the Little House books, Wilder tells us about life in these times. Adding illustration to the song "Over the River and Through the Woods", Lydia Child creates a book to show an urban family traveling by sleigh with alternate pages showing the rural grandparents preparing for their arrival for Thanksgiving (With all the snow and solid ice for skating, does it also show us about climate change?) Traditionally, we watch "Charlie Brown's Thanksgiving", updating the travel to a van and Grandma living in a condominium.

A day visit could be to the Norman Rockwell Museum in Stockbridge MA. Many of Rockwell's paintings show us the humorous side of everyday life. For this time of year he illustrated the family at the Thanksgiving table and the Four Freedoms for which to be thankful: Freedom of Speech and Worship, from Want and Fear.

Through time, all these celebrations were about the harvest, giving thanks, family and sharing. Pres Lincoln proclaimed the last Th of Nov as the National Thanksgiving

Auditions for FST's 'Spring Awakening'

Warm up those vocal cords, Fort Salem Theater has announced auditions for their upcoming production of "Spring Awakening!" The musical primarily features singing actors who appear 16-20 years old, plus two non-singing adult roles. Auditions are to be held December 5th and 6th, 2022 from 6:00PM-9:00PM, scheduled in 5-minute audition appointments made at www.FortSalem.com/auditions.

Based on Frank Wedekind's groundbreaking and controversial play, Steven Sater and Duncan

Sheik's brilliant rock score and searingly emotional book take the story of sexual awakening, youth revolt, and self-discovery into a new century. It's 1891, and grown-ups hold all the cards. Headstrong Melchior and naive Wendla stumble into each others' arms, passionate and curious, while anxious Moritz struggles to live up to the stringent expectations of society. With only each other for guidance, this group of young men and women travel the fraught and rocky path of adolescence, discovering their bodies, their minds, and themselves along the way. An electric, vibrant celebration of youth and rebellion, Spring Awakening fuses issues of morality, sexuality, and rock and roll into a story that packs a powerful emotional punch. The Tony Award-winning musical contains mature content.

The popular musical is directed by Brian Clemente, who makes his Fort Salem Theater debut with the production. Clemente has a BA in Theatre and English Literature from SUNY Geneseo, and an MFA in Theatre Directing



from Stony Brook Southampton. Recently, his work in the Capital Region has included "A Little Night Music," "The Glorious Ones," and "The Wild Party for Schenectady Light Opera Company," and "Erma Bombeck: At Wits End" for Curtain Call Theater. Professionally, he served as Assistant Director for Stephen Hamilton on the American Premiere of "Angry Young Man" at Urban Stages in New York City, and for the Guild Hall production of "All My Sons" starring Alec Baldwin and Laurie Metcalf.

Performers are asked to prepare approximately 1 minute of any Broadway or pop uptempo song that best showcases their voice. An accompanist will be provided, and performers are asked to bring sheet music in the appropriate key. Singing from the show is welcome, but not required. Cold readings from the script and a dance call will be offered at callbacks. Those unable to attend in-person auditions should submit a video to Kyle@FortSalem.com no later than Thursday, December 1.

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holiday. It continues with us now. What will your Thanksgiving be like: what will you eat, who will gather, what will you do? Not all of us will eat turkey: There are no turkeys in most of the world where immigrants come from, so they eat their cultural foods. Only as we became "Americanized" did we roast turkeys. Perhaps your family does not eat any meat. We have not become a "melting pot"; we keep our cultural traditions and individualized preferences as we contribute to make our nation strong. How do you help with the preparations? Even ahead, have you helped with the firewood supply? the preparations for family animals? Have you saved table decorations to reuse? For more: Cut the tops off those last little pumpkins to make holders for dry plants and any last flowers. The flower of the season seems to be the hardy mum. Make a large paper "Thank You" turkey for family members (or make one for a community office) to write on the tail feathers what they are thankful for--or make a playdough body with colored popsicle stick feathers to write on. Thinking ahead: pot amaryllis bulbs now for holiday blooms and gifts later.

Perhaps you help with dinners at a mission or other community place to prepare food for those who need. As you work and eat, you all share stories--another occasion to ask questions and add to your knowledge of family history. To be sure, you will watch the days' parades to see the traditional and new balloons, floats and marching units. With much enthusiasm, you will watch the football games. But make sure you get outside to play, visit those with no family (or invite them to join yours). You could join

the Fort Miller Turkey Waddle. It's the tenth year they've done this walk, run or waddle along the three-mile course through the historic hamlet including on bridges over the canal. Start at the Meetinghouse at 9:00 and end there for a snack (can't spoil your appetite!). Proceeds of the free-will offering go to benefit a medical cause.

All lights are welcome now that darkness comes earlier. Most enjoyable are the colored ones. Is it too early to put up your outdoor lights? Ten years ago the Greenwich Chamber started a Lighted Tractor Parade. Yes, it honors our agricultural area, but soon the whole extended community got involved and now it's more than just lighted tractors. How will you participate and enjoy: decorate, be on a float, be involved in an on-the-ground event such as offering free hot cocoa and mittens at Centenary. Look for the tractors+ that continue as seasonal decorations when they return to their farms. The Holiday Lights return to the Fairgrounds this year. Enjoy as you get snacks there and ride through the displays in your car or are pulled by their tractor. Shop at the Holiday Market, too.

The Hindu Festival of Lights in Oct already started our holiday season. Traditionally each display is a line or arrangement of clay bowls, each "lamp", containing a light. To make your own, use more of your clay and keep working it to form small shallow bowls. When dry, paint decorations on the outsides. At celebration time, place a light in the lamp, perhaps having it float. As with all open flames, remember to not leave them unattended for safety's sake.

Then on to prepare for more celebrations with lights...

Catholic churches update

Sunday Mass at Holy Cross Catholic Church is at 8:15 AM, St. Patrick's celebrates on Sunday at 11:30 AM, and Immaculate Conception in Hoosick Falls is Saturday at 4 PM and Sunday at 10 AM. Morning Mass is cancelled the weeks of November 21 and 28 at Holy Cross. Visitors are always welcome. You are encouraged, but not required, to wear a face mask in Church.

St. Patrick's KofC will also be hosting a Chili and Corn Bread dinner on Friday, December 2 for 4 - 6:00 PM at the parish house. The cost is \$12 and is eat in or take out. Proceeds will go for repairing the slate roof on the parish barn.

The Dioceses of Albany is coordinating a series of Hope and Healing Masses in each of the seen vicariates. The purpose is to acknowledge that each person experiences trauma, abuse or grief at different points in their life. Many suffer in silence. The goal of the Diocese is to assist all who struggle, to offer God's healing presence and to provide mental health support and resources for those who may need them. Please join for the Hope and healing Mass in the Adirondack Vicariate on Sunday, November 30 at 10:30 AM Mass at Blessed Sacrament Church, 7 Goodman Ave., Bolton Landing, NY 12814. Afterward members of the Team will be available to talk as well as local counselors and mental health professionals. More information is available at www.rcda.org/hopeand

A virtual presentation by Zoom is available offered by Rev. Richard Fragomeni, Priest of the Diocese of Albany, on Wednesday, November 30, 2022 from 2 to 3:30 PM. To register go to webpapps.rcda.org/Parish Faith Formation/. Please register by November 28. Fr. Fragomeni will lead people in a reflection that will nourish Advent waiting and deepen participation in the Eucharist. For questions please call 518 453 6670.

Young adults are invited to "Good News & Cold Brews" a diocesan young adult social event and presentation on Wednesday, November 16 at 7 PM at St. Michael the Archangel, 80 Saratoga Ave., South Glens Falls. Attendees MUST register at forms.gle/rc3BhuvLXUD8H7mt6 or contact thomas.cronin@rcda.org.

The food pantry is in need of food items for the holiday table, as well as peanut butter, jello, pancake mix, pumpkin pie filling. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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

.-Submitted by Rose Mary Sheffield

Humor Hotel

It's time to get some tattoos

Greg Schwem

Special to Journal & Press

I recently turned 60, a milestone accompanied by physicians telling me my various aches and pains are most likely the result of...existing.

Pain in the top of my left foot recently sent me to a doctor who diagnosed a partial stress frac-

"What caused that?" I asked, struggling to put my shoes on. "What did I do?"

"You don't have to do anything" he replied, as if his last 20 patients had asked the same question. "These things can just happen to someone your age."

Ouch. Literally and figuratively, ouch!

Sensing my confusion, he offered a partial explanation.

"Stress fractures are often the result of active lifestyles."

Fellow sexagenerians, take note. Pain and suffering are your rewards for trying to stay healthy. Now go lay on the couch immediately and crack that fourth beer. Doctor's orders.

I also am struggling with memory, an affliction that comes with age but one I will remedy with the help of recent Pennsylvania senate winner John Fetterman.

One of the most hotly contested, and entertaining, races this November pitted Fetterman, the Keystone State's lieutenant governor, against (loudly clear throat) DOCTOR Mehmet Oz. The latter was hilariously mocked on social media recently after airing an ad blaming President Biden for the rising price of crudites (aka little carrots). Fetterman, meanwhile, suffered a stroke midcampaign, raising questions about his health and fitness for the job.

Fetterman's forearms also have become a source of scrutiny, specifically, his multiple tattoos. Fox windbag Tucker Carlson called them "silly" and "a costume" while former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, (R - Yeah, he's still alive), seized on Fetterman's no longer visible "I Will Make You Hurt" tattoo. Gingrich somehow equated the phrase to heroin and the notorious Crips street gang in another comical tweet.

Seeking to put his ink to rest, Fetterman explained the meaning behind his tattoos in various media outlets. Most, he said, are calendar dates marking the day someone died violently while Fetterman was mayor of Braddock, Pennsylvania. Fetterman said the dates are reminders of the crime-ridden country he hopes to change if elected senator.

Thankfully, I don't personally know of anyone who met a violent death. But I could use a permanent cheat sheet on my body. So, in the event I summon the nerve to visit a tattoo parlor, I am compiling a list of "reminders" I can refer to in moments of confusion:

My computer login password. True, I don't have the body space to list ALL of my passwords. But this one at least gets me initial entry into the system that holds the rest of them.

11-27-93. I won't divulge the exact meaning behind the date, but I was wearing a rented tux that day and a minister was involved. Also, my wife could become angry if I ever forget it.

24-12-36. It's my first junior high locker combination and a reminder that, while I struggle to remember the date I was married, I still proudly recall inane information like this.

The name of my first pet. No longer will I get locked out of my online bank account after five failed attempts.

My bank's phone number. You never know.

The warranty expiration dates on every major household appliance I own. When somebody points to it and says, "What does that one mean?" I can say, "It means it's time to buy a new refrigerator!" Then I can easily log into my bank account and determine if I have the funds to afford

Finally, "Elton John, 1976," a reminder of the first concert I ever attended. Considering the 75year-old Rocket Man just performed at the White House and will continue packing stadiums until calling it quits later this year, it's a testament to doing what you love for as long as you feel like it. I plan to do the same with my current career.

After that, maybe I'll retire and continue to live an active, healthy lifestyle.

I had better leave some space on my arm for a crudite tattoo.

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

11 TV explorer with a monkey named Boots

12 Hygienist's request

19 Photographer Goldin

26 Crossing the pond, say

27 Pronoun-shaped gird-

29 Emmy winner Cicely

31 Anti-traffic org.

37 Challenge: soft drink promotion

39 Shake in fear over

41 With 66-Down, nest

40 Series of dates

34 Crying need

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13 Can really play

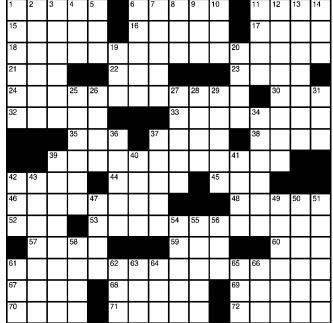
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Coila Crossword

(solution page 22)



THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME!®

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

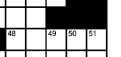
The letters of these crazy words are all mixed up. To play the game, put them back into the right order so that they make real words you can find in your dictionary. Write the letters of each real word under each crazy word, but only one letter to a square.

THE CRUSTACEAN WAS IN A BAD MOOD AND BEING

Color me

Now you're ready to solve today's Jumble For Kids. Study the picture for a hint, Play around with the letters in the circles, You'll find

you can put them in order so that they make your funny ans



37 "I'll skip it" 38 Noodle output? 39 Equine sprinter

Across

6 "Ditto!"

11 Qatar's capital

16 B's equivalent

17 Iridescent gem

21 Two after epsilon

22 Full Sail offering

30 Bill collection?

35 NBA official

32 Diva's numbers

24 Completed in haste

23 "Rats!"

33 Stalls

1 Toronto Raptors president of basketball operations __ Ujiri

15 Largest members of the dolphin family

18 2010s sci-fi crime drama starring Michael Emerson

- 42 Leave speechless
- 44 "Silly me!"
- 45 Discouraging words 46 NBC drama with two pronouns in its title
- 48 Brass in parades 52 Name that's also a Ro-

man numeral 53 Pull-and-peel food item

- 57 Dresden denial 59 Castle queenside, in chess notation
- 60 "Atonement" author McEwan 61 "Start at the begin-ning," and a hint to the four other longest Across
- answers
- 67 Smoothie berry
- 68 Traffic cop? 69 More loyal
- 70 Ping-Pong supplies 71 Kids
- 72 Showing one's claws, so to speak

Down

- 1 Fuel-efficient bikes 2 Playground rebuttal
- 3 Prescription, to a layperson?

- 7 Did in
- 8 Whom Clay became 9 Fellow
- 4 Remote batteries 5 Prefix with metric
- 6 Take to task
- 10 Wednesday kin

9 to 5 by Harley Schwadron



egg option 42 Cardinal letters 43 Metaphor for a treacherous situation 47 Ain't right? 49 Lebanon's capital 50 How flatware is usually sold 51 Guard at the gate 54 Time being 55 "We Got the Beat" group 56 Trig. ratio 58 Goddess with cow's 61 Ceiling fixture 62 Big bang letters? 63 Mare's meal 64 Really bug 65 Consumer protection

66 See 41-Down

Acrostic

By Frank J. D'Agostino (solution page 22)

Find these words that are associated with nursing.

Aide

Care

Assist

Neonatal Nursing Office Operating

Charts

Exam

Fever

Gauze

Hospice

Manager

Midwife

Pediatrics Pulse Records Rehab Reports Rooms School Scrubs Tests Therapy

Room

Vaccine Ward Weight Wound

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

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From the Stacks

What are we reading?

Book recommendations from the staff at Greenwich Free Library

A Flicker in the Dark by Stacy Willingham

Thriller

I have read a lot of psychological thrillers, and when I sav a lot...I mean a lot! Psychological thriller is my genre of choice, and when my book club pitched this debut novel I knew this would be right up my alley.

Chloe Davis is twelve years old when six teenage girls go missing in her

Louisiana home town. By the end of the summer Chloe's dad has been arrested as the serial killer, leaving Chloe and the rest of her family to face the harsh truth of their father's actions. Chloe's mom becomes distant, her brother stays connected, but only adds more stress to her life. Fast forward twenty years: Chloe is a psychologist in Baton Rouge getting ready for her wedding. She is a mess, self-medicating with drugs and alcohol. When local teens start to go missing again in her town, her terrifying past comes crashing back and haunts her daily life. Is she paranoid, or is there a copycat killer targeting a girl who was last seen by Chloe?

A Flicker in the Dark kept me guessing the entire time. This novel was hard to put down, and the story is filled with twists and turns. I found myself getting absorbed deeper and deeper with



every single chapter. I give this novel five stars and look forward to reading Willingham's new book All the Dangerous Things, coming out in January 2023.

-Emily Gates

Labor Day and The Good Daughters by Joyce Maynard

Popular fiction

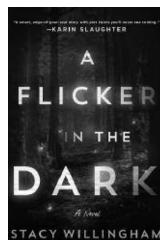
I was listening to a podcast about author Joyce Maynard which led me to search out her novels, starting with Labor Day. Events that happen over the holiday weekend set the stage for the rest of the book. A prison escapee named Frank hijacks a depressed woman and her teenage son from a discount store, and hides out with them at their home. Henry, the boy, learns valuable life lessons from Frank. As we get to know the well-developed characters and their stories, we learn to suspend judgment. It is a heartwarming and quirky story about friendship, betrayal, hope, and

Maynard's The Good Daughters investigates the lives of two very different families. The families met in the hospital at the birth of two girls on the same day, creating their unusual connection over the years. Each of the chapters is narrated alternately by one of the birthday girls. I found all the characters to be interesting and engaging. Pretty early on, we have suspicions of what hap-

pened but how it happened is the mystery. Maynard brings you into the families with her vivid descriptions recognizing the complexity of relation-

ships, yet keeping a warmth and understanding toward the individuals.

> -Marge Maxwell



All the Ruined Men by Bill Glose **Short Stories**

All the Ruined Men is a beautifully crafted series of stories linking the members of a squad who served in Iraq and Afghanistan from their last days in the country to their difficult adjustment to everyday life at home.

Glose's prose is haunting and completely engaging, intermingling the trauma of war experiences with the challenges of jobs and relationships, contrasting

the comradery and intensity of battle to the need to be useful in a society that has no use for these retired soldiers' expertise. I found this to be a quick read and hard to put down.



-KC Scott

She Who Rides Horses by Sarah Barnes **Historical Fiction**

She Who Rides Horses takes place in an improbable time around 6,000 years ago in the Steppe region of what I think is Mongolia. Clans migrate from summer pastures to warmer winter ones, hunting, among other animals, wild horses. The main character is a young girl who has a vision in which she rides one of the horses, a horse to whom she has a sort of telepathic connection. There is a lot

of plausible everyday life and drama in the story, and it is evident the author is knowledgeable about horses. A summary at the end chronicles the research of the book. Part one, so we can look forward to more. An easy and fun read, especially if you are a horse lover.

-KC Scott

SARAH V. BARNES

TAGE OF THE ANCIEST STEPPE

The Colony by Audrey Magee Literary Fiction

Multiple meanings of "colony" apply to Audrey Magee's compelling and lyrical novel. A small group of isolated people; an even smaller group of artists; occupation by a foreign government, where traditional culture is suppressed: Magee's re-

mote island off the west coast of Ireland contains all of these. That I know those meanings of the English word "colony" and cannot speak a word of my ancestors' native language (unless we count sláinte) is the problem at the root of Magee's story. It's 1979, and teenage Séamus, who goes by James, lives among three generations of Irishspeaking women far from the sectarian violence destroying lives throughout the Republic and

Northern Ireland. James finds a mentor in an English painter, resists the influence of a French linguist, and does whatever he can to avoid the fate his lineage and geography would put upon him, that of becoming a fisherman. Magee explores the intersection of art and language and how both shape identity. A coming-of-age story of selfdiscovery and disappointment, and a powerful investigation of imperialism's lasting horrors and resentments, The Colony is riveting and beautifully written. -Sarah Murphy

Frizzy by Claribel A. Ortega, illustrated by Rose Bousamra

Graphic Novel

I was immediately drawn in by the young girl with the enormous hair on the cover of Claribel Ortega's new middle grade graphic novel. Ortega's young protagonist, Marlene, has been

taught by bullying classmates to hate her own hair, and the constant messages, including from her own Dominican family, about the importance of straight, shiny, "good" hair haven't helped either. This charming story serves as a haircare instruction manual



for those blessed with thick unruly curls, and a window for the rest of us into the harm that appearance policing does, particularly to girls and women of color. The book also features realistic and touching family dynamics that will appeal to any reader.

-Sarah Murphy

Pugtato Finds a Thing by Sophie Corrigan

Picture Book

Picture books are my jam. Every week for story

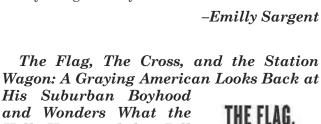
time I absolutely love picking out what we will read. Pugtato Finds a Thing, a picture book that plays on words, is a new favorite of mine. I initially came across it in one of my son's Scholastic book fair booklets. Every time one

comes home in his backpack I excitedly flip through the pages and check out all the newest picture and chapter books. We don't always order (because you can always go to the library!) but this time Pugtato caught my eye.

Pugtato is the story of...well...a Pugtato. If you can picture a pug that looks like a potato you got it! Pugtato finds a shiny, swirly thing and falls in

love. He wants to show his best "spuddies" and goes on a journey meeting each friend and showing them his new shiny thing. Along the way he meets friends like "tomatoad" and "brussel snouts" and while each friend wants to check out the thing ultimately Pugtato ends up keeping it. A wonderful, witty picture book about friendship, patience, understanding, and caring. See what sort of surprise awaits Pugtato at the end when he finds out what his new shiny,

swirly thing actually is!



Memoir

McKibben

True confession: I am an ardent groupie of Bill McKibben's. I have read most, if not all, of his books and have heard him speak countless times. I first discovered McK-

Hell Happened by Bill

THE CROSS, and STATION WAGON Wonders What the Hell Happ BILL McKIBBEN

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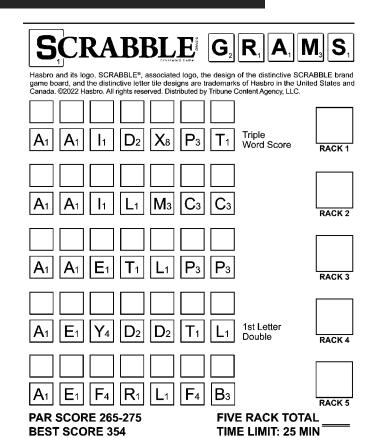
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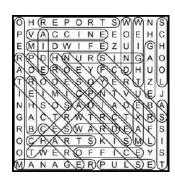
Boggle: ARGO CRASH ROCKY CHICAGO TITANIC PLATOON

Jumble: ENJOY AGILE TARTAR CASINO Final: "CAR-NATION" Kid: SKY CAKE BORN BUZZ — "CRABBY"

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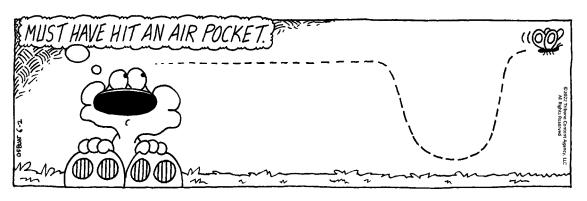


Salem Sudoku

(solution below)

5	8	1	6	7	2	4	9	3
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9	6	2	1	3	7	5	4	8
8	7	5	4	6	9	2	3	1
4	1	3	5	2	8	6	7	9
1	5	4	7	8	3	9	2	6
7	2	8	9	1	6	3	5	4
6	3	9	2	4	5	1	8	7

Animal Crackers by Fred Wagner



Gasoline Alley by Jim Scancarelli



The Middletons by Dana Summers







Broom Hilda by Russell Myers



Through the Decades

Charges of bootlegging, a hotel fire

Kaylee Johnson Journal & Press

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

120 Years Ago November 5, 1902

The strike has ended! There is a general rejoicing along the line of the Hudson Valley railway because of the fact that the strike of the employees of the road has come to an end. The agreement was reached at 9 o'clock Sunday night, and the men returned to work Monday morning after a period of idleness lasting nine weeks and two days.

100 Years Ago

November 15, 1922

Three Washington county men and three others from outside the county face charges of bootlegging, having fallen in with four state troopers and the Sheriff of Essex county Sunday on the road between Elizabethtown and Schroon Lake. The officers were in ambush on the road about five miles from Elizabethtown, and were able to capture the first car, a Chevrolet Roadster, after a short chase. Following the Chevrolet came a Buick Roadster, which was also captured without much trouble

90 Years Ago

November 2, 1932

The Gates Hotel at Schuylerville, owned and operated by Harry H. Millett, was gutted by fire early this morning, with a loss estimated at \$30,000. Mr. Millett, his family, and several roomers in the hotel escaped, scantily clothed. They lost nearly all of their clothing and personal belongings.

The hotel, a three story frame building, is joined on either side by other frame structures, and it appeared probable that the whole row would be swept by flames. Accordingly, a request for aid was telephoned to this village and the motor pumper, manned by several firemen went over. With their aid added to the efforts of the Schuylerville firemen, who had responded to the first alarm, the flames were confined to the hotel building.

70 Years Ago

November 5, 1952

Exceeding not only the fondest hopes, but the wildest expectations of the most ardent Republican supporters, General Dwight D. Eisenhower was swept into the office of President of the United States yesterday in a victory reminiscent of the landslide by which the Democrats gained control of the federal government twenty years ago. The general not only won almost all of the small and large states in the north, but he cracked the solid south, a feat which has not been accomplished by a Republican candidate since 1928.

40 Years Ago

November 4, 1982

Halloween weekend was marked with restraint and caution in area communities. The number of trick-or-treaters were generally down from previous years and many were accompanied by parents or teenagers. Police in Salem, Greenwich, and Schuylerville report few arrests.

"We had no problems with Salem High School students this Halloween. Most of the problems from people on Halloween night came from people beyond high school age."

30 Years Ago

November 12, 1992

The Greenwich Board of Education recognized The Greenwich Journal and The Salem Press for school and community service by proclamation at Monday night's regular November meeting. The weekly newspaper, celebrating its 150th year of publication, was cited for its "commitment to quality educational opportunities for all children of the district."

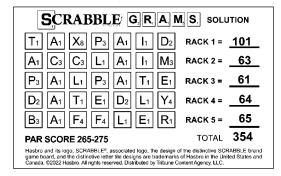
Board President Jeanne Burns presented Culver Tefft, vice-president of The Journal-Press, a plaque engraved with a proclamation.

10 Years Ago

November 15, 2012

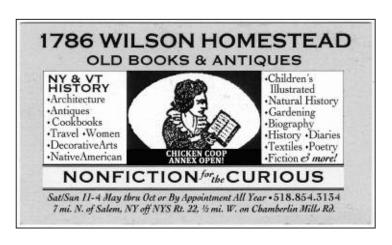
Eldridge Wayne Searles, formerly of Middle Falls, and now a regular resident of two European countries, called the office of The Greenwich Journal and Salem Press late last week from one of those countries, Germany. He told us about a book he has published, "Poetic Visions from My Soul."

Wayne is the son of Bernice Searles and the late Eldridge S. Searles. He grew up in Middle Falls and attended Greenwich Central School. He joined the Army Reserve 1983 and served for the next four years while living in Florida, Michigan, and New York. He then went into active military service for seven years, during which time, he lived in California, and for six of those years, in Germany.



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