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## Comprehensive plan

**The town and village of Greenwich are working together to map a future.**

In their own words, Greenwich Village Mayor Pam Fuller and Greenwich Town Supervisor Jim Nolan tell us recent steps their municipalities have taken to finally update the area's comprehensive plan, after nearly two decades, and also tell us next steps.

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## Santa Claus is here!

Santa and Mrs. Claus made their first appearance at last month's annual Holiday Lighted Tractor Parade, and now Jolly St. Nick – sometimes with his beloved spouse – will be visiting several other local events.

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# 'Mindfulness' at the Greenwich Library

"Mindfulness for Health and Healing" with Michele Ruland will take place in the Community Room of the Greenwich Free Library on Saturday, December 10, from 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

A study published earlier this month in JAMA Psychiatry found what many who practice meditation already know: techniques such as mindfulness-based stress reduction can help decrease anxiety as well as some medications do. Those experiencing anxiety or those who simply want to learn more about existing in the moment are invited to the Greenwich Free Library's upcoming workshop on mindfulness and meditation.

About the workshop: During the workshop, adults and young adults will learn about mindfulness in everyday life and about the formal practice of meditation. Everyone will have the opportunity to practice while Michele guides a mindful movement exercise and also narrates a sitting meditation known as a Body Scan that requires participants to sit quietly for approximately 20 minutes.

What is Mindfulness? "Mindfulness is awareness that arises through paying attention, on purpose, in the present moment, non-judgmentally," Jon Kabat-Zinn, PhD,

creator of the Stress Reduction Clinic & The Center for Mindfulness in Medicine, at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center. From the introduction to Kabat-Zinn's "Wherever You Go, There You Are: Mindfulness and Meditation in Everyday Life," "Meditation is simply about being yourself and knowing something about who that is. It is about coming to realize that you are on a path whether you like it or not, namely, the path that is your life. Meditation may help us see that this path we call our life has direction; that it is always unfolding, moment by moment; and that what happens now, in this moment, influences what happens next."

About Michele Ruland: Workshop leader Michele Ruland is a psychotherapist who has been meditating for decades. She holds a Master's Degree in Social Work from Hunter College, is licensed by NYS as a Clinical Social Worker and has worked in mental health for over 30 years. Michele is also a graduate of the Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction Program (MBSR) offered by One Roof in Saratoga Springs. In her current position as a psychotherapist, Michele supports her client's health and healing by teaching mindfulness and meditation practices.



Michele Ruland

The workshop will be limited to 20 participants. To register, email [grn-director@sals.edu](mailto:grn-director@sals.edu), call the library at 518-692-7157, or visit [www.greenwichfreelibrary.org](http://www.greenwichfreelibrary.org) to reserve a spot.

## Granville bazaar

Hicks Orchard, located at 18 Hicks Rd in Granville, NY, will be offering a free Children's Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, Dec. 10 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. This event will feature more than 20 vendors offering homemade crafts and gift items for children to shop for their loved ones for the holidays. Items will range from \$1 to \$10 with free gift wrapping available.

Special guests include Santa and Mrs. Claus and kid-friendly animals. The Barn Store will also be open for fresh apple cider donuts, hot drinks and other great goodies. For more info call (518) 642-1788.

## Historical book club

Washington County Historical Society's local history book club will meet from noon until 1 PM on Friday, December 9, at the Folk Life Center, Crandall Library, 251 Glen Street, Glens Falls. The club usually meets on the second Friday of the month in Fort Edward. Historical Society membership is not required.

The December meeting of the book club will be discussion of the impact of Grandma Moses on art in America. The topic is in conjunction with the Folk Life Center's current exhibit. On display are works by five artists from Warren and Washington County who paint in the style of Grandma Moses. The special exhibit runs through December 31. Participants may read any book on Grandma Moses whose real name was Anna Mary (Robertson) Moses. All are urged to view the paintings before attending the session. The exhibit is open to the public during all library hours.

The January session will focus on the life of Mathew Brady, photographer, born in Warren County. Future sessions of the club will include books about the larger Adirondack area as well as some works by local authors. The proposed list of topics includes Ulysses Grant's final days at Mount McGregor; Benedict Arnold's building of the first Navy in Whitehall; and the impact of Shay's Rebellion on our area. For additional information, email Connie Harris Farrington at [connieandree@roadrunner.com](mailto:connieandree@roadrunner.com).



Mathew Brady

## Lions and Tingley

The public is welcome to attend the Greenwich Lions Annual Holiday Guest Night on Thursday, December 15th at the Greenwich Elks Lodge, Route 40 South. Social hour begins at 6 p.m., Dinner at 7 p.m., followed by guest speaker Ken Tingley.

The former Glens Falls Post-Star editor will address the Lions, guests and public following dinner. He has recently written two books related to the newspaper industry. "The Last American Newspaper" and "The Last American Editor" are available locally in book stores in Cambridge, Saratoga and Glens Falls.

For information about the dinner and to make reservations to attend, call President Craig Roods 518-692-2613. Reservations must be made on or before Friday, December 9th.



## Christmas concert

The Old Saratoga Reformed Church, 48 Pearl Street, Schuylerville, will again be hosting the Annual Community Christmas Concert on Sunday, Dec. 4 at 3 p.m., featuring several choirs, musical groups, and congregational carol singing. A free-will offering to benefit the Caring and Sharing Program will be taken. Refreshments will follow the concert. The sanctuary is handicapped friendly.

## Daughters to meet

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas of Greenwich, Schuylerville and surrounding communities, Court 396, will hold their next meeting at Fisher Hall at Notre Dame Visitation Church on Dec. 1 at 6 p.m. They will review upcoming events and accomplishments of charity and unity. Potential members are always welcomed to attend. Call Regent Lois Patrick at 518-401-5503 for further information.

# Annual Lighted Tractor Parade recap

**Samantha Simmons**  
Journal & Press

The Village of Greenwich has started reeling in the holiday season with their 10th Annual Holiday Lighted Tractor Parade.

The parade brought in 70 tractor applicants that took part in the event, closing with Mr. and Mrs. Clause in a sleigh sharing their joyous smiles with the record crown the event held.

Liv Thygesen, President of Greenwich Chamber of Commerce said the team who put the event together put their "heart and souls" into planning the event.

This year, for the first time, there was a photo opportunity with Santa and Mrs. Clause held before the parade's kick-off.

To plan for this event, meetings start in July and continue throughout the fall season to ensure a great time for all those in attendance.

On the day of the parade volunteers could be found in the Village all day with drills and screws setting up tents and ensuring final touches were done to perfect the parade and tractor set ups. Among the physical set up of floats and tables, the afternoon was spent lining up tractors ensuring they were where they needed to be for a smooth ride.

With the events dependance on volunteers, the Chamber of Commerce made sure to especially thank them in an email that went out sharing the success of the event.

The 60 sponsors of the event also played a huge part in making the event the best it has been from providing the horse drawn wagon rides to portable restrooms and more.

The day encompassed pre-parade events like selfies with Santa, Disney princesses, horse drawn wagon rides, music in the park and an after party after winners were announced.

Some floats had interactive attractions like bubbles and candy while others had live music and moving parts, and even livestock making the trip around the Village.

Thygesen said some of her favorite parts of the parade is the smile on kids' faces and the

"family comradery" that reverberates throughout the community on nights like this.

Judges tallied their scores after the parade finished and wreaths were awarded to tractors in their respective categories. The list can be found below:

## BEST IN SHOW

- 1st - CaroVail
- 2nd - Tiashoke Farm

## BEST GGCC MEMBER ENTRY

- 1st - Battenkill Community Services, Inc.
- 2nd - Andrews Builders LLC

## BEST USE OF LIGHTS

- 1st - Eastern Hay Company LLC
- 2nd - Our Little House on the Hill Family Farm

## MOST CREATIVE

- 1st - Betterbee
- 2nd - Saratoga Regional YMCA, Battenkill Branch

## BEST ANTIQUE TRACTOR

- 1st - Disabled American Veterans
- 2nd - United Ag & Turf NE

## BEST SMALL TRACTOR

- 1st - Kelly & Sellar Ryan PLLC
- 2nd - Van Donegan Farm

## BEST MUSICAL ENTRY

- 1st - Greenwich Family Dentistry
- 2nd - Argyle Brewing Company



## BEST FLOAT

- 1st - Tony's Dance Crew & Friends
- 2nd - Lynn's Country Cafe

One family viewing the parade said every year they have been there has been a great turn out of participants and viewers and that you can "feel the love" between families and their neighbors as they all awe over the parade.

Most of the tractors here were from local businesses but there were a few participants who had traveled from Queensbury and Rensselaer to participate in the parade.

## Starry, starry Schuylerville

Downtown Schuylerville businesses will light up their windows with bright displays featuring a star as a centerpiece throughout the month of December as part of the month-long Look to the Star Light festival.

Look to the Star Light celebrates the holiday season and the Winter Solstice on December 21, which brings with it the longest night and the shortest day of the year. Stars in different forms are significant to many cultures and religions around the world and can symbolize renewal, happiness, and positivity. Looking to the stars can also be a means of commemorating loved ones who have passed, and as a space for wishing for a bright future.

This year the festival honors the late MaryAnna O'Donnell, founder of Saratoga Gluten Free Bakery, who planted the seed for this special "bringing in the light" tradition in Schuylerville. As we Look to the Star Light, we remember MaryAnna and the peace and light that she brought to our community and our world.

Look to the Star Light will kick off on Fri-

day, December 2 at 6:00 pm with Schuylerville Community Theater's 11th annual Memory Tree Lighting Ceremony on the front lawn of the Town of Saratoga building. Visitors may then walk down to see the brand new "Schuylerville Winter Star" at the downtown green (next to Amigo's Cantina).

On Saturday, December 17, all ages are invited to participate in Schuylerville's Winter Star Light Sing. The Schuylerville Public Library will host a free, all-ages lantern-making and decorating workshop from 1:30-3:00 pm followed by a gathering led by Hudson Crossing Park and Rural Soul Music Studio at 3:30 pm at the Gateway Visitor's Center on Ferry Street/Reds Road, where all will set out with lanterns in hand to sing for "starlit" small businesses.

Schuylerville community members are encouraged to place luminaries outside businesses, places of worship and homes to bring in the light on Saturday, December 17 and again on the Winter Solstice, Wednesday, December 21. Please set them out by 4:00 pm and keep them lit until 9:00 pm. If using lit

candles remember to check on them frequently.

All are invited to participate in the Look to the Star Light fun by voting for their favorite window display during December by scanning the barcode on any "Celebrate the Winter Season in Schuylerville" poster, which can be found posted in participating businesses. Casting a vote enters the participant into a drawing to win a gift certificate to Bound by Fate Brewing or Kickstart Cafe and awards the most popular window the same.

Watch for other special events and offerings throughout the month of December to Celebrate the Winter Season in Schuylerville and stay connected through the Schuylerville Community Conversations and Schuylerville Community Council Facebook pages.



# Greenwich committee gathers input for new Town/Village Comprehensive Plan

**Pam Fuller**

*Mayor, Village of Greenwich  
and*

**Jim Nolan**

*Supervisor, Town of Greenwich*

The Town and Village of Greenwich have joined forces to develop a proposed Town/Village Comprehensive Plan to replace the 2004 Town Comprehensive Plan. While the Town plan has been in place since 2004, this will be the first comprehensive plan for the Village. The Village and Town boards agreed that, considering the intersection of the two municipalities, it doesn't make sense to create a Village plan independent of the Town plan. The Village and Town worked together on the Department of State BOA designation last year and found that they worked very well together.

The comprehensive plan planning process started with the formation of a committee. The group includes Town Supervisor Jim Nolan, Village Mayor Pam Fuller, Town Councilman Tom Graves, Village Trustee Maria Robinson, Town Planning Board Chair Bill Tomkins, Jon Mattison, and Peter Viele.

This committee is working with LaBella PC, a consultant group who has facilitated several successful grant-seeking efforts and projects for both the Town and the Village. During two meetings, they began the process by developing a SWOT analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) as well as discussing demographics and economic data for the two entities. The process produced agreement on the priorities that the committee feels should be incorporated into the final plan.

The committee decided to hold two public events to get input from citizens of the Village and Town, and they decided to include young people as well as the usual adults who participate in public events.

In order to accomplish the goal of hearing from young people, they planned an event in Greenwich Central School high school. Dawn Slater, who teaches AP Government, agreed to allow the team of Labella consultants and the Supervisor and Mayor take over her class on November 15<sup>th</sup>. Students broke up into four groups, all addressing the same set of questions about their feelings about Greenwich and their vision for the future.

After each small group had a chance to discuss the questions, they developed summaries to present to the class. The results were:

## Strengths

- Safe, strong sense of community
- Nice place to grow up
- History/historic buildings on Main Street
- Local Events (Whipple City Days, Halloween Parade, Lighted Tractor Parade)
- School system
- Library
- Parks as well as hiking and natural areas
- Well-maintained homes

## Weaknesses

- Not much to do/places to go (need to leave town for them)
- Lack of diversity in local business types
- Empty or underutilized buildings
- Lots of auto parts stores



- Sidewalks in poor condition
- Not very dog friendly (no dog parks)
- Difficulty for small business to survive
- Narrow roads/parking on both sides making driving and biking difficult

## Opportunities

- More opportunities for younger people/teens (single-screen movie theater, bowling alley, basketball courts, or teen friendly café)
- Invest in the park system and better advertise/mark parks
- Swimming pool at the YMCA
- Off-street parking
- More community events
- Dog park
- Streetscape improvements at the southern end of Main St. and Mill Hollow
- Businesses marketing to young people

## Threats

- Big box stores
- Larger trucks coming into downtown Greenwich
- Speeding vehicles
- Too expensive

The second event took place the evening of November 15<sup>th</sup> in the Greenwich Elementary School gym. Approximately 40 community members participated. The purpose of the meeting was to provide an overview of the Comprehensive Plan process, review preliminary findings, and get public feedback on core plan topic areas: housing; parks and recreation; and agriculture and open spaces. Participants spent about 20 minutes discussing each of three focus areas.

A summary of the ideas that the group generated confirms some of the same ideas that previous planning processes have generated, but it also includes new ideas that didn't appear in older plans, reflecting developments that have emerged in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

## Housing

- Short-term rentals (STRs): participants felt there were not too many in Greenwich, with our lack of hotels and inns. They are benefits to local businesses, and participants are open to a permitting process, but not supportive of addi-

tional regulations.

- Future Housing Development: participants felt that future housing development should be focused along the Route 29 commercial corridor (close to amenities) with a particular interest in mixed-use, townhouse, apartments, and senior housing along the corridor. Village housing should be added where possible.

- Extending water infrastructure is needed to support housing development along the corridor.

- Participants preferred that housing be concentrated/not sprawled throughout the community.

- Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU): participants were supportive of ADUs, which are currently permitted in the town but not identified/regulated in the Village code. ADUs/barn conversions should be permitted in the Village.

- Senior Housing: participants universally felt that senior housing is a high need and stressed the importance of locating housing near amenities/services.

## Parks and Recreation

- Most participants are unaware of all the parks and recreation facilities available.

- Several participants noted that they are sometimes worried about trespassing when visiting some parks due to lack of signage clearly stating that areas are public, not private property.

- Many participants feel that parks are underutilized due to lack of awareness, signage, and general maintenance of trails.

## Waterfront

- Several participants noted that existing waterfront access points are difficult to find and many people only know of them through word of mouth.

- Participants said better maintenance of existing water access points should be added if possible.

## Hayes Reservoir/Thunder Mountain

- Most participants said they would like to keep the Hayes Reservoir/Thunder Mountain area accessible for recreation. Several participants said they go to the property to mountain bike. One participant rides her horse there.

- Some participants noted that timber and logging operations may negatively affect recre-

# Coila and other churches pack shoeboxes

In September, The Coila Church Operation Christmas Child committee (Barbara Haight, project leader, Nancy Thompson, Heidi Davis, Annabelle Haight, Mattison Carpenter, Isabella Dow and Gabby Hackman) provided pre-printed shoeboxes for members of the congregation to take home and fill with gifts for children ranging in ages 2-14.

Coila Church congregants “adopted” 97 shoeboxes. Fellow believers from the Shushan Methodist/Presbyterian church “adopted” 11 pre-printed shoeboxes and fellow believers from The Holy Redeemer church “adopted” 21 shoeboxes to fill with gifts.

In November, the Coila Church Operation Christmas Child Committee hosted a packing

party for congregants to pack additional shoeboxes from the loose items donated by the congregation throughout the year. Fifty-five additional shoeboxes were filled.

This makes a grand total of 184 shoeboxes to be delivered to children around the world by Samaritan’s Purse Operation Christmas Child project.



## ‘Birds of a Feather’ to be staged at ACC

For Jarel Davidow, discovering “Birds of a Feather” was love at first read. The SUNY Adirondack adjunct professor and artistic director of Lake George Dinner Theatre is directing the college’s production of the play, which is inspired by “And Tango Makes Three,” a children’s book by Peter Parnell and Justin Richardson.

The show opens with a performance at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 1, and runs nightly through Saturday, Dec. 3, with a 2:30 p.m. matinee Sunday, Dec. 4, at Charles R. Wood Theater, 207 Glen St.

“It’s based on the real-life story of two male chinstrap penguins at Central Park Zoo who adopted an egg, hatched it and raised it,” Davidow said. “It’s a funny play, and a beautiful play about love in all its forms.”

While looking for a script with flexible casting to fit the number of students in this fall’s Rehearsal and Performance class, Davidow stumbled upon “Birds of a Feather.” “The more I read

it, the more I fell in love with it, and the students love it, too,” he said.

The cast includes Alisia Renteria as Paula Zahn, Gay and Wanna-Be; Nova Nusskern as Roy, Pale Male, Bombshell, Betty, Gayer, Bored, Teen Tango and Chastity Wright; Trinity Graves as Silo, Lola, Bombshell, Porky, Gayest, Preening and Grown-up Tango; Willow Greene as Zookeeper; Eldon Hassler as Richard Cohen, Fat-Cat Senator and Man in Coveralls; and Gavin Beadnell as Birder.

This is the fourth production Davidow has directed for the college, beginning with “Biloxi Blues” in 2019; the ill-fated “Almost, Maine,” which in 2020 was never performed because of the pandemic; and last year’s “Five Women Wearing the Same Dress.”

Students performing in a professional theater setting is a great experience, Davidow said. The participating students help build the set and run the board. “For some students, it’s their first play

and they’re very nervous, for others, they have done quite a lot of work in theater,” Davidow said. “We’re going to have a great production; I can’t wait.”

SUNY Adirondack alumna and adjunct theater instructor Johnna Maiorella is producer of “Birds of a Feather.” The college offers theater classes, including Acting I and Playwriting.

Tickets are \$14 for general admission; \$10 for seniors and non-SUNY Adirondack students; \$12 for SUNY Adirondack alumni and military; and free for SUNY Adirondack students, faculty and staff with their college-issued IDs. To purchase tickets, call 518-480-4878 or visit woodtheater.org.

A pre-dinner show is offered at Seasoned, the student-run restaurant at 14 Hudson Ave., on Thursday, Dec. 1. A four-course dinner is \$26.95 for adults and \$18.95 for children ages 12 and younger. Cash bar available. Reservations: [www.sunyacc.edu/seasoned/reservation-request](http://www.sunyacc.edu/seasoned/reservation-request).

## (cont.)

ational opportunities at the Hayes Reservoir property. Some participants seemed open to sharing the space with timber and logging operations if an agreement is in place to maintain recreational access as the site’s primary use.

- A few participants seemed interested in starting a volunteer organization to help develop and maintain a trail system at the reservoir property.

- A few participants mentioned that competing uses on the trails will need to be managed.

### Access and Connectivity

- Most participants were very interested in developing a trail system to connect parks and recreational areas to each other and the Village downtown. Some ideas for connections include developing a trail on the unutilized railway from the Dunbarton Mill site to the Empire State Trail and the Hudson River

Park/Hudson Crossings Park area.

- A trail from Hayes Reservoir/Thunder Mountain to the Battenkill Riverside Park.

- Pedestrian bridges and connections from Rock Street Park to Main Street.

- Recreation as an Economic Development Tool

- Many participants were interested in using recreation to attract visitors, particularly bicycle tourists on the Empire State Trail.

- Participants supported the idea of adding branded maps and business directories at popular recreation sites along with branded wayfinding throughout the Town and Village.

### Agriculture and Open Space

- Legacy of farming: Where will the next generation of farmers come from? On the positive side, Amish farmers are buying small farms for growing crops, raising livestock, and using sawmills to create lumber and wood products.

- Participants noted the challenges to maintaining the economic viability of farming.

- Agriculture lands are the dominant landscape and help portray the image of Greenwich as a farm community.

- Participants are concerned about solar installations impacting the landscape as well as contributing to the loss of agricultural lands.

- Greenwich is fortunate to have a wide variety of agricultural uses and a wide variety of support mechanisms for agriculture: people

mentioned Agricultural Stewardship Association and Cornell Cooperative Extension.

- The Greenwich community is supportive of the agricultural community, celebrating with the Tractor Parade and the Washington County Fair.

### Other

- Participants noted the need for the Comprehensive Plan to evaluate existing infrastructure and recommendations for improvements/expansions.

- Participants noted the need for the Comprehensive Plan to provide economic development recommendations and also address the implications of cannabis-related businesses.

- The Comprehensive Plan Committee will hold another public input session in the spring. As draft documents are developed, they will be shared by placing them on the Town and Village websites.

*The Comprehensive Plan Committee appreciates the input provided by Greenwich High School students and the general public. The goal of working together to develop a comprehensive plan to guide us in the future is ongoing. Anyone who would like to add their ideas and thoughts to the planning process should contact the Mayor or Supervisor.*



## Legion b’fast

Old Saratoga American Legion Post 278 will be serving breakfast on December 4th from 9 to 11 a.m. Serving pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon and sausage, milk, orange juice, coffee and tea. Adults \$10; children 6 and under \$5. Takeout or eat in. The address is 6 Clancy Street, Schuylerville. Any questions, please call (518) 695-3011, Tuesday through Sunday after 12 noon.

# An ode to OTB this holiday season

**Darren Johnson**  
*Journal & Press*

There are no more OTBs in New York City, and while there are some Upstate and on Long Island, they are pretty dingy at this point, and much less trafficked. After all, one can legally bet the horses on a phone.

As well, there are so many other legal sports betting options now.

But there was one OTB one Thanksgiving that helped cement my interest in newspaper writing, and maybe this holiday season, you'll find an equally quirky place to check out.

In case you don't know, OTB is Off-Track Betting. Essentially, a gambling parlor with lots of TVs, and you can bet on races all over the country. OTB was started in 1971 in this state. Gambling-addicted Oscar on the early 1970s TV show "The Odd Couple," when he wasn't betting through a bookie or at the actual track, would go to one of these. Later, in the 1990s, on "Seinfeld" we see Elaine and Kramer visiting one.

But a few years ago, New York City closed their OTBs. Elsewhere, I still see the antiquated, fading signs for them in small towns off of winding secondary highways; often the single-story buildings look to be in need of repairs. Haphazardly mowed lawns with lots of weeds.

There always was a seedy side to these places. Even the sitcoms mentioned above picked up on that. They also were a place for political hacks to get jobs; carry some Republican or Democratic petitions and, if your candidate wins, maybe you'll get a job at one of these places, if not the Board of Elections. It's cynical, but it's how the world works; and who cares about that, right? I don't.

So how did OTB change my life?

Well, like Oscar, I've been a journalist who doesn't shy away from placing the occasional wager, and I was in college when my journalism instructor gave the class the assignment to write a Thanksgiving story over the break. Do something different, he'd hoped.



"The Odd Couple" at an actual track

I was studying on Long Island, but home was Upstate, well west of the Hudson, and trips there became more and more frustrating over time, as what was once a somewhat operational family had fallen into disarray, divorce, alcoholism, drugs and wild swings of emotion, usually negative. College had become my safe haven, and my buffer zone was mile-marked by at least a half dozen Roy Rogers restaurants along the New York State Thruway.

After a pretty depressing Thanksgiving – I'm sure there were some verbal if not physical altercations; perhaps someone was body slammed over an amber Pyrex of stuffing on a folding "kiddie" table – I can't remember exactly which dysfunctional holiday this was – they all blur into one bad memory over time – I remember how it had gotten dark out so early, and I still had to do my journalism assignment.

As became typical for me when home, I just quietly slipped out and drove around in a beat up boat of a car, and, equating placing bets as a way to let off steam, saw that shining light for the hometown OTB. The signs were newer and brighter then, the stucco facades yet to warp and crack.

Surprisingly, there were a lot of people in the OTB this Thanksgiving. And that became my story. Getting facts about the type of people who had nothing else to do but go to a dingy gambling parlor on a holi-

day. Most were older. Some were alone. Some weary couples bickered. Many were just dollar bettors, letting off steam, like me. They closely studied their racing guide or a newspaper, quarterfolded, made notes on them with ballpoint pens or those little blue with gold lettered customized OTB golf pencils.

I can't find that story now, so many years later, but remember I'd gotten some colorful quotes, and my professor ended up very impressed, raising an eyebrow. "This is very good," he said, perhaps surprised, because I also was a chronic truant back then and often missed his class.

It taught me that I feel most comfortable around people who lack comfort, that I can be one of them, and get their stories without poking fun. I've never been accused by the people I cover of being an elitist or exploiting them. I learned that journalism can be colorful and interesting, too.

Perhaps this holiday season go somewhere different, off the beaten path, partake, and appreciate people who often aren't appreciated.

Happy holidays from me to you.

And, I got a tip – bet the 4 horse at Aqueduct in the 5th. It's a sure thing.

*Darren Johnson keeps busy making this newspaper, and another and teaching some college courses. Contact him at editor@journalandpress.com.*



## 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.

**GCS Holiday Craft Fair**





**Date:** Sunday, December 4  
**Time:** 10am - 3pm  
**Place:** 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](mailto:stironi@greenwichcsd.org) for more information!

# Everlasting Lights display returns 12/4

The Everlasting Lights display is back, shining in rows behind Greenwich Town Hall.

Organizers and highway department volunteers were setting up the trees as of press time.

Fifty trees, reserved by families to honor loved ones who have passed, will be lit at 5 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 4. The names of those being remembered will be read. Students from Greenwich Central School and Boy Scouts Troop 27

are also expected to participate.

The trees will remain lit through New Year's Day.

The trees have been a tradition in Greenwich since 2001, led by former town clerk Elaine Kelly, who also was helping set up the trees last month.

Judy Patrick and Jen Sharp are again organizing this year's event.

Families reserve the trees for a \$50 fee and then decorate them. Each has a card saying whom the tree is dedicated to. There is usually a waiting list, but every year some turnover, so you may want to get on the list for next year now if supporting a tree in remembrance of a loved one interests you.



Last year's setup included (L-R): Jen Sharp, Hunter Bullard, Joe Bushong, Ken McPhail, Stanley Mattison, Bill Wilbur, Nick Casey, Elaine Kelly and Judy Patrick.

"It really is a whole community event," Patrick said.

Follow the group's Facebook page here: [www.facebook.com/GreenwichEverlastingLights](http://www.facebook.com/GreenwichEverlastingLights).

## Now repairing video game consoles

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Bulger (CFC) spearhead the effort in Greenwich. Sammy Cohen's in Schaghticoke prepared



the meals and assembly and distribution took place at the Greenwich Elks Lodge 2223. (Photos provided by Molly Abate. Yes, we see the kid who likes to do that rabbit thing. Hey, it's for a good cause, so no harm.)

# Fuego Sonoro to offer free concert

A live concert by Fuego Sonoro will close out a Fall 2022 concert series at Hudson Valley Community College that featured an eclectic mix of musical genres. The final concert will be held at noon on Thursday, Dec. 1, in the Bulmer Telecommunications Center Auditorium on the Troy campus. The hour-long event is open free to the public; no reservations or tickets are required to attend.

A newly-formed group, Fuego

Sonoro features four well-known local musicians who teamed up to present the early sounds of Latin America, from Brazilian choros (sometimes called Brazilian ragtime), rhumbas and calypsos from the Caribbean islands, to the classic bossa novas of bygone eras.

The group is Jonathan Greene (clarinet), Jon Suters (guitar), Jason Ennis (guitar) and Brian Melick (percussion), all multi-talented and in-demand musicians. The four

spice up a beautiful blend of melodies and percolating rhythms with inspired improvisation to create a sound that is fresh and classic at the same time.

For more information, please contact Debby Gardner at [d.gardner@hvcc.edu](mailto:d.gardner@hvcc.edu) or (518) 629-8071, or visit [www.hvcc.edu/culture](http://www.hvcc.edu/culture). The concert series is presented by the Cultural Affairs Program.



## Obituary

# Shirley Ann Loyd Anthony, 78

Shirley Ann Loyd Anthony, age 78 of Wake Forest, NC, passed away November 18, 2022, after a 12-year fight with kidney disease. She was born to Tommy and Irene Zetzman Loyd October 18, 1944, in Roscoe, Texas and is survived by her brother Ronny Loyd and wife Jodi of Houston, TX; her daughter April Anthony and husband James of Durham, NC; her son Scott Anthony and wife Andrea of Schuylerville, NY; daughter Allison Anthony of Wake Forest, NY; son Trent Anthony and wife Melanie of Galway, NY. Shirley loved spending time with her eight grandchildren and held each within hours of being delivered: Cor Anthony of



Cambridge, NY, Kendall Anthony-Busbee of Asheville, NC, Maxwell Anthony of Burlington, VT, Gabe Anthony of Saratoga, NY, Connor Anthony and Caitlin Anthony of Saratoga, NY and Marco and Emi Ortiz of Wake Forest, NC. Shirley was also survived by her nephews Daniel Loyd, Frank Anthony and Steve Anthony and niece Dana Leary.

Shirley grew up in Lubbock, Texas tap dancing, playing with their dog Blackie and attended Monterey High School. A Suma cum laude graduate from the University of Albany, SUNY with a degree in Political Science, Shirley worked for the Capital District Women's Employment and Resource Center after college. Her career included owning the Calico Trunk, a fabric store below Hubbard Hall, Cambridge, NY, Executive Director of the Hospice of Washington County, Cambridge, NY and Office Manager of the Good Shepard Lutheran Church, Raleigh, NC.

Shirley was an avid gardener and loved her

dachshunds, reading, canasta, photography, cooking, baking and music (Queen, Joe Cocker, Bill Withers, Jerry Riopelle, Harry Nilsson, and Jimmy Cliff). She was a supporter of the arts and helped create the non-profit Hubbard Hall in 1977 in Cambridge, NY, an opera house built in 1878. She joined a group of women to build a script fit log cabin in Searsburg, VT. She was also a longtime volunteer with Home Made Theater in Saratoga, NY. She was courageous, strong, funny, caring and always there for her children, grandchildren, and friends. Shirley was a huge democrat and a feminist. She loved the beaches in Maine and Ragged Lake, NY.

The family thanks all of the many caretakers over the last few years as well as friends and family for their generosity. A private memorial service will be held in 2023 at the family's cabin in the Adirondacks. Donations can be made in honor of Shirley Anthony to the Hubbard Hall Center for The Arts and Education Annual Fund Donation Form 2023 ([neoncrm.com](http://neoncrm.com)) or Home Made Theater AudienceView Professional ([ovationtix.com](http://ovationtix.com)).

## Holiday festivities

The Cambridge Historical Society Museum at 12 Broad St. in Cambridge will be joining the Christmas festivities in Cambridge on Friday, December 2nd from 6-8 p.m. There will be refreshments, beautiful decorations and the usual "singing around the piano."

The winner of this year's raffle of a beautiful handmade quilt will also take place. Come in from the cold and enjoy an old-fashioned holiday gathering.

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## The world's most perfect food: Tater Tots

**Greg Schwem**

*Special to Journal & Press*

Hey foodies! Pop quiz. Name a morsel that pairs equally well with red or white. A side dish that would be the hit of any dinner party even if the pretentious host were serving some unpronounceable main course featuring ingredients acquired from the Indian Ocean four hours ago. A piece de resistance with a taste that cannot be altered whether it is served in a silver chafing dish or on a paper plate.

No, it's not bacon. But it goes with bacon. As I just mentioned, it goes with EVERYTHING.

Behold ... Tater Tots.

The oval combination of potatoes, vegetable oil, corn flour and assorted chemical additives retained its "all around perfect food" title at a recent college football tailgate I co-hosted. As a longtime tailgate host, I ask only that my guests bring something other than themselves. Stop at the convenience store two minutes from the stadium for a bag of chips? Fine. Arise at 3:30 a.m. to slow cook ribs which you will bring to the 6:30 p.m. tailgate, along with your collapsible smoker? Also, fine.

As a result, my food table is a mish-mash of dips, junk food, desserts, sandwiches and casseroles. Some items would hasten a coronary incident via a simple whiff. Others are plant-based, gluten-free, dairy-

free, soy-free, and, with apologies to the chefs, flavor-free.

One hour into a recent tailgate, after most of the food had been arranged — I use that word loosely — a guest arrived with Tater Tots.

His contribution included no fanfare; let's do a collective eye roll as we recall the annoying dinner party guest who arrives late and excuses her tardiness by stating her marrow roasted Brussel sprouts needed more simmering after she added some extra malt. Annoying guest spends the evening's remainder interrogating other guests with subtle lines like, "You tried my Brussel sprouts, right? What did you think?"

For the record, I hate Brussel sprouts and always will.

The Tater Tots provider did no such thing. His tots arrived in a Tupperware container, which he placed between the salsa and the vegan chicken wings. Grabbing a beer, he mingled among the other guests, but his anonymity was short-lived.

"WHO BROUGHT THE TOTS?" someone yelled, loud enough for participants from a nearby tailgate to stop eating their crawfish etouffee and glance jealously in our direction.

"Me," the tots chef replied, taking another sip of his beer.

"Awesome, dude!"

Once word had circulated, other guests quickly migrated to the food



table, anxious to partake before the morsel had disappeared. Luckily, the tots chef had planned accordingly; step one of his recipe was, "Stop at Costco to purchase two industrial sized bags."

As the tailgate was winding down and kickoff approached, a homeless man stopped by, asking for a monetary donation. Instead, my co-hosts offered him food. Hearing the conversation, I meandered over to participate.

Slightly embarrassed, he surveyed what was left of the spread as we listed the items. "We have seven-layer dip, pasta salad, smoked mac and cheese and some mini burgers," I said.

"Uh, that's OK," he replied and began walking away.

"Oh, and we also have Tater Tots."

The man did an about face.

"Tots? Well, all right then."

Using tongs, he speared about a dozen, placed them onto a paper plate and walked away content, popping individual tots into his mouth via his fingers. Another beauty of Tater Tots? No utensils required.

As my co-hosts and I disassembled the tailgate, we marveled at how such a simple food item could bring so much joy to so many. We recounted our own infatuations with Tater Tots. Mine extended back 40 some years to middle school, where the cafeteria menu always featured tots, no matter what nose-curling main course the lunch ladies had concocted that day. Ditto for high school. When I attended my 30-year reunion, the buffet spread included multiple trays of tots, satisfying our cravings for nostalgia AND sustenance.

And the best part? Tots do not, and will never, contain Brussel sprouts.

*Greg Schwem is a corporate stand-up comedian and author of two books: "Text Me If You're Breathing:*



*Observations, Frustrations and Life Lessons From a Low-Tech Dad" and the recently released "The Road To Success Goes Through the Salad Bar: A Pile of BS From a Corporate*

### Saratoga Seniors

The next meeting of the Olde Saratoga Seniors will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 7 at noon at the Town Hall, Spring St., Schuylerville. It will be a sandwich meeting. Money for the upcoming Christmas luncheon will be due. Guests and new members are always welcome. Contact Pat Temple, 518-338-2329 for more information.



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## Easton tree trimming

The Friends of Easton Library invite the children of the community and their caregivers to gather at the Easton Library on Saturday, December 3rd at 2 PM to kick off the holiday season.

The children of story hour are making a paper chain to trim the tree at the library. Please join us to help decorate our tree with ornaments, listen to a holiday story, sing holiday songs, and enjoy goodies, and picking from the raffles. We even hope to get a visit from a surprise guest!

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



## Santa is coming!

Santa is coming to Greenwich!! The Annual Greenwich Breakfast with Santa event will be held on Saturday, December 3rd, 2022 from 7:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. at the Greenwich Elks Club on Route 40 in Greenwich.

Santa is due to arrive again this year by fire engine courtesy of the Greenwich Fire Department at approximately 8:00 a.m. The cost is \$7.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under 10 – tickets are available at the door. The breakfast is a family style pancake breakfast cooked by the Greenwich Elks Club.

Children will have the opportunity to see Santa, create Christmas cards, and write and send Christmas Lists to the North Pole. Attendees can also purchase a picture taken with Santa or make their own holiday crafts. The FFA will again this year have centerpieces and wreaths available for sale. New

this year will be the addition of the Greenwich Central School Pre-K Singers.

The event is sponsored by the Greenwich Women's Service Club in association with the Greenwich Central School District's FFA, FBLA and National Honor Society Clubs, and the Greenwich Elks. The proceeds from the event will go towards Operation Santa and local Community projects.



## Two Bottskill events

It's "Home for the Holidays" this weekend.

Kickoff the holiday season with two hometown holiday celebrations:

**Community Carol Sing:** Friday Dec., 2nd from 7-8pm at the Bottskill Baptist Church, Greenwich.

Featuring music by the Union Village Bell Ringers along with other special music. This is a free

community event!

**Holiday Craft Fair:** Saturday Dec., 3rd from 9am-2pm at the Bottskill Baptist Church. Get a start on your Christmas shopping and support local and regional craft vendors. Grab a bite to eat with friends, lunch items will be available for sale. A variety of Smith Orchard's frozen pies will also be available for purchase.

## Holiday baskets

Argyle Town Supervisor Bob Henke announced that, after a COVID hiatus of three years, the Argyle Youth Commission is going to hold their very popular Holiday Basket Raffle this year.

The basket raffle is a community-based event for the benefit of the Argyle Youth Commission. This year there will be over 100 baskets to choose from. Doors will open at 11 AM at the Argyle Central School on December 3, 2022. The school is located at 5023 State

Route 40, Argyle, NY. Admission to the event is a non-perishable food item that will be donated to the Argyle Food Pantry.

Raffle tickets will be available for purchase along with lunch items, drinks, and desserts. It is a great event to meet friends, have a bite to eat, and socialize as well as having the chance to win all sorts of community-produced items in bountiful baskets. More info? Call (518) 638-8681- ext. 10.

## Standout students

Greenwich Central School announced the awardees of this past month's "Standout Student Award" for the junior high school.

The students are (L-R): Ian Laird, Samuel Dixon, Eisley DuBois, Taylor Stewart, Sebastian Clark, Desirae Griffin and Keely Vooris.

Each was awarded a certificate of accomplishment and a free Stewart's Ice Cream coupon.

The school said in a statement: "Teachers of these students were able to witness first hand the exemplary effort, achievement, integrity, and kindness offered by each of these young people each and every day. They are extraordinary role models for their peers, and provide many beneficial qualities to bolster our strong school community. They should be proud of what they represent and deserve heartfelt congratulations."



## Tithing to Comfort Food

Since January 2022, Holy Redeemer Anglican Church has given a monthly tithe to local, national, and international organizations. The July 2022 tithe went to the Comfort Food Community, based in Greenwich.

A check of over \$475 was presented to Devin Bulger, Food Manager for the pantry, by Bobbie Stevens, a member of Holy Redeemer and Rev. Fr. Matthew Baker, Pastor of the church.



Sunday services are held at 10 a.m. in the Chapel at the St. Mary's Convent. The group welcomes newcomers. There are two Bible Studies available. At 10:30 a.m. at the Convent and another at 6:30 p.m. at a member's home (call 518-955-5424 for details).

Their site is HolyRedeemerGreenwich.com. Email is HolyRedeemerGreenwich@gmail.com or fatherbaker@gmail.com. The church is located at 242 Cloister Way in Greenwich.

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## Thanksgiving 2022

**Michael Levy**  
*Journal & Press*

Thanksgiving is a holiday celebrated once a year on the fourth Thursday of November and has come and gone for the year 2022. Since it is day of reflection, I thought of ten things that people who live in Washington County can be thankful for. They are in no particular order and admittedly are based on my own humble opinion. Please send a Letter to the Editor if you agree or if have some of your own favorites.

### Proximity to large metropolitan areas

One can live in Washington County and commute to work in NYC if need be. I do this one day per week, leaving Greenwich around 4:45 AM to catch the 5:55 AM Amtrak in Rensselaer. I am in my office by 8:30 AM. Leaving at 4:15 PM, I make it home around 8 PM. It is a long day but completely doable. Likewise, you can drive to Montreal in about 3.5 hours if the line at the border is not too bad. It takes about the same time to drive to Boston.

### The Battenkill River

The Battenkill is a beautiful river with many covered bridges crossing its banks. The water is clean and clear which I think makes the fish who swim there smarter and harder to catch. Huge and beautiful trees are everywhere. The road runs alongside of a river allowing for easy access for canoeing, kayaking, and tubing.

### Yushak's Market in Shushan N.Y.

Ignoring that Yushak's is a purveyor of grocery items in Shushan, what makes this place stand out is it has some of the best meat products in the area. Their hamburger meat is some of the best that I have ever come across. Rumor has it that chefs from great distances come here to buy it. Yushak's hot dogs and Italian sausage are also worth the journey there.

### Hubbard Hall in Cambridge NY and the Strand Theater in Hudson Falls, NY

Hubbard Hall is a Victorian era opera house circa 1878 and the Strand is a movie house from the 1920s. Both have non-profit groups that have worked to preserve and restore these spaces. They are now venues for a variety of concerts and other performances.

### Valley Artisans Market

Speaking of Hubbard Hall, the Valley Artisans Market is in the same building and has been there since 1981. Their storefront was originally designed as a dry goods store and retains the original extinct local chestnut shelving and hardware. This is an inviting place for artists to display their work. One artist to check out is C.J. Lytle and his intricately carved birds. In 2021, the Crandall Library in Glens Falls, NY, purchased some artwork from Valley Artisans Market for inclusion in its Folklife Center permanent collection and you can purchase similar



The recent Lighted Tractor Parade -samantha simmons

works from the exact same artists.

in Salem is worth being at.

### Lewis Waite Farm

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### Hometown Parades

There are some unique and special events that are held throughout the year. The Greenwich Tractor Parade stands out in my mind. The Fourth of July parade

### Airports

I need to research this but since the deterioration of the paved runway at the Granville Airport upon Neal Hulett's passing in 2009, there is not a single paved runway in Washington County NY. As an aviator, I enjoy grass runways. Hamilton County NY brags that they are the only county east of the Mississippi without a traffic light, yet they have a paved runway located in Piseco NY. Maybe with some research to back the claim, we can one day pronounce Washington County as the only county east of the Mississippi without a paved runway.

### Motorcycle and driving roads

Washington County has hundreds of miles of great driving roads for sports cars and motorcycles. There are rolling hills, challenging corners, and many scenic stops along the way. As mentioned before, Washington County has a few covered bridges that are worthy stops.

### Amy's Country Kitchen, Cambridge, NY

On Route 22, just north of town near Cambridge Valley Livestock, is a food truck that is worth visiting. Open during the week for breakfast and lunch, except for Wednesdays when the proprietor does her shopping, and usually open Tuesday nights for the auction, Amy serves decent food at a reasonable price. Her daily specials are often spectacular. The food on the basic menu is excellent, offering a breakfast sandwich in the morning and tasty burgers for lunch. I do not know how she can sell a burger this good at the price she charges.

And there you have my ten random thoughts for your consideration this time.

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



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## Is the tech rout over?

**Jill Schlesinger**  
Special to Journal & Press

It has been almost a year since the NASDAQ Composite and the NASDAQ 100 indexes hit all-time highs. Since then, a lot has changed.

To start, the Federal Reserve got busy raising interest rates, which tends to hurt the earnings of growth companies, like those in the technology sector. Rate hikes might have been manageable but compounding the problem for the once-high flying tech sector is a simple fact: management got it wrong.

The storyline a year ago was that the pandemic had accelerated the trends that were in place: consumers, workers, and businesses were moving to a full online existence, where brick and mortar would be a thing of the past and so too would in-person experiences like going to the gym, attending concerts and events, and shopping for everything from toilet paper to cars to houses.

After cashing in on huge pandemic era profits, the leaders of many tech companies staffed up

as if the trends would continue to fuel even more profits in the future.

A year later, the once-lauded geniuses of these companies had to sheepishly admit that they had gotten ahead of themselves. In a letter that announced a 13% reduction in workforce (11,000 workers), Meta CEO Mark Zuckerberg outlined the problem that he and many of his fellow tech CEOs made: "At the start of COVID, the world rapidly moved online and the surge of e-commerce led to outsized revenue growth. Many people predicted this would be a permanent acceleration that would continue even after the pandemic ended. I did too, so I made the decision to significantly increase our investments. Unfortunately, this did not play out the way I expected."

Meta, Getir, Twitter, Lyft, Carvana, Stripe, Opendoor, Netflix, Shopify, Snap, Peloton, Twilio - along with more than 700 other companies, have laid off almost 120,000 tech workers this year, according to Layoffs.fyi. These losses are occurring amid a labor market which has added an average of

290,000 workers per month for the past three months.

So where does this leave investors in the once high-flying companies?

The NASDAQ Composite and NASDAQ 100 indexes have dropped by almost 30% from year ago high prints, and many of the biggest names are down two times that amount. That's a far cry from the end of last year when megatech firms helped boost the S&P 500 by almost 27%. In fact, tech was the biggest contributor to the S&P 500's stunning 2019-2021 more than 90% gain, the best three-year performance since 1997-99.

As a self-declared wimp when it comes to investing, that threepeat of stock performance prompted me to warn, "We know what happened after that period - the dot-com boom went bust and it took a decade for the NASDAQ to recover." To be clear, I did not have a crystal ball, but was pointing out that very little in the investment world is new or groundbreaking.

Yes, what moves markets is dif-

ferent, but the patterns remain the same. Human beings tend to get euphoric when times are good, and despondent when they are bad. It's also why a year ago, when every crypto bro made you feel like you wanted to buy Bitcoin or Ethereum, you had to remind yourself that investing is a risky endeavor.

I don't know whether the tech rout is over or if there are more shoes to drop. What I do know is that the patient investor who sticks to her game plan is usually better off than the one who jumps on the bandwagon in either direction. If that doesn't sound like advice from a self-proclaimed investment wimp, I don't know what does!

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**Daneen Skube**  
Special to Journal & Press

**Q:** *With COVID-19 still happening, the flu starting, and the economy on a wild ride, I'm not sure how to plan my career. Do I hunker down and wait till everything settles down? Do I continue to take risks to move into interesting, lucrative jobs? How do you advise your clients to make career decisions during uncertain times?*

**A:** I advise my clients that they'll always be in some kind of uncertain times. If we cannot make decisions when things aren't settled, we get stuck in career ruts. The best way to plan a successful career is create a spectrum of planning choices including best and worst case scenarios.

Grab a piece of paper and write the numbers 1-10. Underneath the number 1 write the worst circumstances you can imagine in the upcoming months. Under the word 10 write the best circumstances you can imagine. Feel free to put increasing improvements to your conditions between 2 and 9.

Now take two separate pieces of paper. On the first page, write the conditions you are most fearful you could experience and make a plan to cope. On the second page, write the best conditions and make a plan to take advantage of this opportunity.

Now comes the tricky part, put both pages in front of you and ask yourself what actions you can now take that protect you against the worst situations while still leaving you open to enjoy the best possibilities.

You'll quickly notice that you have tradeoffs with any risk you take. If you take a new job, you may be the first one laid off during a down economy. Then again for a number of months you may have expanded your skill set, and salary. If you lose that job, you still may have improved your job prospects.

Part of your decision making is to be honest with yourself on your risk tolerance. If you enjoy change, easily adapt, and pivot quickly, taking more career risks makes sense. If you can't sleep at night when anything changes, you may realistically have to be more conservative with your choices.

When we're living in uncertain times all humans long for the security and predictability of someone telling them, "It's going to be OK." However, the reality is our circumstances will only be OK if we keep our heads and make good choices. Our experience will include times when it's not OK and times when we adapted and made it OK again.

The good news is our capacity for self-advocacy is our power to make our situation OK for us. We cannot just leave our wellness up to others, the government, or our company. Anytime you're worried or fearful about your future, ask yourself what power you can bring to bear if what you fear comes to pass.

For instance, many of the companies I work with use extensive credit lines. Right now credit is expensive and no one knows how high interest rates will go. Many of my management teams are paying down credit lines and not overextending themselves because this is what they have the power to do.

At work, we can always look around and see everything we do not feel we can control and feel anxious and powerless. Instead I recommend you look around at anything you can influence or control and focus all your efforts in these areas.

Uncertainty will always be a central feature of a mortal life. However, if you can prepare for the worst and plan for the best you'll be ready to adapt for what is around your next corner.

### The last word(s)

**Q:** *Do you have a top tip you teach in your leadership classes for managers?*

**A:** Yes, surround yourself with employees who are smarter and better than you are. Then give them independence and trust their efforts!

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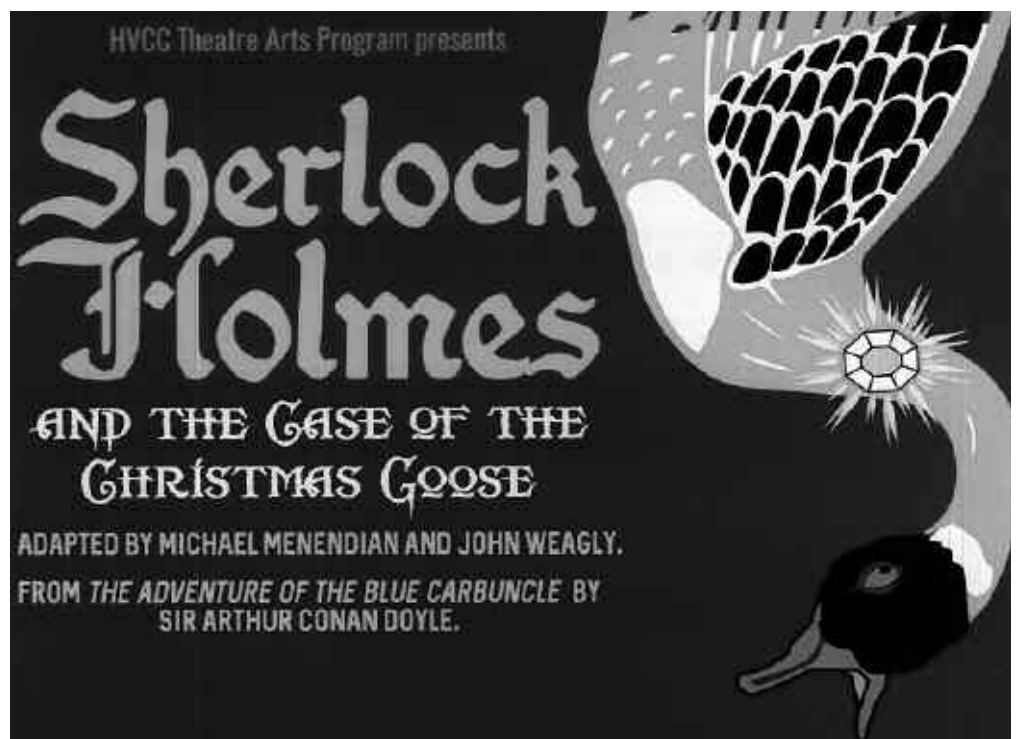
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# 'Holmes' at HVCC

The Hudson Valley Community College Theatre Arts Program presents "Sherlock Holmes and the Case of the Christmas Goose," adapted from Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's "The Adventure of the Blue Carbuncle" by Michael Menendian and Jon Weagly, on Dec. 2, 3 and 4 in the Maureen Stapleton Theatre, located in the Siek Campus Center on the Troy campus. Performances are 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and 3 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is free at all performances.

In this family-friendly holiday mystery, Sherlock Holmes is asked to discover the identity of a man who lost his hat and goose in a late-night scuffle. At first, Holmes treats the request as only a mild curiosity, but then the Countess of Morcar's rare and valuable blue carbuncle is found in the goose. The pursuit of the thief leads Holmes and Dr. Watson from 221B Baker Street to Covent Garden Market and all over the streets of wintery London.

Director is Dav Freedman, an adjunct theatre faculty member. The production is sponsored by the Fine Arts, Theatre Arts and Digital Media Department with support from the Cultural Affairs Program.



For more information, please contact Debby Gardner at [d.gardner@hvcc.edu](mailto:d.gardner@hvcc.edu) or (518) 629-8071.

## Home Made Theater casting call

Home Made Theater announces open auditions for their March/April production of "night, Mother," written by Marsha Norman. This production will be directed by Jonathan Hefter.

The auditions will be held on Monday, December 12th and Tuesday, December 13th starting at 6:30 PM at Home Made Theater's headquarters at the Wilton Mall (near JCPenney).

The cast consists of two women, ages approximately 30s-40s, and 50s-60s.

On a seemingly normal evening in a small house on an isolated country road, we meet Thelma Cates (Mama), an aging mother and widow who lives with her daughter, Jessie. Unsatisfied and depressed, Jessie struggles with life as an unemployed person with epilepsy. Jessie's father is dead. Her loveless marriage ended in divorce. Her absent son is a petty thief and ne'er-do-well. Her last job didn't work out. In general, her life is stale

and unprofitable. As the play begins, Jessie announces nonchalantly to her mother that she plans to commit suicide that night. Over the course of the evening, the two reveal long-hidden truths to one another, building towards a stunning and deeply disturbing moment—a moment never to be forgotten by those who have witnessed and come to understand Jessie's plight. Mirrored in the intensity of the house's living room and kitchen, the play takes place in real time in an urgent and desperate exploration of loneliness, secrets, and honesty. "night, Mother" is the Winner of the 1983 Pulitzer Prize for Drama and the Susan Smith Blackburn Prize, and was nominated for the Tony Award for Best Play.

Actors should prepare a brief monologue of their choice. Actors will also be provided ex-

cerpts from the script upon arrival. Please bring a current photo (cannot be returned) and resume. No appointment necessary.

Rehearsals will generally be Mondays through Thursdays evenings, starting on Monday, January 9th. Tech week begins on Sunday, March 19th. Performances are March 24-26 and March 31-April 2, 7:30PM on Fridays and Saturdays, and 2:00PM on Saturdays and Sundays (Saturday is a two show day). Performances will be at the Dee Sarno Theater, in Saratoga Arts (320 Broadway, Saratoga Springs).

### Dog trainer visits Easton

The Easton Library is proud to announce a very unique and special presentation on December 6, 2022 at 7 pm- 8 pm at the Library at 1074 State Route 40, Greenwich, NY. Brother Christopher of the Monks of New Skete, will be sharing his experience and lessons learned from years of leading the nationally known dog training program at the Monastery of New Skete in Cambridge, New York. The program has produced numerous books and has become widely recognized for its effective and humane training of dogs in its 2 and a half week obedience program that incorporates the values of the monastic environment.



Brother Christopher, the Director of Training at the Monastery program, is a long-standing Hall of Fame member of the International Association of Canine Professionals with over 40 years of experience as a dog trainer. He will talk about the Monks' history and involvement with dogs, what dogs have brought to their lives and the books that reflect their experience with dogs. He will also answer questions from the audience.

If you have an interest in dogs and dog training or merely want to know more about this special place in our local area, you will want to attend this Library presentation. Please call Easton Library at 518-692-2253 with any questions.

### Adult craft workshop

There will be a winter crafts class for adults class at the Easton Library Thursday, December 1st at 5 PM. Kaya Lin Jarrett will teach natural wreath making. Please register for this program by calling the library at 518-692-2253.

### Basket raffle

Holiday Sale and basket raffle on Saturday December 3rd from 8:00 am to 3:00pm at the Old Saratoga Reformed Church 48 Pearl St. Schuylerville, NY 12871 Selling gently used Christmas items for a donation to the church.

### 'Joy to World'

The Community Choral Society will present their annual Christmas concert entitled "Joy to the World!" on Sunday, December 11th at 3 p.m. at the Jacob's Well Fellowship Center located at 29 West Main St. in Cambridge, NY.

The 2022 concert performance will feature classic well-known Christmas songs and hymns and a mixture of gospel, jazz and contemporary songs, all with a sacred focus.

The Community Choral Society is run under the direction of Mrs. Jill Chadwick. Mrs. Chadwick is a native of Cambridge. She teaches K-6 elementary music at Cambridge Central School.

There will be a reception following the concert. There will also be baked goods available for purchase. All proceeds will benefit the Community Choral Society's 2023 season. In addition, a goodwill offering will be taken during the concert performance.

They add: "We look forward to ushering in the Christmas season with you and your families." For more information, questions or comments, please contact Beverly Collamer at 518-677-3327 or Jill Chadwick at 518-677-7070.



# When real 'fake news' sent America to war

Lance Allen Wang  
*Journal & Press*

"Please remain. You furnish the pictures, and I'll furnish the war!" replied William Randolph Hearst (1863-1951) to the famed American artist Friedrich Remington, who was on assignment for Hearst's New York Journal American in Cuba in early 1897.

America's relationship with Spain was tense at the time, and needed a mere spark set off a war. Remington was covering the slow, ongoing revolution in Spain's colony in Cuba, where Cuban "insurrectos" were fighting against Spanish forces. After being there a while, Remington finally cabled to Hearst – "Everything is quiet. There will be no war. I wish to return." Hearst's reply could not have been more honest about his intentions, as he would be just as responsible for sending American boys to war as the explosion which sank the USS Maine in Havana Harbor in February 1898.

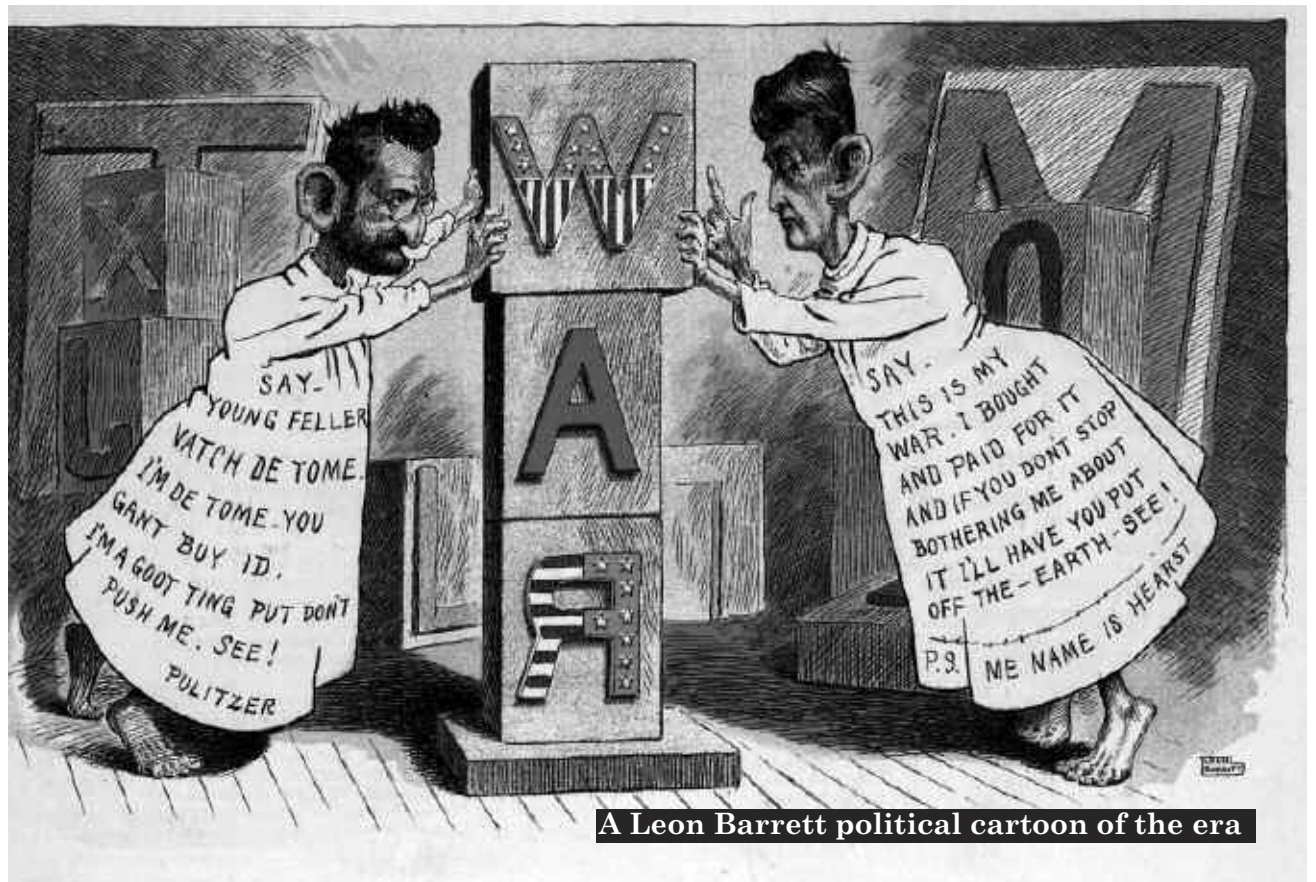
The Hearst papers were locked in a newspaper circulation war in the 1890s. Newspapers were the sole source of news at the time, and the competition was fierce. Hearst's primary rival was a Jewish Hungarian immigrant who found his way to America during the Civil War, Joseph Pulitzer (1847-1911), owner of the New York World. Back during the Civil War, a draftee could pay a substitute to take his place in the draft. Pulitzer, accepting a substitute's bounty, signed on with the 1st New York Cavalry (also known as the "Lincoln Cavalry") as a Private and served with them during 1864-65.

There was also the New York Times and relatively new Wall Street Journal, but they were both "broadsheets" (named for their large size) and focused towards, unsurprisingly, Wall Street and the well-to-do. They were not written in language for the common man, nor did they cover things which were important to him. Pulitzer had innovated when he took over the World in 1883, writing news and creating a paper that would appeal to the working classes, especially the immigrant community. There was something in his paper for everyone – they introduced comics, sports coverage, investigative reporting, and even a color section. In response, Hearst lowered his paper's cost to a penny, as Pulitzer's paper cost two cents.

However, the Hearst papers went to a greater extreme to gain circulation, utilizing techniques which would enmesh Pulitzer's paper was well. These papers (called "tabloids" to distinguish them from "broadsheets") relied on bold headlines, with the age-old editor's wisdom of "If it bleeds, it leads." As tensions grew in Cuba between 1897-98, the tabloids tried to outdo each other with screaming banner headlines. After the explosion of the USS Maine, all gloves came off, as did any sense of journalistic integrity:

February 16, 1898, New York Journal: "CRISIS IS AT HAND, 253 KNOWN TO BE LOST; CABINET IN SESSION; GROWING BELIEF IN SPANISH TREACHERY."

February 17, 1898, New York Journal: "DESTRUCTION OF THE WAR SHIP MAINE WAS THE WORK OF AN ENEMY. ASSISTANT [NAVY] SECRETARY ROOSEVELT CON-



A Leon Barrett political cartoon of the era

VINCE THE EXPLOSION OF THE WAR SHIP WAS NOT AN ACCIDENT."

February 17, 1898, New York World: "MAINE EXPLOSION CAUSED BY BOMB OR TORPEDO?"

And on April 14, 1898, the New York Journal's headline cut to the chase: "WE HAVE GOT TO FIGHT!"

The sad fact was that while tensions were high with the Spanish, there was no evidence that the Spanish were involved in the Maine's destruction. Later forensic investigation showed that the ship was destroyed by an explosion caused by a fire in the ship's coal bunker. But this was the nature of so-called "yellow journalism." Unlike today's claims of "fake news" whenever a public figure doesn't agree with a story regardless of the facts, yesterday's "fake news" was actual, well, fake news. Sensationalism was used to achieve a different end, in this case selling newspapers full of both real and contrived Spanish "outrages," stoking "war fever" and strengthening the politicians who would carry out the policies most supported by the newspaper owners. Like tabloid news today, it focused on "melodrama, romance, and hyperbole" to sell product – newspapers to readers, and page space to potential advertisers.

There was some outcry – sensationalism did not go unnoticed by more conservative newspa-

pers such as the New York Times, which lamented the state to which journalism had fallen. After the Spanish-American War, with the sober reflection of the post-war period, Pulitzer felt ashamed of what he had done:

"I do not say that the World never makes mistakes. There are not half a dozen papers in the United States which tamper with the news, which publish what they know to be false. But if I thought that I had done no better than that, I would be ashamed to own a paper. It is not enough to refrain from publishing fake news. You have to make everyone connected with the paper, your editors, your rewriters, your proofreaders, believe that accuracy is to a newspaper what virtue is to a woman."

As if to atone, Joseph Pulitzer endowed the Columbia University School of Journalism, and his Pulitzer Prizes are considered a gold standard in newspaper reporting and are his legacy.

William Randolph Hearst, on the other hand, never voiced an ounce of regret, and was proud of his newspaper's outsized role in creating the Spanish-American War. Today, any discussion of Hearst does not go far without the mention of "yellow journalism." This is also a legacy we live with today.

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.



USS Maine

## '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](http://www.FortSalem.com), or by calling the Fort Salem Theater box office at 518-854-9200.



Iris Rogers returns

## And now we gear up for the holidays

Shirley Renauld  
*Journal & Press*

Searching for the best Norway Spruce to be the Rockefeller Center Christmas tree for this year, it was found in Glens Falls! Did you follow its wrapping, cutting, transportation to NYC, then lighting? Wouldn't it be exciting to ice skate on the rink beneath it? Hardly noticed at this time of year, but there all year round, is the statue of Prometheus. You can read his story in mythology.

Nov. 27 was the first of the four Sundays of **Advent**. It is most symbolized by the Advent Wreath. Easily make your own: "Prune" your evergreen shrubbery. Make a circle of these short branches and place four candles around within them, usually red, sometimes purple. Light one for the 27th, then two on Dec 4, three on the 11th and all four on the 18th. Place a white candle in the center of the circle and light all five on Christmas morning. Children most like to keep track of the days of waiting with an Advent Calendar, opening a little door each day to find a surprise. Or write the dates of Advent on "links" and make a paper chain. Order them so you can tear off a link every day. Excitement heightens as the chain gets shorter!

What looks like an Advent wreath is worn by a young lady in the Swedish costume for **St. Lucia Day on Dec 13**. You could be St. Lucy, leading a parade and carrying a basket of sweet rolls to distribute to people in the community to eat with their Scandinavian coffee, coffee/milk. You will be accompanied by the playing and singing of "Santa Lucia," which is traditional though it's actually Italian. We are so international!

The wreath is a popular decoration because it symbolizes life, both because it is a circle, a continuous line, and it's evergreen. To make one for your house door, continue to prune your shrubbery, this time tying small bunches of the short stems continuously around on a form so it will stay together when you hang it.

Time for a hike, but best to wait until after the fourth when hunting season is over. Now that leaves of most deciduous trees, even oaks, are off, evergreens stand out in the woods. So, taking clippers and a handled basket, head for them. Get cones, from small hemlocks to large pines, even if they haven't opened yet. Use the clippers to cut a collection of branches: flat-needled cedar and hemlock, long-needled pine, short-needled spruce and fir. Look for any red berries, rose



bush branches that have made their seeds in rose hips, any ivy. When you get home, finish your wreath by tying some of your finds on it. Place the pine cones on a tray and as they dry and get fatter, you see seeds have fallen out – so that's what cones are: seed holders. How will you decorate with the collection of boughs? They are long, so cut ends of sumac branches with their berries with seeds for color to go with them. We have to remember that these evergreens are living things so they will need water or their needles will fall off sooner if they are near heat.

We sing "Deck the Halls with Boughs of Holly" and "The Holly and the Ivy." You might find some wild ivy, but holly will mostly be from your shrubbery. You need two different plants in order to have the red berries, one male and one female – yes, in plants, too. Depending on how much you're allowed to prune, you could make a whole wreath or just add to the other greens. As you work, just be careful of the pointy leaf edges. The white-berried mistletoe does not grow locally, unfortunately.

Of the potted plants, we see the most **Poinsettias**. The plant is named for Joel Poinsett because he found it growing wild in Mexico when he was the first US Minister there. Transitioning it to our different climate zone, it had to be grown inside or at least in greenhouses where it's so striking to see whole "fields" of them. But look closely at one "blossom": The flower is actually that little cluster in the center of the red secondary set of leaves!

Also interesting for this season is the Christmas Cactus. Technically it's a succulent, not a cactus – no prickles. It keeps growing

more segments to its stems and more leaves as it lives a long time. How do they know to blossom at Christmas time and last into the winter? You could get some new pots started and give them as gifts.

We get the idea of a **Christmas pinata** from Kent's story of that name. We don't have a cracked pot discarded by a potter as in the story, but we remember about using a balloon and papier mache to make the holder – or get help from Ms. Clara. When will you share it with friends?

It's seasonal color change time: What did you do with your oranges and yellows, feed your animals, put them into the compost...? White is coming to cover the brown, so have you checked at Willard Mountain Ski Area for sales of used equipment and season passes and signed up for **Ski Week**?

So many places and people to help with decorations, fund-raising, donations, collections. At Greenwich Central Schools, the FFA and FBLA organize what they call **Breakfast with Santa for Dec. 3** at the Elks. In advance, FFAers make wreaths and table centerpieces to sell along with other items. On the 3rd, buy your tickets to make crafts led by the FBLAers. Mr. Cliff is traditionally there (as he is everywhere in our area, with his camera) taking pictures. Of course there's breakfast – perhaps interrupted by the arrival of the fire truck. With the proceeds of the day they buy gifts for community people, so they can use help with wrapping.

Building on its Dutch heritage, Schuylerville started celebrating the **Dec. 6 birthday of St. Nicholas**. Dressed as a bishop, with his white horse and helper

Piet, "St Nicholas" led a parade of children carrying lanterns through the village to the park for singing and the lighting of the village Christmas tree. Through the years, the celebration expanded to the flavor of a European Christmas Market with merchants holding special hours and offerings, and there was free hot cocoa at the bank. Perhaps its return will be discussed at the **Community Discussion on Dec. 7** at Revibe Gifts & Wellness.

Local villages have **Memory Tree** areas, lighting up areas with bright seasonal color. Greenwich has theirs in The Commons. Schuylerville's was started by the Community Theater group and put around the front of what had been a school building and now renovated into town and private offices. Who would you help decorate one for?

There seems to be seasonal music in the air everywhere. Does it get you humming?

**The Battenkill Bellringers** have been practicing for a long time and will be performing a concert at the Schuylerville Reformed Church on Dec. 4 at 3:00.

The Nutcracker is a classic: First written as the short story, "The Nutcracker and the Mouse King," then adapted into books for various ages. Course, the highlight was Tchaikovsky writing the music to adapt the story into a ballet, having the Christmas tree grow larger and the Nutcracker come to life in Clara's dream. Then actual wooden nutcrackers were made as various characters to be used for holiday decorations. Best of all, are the ones that are strong enough to use. Hopefully you have one to crack nuts with..

# Fine art holiday tour/sale

The Cambridge Valley Fine Art Holiday Tour and Sale will take place on Saturday December 3 and Sunday December 4 from 11 to 4 on both days. This is a self-guided tour where art lovers and the curious have the opportunity to visit each artist's home or studio to view and purchase their art work.

This season there will be six participating painters who work in oils and watercolors using various techniques, styles and approaches. The six artists, Mark Tougias, Clarence King, Matt Chinian, Elana Mark, Sara Kelly, and George Van Hook all live in downtown Cambridge within a few blocks of one another, making a visit to all four easy and stress-free.

Visit Mark Tougias's home, with his luscious landscape paintings filling every room. Clarence King is new to the tour this year, make sure to stop in to say hello and view his classic oil paintings. Stop in at Matt Chinian's bright airy studio and view his Prosaic Realism plein air paintings. Elana Mark's house is a gallery in itself, with many lovely landscapes and barnscapes displayed in multiple rooms. Sara Kelly will have her studio open displaying



A work by Matt Chinian

her fanciful paintings, and printed goods. At George Van Hook's there will be watercolors, figure drawings, and lots of oils in all sizes encompassing farmscapes, seascapes, rivers, lakes, mountains, figurative works and still lifes.

Drop by either day between 11 and 4. Remember local art makes great gifts for those people who have everything! All artist accept either cash, checks, and some accept credit cards.

Visit their website for more information, [www.cambridgevalleyart.org](http://www.cambridgevalleyart.org)

## Salem's 'Love and Light'

"Love and Light" is a lighted Christmas tree memorial in remembrance of loved ones who have passed away but are forever in our hearts. All trees will be lit simultaneously at the ceremony on Sunday, December 4, 2022 at 5:00pm on the Salem Courthouse Green and will remain lit throughout the month of December.

The 20 individual trees have been purchased by individuals, families, civic groups etc. on a first come basis. A wait list for future trees may be necessary as the demand has increased. Email [programs@salemcourthouse.org](mailto:programs@salemcourthouse.org) for more information.

## (cont.)

From another story (remember which one?), comes the idea of a **gingerbread house**. To make some, it's most fun to work with a group, so get family or friends together to make some for yourselves and community displays. Everybody gather up some leftover Halloween candy, look through the baking supplies, as for cinnamon candies and cinnamon sticks, get mini crackers and pretzels of various shapes, use some mini-marshmallows from the hot cocoa center...Make some Royal Icing\* so everything sticks. What to use as a base? Would anyone bake real gingerbread? Build with cardboard? To make a little village, use little milk cartons (Help the cafeteria recycle?) and cover with graham crackers. Ready? Roll up your sleeves and expect to get sticky. How will you make doors? Windows and shutters? Sidewalks and steps? a chimney? Snow all over? In it on the roof make rows of items in patterns. Shrubbery? You're limited only by your imagination. \*Beat 3 egg whites and a tsp of vanilla until frothy. Gradually add 4 c confectioners' sugar and beat until stiff.

Play recorded music and sing along as you create decorations: So many ways to make paper chains and good chance for you young folks to make patterns of colors. Make more patterns as you string popcorn and cranberries. If you want the most success stringing popcorn, let it become stale first. Where do you hang all the strings? If they're all white, leave them up into Jan.

Need lots of stars of different sizes, so for each, get five twigs of equal length, or use

popsicle sticks. With patience, arrange them like you draw a star and glue at each point. Keep flat until dry. Leave them natural or spray paint them. Hang at windows, from where they can turn, with your greens.

Of course, No. 1 to make in the kitchen are Christmas cookies. They can be detailed works of art, so for getting an assortment, do a group project: You and friends each make one kind and hold a cookie exchange: take the kind you make and return with an assortment.

European cultures have traditional fruitcakes: German Stollen, Italian Panettone, English Fruitcake...but all are made with dried fruit pieces.

The seasonal drink is **eggnog**. Perhaps make your own: While you heat milk and heavy cream, whisk egg yolks with some sugar and vanilla. Then slowly whisk them together. The key flavoring is nutmeg, sprinkled on each cupful. Sounds like snacktime so enjoy while reading or watching seasonal favorites: Seuss' Grinch who tried to steal Christmas, Scrooge in Dickens' "Christmas Carol" who also gains a change of heart, Van Allsburg's original story of "The Polar Express" or the movie version, both teaching us to BELIEVE, Andersen's "Fir Tree" and others about being little and wanting to grow up, or others.

But while it's daylight, better visit a Christmas Tree Farm to "tag" the best one to be your Christmas tree like Dave and Carol did.

## OASAS-certified training

SUNY Adirondack announced grant funding to support students in the college's Criminal Justice: Substance Abuse Services (CRSA) associate degree program.

The college was awarded more than \$115,000 from the SUNY (State University of New York) High Needs Localities Fund Allied Health Program to help students pursuing an Associate of Applied Science degree in its New York state OASAS (Office of Addiction Services and Supports)-certified program.

The grant allows SUNY Adirondack to offer textbook support, gas cards, wraparound supports, completion stipends, professional coaching, academic advising and payment of CASAC-T (Credentialed Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Counselor Trainee) examination fees. To submit an interest form for the grant-funded support program, visit [connect.sunyacc.edu/register/CRSA\\_interest](http://connect.sunyacc.edu/register/CRSA_interest).

## 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.

Please return Holy Cross Giving Tree items by December 4 in time for delivery to school. See Scott Wilk for questions. St. Patrick's also asks to have Operation Santa Claus items returned by December 4. Contact Mary Rosmus for questions. St. Patrick's K of C Chili and Cornbread dinner is Friday, December 2 at 4-6 PM.

December 8 is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and Masses are: 9 AM at St. Patrick's, Noon at Holy Cross, and 6 PM at Immaculate Conception.

Advent Reconciliation Services will be as follows: Sunday, December 11 at 2 PM at Holy Cross, Wednesday, December 14 at 6:30 PM at St. Patrick's, and Sunday, December 18 at 2 PM at Immaculate Conception.

The Battenkill Catholic Lifelong Faith Website: Preparing Our Hearts contains many free resources for the Advent season. The parish website is [battenkillcatholic.org](http://battenkillcatholic.org) and the facebook site is [battenkillcatholiccluster](http://battenkillcatholiccluster).

The food pantry could especially use peanut butter, jello, and pancake mix, as well as soup and personal care items.

.-Submitted by Rose Mary Sheffield

Come for the annual Greenwich Tradition...  
our Family Style Pancake Breakfast!

# Breakfast with Santa



**December 3rd, 2022**  
**7:30 am to 10:30 am**  
Greenwich Elks Club  
Route 40 - Greenwich, NY

**Tickets \$7 Adults - \$5 Children under 10**  
'All proceeds go to Operation Santa and other local community projects'

Santa Arrives by Fire Truck at 8 a.m. -  
so come early to see him arrive!

Activities include:

Purchasing a picture taken with Santa or making your own holiday crafts plus writing your Christmas list to Santa and featuring the GREENWICH CENTRAL SCHOOL Pre-k Singers.

Sponsored by the GCS FBLA, FFA, GCS National Honor Society with food donated and prepared by the Greenwich Elks.

## An Artist's Take

Political Cartoon of the Week by Joel Pett



## JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME  
by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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

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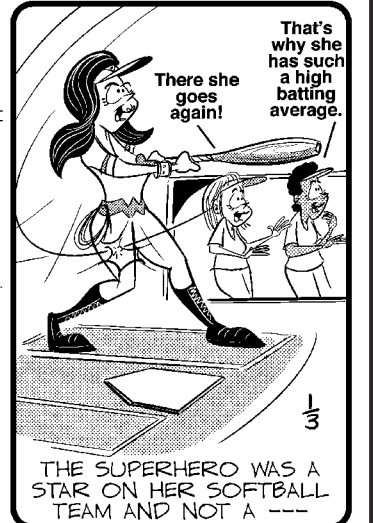
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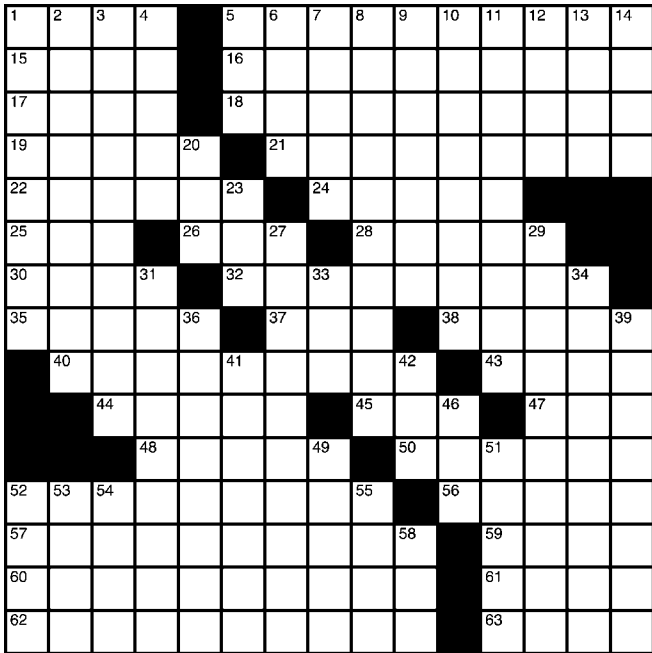
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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## Coila Crossword

(solution page 22)



**Across**

- 1 One may be planted on a cheek
- 5 One who gets famous just for kicks?
- 15 Volunteer's words
- 16 Use sound to get around
- 17 Large volume
- 18 Reaction that can be grateful or sarcastic
- 19 Call from a brooder
- 21 Getting better
- 22 Arrive by car, say
- 24 Perception
- 25 Make a typo ... or miss one
- 26 Surprising sound
- 28 Setting of van Gogh's "Café Terrace at Night"
- 30 Stop shooting
- 32 Let the air out of
- 35 Area where skateboarding likely originated, briefly
- 37 Activity cube user
- 38 One may get rubbed out
- 40 Failed to uphold

- 43 Gorilla researcher Fossey
- 44 Turning part
- 45 Directed
- 47 With 42-Down, unlikely racetrack pick
- 48 Milwaukee draft pick?
- 50 One obsessed with guns?
- 52 Utensil in Valencian cooking
- 56 Isle off the Sorrento Peninsula
- 57 Captured soundly?
- 59 Hardly promising
- 60 Walk-in clinic focus
- 61 Fashion
- 62 Espies
- 63 City on the Skunk

- 6 Figure eight, in tango parlance
- 7 Harry Potter love interest Cho \_\_\_
- 8 Independent \_\_\_
- 9 South Bend suburb
- 10 Larva that attacks Valentine's Day plants
- 11 Ran playfully
- 12 Fabulist's work
- 13 Buckets or barrels
- 14 Out of a job, perhaps?: Abbr.
- 20 Trivia site
- 23 \_\_\_ fly
- 27 Arena for the stars
- 29 Annual coronation event
- 31 Impressive displays
- 33 Rest for a bit

- 34 Transport service for the disabled
- 36 Much less
- 39 Armageddons
- 41 Lose it
- 42 See 47-Across
- 46 Site of the HQ of five major sports
- 49 Croquetas or caracoles
- 51 It forms igneous rock
- 52 Microsoft co-founder Allen
- 53 Intangible quality
- 54 Norm-challenging
- 55 Role in the Monteverdi opera "The Coronation of Poppaea"
- 58 Big-screen TV site

## Argyle Acrostic

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

- |  |  |   |                        |
|--|--|---|------------------------|
| Find these words that are associated with the phonetic alphabet. | Bravo<br>Charlie<br>Delta<br>Echo<br>Foxtrot<br>Golf<br>Hotel<br>India<br>Juliet<br>Kilo<br>Lima | Mike<br>November<br>Oscar<br>Papa<br>Quebec<br>Romeo<br>Sierra<br>Tango<br>Union<br>Victor<br>Whiskey | Xray<br>Yankee<br>Zulu |
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Find Mr. D'Agostino's puzzle books on Amazon.

## JUMBLE KIDS

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.

DYA □ ○ □ □ □ □	
DHSE □ ○ □ □ □ □	
CATF □ ○ □ □ □ □	
ADET □ ○ □ □ □ □	

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 answer.

Print your answer here: □ ○ □ □ □ □ □ ○ □ □ □ □

## 9 to 5 by Harley Schwadron



# Striking up friendships at the library

Ellen LeCompte  
Greenwich Free Library

A little boy stands before me. His mother stands behind him and is smiling. I ask the little boy if the three books he is holding are for him. He nods “Yes”, very seriously. Then he smiles and says, “I can’t read yet.” I say, “Are there any pictures in your books?” Again, he seriously nods, “Yes.” We look at some of the pictures together. I say, “I think you’ve made good choices.” He nods again but this time smiles as well. I smile at his mother and say, “You owe us 75 cents.” She smiles and gives me a dollar. I reach to give her her change but she stops me and says, “We’re fine.” I thank her not only for her donation but for the pleasure of meeting her and her son. I’m smiling now as I write this.

And then there is the man who walks up to the table carrying five books. He is grinning with delight. “I just found five books by my favorite author.” It is not an obscure author. He obviously could have found at least one of these books on the shelves of the library above and the others could be ordered at the circulation desk from libraries that, like the Greenwich Free Library, are members of the Southern Adirondack Library System (SALS). He would have the book(s) within two or three days. In case you are unaware, SALS is a membership organization composed of 34 regional libraries whose stacks are available to all of our cardholders. But to some of us, having our favorite author on a shelf in our home is almost as comforting as sitting with a friend.

I, myself, have found a first edition of a first novel of an author I am fond of. You just never know.

It is the first Thursday of the month and I am a volunteer “minding the till” at the Boomerang Book Sale. Boomerang Books is a bookstore, located in the library basement and run by the Friends of the Greenwich Free Library, a group of volunteers. We sell books that have been donated by the community, or occasionally deaccessioned from the library’s holdings. We sell them at shamefully low prices: \$1 for hard bound books, 50 cents for paperbacks and 25 cents for children’s books. The object is to not let a good book go to waste, and of course all money taken in goes to support our library. We always welcome book donations, however, there are times when we have to reject some if they are not in reasonably good condition. We have found that we cannot agree on exactly what “reasonably good condition” means—you know the expression about trash and treasure – but we’ve settled on “Would you buy it for a dollar?” as a way to gauge whether a book is appropriate for the sale. And no matter how great you think a book is, if it’s got spots of mildew, it’ll end up in the recycling bin.

For those with working DVD and CD players, we have a large collection of movies and music going for 50 cents apiece. Yes, some of us still use CDs and DVDs and even prefer them to streaming. Our music selection is terrific, spanning classical to classic rock.

Our main purpose is to be supportive of our library. This year, we’re working with the li-



brary to expand upon one of our favorite programs: the Library of Things. Patrons can already check out laptops, WiFi Boosters, and a variety of lawn games and board games, and the plan is to expand the Library of Things to include items such as tools, musical instruments, gardening equipment, craft supplies, and more. Funding from the Friends group will allow the Library of Things to keep growing.

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*Ellen LeCompte is a new member of the Friends. She has been a part-time Greenwich resident for some 40 years and moved here permanently five or six years ago and immediately became a library volunteer. Essayist Logan Pearsall Smith said, “Some say that life is the thing, but I prefer reading.” Me too.*

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## Fun & Games

(solution below)

**Boggle BrainBusters**  
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

**RETEL**  
**HTOMA**  
**YSUOC**  
**EBRPA**  
**ZNADN**

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

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

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

**Boggle BrainBusters Bonus**  
We put special brain-busting words into the puzzle grid. Can you find them?  
Find AT LEAST EIGHT FIVE-LETTER MAMMALS in the grid of letters.

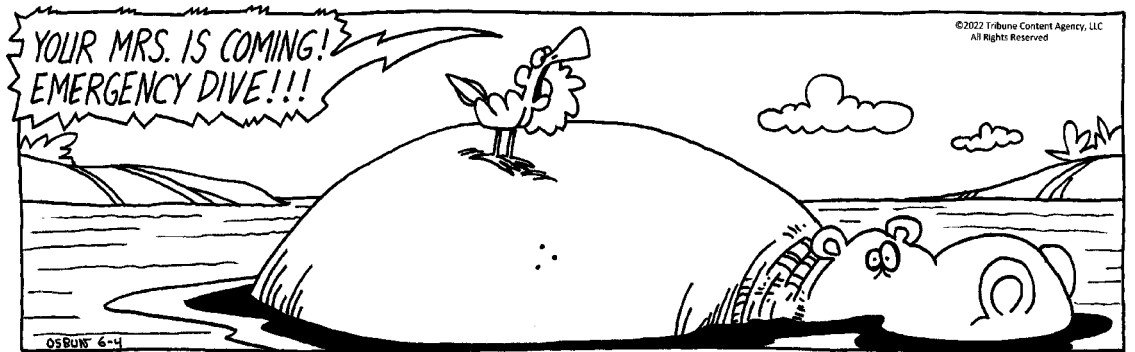
Answers to Last Sunday's Boggle BrainBusters:  
TOGO MALI CHAD GABON GHANA EGYPT ANGOLA

## Salem Sudoku

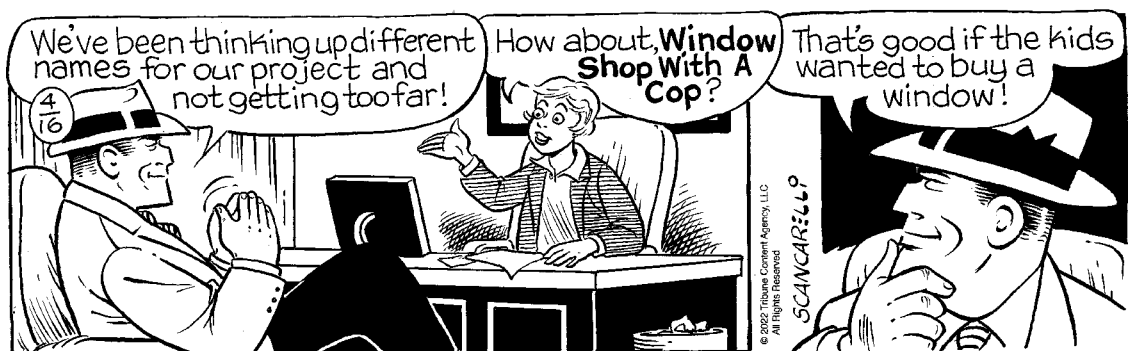
(solution below)

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

### Animal Crackers by Fred Wagner



### Gasoline Alley by Jim Scancarelli



### The Middletons by Dana Summers



### Filbert by LA Bonté



### Broom Hilda by Russell Myers



## Answers

**Boggle:** MOOSE MOUSE CAMEL LEMUR ZEBRA HYENA OTTER PANDA

**Jumble:** CHEER NOVEL STODGY DISOWN

**Final:** "ONE-HIT WONDER"

**Kid:** DAY SHED FACT DATE - "ADD ADS"

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

## SCRABBLE GRAMS

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## People getting ready to shop locally

**Kaylee Johnson**  
Journal & Press

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

### 100 Years Ago

**December 06, 1922**

The appearance of the Greenwich stores indicates that the local merchants are planning on a good holiday business and expect a good volume of early shopping. The holiday displays are unusually good this year and the number of advertisements featuring Christmas goods in this paper indicates that our businessmen understand how to carry out their part of the early shopping campaign.

There are still sixteen shopping days before Christmas, but the customer who waits until the last week is less likely to enjoy peace of mind on the days immediately preceding the big festival than the one who fills his list early. From the appearance of stocks in the local stores, there is no good reason for waiting or seeking better opportunities to select desirable presents than can be found at home.

### 90 Years Ago

**December 14, 1932**

The opening of a new industry in Cambridge early in January seems assured through the successful completion this week of negotiations with the R. H. Noss company of Watervliet for removal of their plant from that city to Cambridge. It will occupy the former E-Z Waist company plant on South Park

street, which has been vacant for some time.

The Noss company manufacturers men's rayon underwear, and it is planned upon starting business in Cambridge to add women's underwear to the line. The work of removing machinery and preparing the plant for operations will be started at once and it is hoped that the company will begin actual production during the first week in January. It will give employment to about twenty-five people to start with, and it is expected that this number will be gradually increased.

### 80 Years Ago

**December 09, 1942**

Nationwide, registration for men who have attained their eighteenth birthday starts this week on Friday, December 11. Registration for the lower half of Washington county, including the towns of Argyle, Cambridge, Easton, Fort Edward, Greenwich, Jackson, Salem, and White Creek, will be held at the local board office in the New York power and light building in Greenwich. The governor of New York has designated the hours from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. as registration hours. No registrations will take place Saturday afternoons or Sunday.

### 70 Years Ago

**December 03, 1952**

Postmaster William J. Whitney has been directed by the post office department at Washington to announce the following guide for the convenience of the public in preparing and sending Christmas mail, which will shortly begin to be processed here and

through the post office someplace else:

Postage: Purchase stamps in advance of the rush period. Prepay postage fully on mail.

Address: All mail matter must be plainly and completely addressed, preferably in ink, giving street address, including apartment number, if any, or post office box or rural route and rural box number whenever possible.

### 40 Years Ago

**December 16, 1982**

Manager Fred Gage of Battenkill News Channels reports a total customer count of 1770 receiving cable TV service in the five villages of Greenwich, Salem, Cambridge, Schuylerville and Victory Mills.

News Channel's cables pass a total of 2594 homes, which are considered potential customers. Mr. Gage said installations are still going on in each of the villages for customers who did not request cable TV on the company's initial trips throughout the village.

### 10 Years Ago

**December 13, 2012**

Deciding that "the village's patience has worn out" with Adonis Mallios, owner of the former Wallie's Restaurant. Greenwich Mayor David Doonan sought approval Monday evening to forward a letter to Mallios to inform him that he will have 15 days after that missive's receipt to begin to rehabilitate that rapidly deteriorating structure or demolish it.

**SCRABBLE GRAMS SOLUTION**

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