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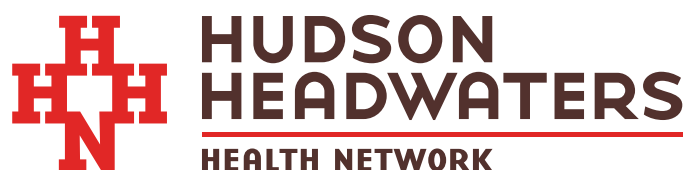


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Gather kicks off a series of events

Downtown Greenwich was buzzing for Gather's annual Valentine's Pop-Up Market on Saturday, February 10th. Since 2018, the community event space has hosted 15 pop-up markets bringing together local makers and small businesses throughout Washington County and beyond. Their most recent market showcased over 20 vendors offering a wide variety of unique, handmade goods. Patrons had the opportunity to shop from products such as goat's milk soap, ceramics, house plants, macrame, greeting cards, and more. Every market offers an opportunity for the community to support local while generating increased visibility for small business owners.

Owner of Daisy Dreams Vintage, Emma Quincy Bartholomay, commented: "Thank you to everyone who made the Valentine's Pop Up at Gather SO amazing! It was a fabulous group of creative, smart, funny, inspiring, and interesting vendors. I honestly had such a blast. So many of my favorite people, and so many new friends! I can't wait to do it again!" Emma is a Greenwich resident and opened

her vintage shop located in Cambridge, NY in September 2023.

Gather aims to build a strong, vibrant community through supporting local business and offering new opportunities for individuals to learn, grow, and connect with others. Their upcoming calendar of community events includes DIY workshops, yoga and dance classes, live music, and two Murder Mystery Nights (a fan-favorite!).

Community members can purchase tickets for a "Live Music Performance by Thom Powers & Friends" at Gather on Saturday, March 2nd from 7-10PM and register for a "DIY Floral Centerpiece Workshop With Lot 32 Flower Farm" on March 28th from 6-8PM. Save the date for "6 Weeks to Social Dance With instructor Susi Thomas" beginning in May. Participant registration opens on February 19th. Those interested in joining upcoming events can find all details and registration via Gather's website at www.gather103.com/events. Gather is located at 103 Main Street in Greenwich, NY.



Emma Quincy Bartholomay (Daisy Dreams Vintage), Daphne Allen (Daphne Allen Ceramics), Haley Gori (Gather Events Manager), and Kirsten O'Brien (Signature Sips by Miss. O'Brien)



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Salem CSD project is about safety

Anne Dunigan

Special to Journal & Press

The Salem Central School Board of Education is currently in the process of identifying necessary work to be included in a new Capital Project referendum. Our timeline is to have a plan to present to the voters by late summer and a referendum vote in early October, 2024. It is critical that we plan for the replacement of the flat roofs, address safety and security, and improve access in and around the school for people with disabilities. There are also some projects outside of the building, such as resurfacing the track that are being considered.

As one part of this process we are trying to determine how best to address safety, security and access issues associated with the archway connector between the Primary Building and the Main Building. There seems to be inaccurate assumptions being made about why we continue to have this conversation, the safety and security issues that are framing our discussions, and the survey that was sent out to the community.

In October, 2023 Governor Hochul signed the “Safe Schools by Design Act” which requires all school districts’ five-year capital facilities plan to consider incorporating design principles and strategies, as provided by the Commissioner of Education, that would provide a safe, secure, and healthy school environment. Governor Hochul stated, “This legislation highlights our commitment to our students and educators by ensuring that health and safety are considered at the outset of all school construction.”

We have identified concerns, and by law, we must now consider options to address the safety and security issues associated with the archway.

According to the Commissioner of Education’s guidance, some of the important items we need to consider are:

“When possible, ensure the perimeter of your school is fully secured and monitored.”

“Consider establishing monitored single or limited points of entry that include appropriate physical security measures, screening processes and access control measures.”

“The school’s main office should have a direct view of the front entrance.”

(Source: New York State School Violence/Active Shooter Resource Guide)

Although they are a significant concern, we are not just concerned about the buses and archway driveway traffic. Our world has changed, school leaders now face significant safety and security challenges that were not present for previous generations. We have the responsibility to provide modern safety elements to harden our buildings and provide a high level of safety for everyone who enters our buildings on a daily basis.

According to Education Week, “There have been 7 school shootings this year that resulted in injuries or death, according to an Education Week analysis. There have been 189 such shootings since 2018. There were 38 school shootings with injuries or deaths last year. There were 51 in 2022, 35 in 2021, 10 in 2020 and 24 each in 2019 and 2018.”

(School Shootings This Year: How Many and Where (224, January 4) Education Week)

These are the facts about school shootings in which people were wounded or died. But not all school shootings result in death or serious injury.



Conceptual drawing of the vestibule connecting the primary and main buildings

“According to US News and World Report, in 2023 there were 346 school shooting incidents across the country, meaning the U.S. averaged nearly one incident every day and saw its highest total on record since at least 1966.”

(“School Shootings by State,” US News and World Report, Christopher Wolf, January 5, 2024)

These facts drive home the grim reality that traumatic events can happen anywhere, at any time.

Research has shown that the impact from exposure to shootings or other traumatic events, even those where there is no loss of life, has lasting ramifications and profoundly affects the academic achievement, and the social and emotional growth of impacted students. There are long range impacts on economic outcomes as well.

The Salem community is entrusting us with the safety of their students while they are at school. In this changing world the Board feels an urgent need to confront this new reality and rethink and retool our school’s protective measures. And as a result, changes are coming.

School safety is a multifaceted issue. It is being addressed in the district in a variety of ways. But when it comes to our buildings, the first recommended step we need to take is limiting the entryways into school.

In order to better secure the doorways on either side of the archway, we must limit the number of individuals and the number of times during the day that those doors are used to access our building. Eliminating or reducing the public foot traffic through the archway is the only way we can reduce the risk of unauthorized access through those doors.

According to the New York State School Violence/Active Shooter Resource Guide: “Every second and minute matters - the average active shooter incident lasts 480 seconds.” Slowing down someone who intends harm can make a difference.

The probability of teachers and students experiencing a violent attack at school are still relatively low, but it’s important for us to have the right security measures in place to ensure the safety of everyone on the property at all times.

The options presented in the recent survey accurately reflect the options that the Board is considering to ensure that we are doing all that is possible to provide a safe and secure learning environment for our students and staff:

Enclose the archway and keep the Primary

Building as it was intended to be used. This option would be the most effective and efficient. The work would be part of the capital project, it would be completed in a relatively short period of time, and it would create a building that was fully accessible to individuals with disabilities, and limit the number of internal changes and moves. OR

Reduce the student presence in the building and create office and meeting spaces. This option would be completed in phases, involve significant internal movement, and require capital project work to modify part of the building for office use.

We can not be complacent, doing nothing is not an option that is being considered. For this reason, it was not included in the survey. It would have been disingenuous and left a false impression of our position.

The Board is very interested in hearing from the public, we would like to engage with the public. Too often the conversations have moved to Facebook or other social media platforms which are not places for the Board to conduct its business. We have no ulterior motives. The survey was a true and honest attempt to reach as many in the Salem community as possible.

One way or the other, addressing the safety and security concerns means that the buses will no longer use the archway driveway. The buses will continue to use the High School circle and the school driveway on the other side of the Primary Building to drop off and pick up students. A final determination will come later and is not part of this decision.

Bus drop off and pick up locations are operational decisions. It is not a Board decision or a public decision, and therefore will not be made by referendum.

School safety and security is everyone’s responsibility and each and every one of us in this community have a role to play in promoting and maintaining school safety. The Board thanks everyone who participated in the survey and who have given feedback by other means. The Board will continue to discuss its planning for the next capital project referendum at its regular monthly meetings. As always, all of the regular monthly meetings, special meetings, and workshops are open to the public. Questions and comments can also be directed to Julie Adams, Superintendent of Schools, or the Board of Education. We look forward to continuing our work together as we ensure Every Student Future Ready in a safe, accessible and well maintained school environment.

Anne Dunigan is Salem CSD Board of Education President.

Firefighter volunteer shortage, part II

Robin Lyle
Journal & Press

A shortage of volunteer firefighters nationwide is being felt here, in Washington County. In Part II, we delve deeper into the recruitment of new volunteers as fire departments are finding hope in a new generation of firefighters.

Local fire companies reported membership rosters 30-50% below full staffing in many cases. Recruitment is challenging. Capt. Mike Genevick, President of the Greenwich Fire Department, says that “a decent amount of the recruitment tools that the state is pushing are definitely helping. They have recruitment and retention grants to address the problem. These help with just getting the word out there that everybody needs help. They offer open houses, too, which is a great tool, but it takes people to run them. The way we look at it around here is, members only have so much time to give, so in which category are they going to give it? And, if it has to be in recruitment then fundraising suffers, or training suffers. Getting somebody like Liam [Curley] in through the Explorers? That’s great because that gives him two years to be here around people and learning stuff.”

The Greenwich Fire Department was a beehive of activity on this cold Tuesday evening in February. On Tuesdays, firefighters gather to catch up on departmental communications and check and ready equipment. Batteries are charged, gas tanks filled, chain saws oiled, and air packs double checked, repairs are made, training is planned or provided, and important information is passed along.

On this particular Tuesday, I sat in the fire department’s overheated office with Explorer Scout Liam Curley and treasurer/chaplain of the Greenwich Fire Department, Jim Alheim. Volunteer firefighters breezed in and out, quickly checking mailboxes and exchanging greetings, before heading on to the next task. Liam and Jim represent two ends of the spectrum of the volunteer firefighter. Liam, 15, joined the team a year ago through the Scout’s Explorer Post, whereas Jim is a veteran firefighter, 38 years with the department.

Jim started the department’s Explorer post 30 years ago and it has been an important conduit for bringing in new volunteers. Jim rattled



J. A. Barkley Hose Co, Argyle, Cadince Younes, age 17



Greenwich Fire Department, Liam Curley, age 15

off names of active firefighters, now in their 30s and 40s, who attended the early camps – Chief White, Capt. Genevick, and a couple others – explaining it promotes a very positive leadership skill.

The summer program is held in August, led by Lt. Clayton Wren. It’s a free, half-day camp for boys and girls throughout southern Washington County. Volunteer firefighters take vacation time to run the camp and enrollment is capped at 20. The program includes a rescue helicopter demonstration, water safety, search and rescue dogs, and a tour through the county’s 911 Communications Center bus which can travel to the site of an emergency to coordinate the response.

Jim is enthusiastic as he describes the final day of camp. “It’s a week-long adventure basically, and it ends on Friday with all of the things that they learned. It’s almost like an expo, where the kids actually do six or seven skills, including climbing the ladder, gear dressing race, bucket brigade, and it ends with them “advancing a line”, it’s a hose line that they aim at a mock house fire. They’re showing off their skills and team work. The families are invited and get to see everything they’ve learned.”

Liam Curley attended Summer Fire Camp before entering the Explorers program. His father, step-father and brother are all active in the Greenwich Fire Department. Soon to be 16, Liam is looking forward to moving from the Explorer program to taking on the mantle of full fledged firefighter. Until then, he provides an important service to the department by assisting with the Tuesday night equipment checks and attending training.

Cadince Younes, of Argyle, is already a full fledged firefighter at the age of 17. She also has family and neighbors who are active firefighters. In fact, she joined Argyle’s J.A. Barkley Hose Company right after her 16th birthday when her Dad and neighbors helped her sign up. Since she was already 16, she was able to jump right into the Basic Exterior Firefighting Operations (BEFO) class that summer. “It was difficult sometimes because it was all class work. I like the hands-on stuff. It



Cossayuna FD, Evan Smith, age 19

was done at a local fire department, about 50 people were in the class. It was on the weekends – sometimes, we went both weekend days, but usually it was Saturday at 9:00 until late afternoon. We had to practice how to put our gear on, the knots we had to do, and the tools we had to use.”

Since joining up, Cadince has gone out on many 911 calls, but only two have been house fires. “[W]hen I joined it was mostly like car accidents and stuff like that. I’ve been out on several calls. I get really nervous when I respond to a fire call, my energy, adrenaline, boosts up because I know that I have a job to do to help.” Cadince continues to learn new skills

such as water and ice rescue and roof rescue and plans to take the Interior Firefighting Operations (IFO) course as soon as she can.

Cossayuna Fire Department Chief Jason Fedler introduced me to one of their newest firefighters. At 19, Evan Smith already has four years of experience and training, having started at age 15 as a Junior Firefighter.

It wasn’t so much family tradition that led Evan to become a firefighter, although his grandfather had been Chief of the Argyle Fire Department many years before. Rather it was

‘My adrenaline boosts up because I know I have a job to do to help.’

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A local recruitment ad

Cambridge artifacts on display

To commemorate the 10th anniversary of the archaeology field schools at CCS, senior Rahe Lulla and science teacher Steve Butz worked together to create and update two display cases to showcase the work completed in the field schools.

The Checkered House, a tavern on Turnpike Road that burned in 1907, was the site of a student excavation project. The house was built in 1765 and was a subject that was painted by local artist Grandma Moses. One of Moses' paintings of the house is in the CCS display. Rahe Lulla created an original art piece of the Checkered House to be included in the display with Moses' painting.

The most recent field school was the Van Corlaer Trading Post in White Creek. The Trading Post is believed to have been built by Arendt Van Corlaer, a Dutch fur trader, between 1709 and 1711 for a local Native American Sachem known as Sacquans, "The Owl King". The Van Corlaer site is unique in

that it contained an inscription related to Sacquans which was carved into one of the beams.

To prepare the two display cases, Rahe first took every artifact and hand cleaned and dusted them. Then, he took pictures and created individual labels for each of the artifacts before placing them in the display cases. Rahe is doing an independent study in archaeology this year.

"Rahe is not only learning about archaeological methods, but also applying art skills for the displays," said Steve Butz. "The project shows the marriage of art and science, which is great. The displays show a good amount of history of the school district dating back to 2000 BC."

The district has run a number of field schools at different sites in the area and Butz hopes to run a school this summer. The CCS archaeology field schools teach students about survey-



ing and mapping, excavation techniques, and artifact conservation. It is also an opportunity for students to learn about local history.

"One of the reasons we undertook this project is because the artifacts from the first field school, Shay's Settlement, are being donated to the state of Vermont," said Butz. "Shay's Settlement was the field school site for seven years. We removed those artifacts from our display cases to accommodate these two new displays."

While working on this project, Lulla learned methods to remove iron from artifacts and how to preserve iron artifacts in their original state.

"The project has been a lot of fun," said Rahe. "I grew up watching the Indiana Jones movie series and it made me want to be an archaeologist." Rahe and Mr. Butz will be presenting information about this project to the Board of Education on Feb. 8.

"It feels great to be done," said Rahe. "I was part of the dig at Van Corlaer a couple years ago. Seeing the process through from the dig to creating the displays was rewarding. This is my last year at CCS and I wanted to do something that would last a lot longer than a year."



New ownership

Jamie Turcotte Nevins, proprietor, announced the sale of Flynn Bros. Inc. Funeral Homes to Jason M. Easton.

Jason has been with Flynn Bros. Inc. for the past 10 years. He and his wife April live in Greenwich with their children Calista and Lincoln.

Jamie and her husband Ken will be working part-time with Jason and will continue to live in Schuylerville.

Jason is looking forward to operating the family-owned funeral homes, serving Greenwich, Schuylerville, and the surrounding areas as Jamie and her father Joseph J. Turcotte before her have done, for the past 60 years.



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the feeling that came from being of service to his community. When Evan was 15, his neighbor lost control of a small brush fire that quickly engulfed two acres when left unattended for a few minutes. Just as the Cossayuna Fire Department arrived on the scene, so did Evan, who rushed over to help. The firefighter on the scene asked Evan to help pull the hose. The very next Tuesday, Evan went to the fire department to volunteer.

Since then, Chief Fedler said, Evan has taken "Firefighter 1 which consists of basic exterior firefighting (BEFO), interior firefighting (IFO), hazmat awareness and many other aspects of fireground operations. When he reached the age of 18, he was already certified and prepared to work as an interior firefighter. He has also trained in pump operations, ice rescue technician, water rescue technician, and very soon will be certified as a swiftwater rescue technician as well."

"I wish I had 10 more just like him," Fedler says, "[b]ut the sad reality is that we do not.

We are short staffed much like everyone else in the fire service. I'm sure glad we have Evan."

What do Liam, Cadince and Evan have in common? They each present as confident, disciplined, and committed young people who have dedicated themselves to helping others. They each experience the fire companies they are a part of as supportive environments, like another family, that helps them to learn who they are and what they are capable of. They are each exactly the person you'd want to see in an emergency.

Divvying up the McClellan estate

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

180 Years Ago
Feb. 29, 1844

Gun Manufactory – Dunbar, & Co., take great pleasure in announcing to the citizens of Washington County, and the public in general, that they still continue to carry on the gunsmithing business in all its various departments, at their old stand in Union Village. They will make to order single and double barreled rifles, fowling guns, pistols, etc., which they will afford one's reasonable terms as can be purchased at any other establishment in this vicinity. They will keep constantly on hand, and for sale, lead, percussion, caps, powder, etc. They feel great confidence in saying that all orders, whether for new work, or repairing, will be satisfactorily executed, in the best style, and with reasonable despatch.

120 Years Ago
Feb. 24, 1904

A delegation from Rough and Ready engine company, No. 2, attended at the meeting of the board of trustees Thursday evening, and stated the need of the company for a new engine house. They explained that the company had outgrown its present quarters. Its members number now about 125 and the capacity of the assembly room in the present quarters is insufficient for its regular meetings. The present building is old and unsubstantial and the floor is considered unsafe for a large gathering. In many respects, they said, the building is inadequate and unsuitable for the use of the company.

To secure a suitable home for the company they requested the trustees to submit a proposition to the voters of the village, at the March

election, providing as follows: that the village convey the present house property to the company on condition that the company erect a suitable modern engine house, and give the village the right to use the same for storing a fire apparatus for a term of 99 years.

It was suggested by members of the board that a better plan would be for the village to erect and own a new building. It was estimated that such a structure, as is needed, could be built for about \$5000, the sum to be raised by taxation in five annual installments.

100 Years Ago
Feb. 27, 1924

The will of Edwin McClellan, founder of the Mary McClellan Hospital at Cambridge, who died suddenly in London on January 30, was filed in Washington County surrogate court at Salem Saturday. The will provides specific bequest of more than \$700,000, besides disposing of real estate, and stock of companies, in which Mr. McClellan was heavily interested. It also provides a number of annuities.

The will or papers filed with it give no estimate of the value of the estate, the petition for probate stating that it is "more than \$750,000." ... The value of the estate, presumably considerably exceeds \$1 million.

The McClellan Hospital, which was built and endowed by Mr. McClellan several years ago, receives a bequest of \$200,000, to be held as a part of the general endowment fund, and the income to be used for general hospital expenses. The trustees are denied the right to use it for any other purpose. ...

The Washington County Home for Aged Women of Greenwich, receives a request of \$2000. The rest of the estate goes to relatives and friends of Mr. McClellan.

Besides, to be mentioned above, the following are made:

The testator's wife, Helen Livingston McClellan, \$250,000, also all of the real estate.

Caroline McClellan Smith, sister, \$100,000.

Mary Johnston, a sister, \$100,000.

Robert McClellan, a brother, \$50,000.

... a clause of the will provides that each employee of the household and garden staffs of the McClellan home at Cambridge, who has been a Mr. McClellan

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80 Years Ago
Feb. 23, 1944

Located with the quartermasters corps in Persia, Private Edward T. Tefft has written his wife of a trip through the country there. Private Tefft entered the service last April, and was sent overseas in September. He was first in India, and later transferred to Persia. He writes:

Saturday night, January 29, 1944
Somewhere in Iran (Persia)

To break a silence of two days, I'll try to tell you all I've done in those last two days.

Well, Thursday night, the group of fellows I work with, and myself drove a convoy of new trucks up the line and stayed overnight and then came back the next afternoon. We worked all day Thursday, of course, and after supper, about 6 o'clock, we started out. I drove the weapons carrier along, in which they all were to ride back. First we had to look around for the necessary officers to sign our papers, and it was just dark when we left. I tested my lights as we gassed up and they were good, but the minute I got out of the main gate they failed. So it was rather a trying drive the first 80 miles into the motor transport station, where we stopped for gas, oil, and water, and a cup of coffee. There we effected the repairs, and from then on, it was fine. We cruised along, not too fast, 40 to 45 and it wasn't bad at all until we met a convoy coming in the opposite direction. You wondered if there would be any end to the stream of lights coming at you through the dust. What a stream of trucks – mile after mile of them, you wondered where they all came from.

We arrived at our destination early in the morning, and I drew a couple of blankets and turned in. A bugle blew reveille (the first I've heard since leaving the States) and I had

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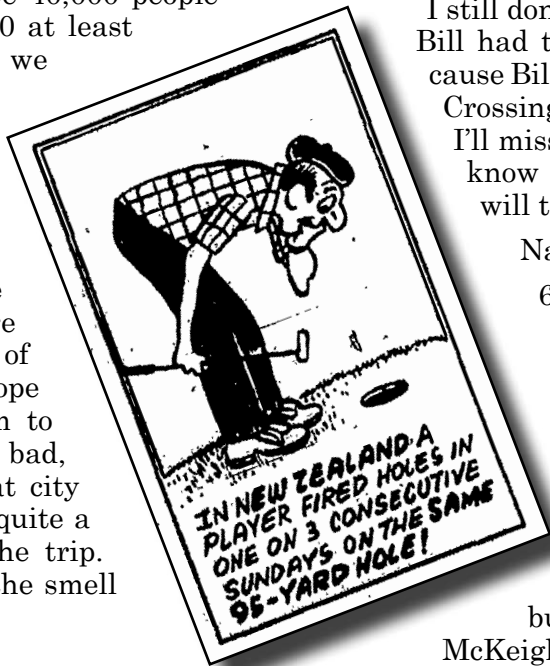
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breakfast and went back to bed.

About nine we all climbed into the truck of ours and cruised around the camp to see what was going on. It was a pretty camp, Green grass, no less, there. In the distance were beautiful mountains, red clay tops, bare in the bright sunlight and white surfaces, looks like snow, but isn't. They reminded me of pictures I'd seen of mountains in the badlands of New Mexico. They had red and purple canyons and cliffs – quite breathtaking.

We rode around for a while and then went to the nearby village. We found only two streets in bounds, so we left there rather discouraged. We then filled up on gas and oil and this time we really did some sightseeing. We went to what is supposedly one of the oldest cities in the world and the dirtiest! It is known as the city of the blind. It's so bad that you can smell the stench of it for miles. It's built alongside of a river – ages, and ages ago, the first city was built. Now there are eight cities, one on top of the other. In the bottom layers or tunnels live the people who were born blind, and never see the light of day. There are said to be 40,000 people in the city of whom 8000 at least are blind. The city itself, we of course couldn't only see the better part of it, as most of the streets were too narrow to drive through. We had been warned not to get out of the truck, and you can be sure we didn't. We took a lot of pictures, though, and I hope to be able to send them to you later. It was pretty bad, and I'll never forget that city as long as I live. It was quite a sight, and well worth the trip. We didn't stay long, as the smell finally drove us out.



30 Years Ago

Feb. 17, 1994

Dear Editor:

Wednesday, February 3, 1994, was a very sad day for me. This was the day I found out that Bill Wilson would no longer be our crossing guard.

For four and a half years, since I starting in Greenwich schools, I have always looked forward to Bill's smiling face and friendly "hello" on my way to and from school.

The kids could depend on Bill for special treats on special days like Christmas, Halloween and other happy days. One day I was sick and it was the day before Halloween and that day he gave out Halloween lollypops. So he came to my house and gave me a lollypop that I was going to get that day, and that brightened my day right up.

I still don't understand why Bill had to quit his job, because Bill Wilson is the Best Crossing Guard Ever and I'll miss him very much. I know a lot of other kids will too.

Nadine Cusack
6th Grade
Greenwich School

10 Years Ago

Feb. 13, 2014

When the Salem community learned of longtime Salem Central School bus driver and custodian Terry McKeighan's diagnosis of pancreatic cancer there was no question about helping out.

McKeighan has worked for the Salem School District for over 30 years, and is known to several generations of students and their families.

On Saturday, over 100 people turned out at the Salem United Presbyterian Church to participate in a benefit basket raffle and a spaghetti dinner, put on by the Salem Fire Department and Salem school administrator Maura Rapp. ...

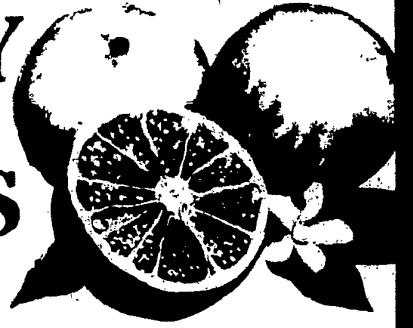
"Every Christmas, McKeighan would make homemade fudge and bring it down to us in the cafeteria. He's just a regular down home guy, who we love so much," said cafeteria worker Karen Bentley. ...

All told, the benefit raised nearly \$9000.

—Compiled and curated by Darren Johnson



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Skipping through a leap month

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The Bureau of Engraving and Printing is proud of you for identifying the profiles engraved on our coins and the printings on bills we use. You saw Pres Lincoln on the fronts of pennies and \$5 bills as well as the Memorial to him on their backs. You saw Pres Jefferson on the fronts of nickels and on the backs, his home, Monticello (Italian for Little Mountain), which you see when you drive up the hill to visit it in VA. If you got to see a \$2 bill, you saw him again on its front and a copy of Trumbull's painting of the signing of the Declaration of Independence on the back. You saw Pres FDR on the fronts of dimes and a torch between olive and oak branches on the backs. On the front of the quarter we see Pres Washington and an eagle with wide-spread wings on the back. He is also on the front of the \$1 bill and there's the Seal of the USA on its back. On the front of the \$10 bill is Hamilton with the US Treasury Building on the back because he was the first Secretary of the Treasury. Pres Jackson is on the front of the \$20 bill and the White House on the back. How did you do with the math to learn how old your coins are? If you see a D above a date, you know it was made at the Denver mint. Most important: Use your money wisely. Do you have a savings plan? David has been putting his change in a jar for a while. He just took it to the bank. There was \$134!

Nancy is a local horse lover, so when she read about dogs, she had to remind us about horses. Kloe does rabbit rescue and volunteers at a shelter. Philip makes cat shelters from used coolers. So Gabrielle generalizes to say animal rescue and encourages us to volunteer at shelters and farms.

Nancy further tells us that this is a good time of year to begin or further our horsemanship skills. As young children, we can start with a Shetland or Welch pony, petting it and giving it healthy treats of apple and carrot pieces on the palm of our hand. Put on its halter. Groom it by brushing, using a curry comb to really get the dirt and old hair out of its coat and comb its mane and tail (for safety, standing at the side of the leg). Hardest of all will be picking up each leg to clean the frogs of the hooves with a pick, because ice and caked snow with a stone in it hurts when walking. Daily, make sure it has water, grain, hay and clean bedding. You will need a farrier to come to trim hooves (like you have to trim your nails), and a vet has to do routine tests and care (like you visit your doctor).

Having your own pony or horse is a lot of work, so instead of owning one for riding, such as at Riding Right Farm near Buskirk, use one of theirs (using some of that money you saved?). Or learn in a 4-H club. When you are ready to ride, tie your animal for standing still. (Have you learned to make various kinds of knots and when to use them?). Put on the bridle with the reins attached, the saddle blanket and saddle. Fasten the cinch strap. Ready to ride? Put on your helmet. To mount, on the animal's left side again, with the reins over the front of the saddle, hold it with your left hand and the back of it with your right. Put your left foot into the stirrup, swing your right leg over the animal's back and put that foot into its stirrup (Aren't you glad you have heels on your footwear?). Settle into the saddle and hold the reins in both hands. Your teacher will detach the lead rope for when you're done riding, and give you the lesson. After you're done riding, you return to reattach the lead rope to do the unsaddling and unbridling and return them to the tack room. Cool down your horse. Was it worth all that work?

You must be ready for water and an apple snack, too, and to rest and read. Have you read the classics, "Black Beauty", "National Velvet", "Misty of Chincoteague"? Saratoga Co 4-Hers just watched "Equus: Story of the Horse" at their movie night. Some 4-Hers are also taking part in Horse Bowl teams--and, of course, we will watch them perform their equestrian skills and earn ribbons at the county fairs.)

Read "Seabiscuit" and look at its statue outside the Saratoga National Museum of Horse Racing when you visit.

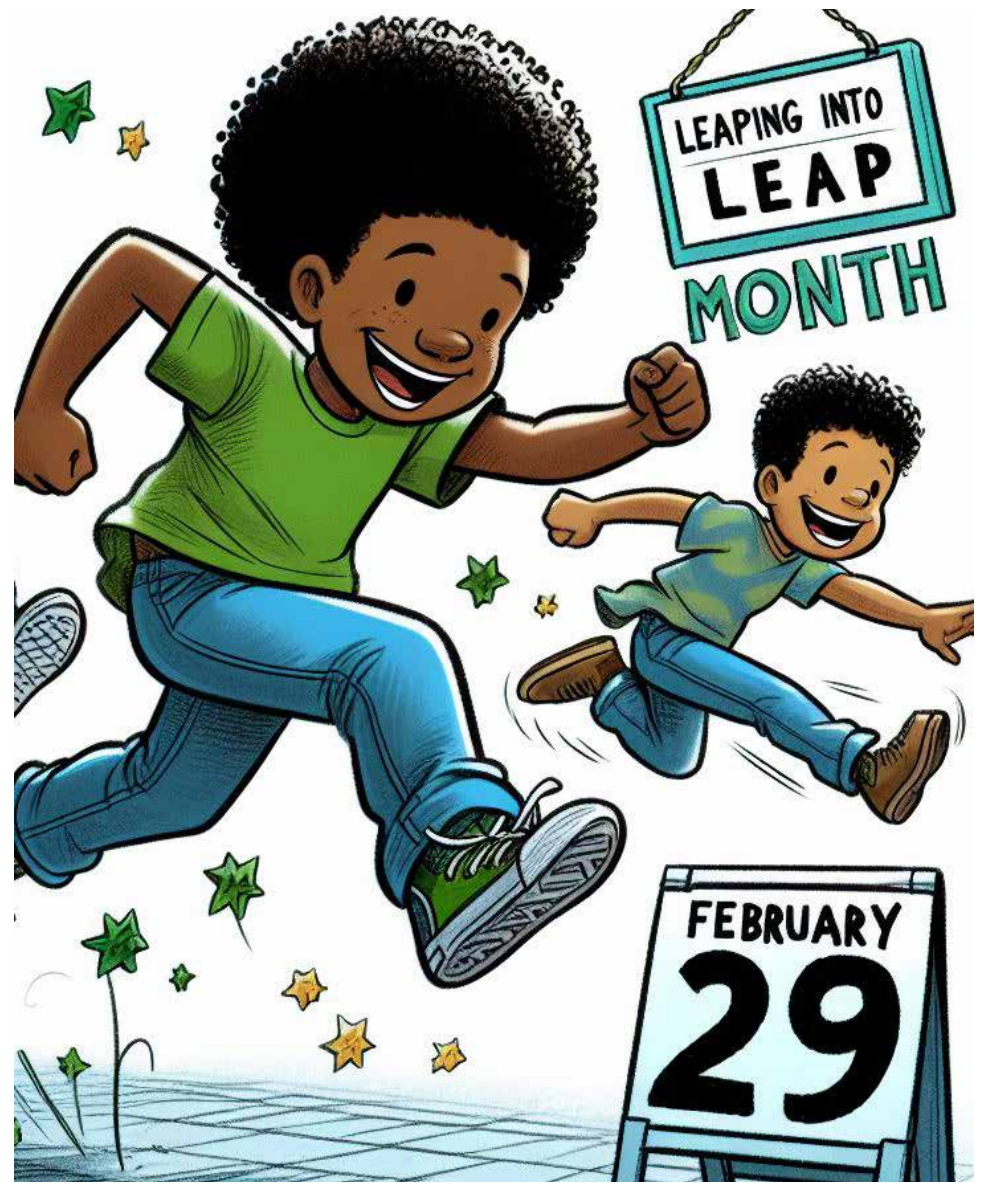
Remember that there's also another horse racetrack in Saratoga, the Harness Track, and it opens on the 24th. You can watch the drivers sit on sulkies as they drive to race the standardbred pacers around the half-mile dirt track.

Wooden floorblocks are such fun for building, but you can also use them to make the clopping rhythm of horses' hooves on hard surfaces, maybe to accompany your singing.

This makes us think of wooden covered bridges, especially at this time of year: Why are they covered? Think of outdoor wooden steps that have no roof over them. Have you ever slipped when they have water, or worse, ice or snow caked on them? When you cross the rest of the Hudson at Hudson Crossings Park, from Saratoga to Washington Co on the Dix Bridge or cross the Battenkill on the Hegeman Bridge near Mason's house, notice that the deck is metal with spacings (why?)--not wood, and it has no roof.

With so many rivers running from the mountains to our East, bridges had to be built to travel north or south across them. There are four historic covered bridges in Washington Co: The Eagleville and Rexleigh carry us over the Battenkill near Salem. The Buskirk takes us across the Hoosic between Washington and Rensselaer Co. These bridges are one-way so we must take turns when driving across and pay attention if biking or walking across. We can visit the Shushan now as a museum (including a one-room schoolhouse near it) since the town built a steel-deck bridge near it to drive over the Battenkill. Its story makes us think of Cornelia Meigs' "The Covered Bridge": The town decides to build a steel deck bridge to replace the wooden one that is no longer safe for travel because its wood is rotting, roof shingles have blown off and wild animals have made homes in it. But children work to repair it so it will be saved. See what you and your friends can do? Save history; it's part of our present and future. Can you build a covered bridge with your wooden floorblocks, or fasten Legos together to make one?

Parker uses his photography skills: When the early morning or late afternoon sun is shining on rural structures that are coming apart, he photographs them. He frames them and gives them to the current property owners. We



sometimes see a painter set up an easel, fasten an open umbrella over it and paint similar structures in their natural settings at different times of the year. Later, we could see the painting in an art show. You could take a picture of the artist at work. You can imagine and write a story about when the structures were being used.

Besides museums, this is a good time for us to try out new indoor physical activities.

- Curling came to us with our Scottish immigrants and is an event in Winter and Youth Olympics. We can visit the Schenectady Curling Club with Uncle Al to watch it being played: Players grip the handle of a polished round granite stone and push it to slide across the ice. Helping to direct the stone to the goal, the center one of four concentric circles, are two players using brushes on the ice. You and friends could play using a stone that you saved from a visit to a beach where it had been smoothed by waves: Set up a "court" on your blacktop and slide the stone to the goal.
- Some baby goats are already being born. You could make use of their liking to jump and play to do goat yoga.

- We appreciate having a fitness center in rural Easton. Revolution Edge makes use of Gr McCart's former poultry farm to have equipment and give us classes.

Are you noticing that daylight is somewhat longer now, that the sun shines a bit higher up from the horizon and gives us a bit more heat? And Feb has an extra day this year, 29, Leap Day. Why? Well, it really takes our Earth 365 days and 6 hours to travel in its orbit around the sun every year. Those six hours are collected for four years to give us a whole extra day in Feb, the shortest month of the year. It's Leap Year. If you can divide a year evenly by four, you know if it was a Leap Year. Rochele was born on a Feb 29. When can she celebrate her birthday on the other three years? How will you spend your extra time on the 29th?

Local student excels in new sport

Jaron Barber, a Cambridge Central School District sophomore, was born with optic nerve hypoplasia (ONH), but he has never let it be a barrier or slow him down. In sixth grade he was a top-fundraiser for “Laps for the Cambridge Food Pantry,” by running 15 laps (3 ¾ miles) on the school’s track. Jaron’s competitive nature has only been further fueled since discovering and excelling at goalball.

Though you may never have heard of goalball, it is not a new sport. It was created in 1946 to help veterans who lost their sight during WWII to develop their hearing and hand coordination. It has since provided a great opportunity for those who are blind or have a visual impairment to compete in a team sport. Goalball made its official debut in the 1976 Paralympics held in Toronto, Canada.

Jaron was first introduced to goalball while attending Camp Abilities in Saratoga Springs, NY in 2018, which he learned about through Northeastern Association of the Blind at Albany (NABA). Jaron has returned many summers since, as well as attending Camp Abilities hosted by the Central Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (CSBVI) in Utica, NY. Jaron’s love and talent for goalball have recently taken him on some great adventures while opening doors for future opportunities.

At the end of January 2024, Jaron was just one of nine invited to the USA Goalball Boys’ Jr. Development Camp conducted by the U.S. mens’ head coach, Keith Young. It was held at the U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Training Site in Turnstone, Indiana. In addition to helping further develop skills, Coach Young is seeking prospects to replace current members of the Youth World Team who will age out of the youth division once they turn eighteen years of age.

Jaron described the camp as intense and inspiring, with the first day consisting of four to five hours of skills and drills, and then return in the afternoon for some practice scrimmages. He said a big part of the challenge was knowing how to strategically conserve energy to avoid fatigue and remain effective for the duration. On the second and final day, Jaron as well as the other attendees had the opportunity to play against a group of Paralympians, which he described as humbling, but not discouraging. He stated, “Playing against those guys made me realize how skilled one has to be to play at that level. It has definitely motivated me not only to develop my physical skills, but become a student of the game.” Jaron awaits his feedback from Coach Young as he continues toward his dream to someday become a member of the USA Mens’ Goalball Team.

The invite to the development camp was the result of Jaron’s recent travels and efforts throughout the past year. In May of 2023, Jaron attended a goalball clinic hosted by Envision Blind Sports at Slippery Rock University in PA. This is where he first met Coach Keith Young and where he clicked with fellow goalball athletes Cameron Jones and Landon Smith, both residing near Louisville, KY. In September 2023, Jaron traveled to Kentucky to practice with his friends and Team Velocity was formed. Due to the geographic distance between teammates, they had just one day of practice before taking aim at competing in the 2023 National Goalball Championships in the high school division.

In November 2023, Team Velocity traveled to Austin, TX, to compete against established teams representing various schools for the blind across the United States. The first day of the tournament followed a round robin pool play format. The newly formed Team Velocity faced a veteran team representing the Texas School For The Blind. Though Team Velocity was defeated in a final score of 9 to 1, they proudly have the distinction of being the only team throughout the first day of play not needing the mercy rule when facing the Texas team. The mercy rule is when one team scores ten more goals than their opponent, the game then ends early. Team Velocity then faced the Virginia School For The Blind, with Jaron being the first to light the scoreboard. This effort resulted in a final score of 4-4, with each team splitting the win and earn-



Front L-R: Scotty Harper (OH), Landon Smith (KY) and Cameron Jones (KY); Back: Brody Rawlinson (MI) and Jaron Barber (NY).

ing 1 tournament point each. Coach Young was at the tournament and noticed Jaron’s talent. In the next round they defeated the team representing the Oklahoma School For The Blind with a final score of 13 to 9. The second and final day they played in a consolation round and were narrowly defeated with a score of 9 to 8 against Alabama, and then won over Louisiana with a score of 10 to 2. Team Velocity placed seventh overall. The team plans to build on their successes and positive experience to continue to grow as a team. Though the distance of getting together to practice on a regular basis is a challenge, challenges are not new to this newly formed team.

In the meantime, Jaron anxiously awaits feedback from his efforts at the development camp and looks forward to continuing his journey with Team Velocity.

Local Lions Clubs and the Utica Center for Development have helped make this journey possible.

About Coach Keith Young

Coach Young led the FSDB Boys’ Goalball Team to the 2018 USABA National High School Goalball Championships. In 2019, he led the U.S. Men’s Goalball Team to the silver medal at the ParaPan Am Games in Lima, Peru. When not coaching he advocates for blind and visually impaired athletes by presenting at physical education conferences and organizations that serve the blind and visually impaired.

About Goalball

Goalball is typically played in a gymnasium with absolute silence while the ball is in play since the players must rely on their hearing to track and stop the ball, which has bells embedded in it. All of the players wear eyeshades to ensure a level playing field. Each team has three players on the court at a time. The two teams alternate rolling and throwing the ball from one end of the short side of court to the other in an effort to score a goal. The players remain in the area of their own goal in playing offense and defense.

Take an enrichment course in Cambridge

Registration for Mud U 2024 continues! Mud U Cambridge (NY) is offering more than 55 classes on a wide range of topics, free of charge to the public. Some Mud U classes are full, but several still have room!

Ever thought about making your own beer? Try “Brewing Beer From Local Ingredients.” Struggle with comma and semicolon usage? Sit in on “Commas Are Your Friends.” Working on your novel? Learn about diversity and representation in fiction writing, and how to begin the novel editing process. Join fellow residents and their canine friends on a community walk in the “Golden Hour.” Learn how to fall-proof your life in “Fall Prevention,” put on by the Cambridge Valley Rescue Squad, and avoid being the victim of a scam by taking “Fraud Awareness/Scam Prevention,” offered by the Washington County Sheriff’s Office. Discuss Buddhism and its application in daily life, or how cars have come to dominate our communities. Improve your computer skills, learn the basics of bike repair, and hear about what it takes to run a small local business, all through Mud U, and all free of charge.

Keep up with your kids and grandkids by learning how to make short videos and reels on your cell phone in “How to Tik Tok,” and encourage a young person to do gaming the old fashioned way in “Learn to Play

Classic Games.” Plan ahead for housing in your golden years by taking the “ABCs of Housing Options for Older Adults,” or look to the past in one of several genealogy classes or a class on Susan B. Anthony’s years in Washington County. Enjoy a special piano performance given by local musician Stephen Gallucci on the Hubbard Hall Main Stage. Or join other residents in a Village Clean Up, followed by the Mud U “Graduation Pizza Party” on March 16th. There is something for everyone at Mud U, and even though some classes are sold out, there are still many interesting classes on offer.

Mud U classes will run from February 18 through March 11, 2024; registrations will continue until a class is sold out. See www.muducambridge.org for more information and to register for classes, or email muducambridge@gmail.com for more information.

Mud U Cambridge offers free classes by the community, for the community on a wide variety of topics. Special thanks to the Cambridge community, volunteer instructors, and Mud U partners Battenkill Books, The Cambridge Food Co-op, and Hubbard Hall for making Mud U 2024 a reality.

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History-themed dinner on Leap Day

SUNY Adirondack's Culinary students march into history later this winter, as Seasoned hosts a Warren County Historical Society event celebrating the 250th Anniversary of the Revolutionary War.

Three courses of time period-inspired cuisine will be prepared and served Feb. 29 at Seasoned, 14 Hudson Ave., as a benefit for the historical society.

"We are excited to partner with Chef Bolton and the SUNY Adirondack Culinary program to bring a continental flavor to the Glens Falls area," said Stan Cianfarano, Warren County historian. "The supply of food was always of prime importance to soldiers and civilians. With most colonials being self-sustaining farmers, they ate what they could grow. The menu at this event reflects the wide variety of foods consumed during the colonial period."

The dinner — which is \$60 a person — includes a talk by SUNY Adirondack alum and historical re-enactor Patrick Fayette, who will discuss food typical of the era and soldiers' rations. Historical re-enactors will mingle with guests.

The menu includes classic 18th-century French bread with herb butter; appetizer choice of pickled vegetables and charcuterie, a scotch egg in a creamy mustard sauce, corn and potato chowder or steamed little-neck clams in an ale herb broth; a main course selection of pork a la Normandy over sweet potato mash, chicken Fricassee over toasted barley, roasted venison with baked beans and root vegetables, baked haddock with zucchini fritters or a Northern bean cassoulet; and dessert choices of apple pie, molasses and cranberry bread pudding or gingerbread spice cake. Tea, coffee and soft drinks are included. Beer and wine will be

offered at Seasoned's cash bar.

"This going to be an amazing way to showcase our students and the culinary arts and baking program, while providing an educational night for our community," said Chef Matt Bolton, Culinary Arts instructor at SUNY Adirondack. "Chef Patrick Fayette, alumnus from the Class of 2023 and a chef at Radici, is actively involved in the planning of the menu and guest speaker notes. As a history enthusiast, he was the first person I called when this opportunity was presented."

Dinner seatings are at 5:45, 6, 6:15, 6:30, 6:45 and 7 p.m. Reservations are required by Feb. 19 and available on a limited basis through Warren County Historical Society. Visit 50 Gurney Lane, Queensbury, or call 518-743-0734 to reserve space; payment is due at the time of reservation in cash, by check or credit/debit card.

Cormier to reflect on a Salem founder

Salem author and historian William "Al" Cormier will speak about Gen. John Williams and the American Revolution at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 28 in the Archive Room at the Historic Salem Courthouse, 58 E. Broadway.

The event is sponsored by the Washington County 250th Committee and the Historic Salem Courthouse.

Gen. John Williams was one of the founding fathers of New Perth (currently Salem), New York. He was a surgeon and businessman in Salem as well as one of the first county judges, Salem supervisor and member of both the New York State Assembly and Senate. He was a doctor, politician, soldier, community member,

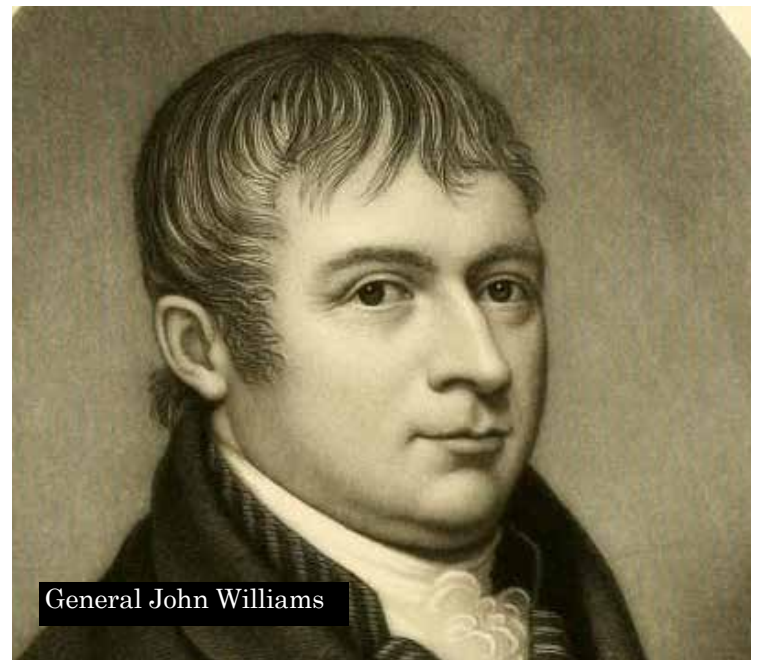
businessman and family man.

Cormier, Salem's deputy town historian, has researched and written numerous books and articles on the history of Salem, the Battenkill, railroading and other local history. His latest book, "The Heart of Salem," chronicles the history of Salem through stories of people from its origins up to 2009.

Born, raised and educated in England, Gen. John Williams finished his studies in medicine and surgery and emigrated to the colonies, settling in Salem in 1773, then in the county of Charlotte (later changed to Washington County).

In 1775, Williams was first elected to the New York Provincial Congress and served three terms. He went on to serve as one of the first county judges, Salem supervisor, and in both the New York State Assembly and Senate. Additionally, was a member of the New York State Constitutional Committee that ratified the United States Constitution in 1789.

Throughout the Revolutionary War, Williams served both as a New York State representative as well as



General John Williams

Colonel of the Charlotte County Militia. He led the Charlotte County Militia to the Battle of Bennington in 1777. He was appointed Brigade General in 1786.

Williams died at the age of 53 on July 22, 1806. He was buried in the Salem Revolutionary Cemetery and was later reinterred in the Evergreen Cemetery in Salem.

The lecture is free and open to the public, donations are gladly accepted.

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Love is in the air



The love between two people who have been married for 60 years cannot be denied. This is truly the case and beautiful life of Mr. John Stewart Sr., 80, from Granville, New York, and a resident at Washington Center, the 122-bed skilled nursing facility on State Route 40 in Argyle, and his loving wife, Adrienne, who visits him often at the facility. John has always been a family man, a person with a great sense of humor, and loves it when Adrienne drops by on her short trip from Granville. Staff say they love seeing the two together always, that their love always brings a special aura to the facility.

"We are always thinking about Valentine's Day right now and when Adrienne comes to visit John here at Washington Center, they totally define what the holiday of love is really all about," said Pamela Bowe, Adirondacks Regional Director with Centers Health Care. "You cannot help but smile and get choked up in a special way when they seen together. 60 years is mind-blowing for so many of us, it's a real gift of love and gift of life."

Expanding Greenwich's water district

Representatives from consulting firm Barton & Loguidice, contracted by the town and village of Greenwich, addressed an audience of about 40 local residents on Feb. 7 at the Middle Falls Fire Department regarding the potential of expanding the water district from the village as far as the traffic circle in town and beyond in various directions.

While a planned PowerPoint did not display due to technical difficulties, four maps were discussed, with costs ranging from \$397 to \$636 per quarter per dwelling in each proposed district.

The general feeling was that all residents who would be drawn into each district would have to pay the fees, though whether or not a water line would be mandatorily hooked to each dwelling was up for debate. The fees could be significantly lessened if the district qualifies for a number of grants, which the consultants said was very attainable. The grants could lower costs to as low as \$172 per quarter per dwelling.

Town supervisor Jim Nolan said in an interview that many people in the proposed district cite poor water quality from their wells and already pay for expensive water treatment equipment, but reiterated that "nothing's been decided" as to whether or not this will even happen. The goal right now is fact-finding.

"We're here to listen," he said, noting that water line expansion was noted in Greenwich's Comprehensive Plan, which was approved last year. "What we're doing is following up on that study. The previous administration did a study but did not follow up."

Consultant Roy Richardson asked the audience how many actually would live in one of the proposed expanded districts. Only a few raised their hands and none voiced strong concerns either way.

Nolan said that multiple land-owners have expressed interest in having better water piped into the proposed area, and if that happens, hopefully the town can help implement more senior housing as well as affordable apartments for younger workers. Existing homes hooked up to municipal water would see an increase in property value, he added. An audience member concurred that this might improve the town's property tax rate.

Nolan said that the village's system is up to date and is capable of handling the increased output. Perhaps a water tower and other sources for water could also be used in town for redundancy, he added.

Richardson noted that the village's water is tested by the state and maintains high quality. When asked if residents in a proposed district



Representatives from Barton & Loguidice

could opt-out, he added: "We can't skip every other house. If you're on an approved map, you're going to be in the district."

"If you're in the district, you need to pay to be in the district, but you don't have to pay for water if you don't hook up."

-Darren Johnson

Catholic Daughters

The first meeting of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court #396 of Schuylerville, Greenwich, and surrounding areas will meet on Thursday, March 7, 6 PM, at Saint Joseph's Parish House in Greenwich. New members are always welcomed. For information please call Regent, Lois, Patrick, 518-920-4672 or Joanne at 518-854-7862. Join the group for a Super Supper Plus at Notre Dame visitation Church, Fisher Hall, Schuylerville on Saturday, March 2, at 4:45 PM. Donations accepted.



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Model Railroaders

Upstate Model Railroaders will be having their monthly Open House and Freight Yard Sale Sunday, Feb. 25, 12 to 3 pm. There will be sales tables set up, trains will be running, and members will be on hand to answer questions. Upstate Model Railroaders is located at 22 Hudson Falls Rd., Door 27. Visit UpstateModelRailroaders.com.

Clifford's Birthday Party a big draw

Some scenes from Clifford the Big Red Dog's Birthday Party Saturday, Feb. 10, at the Greenwich Free Library. Find out about more Library events at <https://www.greenwichfreelibrary.org/calendar-2/>.



Heritage Hunters

Heritage Hunters will meet on Saturday, February 17th, at 1 pm at the Town of Saratoga Town Hall, 12 Spring St. in Schuylerville. Daniel Bradt will present the program, "An Archaeological Look at the Saratoga and Schenectady Railroad." The railroad was only the 2nd built in the state and began operating in 1832. Portions of it have been the subject of archaeological digs in recent years. Dan has assisted in the digs and has worked on several other archaeology projects in Saratoga County. With a scientific background, he holds Basic and Advanced Certificates of Completion from Schenectady County Community College in the Community Archaeology Program. Public is welcome. For information call 518-885-9309.



Sunday breakfasts

Ashlar Masonic Lodge announced the return of its popular "Good Sunday Morning Breakfast Buffets," offering the community a farm-to-table experience. Commencing on March 3, 2024, and continuing on the first Sunday of each month, join them for an extraordinary culinary journey at the historic Greenwich Masonic Temple. Greenwich Masonic Temple is at 2543 NY-40, Greenwich. The event runs 7:30 to 10:30 AM.

Menu of pancakes, waffles, Thomas Poultry Farm eggs, Ruts Ridge sausage, crispy bacon, home fries, and all your favorite fixings. It's a breakfast bonanza that promises to elevate your Sunday mornings.

Cost: Adults: \$12; eterans and children (12 and under): \$6.

In addition to the March 3 event, mark your calendars for the upcoming dates of April 7 and May 5, 2024, where the group will continue to offer a farm-fresh breakfast experience.

Lodge master Brian Nilsen expressed his excitement, stating, "We envisioned a farm-to-table experience, and the response has been overwhelming. With the expertise of our lodge's own farmers, we have sourced local food from neighboring farms to ensure the highest quality breakfast in Greenwich."

OBITUARY

Robert A. Pratt, 98

Robert A. Pratt, 98, passed away Jan 26, 2024, in Highlands Ranch, Colorado. Bob grew up in Cossayuna, New York, and graduated from Greenwich high school. He enlisted in the Navy at age 18 in 1944, and became a signalman and then a quartermaster on a destroyer, the USS Madison, serving in the Atlantic, Mediterranean, and Pacific during World War II. Bob was on the USS Madison in Tokyo Bay during the signing of the official surrender by Japan.

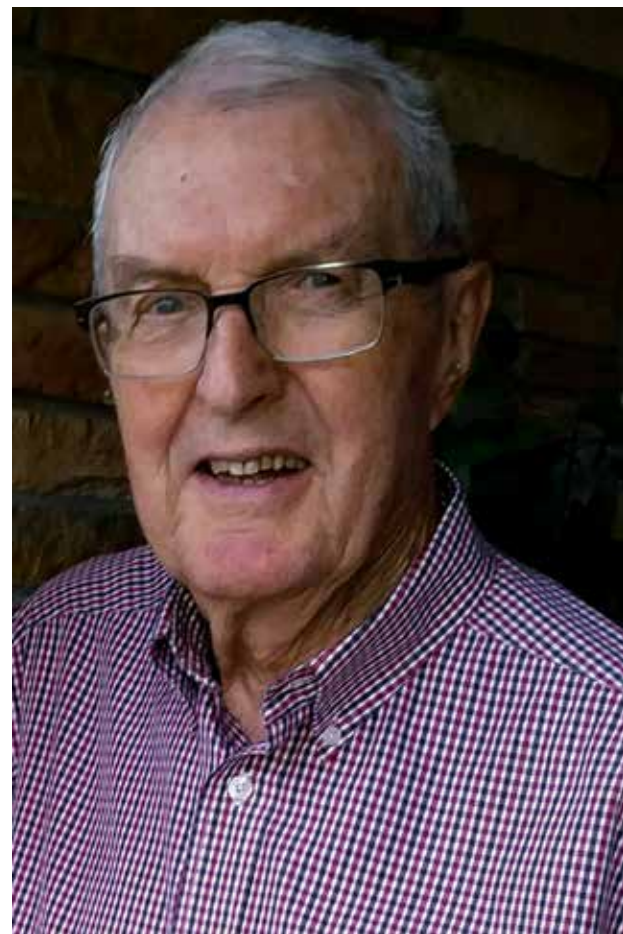
After the war, Bob graduated from St. Lawrence University, married Patricia Lennox in 1955 and moved to Greenwich where Bob ran Pratt's Clothing Store for 34 years. Bob helped his father build and develop a ten-cottage rental community that became Pratt's Point on Cossayuna Lake. After his father's death Bob managed the business, eventually establishing the Pratt's Point Association. Bob and his family, including his grandchildren, spent many a memorable summer enjoying this legacy.

Always serving his community, he spent time as a Boy Scout leader, school board member, secretary of the New York State Retail Merchants

Council, a Mason, a member of the Lions Club, was mayor of Greenwich for 5 years and later a town councilman. Bob enjoyed golf, water skiing on Cossayuna Lake, and snow skiing, as well as playing cards, pool, and horseshoes. After retirement, Bob and Pat moved to Highlands Ranch, Colorado in 2012.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, William and Ora Pratt of Cossayuna, and his sister, Dorothy Burnett of Scotia, New York. Bob is survived by his wife of 68 years, Pat; sons, Jeff Pratt of Morrison, Colorado, and Tom Pratt of Austin, Texas. He is also survived by Jeff's wife Nancy, their daughters Lexie of Kona, Hawaii and Jessica of San Francisco, California; Tom's wife Caroline, their daughter Maggie of Austin, Texas and son Taylor and his wife Rose of Grand Forks, North Dakota.

A celebration of Bob's life will take place in Highlands Ranch, Colorado on March 16th.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Transparency needed for Salem project

An Open Letter to the Salem Board of Education:

I received a post card from Salem Central School. The card was an invitation to complete a "survey" regarding the archway closing. The provided explanation gave no hard answers and only two options; do nothing was not an option.

I have stated publicly at many meetings, I support the project to enclose the archways at Salem Central School. To me, the closing just makes sense; two separate buildings become one, utilities and maintenance are reduced, functionality is increased, and security for all is finally enhanced. What I NEVER supported is the manner in which the archway project was created and pursued by the Board of Education (BOE). The project seems to have started four(?) years ago as a pet project between two members of the BOE. The project remained mostly out of public view but did receive some public commentary and pushback. The project suddenly became part of a capital proposal announced this past fall. The School did hold public meetings. What the administration seemed to lack were the definitive answers to questions they should have well anticipated. No final illustration of the pro-

posed project were presented. No firm explanation of traffic patterns were presented. No final estimates of cost were provided. Basically, the community was asked to hand the school 14.5 million dollars and they would figure it all out. The proposal was defeated and the archways, track maintenance, roof repair and all else are allowed to languish another year.

Now imagine the BOE and administration had spent the last four years actively trying to educate the district about the needs and benefits of the archway closure. Listen to complaints. Address the individual concerns. Be proactive and open about the project. Spend time and money to have answers for the questions you know people will ask. Stand up front and say "this is what the school needs to be safe and more efficient". So much time and money has already been wasted in their blind pursuit to correct a safety issue created 70(?) years ago with the construction of the elementary wing. I truly believe this project should be completed. I also realize there may be more pressing financial needs. Hopefully, the administration finds a way to convince the public. Issuing a "survey" essentially saying "we're going to to it anyway",

might NOT have been the best approach. Public relations and marketing can go a long way, especially when you seek to spend other people's hard earned money.

I do expect more from those professionals tasked with protecting our public investment and the education of our youth. Thank you.

Don L. Davis
District Resident

Worthwhile Piece To the Editor:

The interview that you conducted and published with the director of the state problem gambling center was insightful and of great value. This is one of the great unseen afflictions growing underneath the commercial reality of American life, and you did a very well-informed Q&A.

Martin White
Salem

Planting for spring

On November 12, 2023, the Country Clovers 4H group did a roadside clean-up and planted daffodils near the top of Bald Mountain Road. A group of ten kids and 7 adults participated in this event. They planted the daffodils to make the roadsides look nice in the spring. They also planted daffodils in the Village Commons behind the Youth Center. This is the second roadside clean-



up, and the group enjoys trying to make the town better by planting flowers and picking up trash. The kids that participated in this event were Cora and Flynn Anderson, Maddilyn Ryan, Benjamin Molca, Tracey, and Penny Anderson, Ezio Kocaj, and Jack and Jovie Dorrer and Adalyn Wanya.

Greenwich CSD track success

Both the Greenwich boys and girls track & field teams grabbed top-half places at the Sectional Championships with the girls finishing 7th and the boys capturing 5th place in the fourteen team meet.

Kendall Hamilton led the girls with three individual event medals, including first in the 300M Dash.

Both Caroline Kelly and Julia Sgambelluri scored in two events.

The boys were driven by the performances of Miguel Gonzalez and Noah Davis, each of whom won individual events and scored in a second.

Let's make it Black History Authors' Month

Warren Schultz
Greenwich Free Library

I have always been an avid reader, inspired by my grandfather who had read me Dickens and

Twain as I sat on his lap as a young boy. When I became a teenager my reading habits were more pedestrian, including sports novels, science fiction and fantasy, and perhaps an occasional Kerouac novel, passed down to me by my big brother.

Then, the summer before I entered high school as a fresh-faced 14-year-old kid, I was presented a reading list including novels such as *Brave New World*, *Kon Tiki*, *The Catcher in the Rye*, and *Animal Farm*, all of which broadened my horizons. There was another book on the list that intrigued me, *Invisible Man* by Ralph Ellison. It was not, of course, a horror or science fiction novel as I had hoped. Instead, the invisible man of the title was a Black man, and his invisibility was more cultural than physical. He was, by virtue of his race, invisible to large

segments of the population. Reading that book, I was able to slip into the skin of a Black

person and begin to understand the hardships and racism they experienced. That was the first black-authored novel I read. In fact, I don't recall having read any novels with Black characters except for Jim in *Huckleberry Finn*.

Over the years, Black authors have made themselves visible with books that demand you to look at them and recognize them as fellow human beings. Reading those books gives people of all races insight into lives challenged by disrespect, hate and brutality.

It is heartening to see these authors finally receive their well-earned acclaim, while earning prestigious awards such as the National Book Award, the Caldecott Medal, the Newberry medal, and the Pulitzer Prize. And yet, grouping them under the collective term "Black writers", does them a disservice. Their genre encompasses writers of many different styles and beliefs. And it has evolved considerably over the years. Many of the earliest Black writers in America, dating back to colonial days, wrote about their experiences as slaves. One of the earliest novels by an

African American author was *Clotel or the President's Daughter* by William Wells Brown, based on the then-rumor (and now established fact) that President Jefferson had fathered children with the enslaved Sally Hemmings. Another early popular Black work was *The Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass*, himself once an American slave. Other early African American works were spiritual narratives

and religious writings. Around the same time, writers such as Sojourner Truth and Booker T. Washington wrote confrontational works about slavery.

In the 1920s and '30s, a movement known as the Harlem Renaissance was fueled by the great migration of Southern Black people moving to Northern cities and documented by writers such as Langston Hughes and Zora Neale Hurston. Up until this time, African American literature was mainly read by African Americans. But the Harlem Renaissance brought their work to a larger audience. The novels that rose from this time were often about the travails of common Black life—urban and rural.

In the 1970s, books by black authors, such as *The Color Purple* by Alice Walker, and *Roots: the Saga of an American Family* by Alex Haley entered the mainstream. Since then, popular black authors such as Ntozake Shange, Ishmael Reade, Jamaica Kincaid have topped the best-seller list with works of all

styles, epitomized by Colson Whitehead who has produced

post-apocalyptic fiction, mystery, memoir, literary fiction, crime, magical realism—all to much acclaim.

The books of these writers are now read by people of all races and all ages. In fact, my first-grade granddaughters routinely read works by Black authors, such as the picture book, *Get Up, Stand Up*, based on the Bob Marley song.

Still, it is no surprise that books by black authors have been banned by many libraries. Those include books by Toni Morrison, Ibram X Kendi, Richard Wright, James Baldwin, and more. But, of course those books, or any other books, are not banned at our library.

If you would like to read works by these (or any) Black authors unfamiliar to you, Black History Month is a perfect time to get to know them. Check out our display of books by Black authors or ask at the desk for suggestions.

Warren Schultz is an author and playwright who has worked in five libraries. He is an upstate native.



Clockwise: Toni Morrison, Colson Whitehead, Ralph Ellison and Alice Walker



Greenwich Central School District

It's time to enroll your child in PreK and Kindergarten!

Pre-register online at www.greenwichcsd.org, the [pre-registration](#) link.

Please contact Tracy Dennis at 518-692-9542 Ext. 6100 or tdennis@greenwichcsd.org for PreK information.

PreK Enrollment

- ★ Eligible students turn four years old on or before December 1st
- ★ Limited to 40 in-district students - 20 per classroom
- ★ Lottery to occur if enrollment surpasses 40 students
- ★ Screening of all students will occur in June

Kindergarten Enrollment

- ★ Eligible students turn five years old on or before December 1st
- ★ Unlimited enrollment
- ★ Students attending Greenwich PreK will be automatically enrolled in Kindergarten
- ★ Students *not* attending Greenwich PreK need to pre-register online
- ★ Ready, Set, Kindergarten to be held in April
- ★ Ready, Set, PreK to be held in May
- ★ Screening of new students will occur in May

Afraid of career commitment? Read this!

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

Q: *I'm in my late 20s and considering a new career but don't know if I'm ready to make a commitment. I know I'm working a dead-end job. I just don't want to start something new if I'm not certain I'll finish it. How do you suggest clients work with important career changes and make sure they can be committed?*

A: I tell clients it is way less important to know for sure you're committed than to take exploratory steps to open up paths you might find rewarding and lucrative. What you can know for sure right now is that you're currently committed to a dead-end career. Can beginning something you don't finish be any worse?

Leslie Nielsen, a Canadian-American actor and comedian (1926-2010), liked to joke that "Doing nothing is very hard to do... you never know when you're finished." Having no goals because we fear commitment is very hard to do because we end up just being committed to an endless nothing.

Unless you have a working crystal ball, none of us can know for sure when we start a career change that we'll finish it. Finishing the career change we start isn't even the most important thing. Be aware that while starting a career change, you may find an even more interesting adventure that you do end up finishing.

Careers are not like marriages. You don't promise to start a new career path until "death do you part." What you know for sure is that you're dead-ended where you are now. Anything new you start will be the end of that

nothing, and the beginning of something.

Rather than getting overwhelmed by the idea of not being committed to your new career path, think of every day as an opportunity to learn something new. Enjoyable new careers generally follow a series of days where you keep learning one new skill every day. After many such days you look back, and voilà you've finished a new credential and found a new job.

Be aware also that there's no substitute for real world experience. When we imagine a new career, we cannot smell, taste, or immerse ourselves in what we'll really feel in that career. If we don't take our dreams out of our imagination and into the realm of ordinary reality, many of our dreams will remain stillborn.

When I started my doctoral program, people asked me whether I was worried I wouldn't finish. The truth is I was too busy with what I was mesmerized by learning and the interesting people I was meeting to worry about the finish line.

Sometimes we may confuse fear of failure and a reluctance to commit to a new career. There's no learning and no adventure at work or in life that does not involve risk of failure. If you think by not committing you're protecting yourself from failure, you're only protecting yourself from some of the richest experiences in life.

Helen Keller, an American author and activist (1880-1968), sagely noted: "Life is either a daring adventure or nothing at all." If you're tired of doing nothing, because you never know when you're finished, then you might just be

ready for trying some daring adventures.

Make your primary commitment in 2024 to experience new undertakings that will open new chapters in new books for your career. Then commit every day to this exploration and watch as the design of your new career emerges.

The last word(s)

Q: *There are several people at work who like to constantly aim sly criticisms at my projects and abilities. I end up obsessing about what they said. Are there ways to let these kinds of petty negative remarks be more like water off a duck's back?*

A: Yes, as Indian activist Mahatma Gandhi (1869-1948) wisely noted, "I will not let anyone walk through my mind with their dirty feet." Petty criticisms are only a reflection on the self-hatred of those who keep trying to undermine others rather than do anything significant themselves!

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



JILL ON MONEY

Tax season opens

Jill Schlesinger
Tribune Content Agency
Special to Journal & Press

Taxpayers, start your engines! The tax season officially opened January 29 and the IRS expects more than 128 million individual tax returns to be filed. To mark the event, here are some important facts:

Tax filing deadline

For most taxpayers, the deadline to file their personal federal tax return, pay any tax owed or request an extension to file is Monday, April 15, 2024.

Taxpayers living in Maine or Massachusetts have until April 17, due to the Patriot's Day and Emancipation Day holidays. Taxpayers who reside in a federally declared disaster area, also may have additional time to file.

Prepare now

Bookmark the IRS.gov website and check out the "Get Ready" section. You will need to gather all of your relevant information, like Social Security numbers and this year's Identity Protection Personal Identification Numbers (IP PIN).

Collect all income related documents, like W2s, 1099s, unemployment benefits received, dividends, pensions, annuities, or retirement plan distributions.

Use IRS Free File

This service lets you file your federal taxes at no extra cost either through electronic fillable forms or through IRS partnerships with private tax preparation services. It's open to taxpayers with Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) of \$79,000 or less in 2023. If your AGI is above \$79,000, you can use Free File Fillable Forms, the electronic version of paper forms.

Consider Direct File

The IRS is experimenting with a new way to file taxes called Direct File, which will allow taxpayers to file their 2023 federal tax return online, for free, directly with the IRS.

If you are eligible (you have to live in one of the 12 pilot states), it sounds pretty nifty: no software, mobile-friendly, easy to use, secure, accessible, and free.

Decide whether to engage a pro or go it on your own

It's tough to find someone to help with your taxes in April, so now's the time to figure out whether or not it is necessary. If you have a complicated financial life, consider paying up for a professional.

For example, small business owners and those who are self-employed may want someone who is familiar with Schedule C and who will let you know when you should file a Form 1099 to report any payments you made to others.

If you had a lot of investment activity, sold property, or have to file an estate tax return for a deceased family member, you may also want guidance. Check out the IRS website for tips on how to choose a tax professional.

Claiming the Child Tax credit (CTC)?

Don't jump the gun! If you have a child under the age of 17, you may be eligible to claim a tax credit of up to \$2,000 per child when you file your tax returns.

The credit is available to single and head of household filers who earn less than \$200,000 and married filing jointly who earn \$400,000 or below.

There is a proposal in Congress that could help lower income families by increasing their CTC, but it's not clear whether the change will get through and if it does, whether it will be in time for this tax season.

Regardless of what happens with the proposal, by law, the IRS can't release a refund for a return for certain credits until mid-February. (You can use the IRS Where's My Refund? tool to track your refund.)

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To isolate or not?

Lance Allen Wang
Journal & Press

There is a new taste for isolationism in America. As with previous American isolationism, it brings risks, but little reward.

War weariness is a real affliction, especially when war touches home. Following the shocking losses in the mechanized slaughterhouse of World War I, and again following what was up to that point our nation's longest war, Vietnam, America retreated inwards.

While World War I was named "The War to End All Wars," it was anything but, and because of a peace which was, at best, incomplete, it planted the seeds of the Second World War. After the horrors of the First World War, Western nations withdrew to an isolationist stance. While American President Woodrow Wilson created the international body called the League of Nations, a predecessor to the United Nations, Congress had no interest in joining. After approximately 115,000 American servicemember deaths during the 18 months of America's participation in the war, political pressure was focused on turning the country inward.

Germany fell under the spell of the Nazi Party and resented the punishing terms of the Armistice which ended World War I. Germany, along with Italy and Japan took advantage of a war-weary world to satisfy imperial, expansionist tendencies and received little pushback during the 1930s. Japan sought to satisfy imperial designs on much of the Pacific rim, invading Manchuria in 1931. Germany began a re-arming campaign which was in blatant violation of the armistice.

Meanwhile, the isolationist American Congress continued to draw down the military. The military was a convenient source of remaining funds as the Great Depression neutered America and many western nations economically. Even as war raged on the Pacific rim, and Germany took over Austria and Czechoslovakia without firing a shot, America kept its head in the sand. As German forces poured across the Polish border in September 1939, the United States was only the 17th most powerful military in the world, comfortably behind Romania. 17th!

It was only through the powerful lobbying of General George Marshall, Army Chief of Staff, that the United States instituted its first peacetime draft in 1940. Working closely with President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Marshall showed the adeptness with which he was able to negotiate with Congress and the Chief Executive. America mobilized tens of thousands of National Guardsmen and draftees and began experimenting with some of the tactics that the Germans had been successfully employing in Europe. In a series of training maneuvers which encompassed large swaths of the southern United States, a desperately needed test bed for a military which had been held back by austerity measures and an isolationist Congress finally began modernizing. These maneuvers in 1940-41 made the first year of declared hostilities after Pearl Harbor painful, but not crippling.

As usually takes place during periods of isolationism, an anti-immigrant groundswell began, and as the atmosphere in Europe became more antagonistic to minorities such as Jews, America was forced to put restrictions on the intake of foreigners by a nativist groundswell in Congress. When a ship carrying European Jews escaping Nazi Germany in 1939, the MS Saint Louis, was denied docking privileges in Cuba, the United States, and Canada and thus was forced to return to Germany, it did more than condemn at least a quarter of those passengers



Soviets enter Afghanistan in 1979

to death in Hitler's camps, it also strengthened Hitler's rhetoric. It provided an opportunity to say, "You see, we're no different - nobody wants them." It also made America's invitation to the world's immigrants ring empty, as the poem affixed to the Statue of Liberty, "The New Colossus" implores - "Give me your tired, your poor; Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, The wretched refuse of your teeming shore; Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me; I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"

After the Vietnam War, America again turned inwards. Most American ground troops left Vietnam in 1973 with Nixon's vague promises, unconsidered by Congress, that we would intercede if things got worse for South Vietnam. Realistically, we were not coming back. Things got worse quickly, and by April 1975, the last American helicopters took the remaining Americans out of the path of invading North Vietnamese forces.

Much like after World War I, the military paid the price. Austerity measures due to severe inflation during the Presidency of Jimmy Carter hit the military hard. It was a period where we had what was called a "hollow force." Unlike after World War I, however, we did have significant forces deployed in ongoing real-world missions - manning the 38th Parallel in South Korea and facing the Russians across the German frontier at least kept the very tip of the spear sharp. And of course, the Cold War nuclear arms race continued apace.

However, just as the attack on Pearl Harbor pointed out a lack of readiness on the part of the United States as war dawned, the 1979-80 Iranian Hostage Crisis and the failed rescue mission at Desert One became symbolic of the state of the American armed forces and its post-Vietnam malaise. Because America backed away from its role as leader of the free world, it encouraged other, less restrained countries like the USSR to invade Afghanistan in 1979, and roll into Poland to put down the "Solidarity" movement in 1980-81.

Now, having now exited operations IRAQI FREEDOM and ENDURING FREEDOM as the Global War on Terrorism recedes into memory, there is another isolationist movement afoot.

Ironically it is from the far-right of the Republican Party, which used to be the party that could be counted upon for international engagement, because it was primarily focused upon ensuring free markets here and abroad. However, now that is apparently not the case. Instead, they are seeking that we abandon

our Ukrainian allies, who represent a buffer between an increasingly neo-Soviet, malignant, expansionist Russia and the east flank of NATO. Ironically, an agreement which we signed with Ukraine in 1994 (the "Budapest Memorandum") called for Ukraine to give up its nuclear weapons in return for promises to protect them from aggression. The other signatory of the treaty? Ironically, Russia.

America does not wear isolationism well. If we are to remain strong, we can either engage or we can simply be reactive. The question is how to serve America's interests through engagement and counter the effects of more malignant countries.

First, isolationism roils the markets. America is a rich and powerful nation and can help stabilize markets in the face of chaos with reassurance and rock-solid stability. However, it can only do that when we have leaders who are focused on and engaged with the big picture in America and globally.

Number two, isolationism is a risky proposition for the military, because when we turn our attention away from the world, it becomes easier and easier to make cuts in the military. We don't want to find ourselves in 1939 or 1979 again, where we leave ourselves unable to execute our stated policies, support our friends, and deter our enemies.

Lastly, isolationism presents a false lifeboat. Turning inward will not help us avoid the chaos and discord in the world. We will not save money by disengaging. The oceans are not barriers which will protect us - since the 1700s they have been highways for trade - and warfare. Technology has made our world smaller - a computer hacker in a basement somewhere in Siberia can take actions which have a global impact within minutes. Unity in action, especially among allies, is essential. Or when all is said and done, we can pretend that the world does not affect us, and we can keep facing inward.

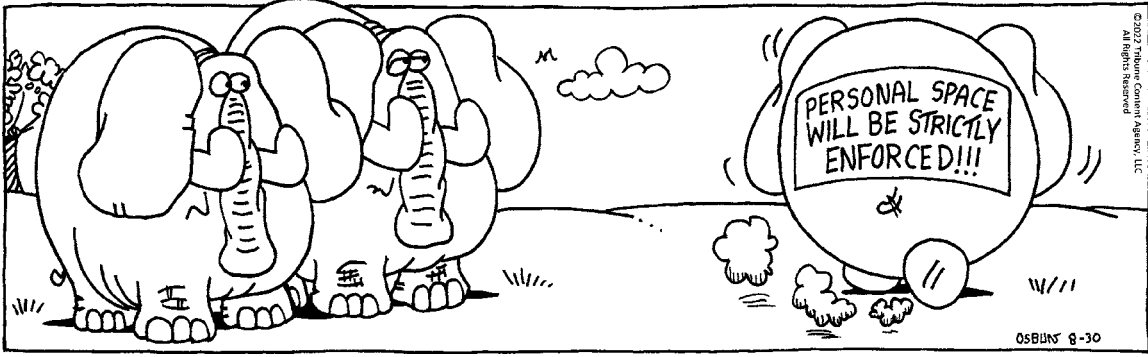
But isn't that the same as denying that gravity affects us? We know it does. Our isolationists have not floated away, no matter how much we might like them to.

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FUN, GAMES & FAST FACTS

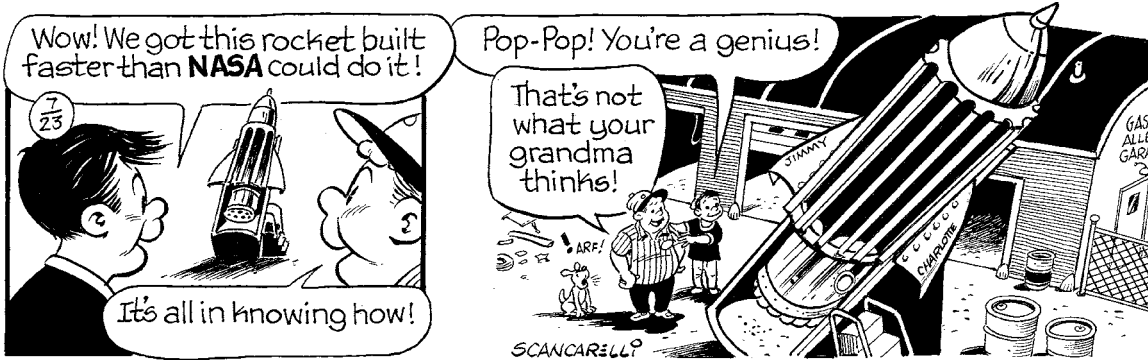
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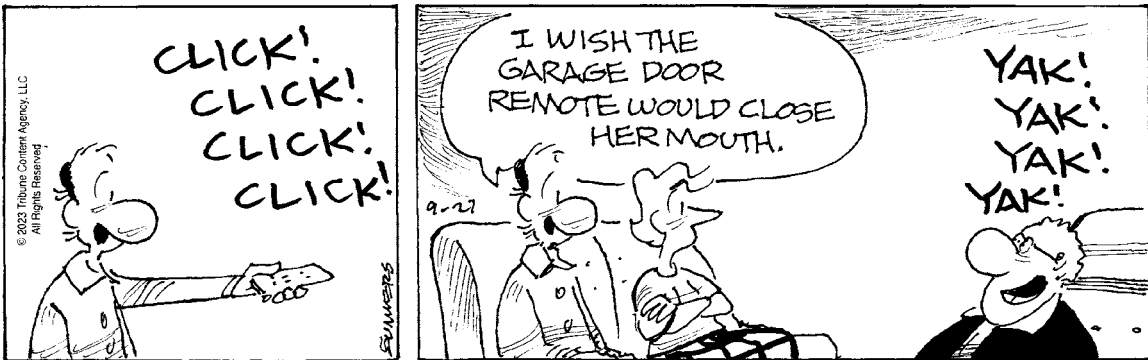
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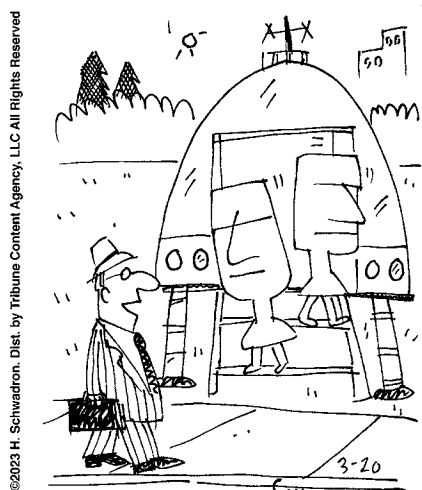
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RACK 2: E1 I1 I1 N1 W4 T1 N1

RACK 3: O1 O1 U1 D2 T1 S1 L1

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Boggle BrainBusters!

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

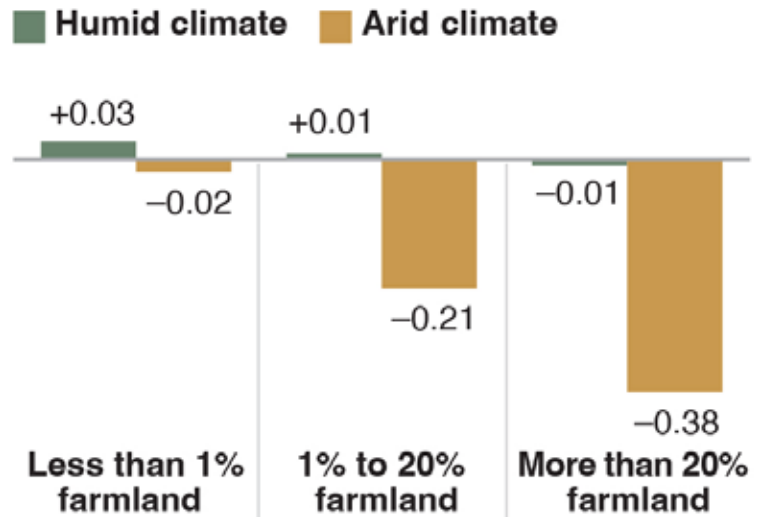
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Find AT LEAST NINE TREES in the grid of letters.

Fast Fact

Groundwater levels are declining in the world's arid farming regions

Median annual change in groundwater levels from 2000-2022, in meters



Source: Los Angeles Times reporting
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JUMBLE

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

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

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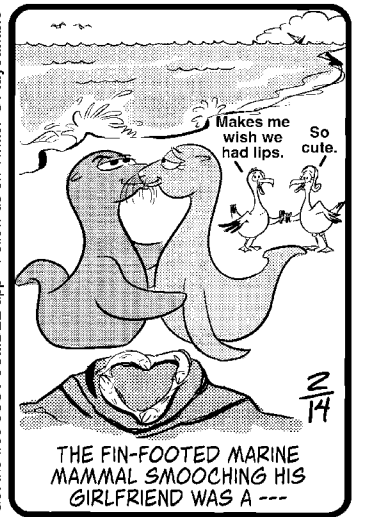
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.



Argyle Acrostic By Frank J. D'Agostino

- Find these words associated with winter (and find Frank's acrostic books on Amazon):
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| Chill | Parka | Stove |
| Cold | Plow | Sweater |
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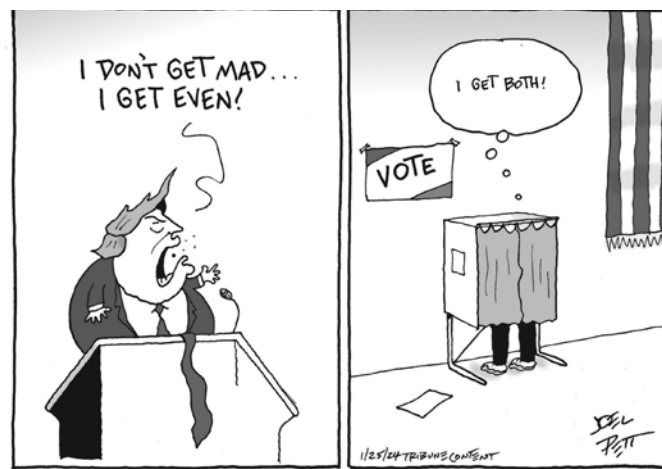
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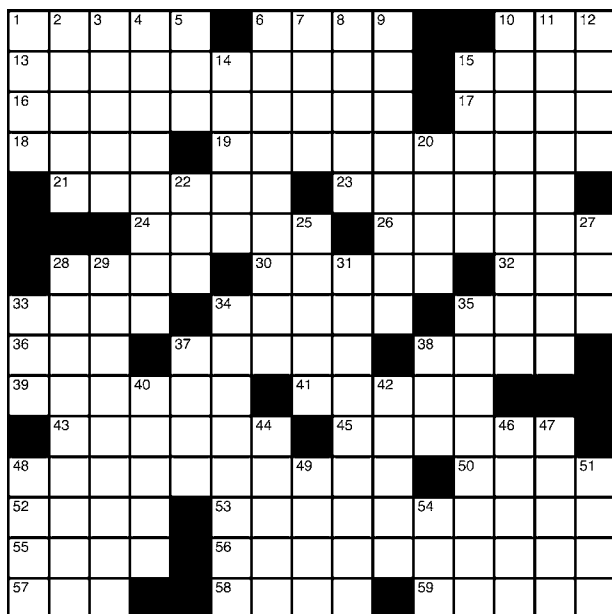
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Salem Sudoku

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Audubon loon program at library

Learn all about loons on Saturday February 24 from 11:00 - 12:30 PM at the Greenwich Free Library's Community Room.

The library, along with the Southern Adirondack Audubon Society and the Adirondack Center for Loon Conservation present: "Conservation through the Lives of Adirondack Loons." Dr. Nina Schoch, Executive Director of the Adirondack Center for Loon Conservation, will provide an overview of loon natural history and behavior, discuss threats affecting loon populations, and highlight the work of the ACLC.

About the Adirondack Center for Loon Conservation: The Adirondack Center for Loon Conservation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to inspiring passion for and promoting the conservation of Adirondack loons, a sentinel of the environment. With the loon as our centerpiece, the work of the Adirondack Center for Loon Conservation encompasses scientific research; educational outreach; and conservation and management to help protect and support healthy populations of Common Loons in New York State and throughout North America.

About presenter Nina Schoch: Dr. Nina Schoch is the Executive Director of the Adirondack Center for Loon Conservation, and has studied loons in New York's Adirondack Park since 1998. A wildlife veterinarian and rehabilitator, she also has a master's degree in Natural Resources/Wildlife Management. Dr. Schoch practiced small animal medicine in New York's Adirondack Park from 1991-2002, is a member of numerous conservation and wildlife health related organizations, and has written many scientific and lay articles about the results of the Adirondack loon



research. She received the 2018 Adirondack Research Consortium's Elizabeth Thorndike Adirondack Achievement Award, the 2011 NYS Outdoor Writers Association M. Paul Keesler NY Outdoor Citizen Award, and was inducted into the NYS Outdoorsmen Hall of Fame in 2014.

This presentation is open to all, but registration is required. Visit www.greenwichfreelibrary.org or call 518-692-7157 to register.

Cambridge monthly meal

A popular dish will be served this month at the Cambridge Food Pantry Monthly Dinner: Corned beef and Cabbage on Saturday, Feb. 24.

The dinner will include tender corned beef and cabbage, homemade desserts and beverages, all for only \$17. Cambridge Food Pantry is located at 59 So. Park St., Route 22, South of the red light across from the school

bus garage.

Serving starts at 4:30 and ends at 6:30, available to eat in or take home to enjoy. Bring your family and friends and help to feed those who find it hard to pay for food and necessities, sometimes having to choose between paying for electricity or medicine, for example, or food for their family.

Star-studded gathering

The Salem Astronomy Club will meet on Wednesday, February 21, 2024, at 7:00 pm at the Starfish Library 56 Gillis Hill Ln. We are a group of amateur astronomers who meet monthly to discuss and learn about astronomy. Anyone interested in astronomy, at any level, is welcome to attend. For more information, please contact Bill at wfrederi53gob@gmail.com.

In 2024, snow is 'literally' still a thing

Greg Schwem
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The January deep freeze has left me with three thoughts:

Global warming is still a ways off.

Even while sitting in a private box and wearing a knit hat to watch her boyfriend catch passes in subzero temperatures, Taylor Swift is still capable of being bored and miserable.

In winter, never fly to a city where the residents say "It 'literally' never snows here."

While I remain entrenched in my beloved Chicago, despite its high crime rate, under-achieving sports team and, yes, bone-chilling winters, friends are fleeing the city in droves for warmer environs. Florida and Arizona remain the most popular destinations, but those looking for something resembling seasonal changes are opting for communities in North Carolina, Virginia and Tennessee. When grilled about their choices, most reference idyllic mountain ranges, low cost of living and friendly residents. Chicago has none of these, by the way, although yesterday I did meet a young guy who offered me his seat on the bus.

Then, when the conversation turns to weather, their tones grow even more excited, as they launch into tales of new lives void of snow blowers, ice scrapers and sidewalk salt. None of those items made it into their moving vans. Why should they?

"It literally never snows here," said a family member who relocated to a lakefront community outside Knoxville, Tennessee. With mountain views.

Recent experience has left me convinced that "basically never snows" or "literally never snows" means, "It does snow here and, when this occurs, we have absolutely no idea what to do."

Witness a flight from Charlotte, North Carolina, (thankfully, void of snow) to McGhee



File Photo, Clarks Mills 2021

Tyson Airport in Knoxville on Jan. 16, where three inches of ice encrusted flakes — the kind that don't just fall harmlessly off your car windows when you slam the door — coated everything from runways to vehicles left in long-term parking lots.

Please know I am not about to bore you, my loyal readers, with events that accompanied the flight, for I know you are not interested. Nothing annoys me more than listening to someone recount, in excruciating, blow-by-blow detail, their "flight from hell" that included a lengthy delay, a last-minute gate change and the dreaded "maintenance is coming aboard" announcement. We've all been there, and your story is no different than mine.

The one exception might be the 1972 incident involving a Uruguayan rugby team whose plane crashed in the Andes mountains. Nobody found the plane for 10 weeks and those who survived did so by eating the bodies of the dead passengers.

THAT'S a good story. Keep talking.

Upon landing in Knoxville, the pilot informed us that, "due to the snow," only two gates were

open and, naturally, both were occupied. While waiting more than two and a half hours to disembark, I looked outside to see a bunch of tarmac workers doing, well, very little. None carried a shovel or operated a snowblower, for I don't believe either exist in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Baggage claim was equally chaotic; luggage littered the floor, while owners bumped from canceled flights frantically searched for bags that, somehow, arrived before they did. Meanwhile, every curse word I've ever heard, and some I hadn't, was being uttered by travelers realizing no taxis or rideshare vehicles were braving treacherous, unplowed roads at midnight.

"We just can't handle snow here," said a police officer, as if this were a perfectly acceptable excuse for the carnage unfolding in front of him. "Plus, we're short staffed."

Seriously? The airport is teetering on the brink of shutdown and employees are choosing to take mental health days?

Perhaps it's time for states who feel winter doesn't apply to them change their thinking. Invest in a plow or two, and don't let some dude in Nashville borrow it. Ice scrapers in cars are mandatory; start a GoFundMe campaign if you must. Force everyone with a driver's license to take classes detailing how to drive on snow and ice. Keep some salt in the garage between your golf clubs and your fishing poles.

Take it from a Chicagoan. It's literally not that difficult.

Greg Schwem is a corporate stand-up comedian and author of two books: "Text Me If You're Breathing: Observations, Frustrations and Life Lessons From a Low-Tech Dad" and the recently released "The Road To Success Goes Through the Salad Bar: A Pile of BS From a Corporate Comedian," available at Amazon.com.



Meet Rockwell's models

Hear about "Rockwell's Models," an illustrated talk by Tom McMorris of the Asa Fitch Historical Society along with models and family of the models on Thursday, February 22 at 6:30 p.m. at the Crandall Public Library, 251 Glen Street, Glens Falls. When artist/illustrator Norman Rockwell lived in Arlington Vermont from 1939 to 1953 he invited his rural neighbors to model for his famous illustrations. Not only Vermont residents, but also folks from just across the border in Washington County, New York, including residents of Cambridge, Salem, and especially Shushan. This talk (and its exhibition on the Library's 2nd floor) introduces us to several of these models and tells the story of

the relationships with the artist, using family interviews, photographs, and Rockwell's finished



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Spiritual spring cleaning

Mary Anne Brown
Journal & Press

That first taste of sunshine after a cold, gray winter spell has put many in the mood for Spring! Did you notice neighbors eagerly walking about in the warmth, breathing in that clear air during their free time? Outdoor workers were whistling along with the cheery birds. Golfers talked excitedly about when their first drive of the season might be. Many of us were feeling brighter and more energetic as we embraced the coming of new life.

Springtime contains a number of cultural, civic and religious celebrations. We honor the legacies of Presidents Washington and Lincoln; Muslims fast, self-reflect and pray during the sacred month of Ramadan; People of India celebrate Holi, the Festival of Colors/ Love, with bonfires, tossing about colored powder and good food to honor the victory of good over evil; Jewish people celebrate Passover to commemorate how the "Angel of Death" passed over the Israelites and spared their firstborns. Christians are beginning the season of Lent, 40 days of fasting, repentance, and almsgiving as they look forward to Easter. Celtic Christians have entered the Imbolc (pronounced Imm'ulk) season or Spring quarter which is a "time of insight and inspiration, a time of beginnings and essential truthfulness." (from Celtic Devotional by Kaitlin Matthews). No doubt about it, as honorable citizens and healthy believers, we do love a chance to begin anew and recommit to goodness in our lives.

Though we may be in for a few more wintry weeks, we have had a hint that Spring is com-

ing and what a perfect time to engage in Spiritual Spring Cleaning! Now is a promising time as we watch creation come alive. We can trust God, to lead us to those fresh, green pastures that bring repose. Now is an encouraging time for us to rely upon our Holy Friend to revive our drooping spirits.

So how do we go about Spiritual Spring Cleaning? We begin by looking deep within our souls, checking out any neglected corners that may be cluttered or inactive. How is my holiness? Do I regularly pray and pour out my heart to God? Has toxic negativity built up? Have cobwebs of limiting beliefs formed? Have unhealthy emotions or guilt become trapped? When facing a crisis do I jump over faith and plop into fear? Do I need to let go of bias, eliminate gossip, forgive myself or others, and recommit to living my best life? Have I slipped away from being truthful or seeking the truth?

If you have identified anything that needs changing or refreshing, consider some practices and rituals that will open the windows of our souls and let in the fresh air of goodness, kindness and generosity. Tried and true methods of caring for the soul include taking time for reflection, meditation, journaling, or simply sitting in silence. Invite the Holy One to nudge you about what may need attention. Joining others in days/evenings of reflection, prayer services and community gatherings helps one's faith grow stronger. Let go of any spiritual clutter such as grudges, guilt and blame and make room for goodness. Replace unproductive habits with ones that bear fruit. Spend time with God in nature. You will be restored and inspired.



By carefully tending to our spiritual well-being, we create space for a deeper connection with the divine and with our world. As the world awakens to a new season, may our souls dance with new life, knowing that – Hey! Love is alive!

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News from local churches

Roman Catholic Churches

Mass at Holy Cross Catholic Church on Sunday is at 8:15 AM; at St. Patrick's at 11:30 AM and offers the 'Children's Liturgy of the Word'; and at Immaculate Conception in Hoosick Falls on Saturday at 4 PM and Sunday at 10 AM. Holy Cross offers a coffee and fellowship after Mass on the 1st Sunday of the month to which all are invited. Holy Cross Altar Society is selling raffle tickets for a delicious Corned Beef Dinner with the corned beef from Yushak's for St. Patrick's Day. Tickets are available to parishioners after Mass.

Salem Ecumenical Lenten Luncheon schedule has been announced and is as follows : February 22 at First United Salem, the 29 at Salem Fellowship, March 7 at Hebron United, the 14 at Holy Cross and the 21 at Salem Methodist.

Cambridge area church luncheons will be held on Tuesdays at 11:30 and Hoosick Falls on Wednesdays. Immaculate Conception has Lenten Fish Frys on Fridays at 5-7, St. Patrick's from 4:30 - 7. Immaculate Conception has Friday free luncheons at 11:30.

The Parish website offers much more information and includes preparation for liturgy, access to faith information and so much more at www.battenkillcatholic.org.

During this Lenten season of giving, please remember your local organizations that help others who may be having a difficult time. The Salem food pantry is especially in need of tuna fish, coffee, cereal, pancake mix and oil. The Cambridge Food Panty is in need of dry, boxed cereal, oatmeal, tuna fish, chicken noodle soup and jam or jelly.

Coila Church (Pictured)

Come join Coila Church for a four-Sunday event in March where you will hear from three speakers as they share their personal journeys: "The Heart of Anxiety," Dan Davala, (March 3rd); "My Journey with Depression," Luke Olson (March 10th); and "Free-



dom from Addiction," Peter Bailey (March 17th). There will be a panel discussion for the final Sunday (March 24th). Time: 6:30-7:30PM. Location is at Coila Church (93 State Route 372, Cambridge, NY 12816). A time of refreshments will be provided after each session. For more information, please call 518-677-8101, ask for Deneen.

Bottskill and Lakeville Baptist Churches

All are welcome to the Bottskill Baptist Church Sunday Service starting at 9:15 and the Lakeville Baptist Church starting at 11:00. You are invited to join us as we celebrate our Christian faith led by Pastor Lydia Widbin. Sunday School Classes will be held at the Bottskill Church during the morning service. The Sunday School begins a new series of study on February 25th called Worship and Drumming. This series will include hands on drumming and studying worship around the world. The Lakeville Church is located at 625 Co Rte 49, Cossayuna, NY and Bottskill's location is at 26 Church Street in Greenwich.

Anyone is welcome to attend the two Bible Study Classes hosted at the Bottskill Church. A Bible Study, led by Steve Morse, is studying the Book of Mark, and starts at 9:00 AM on Feb 10 and 24, Every Tuesday at 10:30 Pastor Lydia will be leading a discussion "Leap Over A Wall" from a book authored by Eugene Peterson, which is focused on the life of David. Both Study groups will meet at the Bottskill Church.

The next Bottskill Men's Group Coffee Hour is schedule for March 2 at 9:00AM.

Have a local church announcement? Send it to editor@journalandpress.com.

Fishing – ‘food’ for thought

“Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach him how to fish and you feed him for a lifetime” is an incredibly old quote that you may have heard in the past. Ignoring the literal meaning of the words for just a few moments until we return to them, these words have been used to imply that when people learn to do tasks, they will learn the way to do them well enough so that they will no longer need to rely on someone else.

Coming back to the exact literal wording of this phrase, can someone who fishes in Washington County, NY eat for a lifetime? The simple answer that I have found is “NO.”

As we all know, fish contains high quality protein, essential nutrients, healthy fish oils, and is low in saturated fat. But some of the fish around here contain chemicals at levels that may be harmful to health because certain local waters and their tributaries have been affected by industrial chemicals or pesticides, and by mercury. The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) provides specific advice about limiting the consumption of fish caught by anglers around the state. Please see <http://tinyurl.com/2cweae9x> for the most accurate information before consuming the local catch of the day.

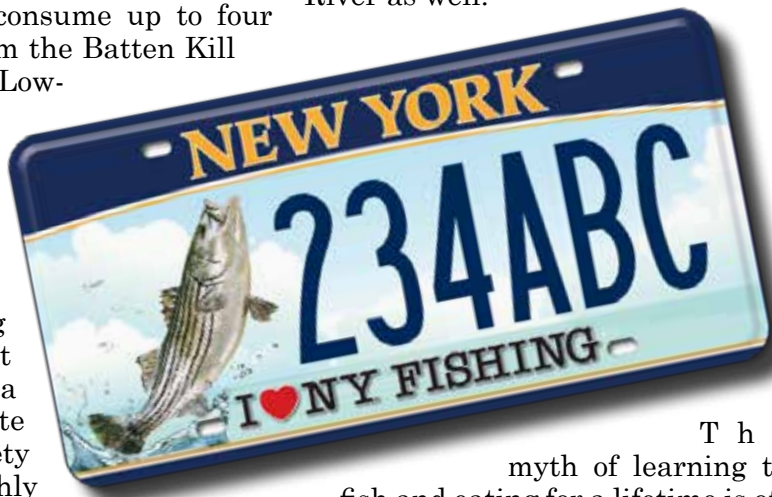
Scrutinizing the NYSDOH website for Washington County specific information reveals the following. Families can consume up to four (4) fish meals a month from the Batten Kill (upstream of Clark Mills Lower Dam), Carters Pond, Cossayuna Lake, Dead Lake, and the Mettawee River (upstream of the waterfalls at Thomas Rd & Upper Turnpike).

Assuming a 30-day long month and given that most folks eat three squares a day, one can easily calculate that approximately ninety meals are consumed monthly by families. Only 4.44% of a family’s monthly meals can include locally caught fish from the waters mentioned above, if one does the math and incorporates NYSDOH’s restrictions of four fish meals per month.

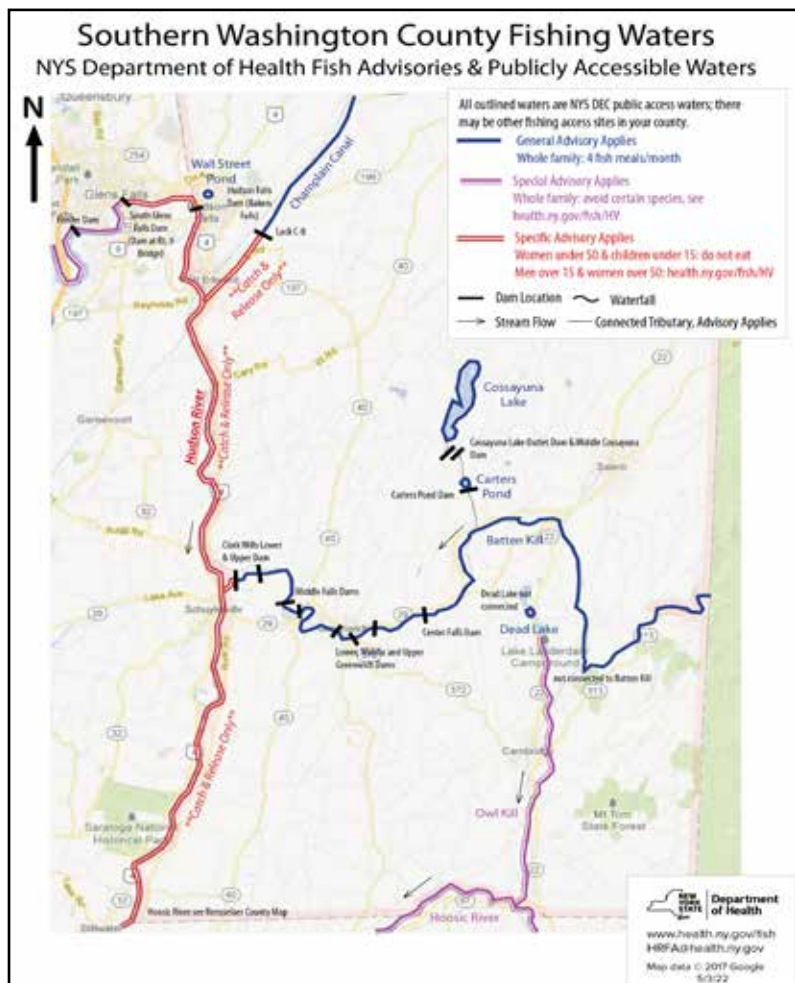
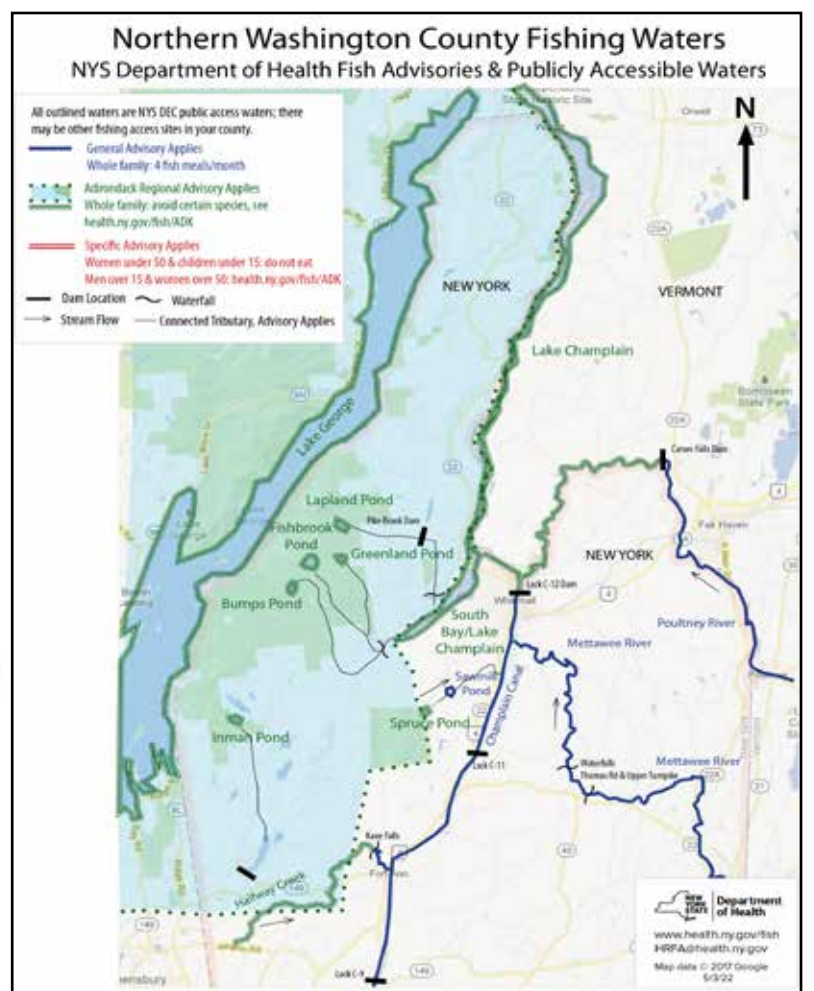
The outlook for relying upon fish protein to “eat for a lifetime” gets considerably worse af-



ter reviewing NYSDOH’s recommendations for some other local waters. For instance, NYSDOH does not recommend eating ANY fish from the Hudson River (Hudson Falls Dam at Bakers Falls to Federal Dam at Troy). And NYSDOH also notes certain consumption restrictions for the Owl Kill all the way down to the Hoosic River as well.



The myth of learning to fish and eating for a lifetime is officially busted, at least in New York State. Yes, one can gain the skills and knowledge to be the best angler in the upstate region, but they will need to supplement most of their protein needs with something other than the local trout.



Here is yet another tidbit for your consideration. Last year, according to New York State Department of Environmental Conservation’s (NYSDEC) website, the department anticipated stocking local waters with yearling and older trout as follows: Battenkill at Greenwich with 6,882 brown trout; Battenkill at Salem with 13,340 brown trout; Dead Lake with 510 brown trout; and the Mettawee River at both Granville and Whitehall with a total of 892 brown trout and 8,032 rainbow trout. One can easily assume that a similar stocking effort will take place in Spring 2024.

And this is why I raised this entire subject. I had, seemingly at the time, a brilliant random thought! Could we make the Battenkill and Mettawee Rivers in Washington County into major tourist attractions for anglers? We have great waterways for

fishing, and they seem to be well stocked with fish. That sounded to me like a recipe for success. But upon review of what NYSDOH’s fish consumption restrictions are, can we ethically promote fishing in our local waters for tourists?

This is where our readers can weigh in. Are the NYSDOH guidelines for fish consumption overly cautious or are they simply erroneous? Is there an opportunity for promoting angling tourism within these restrictions? Will the angling tourist market be happy using modified “catch and release” protocols? How is everyone else dealing with

‘The Battenkill will be stocked with over 20,000 brown trout.’

NYSDOH’s guidance?

As stated before, my original random thought for this column was related to making Washington County into an angler’s paradise. My final random thought has become: should I even bother to renew my fishing license this year?

Michael Levy is a retired government manager residing in Greenwich NY and is employed now as a technical consultant. He is also a Commercial Pilot and a Ham Radio operator.



Learning how to lobby

Earlier this month, two students, Ava Aierstok and Colby McCauliffe, joined Mrs. Catlin on a trip to the Albany Capitol building. There they joined a team of lobbyists to meet with senators and assembly members to advocate for legislative and financial support of the trades. The initiative was part of the Northeastern Construction Trades Coalition's mission to promote the trades among young people as a lucrative and viable postsecondary option. Spreading the word among schools and students about the

current employment opportunities in the trades is only half the solution to our current lack of workforce. Regulations, laws and funding decisions must also be made with our diminishing workforce in mind. During their discussions with the senators and assembly members Ava and Colby shared their experiences as they begin to think about their own postsecondary education and their hopes and dreams for all high school students to be supported in whatever postsecondary path they choose.



Need help with your taxes?

Hudson Valley Community College is working with the United Way of the Greater Capital Region for the second straight year to host Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA), a national program where community members can work, for free, with IRS-certified volunteers to prepare their federal and state tax returns.

Again this year, some of the volunteers will be Hudson Valley Community College stu-

dents studying in the Accounting or Business Administration programs, who will gain valuable experience.

VITA will be in the Bulmer Telecommunications Center, Room 216, from 1 - 3:30 p.m. on the following dates:

February 16, 23

March 1, 8, 22

April 5, 12

VITA is open to all students, staff and surrounding community members who qualify. Eligibility requirements include:

Annual income should be \$60k or less

Must not have rental income

Must not have completed bankruptcy during the year being prepared

Honoring Black History Month

SUNY Adirondack's observance of Black History Month continues as it joins forces with NAACP Glens Falls and Crandall Public Library for the Black History Film Festival. The weekly films started Feb. 6 and continue with "Town Destroyer" on Feb. 13 and "The Harvest: Integrating Mississippi's Schools" on Feb. 27. All screenings start at 6 p.m. in the Christine L. McDonald Community Room at Crandall Public Library.

Amy Godin, author of "The Black Woods: Pursuing Racial Justice on the Adirondack Frontier," will speak briefly at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20, at the screening of "Running with My Girls," as part of the film festival at Crandall Public Library.

The following afternoon, at 12:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 21, in SUNY Adirondack's Northwest Bay Conference Center in Adirondack Hall, Godine will discuss her research, which delves into Black history in our region. The event is sponsored by the Office of the Chief Diversity Officer, Crandall Public Library and NAACP Glens Falls.

Godine is an award-winning Saratoga Springs-based author who has written extensively about the Adirondacks and historically marginalized populations within the Blue Line. She is a past member of the boards of Adirondack Center for Writing, John Brown Lives!, Saratoga Film Forum and Saratoga Springs Jewish History Committee. She is a frequent contributor to Adirondack Life magazine. Her work has been included in countless publica-

tions.

"Having Amy join us will be a treat," Gilbert said. "An objective at SUNY ADK is to collaborate with the greater community and to have initiatives that tap into the history found right here in our backyards. Sharing this history informs people and gives them a connection to their surroundings. There is so much Black history in the Adirondacks. Black history is American history and history, in general, is just one vehicle to bring people together for the benefit of the common good."

Black History Month events at SUNY Adirondack are free and open to the public.

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The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Onondaga, Cortland and Madison Counties, as Administrative Participant under the Municipal Cooperation Agreement For Energy Purchasing Services, which organizes a municipal cooperative pursuant to Article 5-G of the New York General Municipal Law among municipal corporations ("Participants") on behalf of itself and the participating members, collectively as the New York School and Municipal Energy Consortium ("NYSMEC"), issues these Request for Bids (each a "RFB") for retail electricity and natural gas supply and other energy services, in accordance with Section 103 of the General Municipal Law, for supply commencing May 1, 2024 through the negotiated contract period.

Name of Bids: NYSMEC - Electricity, RFB-224-43; and NYSMEC - Natural Gas RFB-224-44

Bid Opening: March 1, 2024, 1:30 P.M., at 110 Elwood Davis Road, Liverpool, NY 13088

Anticipated Date of Award: March 15, 2024

Contact for more information and to obtain bid documents: Steven Levine, Encap Development LLC, 1337 Massachusetts Ave., #133, Arlington, MA 02476, Phone: 978-844-4623, Email: slevine@encapdevelopment.com

34th Annual Greenwich FFA Farm Toy Show and Auction

Saturday, March 23, 2024
Toy Show 9am - 2pm
HUGE Toy Auction 2pm

Hosted by Greenwich FFA
Greenwich High School
10 Gray Ave, Greenwich NY



Admission \$5
Kids under 5 free

FREE Children's Pedal Tractor Pull and Drag Races at 12 noon

Check out the auction list on our facebook page!
"Greenwich Ag Ed and FFA"

Winter Wednesdays at

Wallie's

Gather in our Pub/Green Room with coworkers and other like-minded industry friends.
Burger & Beer Special \$20 • Draft Pints \$5

Feb 21 Auto Mechanics, Sales, Parts

Feb 28 Agriculture Night: Dairy/Cattlemen and Women

Mar 6 First Responders

Mar 13 Builders (Contractors, Plumbing, HVAC, Electric)

Mar 20 Medicine (Nurses, PT/OT, Aids, Techs, Doctors-Human & Animal, Office Staff)

Mar 27 Show Me the money (Bankers, Accounting, Financial Planning)

54 Main St. Wed/Thu 4-8pm
Greenwich, NY Fri 4-9pm
518-531-4573 Sat noon-9pm
Sun noon-7pm

Planters for Main Street

A plan to bring 20 large planters to Greenwich's Main Street this spring is currently underway. Self-watering planters will be filled by the Village DPW but volunteers are needed to keep the arrangements looking fresh and maintained. A presentation by Deb Anderson, Rulyn Graves and Erin Luciani at the January Village Board meeting was met with approval, enthusiasm, and encouragement.



GROWING GREENWICH!

Greenwich is on the verge of a growth spurt!
Plants, parks, people and plans!

Looking for volunteers to help with existing gardens and new village planters.

INFORMATIONAL MEETING
THURSDAY,
FEBRUARY 29TH, 2024
7:00 – 8:00 pm
GREENWICH FREE LIBRARY
COMMUNITY ROOM

COME BE A PART
OF OUR NEW GREEN TEAM!

Groups are already working tirelessly and independently on beautifying the area. The volunteers who meet regularly at the Greenwich Free Library have designed and maintained the stunning garden at the entrance. Terry Kelly and Maria Robertson maintain the gardens in Veterans' Park and the gardens in the Baptist Church Park as well as the intersection of Rt 29 and Prospect Street are cared for by Kathy Roome. A group of 14 women volunteered and met last fall to care for the gardens at the Town and Village Halls.

Recently Ken Facin organized a group to reimagine the Gazebo in Mowry Park (see the late January issue of the Greenwich Journal and Salem Press). That group meets on the first Monday of the month in the library. With the addition of the Main Street Container initiative, with Deb Anderson, Rulyn Graves and Erin Luciani at the helm, plans are well underway to round out the beautification of our Village. It is anticipated that all groups will work in concert to make Greenwich as inviting and attractive to visitors as well as residents.

For more information, plan to attend a meeting on Thursday February 29th. We'll be meeting in the library at 6 pm. All are welcome.



Erin Luciani with an array of field flowers from Lot 32.

—Submitted by Sara Idleman