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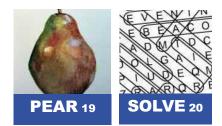
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Still the talk of the town

Jaliek Rainwalker's 2007 missing person case is taken on by a local writer

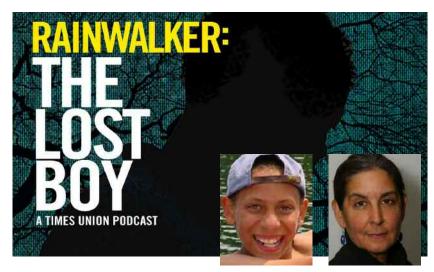
Greenwich resident and Times Union writer Wendy Liberatore is making the rounds in town. She will be on a "Future of Local News" panel at the Greenwich Free Library. As well, she just finished making a podcast series devoted to the region's most talked about unsolved mystery.

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Connection and learning

Where else can you go for free to learn how to knit, have an important meeting, look for the latest best seller, learn French, bring your kids to enjoy stories and songs and make slime? At the Greenwich Free Library, of course.

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SUNY Adirondack trains for IT Help Desk

SUNY Adirondack is proud to announce the addition of IT Help Desk Bootcamp to its Workforce Development course offerings. The course is grant funded and includes a textbook, all materials and supplies, as well as Comp-TIA+ exam vouchers for all eligible students.

"This is a great opportunity for interested individuals to receive hands-on training in a field that allows for flexible scheduling, provides an ever-changing work environment and is in urgent need of skilled applicants," said Susan Corlew, director of Continuing Education and Workforce Innovation at SUNY Adirondack.

The IT Help Desk Bootcamp is one of three 12-week courses offered by SUNY Adirondack through grant funding. The IT Help Desk Bootcamp is part of a \$60 million state grant to support enrollment initiatives for SUNY campuses. For no cost, qualified applicants can participate in the workforce training program.

In addition, SUNY Adirondack offers Python for Data Analytics and an Electrical Maintenance Technician Bootcamp through the WRAP Reimagine grant, fully funded by the United States Department of Education as part of a \$18,067.02 award with 0 percent financed from state and/or non-SUNY sources. government Adirondack successfully offered WRAP Reimagine-funded courses in 2022, in health care- and information technology-related fields.

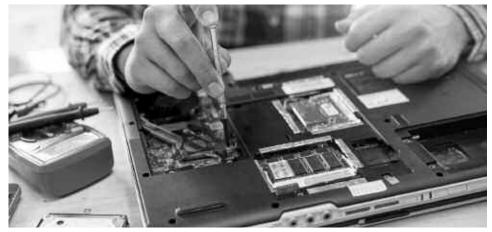
"Being able to offer a wide variety of grant-funded training opportunities so participants can work toward their professional goals is exciting," Corlew said. "As a community college, it is important to us to be able to improve lives while also helping to meet the needs of regional employers."

The IT Help Desk Bootcamp is offered at SUNY Adirondack Saratoga and teaches entry-level skills to begin a career as an IT Help Desk technician. The course will strengthen participants' understanding of fundamental computer system strategies, including management in hardware architecture, operating systems, program troubleshooting and more.

Participants will

also learn network management processes that improve skills in WAN, virtualization techniques, TCP/IP and scanning. There will be a focus on adopting basic skills in network security, security threat analysis, cryptography and security auditing across hardware and software systems. Finally, the course will prepare participants for the CompTIA exams.

The course will be offered in two different cohorts: one Mondays and Wednesdays from March 13 to June 12 and one Tuesdays and Thursdays from March 14 to June 8 at SUNY Adirondack Saratoga,



696 Route 9 in Wilton.

To learn more about the class and to register, please visit https://www.sunyacc.edu/continuing-education-catalog#Information%20Technology, email conted@sunyacc.edu or call the Continuing Education Office at 518-743-2238.

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Easton Library would like to announce that Tim O'Shea and Friends will be preforming an Irish Folk music concert at Burton Hall on Saturday, March 25 from 4-6 PM. O'Shea is now on his US Spring Tour in the Saratoga region and he will bring his songs and tunes from the stunning southwest of Ireland steeped in the Irish Folk Tradition.

O'Shea is a native of Killarney,

self, plays the fiddle, guitar and sings a song or two. He was raised in the urban Irish Folk Tradition. Expect songs from the Dubliners and Clancy Brothers, as well as lively fiddle dance tunes from all over Ireland.

Dancer Andrew Coletti will add impact to the show. Coletti is an Irish Step Dancer from Latham, NY. He was inspired by a PBS airing of Riverdance, the Irish Step young Coletti started to study Riverdance in his living room and was soon enrolled in dance lessons at the Boland School of Irish Dance in Troy, NY. Since then he has competed to reach the highest levels of Irish Dance competition.

Intern wanted

The Agricultural Stewardship Association (ASA) will offer one paid summer internship opportunity designed for an undergraduate student to gain hands-on experience.

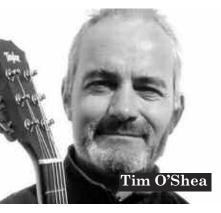
ASA is a community-supported, nonprofit conservation organization that endeavors to protect our community's working farms and forests, connect people to the land, and promote a vibrant future for agriculture and forestry in our region.

ASA also engages in various outreach and educational



Co. Kerry. He has traveled the Dance Show sensation. At age 10, world wide, playing and performing for over 30 years from India, Europe, Australia, New Zealand to the United States. Tim plays the medieval Baroque Harp, the native Irish drum (the Bodhrán), the guitar, and you will hear contemporary folk songs. Tim has recorded six CD's to date, and has recorded for others also. His latest CD was released in 2017, "Another Skin Too Few", is a tribute to local Kerry musicians no longer with us. He will perform many of the tracks from the CD.

Joining O'Shea, is Dublin city native, P'adraig Timoney. Timoney, a multi-instrumentalist him-



programming to foster an appreciation for working landscapes and promote farm viability.

The Outreach Coordinator internship will assist with projects and programs focusing on community engagement in Rensselaer and Washington counties. This may include coordinating outreach programming to implement ASA's strategic community engagement plan, assisting with outreach and fundraising efforts for community lands projects, and working on summer events, including our Forever Farmland Supper.

The summer intern will be supervised by ASA's Communication and Outreach Manager and spend the majority of his or her time working at ASA's office with periodic site visits and fieldwork.

To learn more about this opportunity or apply, please visit the "Join our Team" page on the ASA's website www.agstewardship.org.

Local podcast on the Rainwalker case

Helena Winterbottom Journal & Press

Wendy Liberatore has lived in Greenwich for over thirty years and is a journalist for the Times Union. She recently finished a podcast covering the disappearance of a boy, Jaliek Rainwalker, who vanished from Greenwich on November 2nd, 2007.

The Times Union sponsored podcast, "Rainwalker: The Lost Boy," goes into detail regarding the case of Jaliek's disappearance, his life, the people who knew him, and suspects in the case. The subject of Jaliek's disappearance has been on the minds and tongues of Greenwich citizens for years, and since it occurred people in the town have been wondering: What happened to Jaliek? The morning he was gone there was a mysterious, horrifying note in his handwriting claiming that he "wouldn't be a bother anymore." Seemingly everyone involved simply hopes that one day either he or his body is found; but once he had gone missing, not a single person has spotted him.

Liberatore knew Jaliek. Her son played on the same soccer team as him two years before he went missing. She hosted him at a pizza party for the end-of-season game, and said, "I remember it. I knew who Jaliek was. I remember what a sad child he was. It makes me wonder, could I have done something?"

Liberatore said she doesn't know if Jaliek will ever be found. "The only thing I truly believe is that he's probably dead, and that the father might not be telling the police everything he knows, though I'm not saying he's guilty. I don't know that."

Jaliek's adoptive father, Stephen Kerr, was allegedly there with Jaliek the night he went missing. He is the person involved in the case who has garnered the most attention and who is a "person of interest," according to police, for Jaliek's disappearance in 2007. While making "The Lost Boy," Liberatore and her team attempted to contact Kerr for a statement several times, through letters and other methods, but he did not want to participate or make a statement. Liberatore said this is probably because "he doesn't want to talk; I'm sure he's afraid of what he might say."

Jaliek's disappearance resulted in one of the biggest searches in New York history and



"a lot of people in Greenwich really care about it. It's a very, very sad story."

"The Lost Boy" took nine months to produce. Many components of the case were read again, such as newspaper clippings, and old clips from newscasting broadcasts were viewed by Liberatore and her partner, Jessica Marshall, to "read everything about it, make

a huge list of people to interview, MISSING CHILD talk to many people who knew him and Stephen Kerr."

Jaliek Rainwalker According to Liberatore, people who spoke for Kerr "really didn't want to talk about [the case]." Jaliek's adoptive mother, Jocelyn McDonald, had been somewhat more outspoken in the press, but reportedly "very when it militaristic" came to her parenting

and punished Jaliek a lot, according to the podcast. Liberatore commented on the adoptive father: "If [Kerr] is innocent, that's sad too because everyone thinks he did it."

Liberatore has been a journalist for four decades and has noticed a lot of change in the journalism industry, including since the late nineties there have been "constant layoffs. . . salaries haven't gone up, pay is terrible, the industry has changed immensely. They used to have whole teams of people covering

towns." Liberatore said that now just one journalist will cover a whole town in the region and barely anything will get covered: "Therefore people in the community don't know what's going on in the community. There aren't journalists covering the community anymore." Liberatore also thinks "Trump trashing the media caused people to lose trust in the media."

> Liberatore is also a dance critic, and loves it. She thinks "life really is a stage . . . I wanted to be a dance critic,

which I accomplished at the Saratogian, and then I discovered newspapers and it changed my whole world. I see everything as a performance." She also said, "The best stories are when people come together for a

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cause."

Faux Paws to play Salem Courthouse

From raging fiddle tunes, to saxophone solos music has been honed over ten years of playing sometimes as part of other larger ensembles. and unrequited love songs, the music of The together, and is the sound of three close friends But due to their commitments to other bands

Faux Paws would be hard to pin down with standard genre descriptions. The trio's contagious groove, and feel-good melting pot folk



(two of which happen to be brothers), who feel a musical kinship that transcends any stylistic limitations.

> Now, after nearly a decade of music making, the bi-coastal trio are releasing their selftitled debut album The Faux Paws. Brothers Andrew and Noah VanNorstrand grew up playing contra dance music with their musical mother in the band Great Bear. Chris Miller grew up in Florida, and he was enamored with bluegrass, and studied jazz before going on to play with GRAMMY nominated Cajun-country band The Revelers. Since meeting in 2012, the trio have toured across North America several times, sometimes under the name The Faux Paws,

and musical projects, the timing was never right to focus on making The

Faux Paws a priority. Instead, they took their time learning about different styles of music from one another, and finding where their interests and skills could create unexpected and exciting new sounds. "I love super glossy music, and Chris is always pushing more of a jazz influence" says Noah. "But we all have a strong background in dance music, so almost everything we do has rhythm and groove, and is based around hook and feel."

It may have taken The Faux Paws ten years to make their debut album, but those years have clearly not gone to waste. Now, with an experimental but cohesive vision, the trio brings together seemingly unrelated musical elements into one joyful and distinctive collection, deeply rooted in the raw humanity of folk dance and music traditions.

From the Publisher's Desk

Newspapers are just a product, like anything else

Darren Johnson Journal & Press

I'm really exhausted by all the doomsayers who keep repeating, over and over, that print newspapers are dead. They have been saying it for decades – amplified by social media and search engine algorithms, as the Internet WANTS newspapers to be dead (and they've done everything possible to add nails to the coffin).

And, no doubt, newspapers as we knew them late last century really can't exist anymore. Ones with buildings that require heat and employees who require decent pay and benefits.

But somehow newspapers existed before the big chains corporatized everything. In rural communities, even during newspaper boom years, many papers got by with minimal staffs. Often just one person.

People are conflating newspapers with journalism; you know, writers with some professional training and under the air of objectivity, covering government meetings and such.

And, certainly, that business model is in trouble, but if you break it down otherwise, newspapers are just a product, like anything else. I equate a newspaper with a small artisan company – making bread, birdhouses, beer or whatever – you put it out there, and, if you have customers, you're in business.

This is capitalism, right?

Because, Covid proved, you can make a newspaper from a cozy living room. Have your writers send in some work by email. Pay them a few bucks if you have it, lay the thing out on your sofa while letting Netflix run your favorite series on loop, package it up, send that to a printer, and then go there, get the copies, distribute, etc., etc. It doesn't have to be ultra-complicated.

But then people will say, what about the journalism?

I'd contend there WAS journalism in newspapers 100+ years ago, when they operated on a shoestring. I regularly read old papers for the archive column I gather. The past editors were aware they were selling a product, and they made the paper more interesting than the safe, *let's-not-get-sued* Mc-Newspaper corporate papers we see today.

They still attended trials and government meetings, but they wrote in a more dramatic prose that probably left the reader more satisfied than AP Style stories do today. Were they less objective? I'm not sure if a writer can truly be objective, and what's the harm from a few adjectives here and there?

Here's an excerpt from an article dated Feb. 7, 1923 – over 100 years ago – from this newspaper, The Greenwich Journal & Salem Press (it's about a court case where a younger woman was convicted of extorting an older, married man for money):

Sensational scenes marked the close of the trial on Saturday. District Attorney Bascom bitterly denounced the defendant and branded her with ugly names, which caused verbal outbreaks on the part of the woman, her daughter and her son-in-law.

Mr. Chambers in his argument for the defense denounced Steele and wanted to know why he wasn't on trial for his offenses. He also attacked Vosburgh, who he said would escape



with a suspended sentence because he has turned state's evidence and laid all the blame for the affair on the woman. Replying to this, Bascom asserted that he would never give his consent to a suspended sentence to Vosburgh.

After the jury had reported its verdict and a court recess was announced Alex Sleight approached Mrs. Blanchard. She denounced him for being to blame for her plight, and her daughter joined in a verbal attack on Sleight, who seemed rather dazed. Then Mrs. Blanchard advanced to District Attorney Bascom and held out her hand, which the prosecutor ignored. "I'll get you when I get out," the woman threatened as she was conducted away.

Another scene occurred in the lawyers' room in the rear of the courtroom, where Mrs. Blanchard was taken to wait for the crowd to disperse. In this room, she came face to face with

R.D. Steele, chief witness against her.

"I have got to go to jail," she said to Steele. "A young woman like me. You ought to go there."

With that she struck Steele across the face. Steele was hustled out of the room by Henry Buckell before the affair went any further.

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writer attended the proceedings and wrote what he saw. And this was for our tiny, rural newspaper in Upstate New York. Could you imagine if the writer were in a bigger city? He'd have even more to write about.

We need to bring back this level of storytelling.

Darren

Johnson keeps busy making this newspaper, and another and teaching some college courses.



Contact him at editor@journalandpress.com.

Country Living

Walkability

Kate Sausville Journal & Press

One of the things I love about our area is the ability to walk to places you really want to go. Even living just outside the village limits allows me to walk to the library, coffee shop, and occasionally the brewery. Sidewalks extend through the village and beyond, making it possible to walk to the grocery store or pharmacy. Even young students walk to and from school each day with the help of crossing guards for the main roads.

Coming from out of town, it took a little while to adjust to the sheer number of people you see out and about her. Runners, families pushing strollers, dog walkers, and kids on bikes. Prior to living in Greenwich, we were in a neighborhood just outside of Saratoga. We rarely saw people out walking. We were surrounded by unwalkable main roads on all sides, and most people traveled in and out in their vehicles. We lived there for three years and I could not tell you who my neighbors were.

There is something special about living somewhere that encourages getting out on foot, according to a study by the engineering and design firm, Arup. Taking the vehicle out of the mix allows you face. People who live in walkable neighborhoods report socializing more with their neighbors and others in their community. Walking is an ideal exercise, the study claims that walking daily cuts mortality rates by 22%. But walking also increases endorphins which make us feel good and improves our mental health. The study also found that people who are able to walk to work report higher levels of satisfaction with their jobs compared to those who have to commute. Walking also cuts the risk of obesity, heart disease, type 2 diabetes, and asthma.

Another benefit to more walkable towns is a reduction in traffic accidents and fatalities. Walkable towns have sidewalks, lighting, and lower speed limits, all which help to reduce accidents. Crime rates in walkable towns are lower as well, because there are more eyes on the neighborhood. Knowing your neighbors usually means you have an idea of who is a part of their household and who isn't, making it easier to call in help rather than sit on the fence.

Walkable communities also support cultural initiatives. Concerts in the park, street festivals, and parades are better attended when people feel they are a part of the community. The study points to PorchFest, which started in Ithaca NY in 2007. Community members would often play music on their front porches, so organizers got together and created an event where bands and other musicians would perform porch concerts. This event has grown to include 130 communities throughout North America.

Carefully designed walkable towns create an environment where people have the opportunity

design firm, Arup. Taking the vehicle out of the mix allows you to meet your neighbor's face to face. People who live in walkable neighborhoods report socialthe opportunity to socialize.'

to socialize, dine, or shop. It improves the overall experience of its citizens. It also makes the area attractive to those from the outside, who come to walk and partake in what the town has to offer.

With all the benefits of having a walkable community, why aren't more cities and municipalities building with walking in mind? Part of the issue is just how much American love their cars. Anecdo-



tally when I think of the biggest school districts in our area, most are located off highways and not accessible by foot. Children are bussed, or driven in each day. They

> used to call these towns "bedroom" communities, because the residents only were there to sleep.These

towns have a large number of commuters who want easy access to the interstate in hopes they can quickly get to and from work. Often they wind up sitting in traffic instead.

With calls for town development and revitalization, it is important that we keep in mind what makes our area a good place to live. Thoughtful planning and building is crucial. I think of cities like Albany and Watevliet who years ago thought slapping a highway along their riverfront was a brilliant idea. As other towns and cities started cleaning up the river and revitalizing their waterfronts, these cities were left out. Poor planning impacts areas for years to come.

PorchFest will be held in Ithaca, NY on Sunday, September 10, 2023. If you would like more information, please visit their website: westendporchfest.org/porchfestfaq.

Kate Sausville is a resident of Greenwich, a preschool teacher for Head Start in Saratoga County, wife and mother of two teenage days



of two teenage daughters.

Greenwich pops concert



The Greenwich Junior-Senior High School Music Department is proud to announce the upcoming Pops Concert fundraiser on Friday March 10 and Saturday March 11.

This year's Pops Concert is entitled "From GCS with LOVE" and will feature our favorite love songs performed by Junior High and Senior High Choruses, Concert Bands, and Jazz Ensembles. Every music ensemble in the Jr-Sr High will perform. Several talented soloists will also be showcased.

The evening will begin at 5:30pm with a cabaret performance and dinner, catered by the music families of GCS. Dinner will include pasta, salad, bread, desserts, beverages, tea and coffee.

Tickets for this portion of the night must be purchased in advance. Dinner tickets will not be sold at the door. The main concert portion of the evening will begin at 7:00pm. Coffee and homemade desserts will be for sale in the lobby beginning at 6:30pm. Tickets for the concert may be purchased at the door.

Ticket prices are as follows - Dinner and Show: \$10 adults, \$8 seniors and students. Just the show: \$7 Adults, \$5 seniors and students. Children under 5 are free.

Tickets can be purchased from any GCS music student or music teacher. For more information, contact the GCS Jr-SR High School main office at 692-9542 ext. 6300, or email cpandori@greenwichcsd.org.

Conservation honors

The Agricultural Stewardship Association (ASA) announced the permanent protection of Valley View Farm, 120 acres in the Town of Argyle. Owners Robert and Mary Lou Strode worked with ASA to donate their development rights.

The Strodes purchased the property 52 years ago. Over the course of their ownership, the farm has been home to sheep, chickens and peacocks. The Strodes knew they wanted the land to remain as is -a beautiful farm and forest in Argyle, NY. "It was incredible to work with landowners who have such a clear vision and passion for their land. Sitting around their dining room table, they shared stories of raising their children on the farm, memories of the myriad of farm animals they raised, and planting a beautiful ginkgo tree that still stands today. Conserving their farm means more than just protecting the land to them, it ensures that a future generation will be able to make their own memories on the farm just like the Strode family did," said Project Manager, Laura Kipper.

The Strodes now rent two large fields to the neighboring Pleasant Valley Farm to use for vegetable crops. The fields behind the house are rented to the Davis Farm for hay.

With the closing of this project, the Agricultural Stewardship Association has helped 162 farm families conserve over 28,794 acres of farmland and forests in Rensselaer and Washington counties. ASA was founded in 1990 by local farmers to conserve land and ensure a future for farming and forestry in our



region. For more information about ASA's work, visit www.agstewardship.org.

Democracy conversation

Participate in a Community Discussion on Democracy. You will be reading a brief excerpt (about 2 pages) from James Dewey's "Creative Democracy," and under the guidance of the facilitator will discuss the writing and its applications to democracy as we see and practice it today and how it might be made to be more "creative!" The discussion is Wednesday, March 8th, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. the Historic Salem Courthouse with no cost to attend.

The conversation is guided by a local facilitator Kyle West, Executive and Artistic Director of the Fort Salem Theater. "What a great opportunity to bring our community together." commented West. "Community Conversations provide a great platform for sharing ideas, starting a new dialogue, and engaging in open-minded conversations on unique and interesting topics. I am thrilled to join forces with the Historic Salem Courthouse to kick off this exciting new series!"

The Courthouse staff hope that if this first discussion is successful, it will be able to apply for another grant from Humanities New York. Grants allow for multi-session discussions based upon themes such as aging, sense of place, or service to others. There also are grants to permit communities to develop their own humanities projects. If you are interested in taking part in the March 8th discussion, contact hscpa@salemcourthouse.org or (518) 854-7053.

The group size will be limited to 20 participants and is first come, first served. Light refreshments will be served and all participants will be asked to fill out a brief, anonymous survey at the end of the program to provide necessary data for upcoming grant applications.

'Small Works' show

Vallev Artisans Market is hosting an open show featuring public entries. The theme is "Small Works" and will be presented in the Small Gallery through March 14, 2023.Gallery hours at VAM are Wednesday - Sunday 10 am - 5 pm. For more information, please call Valley Artisans Market at 518-677-2765. The gallery is at 25 East Main Street, Cambridge. Visit valleyartisansmarket.com or like them on Face Book at Valley Artisans Market.

HVCC concerts

The Dylan Perrillo Quintet will present an hour-long concert at noon on Thursday, March 9 in the Bulmer Telecommunications Center Auditorium at Hudson Valley Community College in Troy. The program is the second of three, noontime concerts scheduled for the Spring 2023 semester by the college's Cultural Affairs Program. The event is free to the public.

Since 2013, the Albany-based Dylan Perrillo Orchestra has performed popular American music from 1890 to 1950 with emphasis on the songbook of the 1920s. Scaled back a bit for this performance, the quintet features Dylan Perrillo on string bass with Nick Anderson, drums; Brad Brose, guitar; Tyler Giroux, piano, and Adam Siegel, alto sax. Demand to hear these extremely talented musicians perform their

unique interpretations of classic and not-so-classic, jazz-influenced music is growing throughout the Capital Region and beyond.

Remaining events on the Spring 2023 Cultural Affairs Program calendar - all free to the public - are:

Shakespeare & Company presents "Romeo and Juliet" - Monday, April 17, noon – Maureen Stapleton Theatre (Rescheduled from Feb. 23.)

The Hammerhead Horns -Thursday, April 27, noon – Bulmer Telecommunications Center Auditorium

Please visit.hvcc.edu/events for a listing of all college events. For additional information, contact Debby Gardner at d.gardner@hvcc.edu or (518) 629-8071.

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Book club

Washington County Historical Society's local history book club will meet from noon until 1 PM on Friday, March 10, at the historical society headquarters, 167 Broadway, Fort Edward. Historical Society membership is not required. The March meeting of the book club will be a discussion of the impact of the scalping of Jane McCrea on the Battle of Saratoga. Attendees are encouraged to read "Letters to Lura: 1850's Life, Death &

Publishing and The Jane McCrea Story" by Doris Putnam Lasselle, available at the bookshop at the society or on the website www.wchs-ny.org. The session will begin with a short presentation by Connie Farrington about her two-sided quilt on "the Scalping of Jane McCrea." The reverse side is an old traditional pattern called "Burgoyne Surrounded." or additional information, email Connie Harris Farrington at connieandlee@roadrunner.com.



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Freedom Rider

In celebration of Women's History Month, the Warren County Historical Society will host "America's First Freedom Rider: Elizabeth Jennings, Chester A. Arthur, and the Early Fight for Civil Rights" presented by author Jerry Mikorenda, based on his book of the same name, on Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at 7pm via Zoom.

For many, the civil rights movement began with Rosa Parks' brave stand against segregation in 1954. However, few people realize that the right for African Americans to even ride in streetcars was earned a hundred years before that in a landmark civil rights case here in New York City.

Author and Historian Jerry Mikorenda breathes life into this struggle with America's First Freedom Rider: Elizabeth Jennings, Chester A. Arthur, and the Early Fight for Civil Rights (Rowman & Littlefield, 2020). Using rare period photos and lithographs, in a 30-to-40-minute PowerPoint presentation, followed by a Q&A, the author recreates "The World of Elizabeth Jennings" by exploring the sights and people of old New York as this momentous battle with the Third Avenue Railroad unfolded.

Mikorenda's work has appeared in The New York Times, The Boston Herald, The Gotham Center History Blog, and the 2010 Encyclopedia of New York City. His historical novel, *The Whaler's Daughter* was published by Regal House in 2021, and nominated for two Kid's Choice Awards.

Please call 518-743-0734 or email mail@wcnyhs.org to register for this free Zoom event.

STOP pollution

Students to Oppose (STOP) Pollution raised \$501.65 for Comfort Food Community local Greenwich food pantry. First period classes at Greenwich Junior Senior High School competed by collecting can and bottle recycling donations from the community and school. The top 3 classes to compete this year were Mrs. Dixson's Class, Ms. Gargano's Class

and Mr. Jensen's class. In total 10,033 returnables were collected and recycled through CLYNK. All proceeds were donated to the food pantry. This is STOPs best No Trash November collection to date.



Pictured (L-R): Samuel Dixson (STOP member), MacKenzie Dixson (co-president of STOP), Jeffery Bowers (Food Center Manager) and Nicole Dixson (STOP co-advisor).

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No etiquette – know etiquette

Amy Hoffer Journal & Press

Gone are the days of writing to the Ann Landers column seeking advice on whether or not one should call out the guest of a mutual friend for blowing their nose at the table during a dinner party. It's not that the issue of blowing noses at the dinner table has been abated, but with the use of social media platforms, etiquette, common courtesy, and common sense have become an endangered propriety. Believe it or not, just like in real life, there is social media etiquette. I know right now someone reading this is screaming from the top of their lungs, "It's my First Amendment right to say whatever I want!" First, you must have been absent the day the First Amendment was studied in history class. The First Amendment guarantees freedom of speech, which includes the right to express one's opinions without fear of government censorship or retaliation. Second, this column is about etiquette, common courtesy, and common sense, not Constitutional Rights. I'd like to introduce you to a few social media characters who might sound familiar.

One Way Renee. It's likely everyone has at least one of these on their "friends list." You've liked, loved, and even commented on many of One Way's accomplishments, job promotions, and other exciting news shared by One Way. Sadly, One Way doesn't bother to reciprocate. You can't even get one like for your cute family photo from One Way. You've probably engaged with a One Way Renee in real life in which you found yourself on the receiving end of a onesided "conversation" in which you were lucky enough to learn what's going on in One Way's life, but you weren't even asked how you are doing.

Believe it or not, there's someone out there far worse than One Way Renee. Meet **Pro-** **voked Peter**. You've been friends with Pete forever. You may have completely forgotten about your pal Pete, since Pete doesn't really post very often and never comments on any of your posts. You didn't even get as much as a like from Pete when you announced your big promotion, or that you successfully survived and climbed Mt. Everest. However, the moment you share your opinion or a meme that Pete disagrees with,

Pete publicly strikes out at you like a snake in a pit that's been agitated. The upside is you now remember that you're friends with Provoked Pete and the antidote is to unfriend him.

Next, I introduce the two-fer, **Hamilton and Burr**. Unlike the real Hamilton and Burr, these two followers might not even know each other in real life. They're happy to duel each other on their mutual friend's page until the bitter end; or at least until social media decides they've violated community standards and sentences them to the social media slammer. In real life, this is like calling out the guest of a mutual friend for blowing their nose at the table during a dinner party, and then duking it out in the front yard. Congratulations! You've both managed to disrespect your host who was gracious enough to invite you into their home.

Paul the Public Announcer has the distinction of being the first when it comes to sharing breaking news and photos of accidents and tragedies as they unfold. They don't have a loved one on the school bus that has drifted off an icy road. They don't know the motorcyclist lying face down in a ditch. Without knowing any facts, or condition of the victims, or if family members are aware, you can count on Paulie for his public proclamations by taking and/or sharing photos sure to invoke panic. Please stay in your lane, Paul, and let law enforcement and emergency personnel make families aware of emergencies and tragedies.

Social media struggles for etiquette, common courtesy and common sense

any time they see when someone is on social media. If the conversation is not reciprocal, please stop. Just because someone accepted your friend request doesn't mean they want to chat with you. Chances are, you don't even know Intrusive Ian in real life. You accepted Ian's request because you saw you have several mutual friends, therefore you must know Ian, only to find out your mutual friends made the same assumption, which explains how Ian has collected over 4,000 friends.

Intrusive Ian has an equally annoying sister named **Salesy Sally**. Upon accepting Sally's friend request, you receive direct messages starting out with what appears to be an interest in your hobby, family, pets, and is overly excited you survived Mt. Everest. It's not too long into the conversation you learn Sally is the Double Diamond Director or Ambassador of Prosperity for the multi-level marketing flavor of the month. How lucky for you that Sally cares enough about you to reach out and want to help you achieve the same. Bye, Felicia. I mean, Sally.

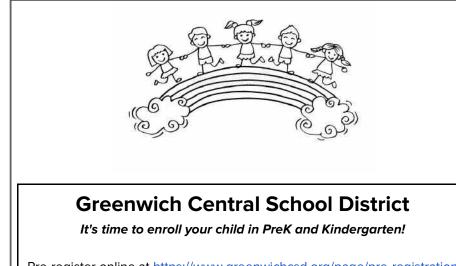
I hope in reading this you've had some laughs and probably recognized some relatable experiences. I still have one more vague, mysterious, and evasive character I would like you to introduce you to. However, I can't tell you right now, but feel free to exhaust your time and energy guessing. have a "like"?

Intrusive Ian persistently sends unsolicited direct messages. Ian might send them immediately after a friend request is accepted, in addition to Amy Hoffer grew up in Kingsbury, NY. Though she and her husband, Bob reside in Saratoga County, their hearts will always remain in Washington County.





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Corporate America, please stop asking for gold stars

Greg Schwem

Special to Journal & Press

Don't worry, loyal reader; I will not ask you to take a "brief survey" after reading this column.

Nor will I find your cell number, contact you and then ask you to "stay on the line" and rate the experience. I promise not to offer you an Amazon gift card or a sweepstakes entry if you would just give me "all fives" when I ask you a series of inane questions about my writing style.

I don't need your love and praise that badly. Unfortunately, the same cannot be said for the world's biggest corporations, which suddenly seem to require gold stars and thumbs up emojis from their customers in order to continue functioning.

On a recent Saturday morning, I opened my email to find not one, not two, but THREE messages from Fortune 500 companies asking me for feedback on my recent interactions with their brands. First up? Starbucks, which I had visited the previous morning. After consenting to take the survey because, well, I'm a stand-up comedian and I have a lot of time on my hands, I was first asked if I was over or under 18.

Confession: I've had to answer that question on a few sites I've visited, but none that specialized in pumpkin spiced lattes. By clicking "yes," would I be taken to the "dark" Starbucks site? One that specializes in X-rated beverages? Instead, I was asked to confirm that, yes, I did visit a Starbucks in Chicago's Old Town neighborhood the previous morning. Suddenly I felt like I had transitioned from coffee pervert to murder suspect.

Mr. Schwem, did anyone actually SEE you purchase a caramel macchiato? Did you save your receipt? No? Interesting. We'll be in touch. In the meantime, please don't leave the country.

"Did the employees make an effort to get to know you?" was next. I gave the highest rating because I couldn't stand the idea of a barista being reprimanded because he or she wouldn't take the time to commiserate with a sweaty, justexited-his-health-club customer like myself. Starbucks, there were 15 people in line behind me. Do you really WANT your counter staff to keep them waiting while they get to know me better?

"Greg, your mocha frappuccino is up. And, Greg, have you seen this hilarious TikTok video?"

Finally, Starbucks asked how it could improve my experience. What was I supposed to say? I walked in, ordered coffee, a barista poured that coffee into a cup, I paid for it and I exited the premises. Want to improve that experience? Eliminate the "I paid for it" part. That will surely generate a series of "fives" from me and every other customer.

Next up was United Airlines, which transported me from Chicago to Houston hours after the Starbucks encounter. Their survey consisted of one question: "How likely are you to recommend United Airlines to a friend?"

I am a 60-year-old man with friends of similar ages. I'm quite

Impressive throw

Former Greenwich Central HS track and field All-American Michael Gabriel threw a personal record 63' 10 1/4" in the 35 lb. weight throw to capture 5th place in the Ivy League Championship.



certain all of them are familiar with United Airlines and don't need an introduction from me.

"Hey, guys, next time you go to O'Hare, check out these big silver planes that are lined up on the tarmac. They all say 'United.' You GOTTA try them!"

Sandwiched between my Starbucks purchase and my flight was an Uber ride to the airport. As is customary, I was asked to rate my driver, in this case, Nzuji. Uber drivers, relax; I can relate to your plight, because I briefly drove for Uber. As long as my driver doesn't take a route that involves plunging over a cliff into a polluted body of water, he or she is getting five stars. And if I survive the fall and surface in time to make my appointment, I'll still tip. Uber passengers, I expect the same courtesy if I'm your driver someday.

I can only think of one company, a shall-not-be-named rental car firm, which will never again get my business due to a single incident. To the three companies mentioned, it will take more than a cold beverage, a delayed flight or a wrong turn to make me abandon your services. If I'm upset or have an improvement suggestion, I will reach out to you. Now please stop cluttering my inbox.

Readers, if you agree, can I have a "like"?

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

tions 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 Cor-



porate Comedian," available at Amazon.com. Visit Greg on the web at www.gregschwem.com.

New history book

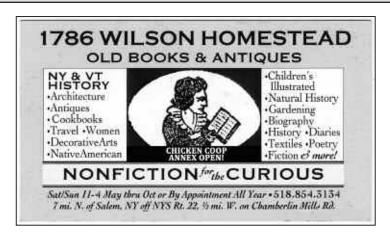
The Warren County Historical Society announced the availability of a new book on the complete biography of Seneca Ray Stoddard by well-known local author and doctor Daniel Way, MD. This full color, 205-page book, titled "Seneca Ray Stoddard; and Intimate Portrait of an Adirondack," is the result of five years research by Way and allowed Dan to reveal his families' connection and some unique photographs never before published, including a virtual tour of Stoddard's house, which no longer exists. The book retails for \$32.99 plus tax and shipping. One can order through Paypal (Line: paypal.me/wcnyhs), check or credit card by calling the society's office at 518-743-0734.

In a highly competitive weight throw competition, Dartmouth throwers finished 4th, 5th and 6th, all scoring for Big Green. All three finished in Dartmouth's top ten weight throwers in history.

Gabriel is a sophomore pre-med major at Dartmouth. In addition to studies and athletics, he is an EMT and volunteers for a Hanover area rescue squad.

Michael Gabriel is pictured with parents Aaron and Tara Gabriel at Ivy League Championships.





Obituaries

Thomas David Bullard, 92

Thomas David Bullard, 92, of Schuylerville, died Sunday February 19, 2023 at the family home with his children by his side. He was born October 3, 1930, son of the late Kenneth and Adelaide (Gannon) Bullard. He is survived by daughter Spring Bullard of Hailey, Idaho, and son Alpheus Bullard (Christy Howard) of Juneau, Alaska. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife Hilary Tann and younger brother, James Bullard.

David had a remarkable life. He was a graduate of Kent High School, Cornell University, and the University of London's School of Oriental and African Studies. Among other accomplishments, he served as a Lieutenant in the Army's 1st Cavalry Division, crossed Africa by motorcycle, had a career with Dupont in Japan, operated the family farm in Schuylerville for over 35 years, and ran for governor of New York in 1974.

David was a man of faith. A member of St. David's Anglican church, he regularly played the organ for worship services. Serendipitously, he met Hilary Tann who was visiting one Sunday. They discovered that each spoke Japanese. Enchantment followed and they married on August 15, 2002.

David was devoted to the protection and restoration of historical sites. He was involved in the restoration of Schuylerville's Bullard Building, helping spark the revival of downtown businesses. The family home, the Marshall House, was state and federally registered as an historic site. He and Hilary regularly opened the Marshall House for tours and reenactments of the Battle of Saratoga when the house served as a hospital. Guests were amazed by the model railroad in the basement.

David had a remarkable skill set. There wasn't much that he could not fix or repair, he was multilingual, he was a story-teller par-excellence, he had the greenest thumb, and his memory and intellect were acute. He will be remembered by the myriad friends he made across his 92 years. In keeping with David's faith, funeral and interment services will be private. In lieu of flowers, friends and acquaintances are invited to make memorial donations to St. David's Church in Poultney, VT.

Arrangements are under the direction of Flynn Bros. Inc. Funeral Home, 13 Gates A v e . ., Schuylerville, NY 12871.

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Letters to the Editor

Against the use of indigenous mascots

To the Editor:

The Washington County Democratic Committee has submitted supporting comments to the NYS Education Department regarding proposed regulations prohibiting the use of Indigenous names, mascots and logos by public schools in New York. At a time when professional sports teams, colleges and high schools across the nation are moving away from using Indigenous names, there are some 60 schools across New York and 10 in the Capital Region that still maintain them. It is long past time for that to change.

In Brown v. Board of Education (1954), Chief Justice Warren noted research demonstrating that a "sense of inferiority affects the motivation of a child to learn." That critical understanding led the U.S. Supreme Court to desegregate schools. This understanding is no less compelling today as we grapple with similar impact on Native American children in our schools. In its case involving the Cambridge Indians, the Education Department cited the NY Association of School Psychologists and other studies emphasizing that social science continues to find, "the use of mascots and Indigenous symbols and imagery have a negative impact on not only Indigenous [students], but all students..."

The NYSED's proposed rules are rooted in a longstanding foundation of legal precedent, beginning with 1954's Brown decision. The rule is consistent with Education Law §10 et seq, the "Dignity for all Students Act" that, since 2010, has required that schools provide students with a safe and supportive environment free from discrimination (Italics

added). It is a contradiction of the letter and intent of that law to allow Native American students to be subjected on a continual basis to verbal or visual representations of themselves as mascots. Anything that causes a feeling of inferiority in students, especially relating to their race, has a detrimental effect on the growth and proper education of a student. It decreases self-esteem, lowers academic achievement and diminishes sense of community worth and general belief in their own communities. Additionally, all students and the school community at large benefit when the environment students, faculty and staff are in every day is discrimination-free.

The proposed regulations are consistent with over two decades of memoranda, policy directives and education frameworks as well as determinations by the New York State Education Department on appeal from these directives. These decisions and directives have been consistently supported by New York State Courts.

The proposed regulations are far from onerous and provide a measured set of requirements, a reasonable implementation timeline and flexibility allowing for the use of Native imagery by tribal community schools as well as by non-tribal school districts with a formal, revokable, written agreement with a Federally recognized tribe culturally affiliated with said name, logo or mascot.

The Washington County Democratic Committee strongly supports the adoption of a new Part 123 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education and has urged the NYS Board of Regents to take that action



at their April 2023 meeting.

Alan Stern, Chair of the Washington County Democratic Committee, Greenwich, NY

Elect Willy Grimmke

To the Editor:

I have been a friend, neighbor, and professional colleague of Willy Grimmke for over 20 years. Willy was the Superintendent of Public Works for Washington County from 1997-2010. In that time he prepared and managed \$13M annual budgets and oversaw a workforce of over 100 employees including Highway, Solid Waste, Engineering & Administrative staff. Willy aggressively pursued funding for capital infrastructure projects through State and Federal programs and has full command of the nuances of the process. Willy headed the department during the Hadlock Pond dam failure and several statewide weather-related disasters and has experience interacting with FEMA & SEMO. Willy was responsible for 284 miles of county highway. He oversaw winter snow & ice operations; paving and general highway maintenance and bridge construction with county forces; he prepared and updated strategic 5 & 10 year vehicle & equipment replacement plans.

In addition, the Solid Waste division included 5 transfer stations that collected garbage, recyclables, appliances, electronics & yard waste and sought to optimize revenues of collected recyclables sold on the open market. Safety and best industry practices of all DPW operations were always paramount.

Willy is currently a Vice President and Manager of Construction Services for an Albany-based engineering consulting firm. He manages teams of Resident Engineers and inspectors that oversee construction projects; he is a qualified diver and part of an underwater inspection group. He also teaches classes in bridge & highway maintenance and bridge inspection to state and local municipal workers nationwide.

Willy believes that he will make valuable contributions to the Village Board, and he is eager to have the chance to do so. I believe that Willy would be an outstanding addition to the Board and our ongoing efforts to improve and upgrade our Village. March 21st, from noon to 9pm at Village Hall, 6 Academy Street. Village residents, please come out and vote!

Kyle Vandewater

Village Trustee, Greenwich

A Trusty Trustee

To the Editor:

I know Willy Grimke as a neighbor and former Washington County Highway Department Superintendent. I had the honor of working with Willy until he left the County to join GPI, an engineering firm in Colonie. We are often told we are replaceable. While that may be true, Willy was not easily replaced.

Two different men served in that position for several years before the county hired the current Superintendent. Willy is a man of experience, knowledge and integrity. We know that maintaining our roads, streets, sidewalks, bridges, water supply, parks, waste and other infrastructure that we take for granted, consumes a large part of our municipal budgets. It is a tremendous benefit to have those with experience in such matters serve on our local boards and councils. The experience he brings to the Village Board will be useful and appreciated.

Willy is knowledgeable. When I joined the WC Board of Supervisors, I asked to be on the Highway Committee because I had no knowledge of the Superintendent's duties and responsibilities nor the intricacies of running the department. It was a valuable experience, particularly so because Willy was In that position. It was the best education I could have asked for. What impressed me most was his no nonsense and logical approach to the job. He knows his stuff and can explain it masterfully for all to understand.

Willy is a man of integrity. He will not avoid difficult situations nor mislead the public or those he serves with. While serving at the County, I never saw him hesitate to report that which was best for the Highway Department and the County. As we all know, expenses for Public Works are significant. Willy always had sound and reasonable requests for expenditures. He never shied away from the realities of protecting the County and its citizens. He will do the same as a Village Trustee.

Sara Idleman, Greenwich

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Random Thoughts

Up, up and away in my beautiful balloon

Michael Levy Journal & Press

On February 4th, an alleged Chinese surveillance balloon, spotted a few days prior over the western United States, was brought down when an F-22 fighter jet fired an air-toair missile at it over the Atlantic Ocean just off the South Carolina coast. According to the NY Times, "one of two F-22 fighter jets from Langley Air Force Base fired a Sidewinder air-to-air missile, downing the balloon, which was flying at an altitude of 60,000 to 65,000 feet. The F-22s were at 58,000 feet, with other American fighters in support."

That is a lot of expensive military jet flight time to down the balloon. According to Wikipedia, the cost of one AIM-9 Sidewinder missile is just a bit shy of \$400,000. This is money well spent if this balloon was indeed collecting sensitive electronic communications over military installations and missile sites since our military reportedly recovered sensors and other electronic equipment from the wreckage. I presume that the Chinese spy satellites that normally overfly this area cannot intercept mobile phone and radio transmissions like our spy satellites do when they are over China. Maybe one day, the People's Republic of China will be able to close the satellite surveillance gap and there will be no need for future Chinese spy balloons. Could it be that this balloon was testing our tracking capabilities and our resolve to take down any foreign threat? Maybe. One social media post reasoned that the balloon was shot down because it was over Montana seeking plot reveals for the upcoming season of the Kevin Costner series, "Yellowstone." The latter theory is entirely plausible because the fictional Governor Dutton does everything necessary to protect his family's ranch.

Much has been written about the size of the Chinese spy balloon that was shot down. In some ways it was smaller than some balloons launched by U.S. government agencies.

According to NASA, "Since its establishment more than 30 years ago, the NASA Balloon Program has provided high-altitude scientific balloon platforms for scientific and technological investigations." Balloons provide a versatile and cost-efficient platform for them.

NASA describes their program in more detail on their webpage. "The most common size of NASA's balloons is 40 million cubic feet, or a volume equivalent to more than 195 Goodyear blimps (a Goodyear Blimp measures 202,700 ft3). When fully inflated, a football stadium could fit inside the balloon. The balloons then float at altitudes around 120,000 feet, or more than twice as high as commercial airplanes and are launched at several locations around the globe. These very large balloons can carry a payload weighing as much as kilograms 3,600 (8,000)pounds), about the weight of



three small cars. They can fly up to 42 kilometers (26 miles) high and stay there for up to two weeks.

The Balloon Program's capabilities are being expanded with the development of an Ultra Long Duration Balloon (ULDB). The ULDB is made of advanced materials and uses a new pumpkin-shaped balloon design to achieve flights of up to 100 days. The ULDB is completely sealed and pressurized in order to maintain constant altitude night and day. The ULDB payload consists of a solar power system, radio receivers and transmitters, computers, batteries and other systems required for science experiments.

Balloons have been used for decades to conduct scientific studies. They can be launched from locations across the globe and are a lowcost method to carry payloads with instruments that conduct scientific observations."

'I want this article to serve as public notice to the entire world of an upcoming balloon launch being planned locally."

Because of media reporting of the recent incursions into U.S. airspace by Chinese balloons, the world started looking up. It was soon obvious that there are other balloons flying high around the world – both now and in the past. One balloon of interest was K9YO-15 launched by the Northern Illinois Bottlecap Balloon Brigade.

K9YO-15 was launched in October 2022 from the Chicago area. It was making its seventh trip around the planet when it disappeared somewhere over Alaska and the Yukon on February 15th, at an altitude of 38,910 feet. The radio transmitter in that

balloon stopped broadcasting simultaneous to

Sidewinder missile in the same location. K9YO-15 has not been heard from since.

K9YO-15 must have been a real threat to national security to have been shot down. Reported to be a 32-inch-wide mylar balloon with an attached payload weighing less than a half an ounce that included a radio tracker, a solar panel, and a long antenna wire for the transmitter. Despite what the mainstream media reported about the cost of that balloon being only \$12, a similar unit can be constructed for about \$200. And as strange as it sounds now, NORAD could have identified this balloon with relative ease on several different public websites and tracked its whereabouts with the same tools. Anyone with internet access could have. I hope that NORAD is considering this approach in the future because as April 15th approaches, I want my income tax dollars to be used for something a bit more beneficial for the American people than buying missiles for target practice at \$400,000 a pop.

And now to make this entire story relevant to the Capital District of New York. I want this article to serve as public notice to the entire world of an upcoming balloon launch being planned locally.

I am sure that the intelligence agencies of every nation on the planet reads the latest edition of the Greenwich Journal and Salem Press as a vital component of their surveillance processes. They are being provided with this ample notice when (and if) this balloon flies above and across their borders.

A balloon similar to K9YO-15 will be launched on September 9, 2023 during the Saratoga County Amateur Radio Association's Annual Hamfest being held at the Saratoga County Fairgrounds in Ballston Spa, NY. The public, especially young people, will be invited to attend. In the spirit of international transparency and cooperation,



the report of an U.S. Lockheed Martin F-22

fighter jet downing a "UFO" using a

the military of the major world powers will be

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People & Places

A look at local buildings

On March 18th 2023, at 1:00 PM, the Greenwich-Easton Historical Association will hold it's annual meeting in the Community Room of the Greenwich Free Library, corner of Main and Academy Streets in Greenwich, NY. There will be a short business meeting followed by a program entitled "Anatomy of Buildings: Architectural Vocabulary and Identifying 19th Century Styles," presented by Susan Arena. This one hour program will provide a brief overview of common language used to describe buildings and an introduction to architectural styles found in Washington County. Familiarity with construction

methods and stylistic elements help provide historic context to the built environment. Arena is an Architectural Historian with experience completing historic resources surveys, National Register nominations, preservation planning, and educational programming. She has served as consultant for The State Historic Preservation Office staff in New York, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut as well as many regional organizations. Ms. Arena holds degrees from Hobart & William Smith Colleges and the University of Vermont.

If you are at all interested in historic architec-



ture be certain not to miss this. It is free and open to the public. New members are welcome, so speak to a member about joining.

Elks craft fair

The Elks Auxiliary invites you to stop by and check out all the wonderful crafts their vendors have to offer. It's March 25h from 9- 2 at the Elks Lodge Rte 40S, Greenwich. Vendors will offer such items as hand made knitted items, quilts, goat milk soap and lotions, candy, woodworking, leather goods and jewelry. The kitchen will be open all day with many homemade brownies, cookies, cupcakes for snacks and chili, Hot dogs and sandwiches, mac and cheese and more for lunch for sale by the Auxiliary. BPOE

2223 Elks Auxiliary is a non-profit organization that donates all proceeds to the community. This craft fair supports donations as needed to the Elks district of Argyle, Cambridge, Greenwich, Salem and Schuylerville Scholarships and other community needs. Vendors should call for and application, limited spaces available. Contact Donna Blair at 518-692-2347 or text 518-260-6618 or e-mail eccdb@verizon.net for the application or details.

Soup and raffle -\$5!

There will be a Soup Luncheon and Basket Raffle on April 2 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Elks Lodge in Greenwich. Cost: \$5/per person. Many kinds of soups available. Eat in or take out available. Also it's \$5 for 25 chances on basket raffles. Drawings will be at 3 p.m. No need to be present to win. To donate a basket or a gift card, contact Christine Perkins at (518) 926-0970 or drop it off at the Elks Lodge any day after 4 p.m.

Defensive driving course in Easton

A live New York State DMV Approved Defensive Driving class will be offered to anyone 16 years and older Saturday, April 1st from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to be held in the meeting room at Easton Library. This is a fundraiser to benefit the Easton Library. Please sign up for the defensive driving class by calling the library at 518-692-2253 or visiting the library at 1074 State Route 40, Greenwich (Easton).

Once you complete this 6-hour Point/Insurance Reduction Program you are eligible for

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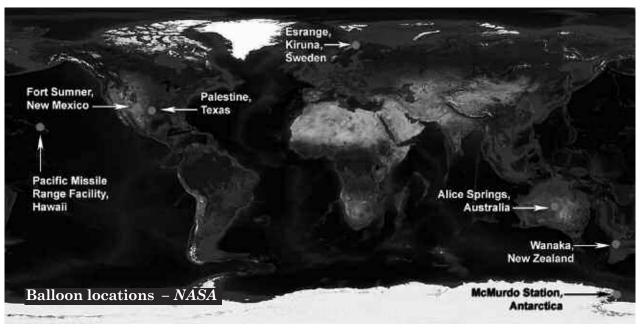
invited too, so don't be surprised if you come to the launch and you overhear someone with a heavy foreign accent. And if you happen to see Boris and Natasha, please say hello for an immediate 10% discount on your Collision and Auto Liability insurance policy which includes Property Damage (PD), Bodily Injury (BI) and Personal Injury Protection (PIP) for up to 3 full years on all vehicles for which you are the principal operator. In addition to the insurance discount you will be ALSO be eligible for up to an automatic 4-point reduction from your NYS driving record if you incurred moving traffic violations during the 18-month period prior to completing this course.

This Empire Safety Council class is recog-

nized by all New York State automobile

Insurance companies for the three-year insurance reduction and will be conducted by certified experienced instructors Victor Bujanow and Deborah Harpine.

Cost is \$40 per person prepaid or \$45 at the door. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE to: Victor Bujanow. MAIL TO: Easton Library, 1074 NYS Route 40, Greenwich, NY 12834. For additional information call instructors at: 518-784-5009 or e-mail with any questions to: info@facetofacecourses.com.



me!

At T minus six months before launch, the preparations have begun. The balloon being launched at the Saratoga County Fairgrounds will include a tiny radio tracker running entirely on solar power. It will send out a GPS derived position report and other telemetry data every 2 minutes or so via a low-power radio transmitter using amateur radio techniques. The goal is to keep the balloon airborne for a few months, floating high as it travels around the globe using the power of the jet stream. And everyone, including NORAD, will be given information about how to track the flight in real-time. And to prevent any international incidents that could lead to a world-wide conflict, the balloon's onboard radio transmitter will be programmed to shut off over several critical "Do Not Transmit" zones including the airspace over the

UK, Yemen, and North Korea.

There is a cliché, "Think Globally, Act Locally" that is coming to mind now. The planned launch of a balloon in Saratoga County is primarily intended to generate interest amongst young people. It is an introduction for them about some of the cool things that can be done using amateur radio to connect people around the globe. Hopefully, our balloon will not get shot down by the Air Force. Just a random thought!

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Jill on Money

Financial infidelity can spur positive action

Jill Schlesinger

Special to Journal & Press

A personal finance survey that grabs headlines is about financial infidelity.

This year's version from Bankrate finds that "23 percent of Americans in relationships are keeping a money-related secret from their significant other" and "39% have been financially unfaithful," defined as having a secret credit card account, stashing money in a hidden checking or savings account, amassing undisclosed debt or spending more than a partner would be OK with.

In my experience, many who keep financial secrets struggle with honesty because they are either ashamed of their actions, scared that their partners will lose it upon discovering the news, or both. How can they disclose the infidelity and regain the trust that will undoubtedly take a hit with the big reveal?

Psychotherapist Tonya Lester, LCSW, says that while "It's common to have a fantasy that there is a way to come clean that will cause minimal damage and anger," there is little chance that fantasy will morph into reality. After all, "you have broken a contract and caused pain. Your best option is to be direct, concise, and apologetic. Don't make excuses or provide endless context."

In other words, the first step is the hardest: FESS UP.

Once the information is out, the real work begins. As a couple, commit to a plan to get back on track, which starts with scheduling a specific time and place to discuss your financial situation. It is imperative that you agree to ground rules for these conversations that push aside judgments and embrace open dialogue that allows you to share information.

This advice also applies to those couples who are faithful: One reason that problems can emerge is that one person in the relationship either feels shut out of the process or has removed themselves from taking financial responsibility.

To address that situation, start with quarterly meetings, where you will create/review your balance sheet (what you own and what you owe). If you are carrying debt, highlight the interest rate of the loan and the maturity debt, if applicable. Then tackle how you spend money by agreeing to a system to track your cash flow. Early meetings about your finances should be about gathering information, not throwing down hard, fast rules.

Then you will need to determine your joint goals, how you plan to accomplish them and who will manage various financial tasks, like bill-paying and investment management.

There is nothing wrong with working toward each partner's strength. If one has a good system to manage banking and bills, great. If the other wants to oversee investments; that's fine. If the other wants to manage the investments; that's fine, but you need to share information and the best way to do so is to keep tabs on your progress by meeting quarterly.

Once the system is up and running, feel free to reduce the number of meetings, maybe one after the tax filing season and then another at the end of the year.

What if after all of your best efforts, you are still stuck, or one of you commits financial infidelity again?

I have often advised people who

call into the podcast with relationship issues that center on money that they may need a therapist, not a financial adviser (though a certified financial planner or a certified public accountant may be a big help too).

The disclosure of a financial secret does not have to mean the end of a relationship, rather it may be the triggering event to vault to a new place, where each of you takes responsibility now, thereby increasing the odds that you will feel empowered and in control of your destinies later on.

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Interpersonal Edge

Put a leash on workplace worries

Daneen Skube

Special to Journal & Press

Q: When I read your columns I always get good tips on questions I could start asking myself. What do you yourself consider one of the most important questions you ask yourself to end up with a successful career?

A: The most important question I've asked myself (and asked my clients) is, "What would you do if you weren't afraid?" People often freeze when I ask this question because they cannot imagine not being afraid. Fear of failure, embarrassment, or disappointing others is fundamental to most people's experience of the workplace. When I ask this question, my clients often look at me like I asked, "What would you do if gravity didn't apply to you?" The idea of fear not chasing you is like free floating in space without gravity pulling you down. Obviously fear has many important functions. Fear keeps us above ground, gets us to be proactive, and motivates preparedness for problems. Imagining no fear doesn't mean we don't use the upside of anxiety to get ready for challenges. Imagining no fear just lets us know where we may be limiting our options.

Even people who say they have no imagination have an abundance of imagination when it comes to fear. We can imagine worst-case scenarios all day long. We imagine that meeting with our boss will result in a layoff. We imagine co-workers laughing in the break room are making fun of us. We imagine members of an interview committee thinking we're stupid.

The problem is not our imagination, it's that we fail to hold these imagined fears lightly and we act as if they are real. If co-workers ativity through worry, we have no energy left if the problem turns out to be real. The bottom line when we worry is to ask ourselves what we can do about the problem. If you worry about losing your job, even if you're wrong, it never hurts to put your resume out in your industry.

I'm teaching and using advanced intuition and there's a difference between worry and intuition. If you have good intuition you can sniff bad weather coming your way. If you know you have amazing instincts and have intuition something isgoing to happen, make the same plan you'd make if you had a fact. Intuition can be our early

what they did. Instead, they regret what they didn't do. Your life is short, your life is precious, and no one deserves to go after their dreams more than you do!

The last word(s)

Q: I seem to take the ending of workplace relationships more seriously than most co-workers. I get over it but I always feel quite sad. Is something wrong with me?

A: No, as Fyodor Dostoevsky, a 19th-century Russian novelist and journalist, wrote, "Pain and suffering are always inevitable for a large intelligence and deep heart. The really great men, must, I think, have great sadness on earth."

'The really great men, must, I think, have great sadness on earth.'

are laughing about their weekends and you say, "Quit laughing about me," you turned an imagined problem into a real one.

It could be true that your meeting with your boss might result in a layoff but you don't know yet. Calm your anxious mind by repeating, "I'll suspend worry until I learn more about what is true." Worry without facts means little planning is possible.

Moreover, if we exhaust our cre-

warning system — so use it!

Now make a list of everything you'd do if you weren't afraid. Notice how many options you're not pursuing because you're imagining you'd be a failure, be embarrassed, or be inadequate. Notice also that you have survived in the past and would survive in the future any of those negative experiences.

What people say on their deathbed is rarely that they regret

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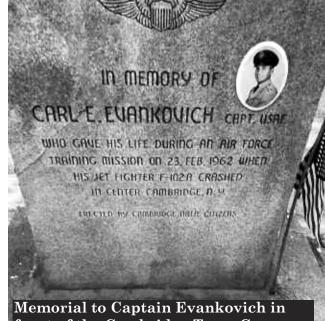
On the Square

'Mayday! over Center Cambridge

Lance Allen Wang Journal & Press

It was February 23, 1962. The 76th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron out of Westover Air Force Base in Massachusetts had been on various degrees of alert since Gary Powers' U-2 was shot down over the Soviet Union in 1960. The failed Cuban invasion at the Bay of Pigs, followed by an armored standoff between the Americans and Russians in Berlin in 1961 only served to further strain nerves both in the Kremlin and in Washington. The fighter jockeys were also strained from a seemingly perpetual state of alert, flying patrols and intercepting Soviet reconnaissance flights. What's more, the 76th had only arrived in Massachussetts the previous year after being transferred from McCoy Air Force base in Florida and they also had upgraded to the new F-102A "Delta Dagger," more commonly called the "Deuce" by its pilots and ground crews, from the older F-89 Scorpion. They were still getting used to the cold weather and the relatively new highperformance jet interceptor, let alone the lay of the land in western New England. On this particular evening, a pair of F-102A's were flying the Cambridge Valley, streaking north to south on a routine nighttime training mission. One was piloted by Captain Carl Evankovich, an experienced pilot, the other by his wingman.

With this as a backdrop, Bob Wright was having a quiet evening at home. He was living in a house just off Route 59 near Center Cambridge, on farmland that was owned by family. His wife Jane was in the back of the house, feeding their five-week-old baby. Suddenly, at 8:53pm there was a tremendous explosion which shook the house and blew in the glass on the front door. Two days later he wrote in a letter to his parents, who were away in Florida – "All the air was full of or-





ange fire and as it died I could see clods of earth falling back... After about two or three seconds I could see a hole with fire around and in it." He finally shook his head clear and he heard his wife shouting for him to call someone, so he called the State Troopers and told them that a plane had crashed. Jane later recalled that she had no idea how Bob knew it was a plane crash. Bob wrote, "It came to me right away after blast died that it must be a plane. Before that I guess I thought it might be the end of the world."

Bob wasn't the only one to see the crash – the Post-Star reported that "Numerous skiers at Willard Mountain, about nine miles away, reported witnessing a plane falling out of the sky and exploding in a ball of flame."

The plane impacted into the side of a hill about 400 feet from Bob's house. Bob grabbed his coat, and along with neighbor Vic Royal, went out to the crash site on his tractor. At the impact site, he saw "a tremendous hole 20 feet deep and 35 feet in diameter. By this time the flames were confined to the hole itself." A bit over an hour after the crash, another jet flew over as though searching, and then it flew off. By this time, word of the crash had gotten out – State Troopers and military personnel from Saratoga Springs secured the crash site, and soon press and sightseers would begin descending upon Bob's house. To add to the chaos, a snowstorm rolled in after midnight.

Evankovich was unaccounted for as of the next morning. A report in the next days Post-Star, stated that the pilot had bailed out safely over Lebanon, New Hampshire. This was sadly untrue. Instead, it took two days to find the Captain – he was found on a farm two miles from the crash site. Bob closed out his letter to his parents with the tragic news – "His chute never opened."

A year to the day after the crash, a small ceremony was held outside the Town of Cambridge garage on Route 59. A memorial stone, provided *Ira* by the citizens of Cambridge, read "IN MEMORY OF CARL E. EVANKOVICH, CAPT, USAF, *live* WHO GAVE HIS LIFE DURING AN AIR *with*

FORCE TRAINING MISSION ON 23 FEBRU-ARY 1962 WHEN HIS JET FIGHTER F-102A CRASHED IN CENTER CAMBRIDGE, NEW YORK." The stone also has a portrait of Evankovich in uniform as a Lieutenant, and is emblazoned with pilot's wings. His widow and parents attended the memorial service, and the stone was unveiled by Sergeant John Casey of Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

What was the cause of the crash? It is officially unknown. Bob maintained a correspondence with one of Captain Evankovich's daughters over the years. In 2014, she wrote to Bob that she had recently received and read a report from the Air Force regarding the crash, and she summarized, "The short version is they couldn't say for sure. They outlined scenarios from equipment failure (i.e. the life raft inflated in the cockpit for some unknown reason) to an overtired pilot working too many hours with not enough current flying time."

There was a bit of local lore about the crash, including that the pilot stayed with the aircraft until the last minute in order to guide it away from populated areas like the nearby Village of Cambridge. There is no evidence this was the case, then again, but no evidence it was not, either. The Captain is entitled to our gratitude regardless, taking upon himself the risks of patrolling America's skies during a very tense period of the Cold War. The men of the 76th Fighter Squadron would spend quite a bit of time on alert in 1962, especially come October and the Cuban Missile Crisis as the Cold War simmered on.

My gratitude to Bob Wright for his time and meticulous records and to Bill McCarty for suggesting the topic!

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



front of the Cambridge Town Garage, placed in 1963 (photo by Bill McCarty)

Music at Argyle Brewing

Since the early 2000s, Buffalo, NY based singer-songwriter Davey O. has experienced his fill of viewing life through the windshield of his car, and thousands of miles of asphalt, starting out by performing at small coffeehouses for tips, with barely enough material to fill an entire evening. As his catalog of original music grew, his sense of adventure and desire to build an audience the old-fashioned way – through the release of independently made albums and relentless touring – expanded right along with it.

As part of two date weekend tour, Davey O. returns to Eastern NYS with a show on Friday, March 24th, 2023 making a first-time appearance in the intimate confines of Argyle Brewing's Cambridge Depot Location, 6 Broad Street, Cambridge, NY at 8:00 pm. Tickets are \$10.00 and are available at davey.brownpapertickets.com.

Davey O. has spent well over two decades developing his craft; building his career and audience by opening for a "who's who" of artists in the genres of Contemporary Folk and Americana, earning the respect of his peers, critical acclaim in renowned publications such as No Depression, and receiving recognition for his work with his selection as a 2013 Kerrville New Folk Finalist. After logging 245,000 miles, 29 states, and five albums under his belt, like just about every touring



artist, Davey O. watched his career hit a wall of uncertainty when the COVID-19 pandemic hit in 2020, three years after the release of his critically acclaimed CD, "A Bright Horizon Line."

For Kids (and Their Parents, Grandparents and Teachers)

March is sweet

Shirley Renauld Journal & Press

Sophia visited NYC during Winter Break/Presidents' Week, so she wanted to visit the statue of Balto (Do you remember the story of this sled dog?) in Central Park Now she will follow the Ididarod which starts in Anchorage AL on the fourth. .Will they have enough snow? If not, it will be only a ceremonial start there and the actual start will be from Willow. Follow the race on the map. Which musher will win the race and what will be the prize?

Are there baby lambs to welcome March? Will there be a lion in the form of winds or snowstorms? March is such a transition month both for us and for nature:

It's a time to finish up Winter projects: We see what Cheryl and friends have accomplished when we visit their show at Saratoga Clay Arts on Hayes Rd until the 18th. We see how the indoor sports season is ending with play-offs and standings. What are you finishing?

Then it's time to PLAN ahead, but DO according to the weather.

Play Pickleball: Play indoors or out, leading up to tennis. P.lay badminton inside, tennis outside. Run the indoor "track" while waiting to run the outdoor one.

Plan for the softball and baseball seasons

Pick up the Fish Fry Dinners with all the all the trimmings from Centenary in Greenwich on the third and tenth before doing your own fishing.

The 4-H Shooting Sports Program for you 12-18-yr-olds begins on March 1 in Hudson Falls or on the 3rd in the Salem area, starting with indoor archery. Call the CCE office and Ready-Aim-Succeed, both indoors and out.

Seed catalogs are being delivered, Seeds and onion and potato starts are available at farm stores. so we better plant our last indoor lettuce and decide what of our indoor garden can be transplanted to our outdoor one.

longer as there's more daylight – especially if there's snow? Daylight Savings Time starts on the 12th, so "Spring ahead" your clocks an hour. Spring officially begins on the 20th.

Watch for leaf buds. Bring some forsythia or lilac branches to water inside and force them to open sooner. Do you have daffodil leaves up already?

It's already time to plan education programs for next school year. Your school district will be having PreK and K Parent Orientation programs, and then holding individual screenings for entrants. If you will be making a transition to a different building, you will be visiting

it. Are you thinking about or continuing with Homeschooling or attending an independent school, including a Charter School? How much will your parents be involved in your education? Is day care needed for the very youngest in your family? Maybe one like Little Wings that brought three-year-olds to Old Saratoga Mercantile to plant garlic in the greenhouse. Do you learn best by doing, using your senses in direct experiences?

4-Hers will be giving Public Presentations at the Wash Co Fairgr on March 11 and in Fort Edward on the 18th. Since they are public, we can all attend to watch and listen to learn both information and how presentations are done. 4-H alumni who are now professionals credit the confidence and public speaking ability they gained by doing these presentations to the speaking they have to do.now. (The

they are glad thev learned early is typing - the real fingering, not "hunt and peck." Oh, that

might be a topic for a presentation!) Sometimes these talks are also dicted six more weeks of Winter? something - of which you are offered a sample. (Emery in FL 4-H showed us how to make brownies! Yum!) Remember that you can join 4-H as young as five, in the Cloverbud Program.



ones so you can join 3 or 4 points to make the leaf and add a stem. Big ones look good on your windows. Gather a few small ones in a pot to look like a whole plant (Glue each leaf to a stick for a stronger stem.).

Still trying to catch a leprechaun? Good luck. Tom in the old Irish story, "Clever Tom and the Leprechaun" thinks he can catch the one that he hears hammering and concentrating on making shoes -.to get his pot of gold. Better luck for gold coins would be a pot filled with gold-wrapped chocolate coins.

From sights and smells, can you tell it's transition time for animals? Are you now seeing some that have been hibernating? Females had babies while still underground, so it probably would be just the males crawling out first. (Are woodchucks the same as groundhogs that pre-

other skill that 'From sights and smells, can you tell it's transition time for animals? Are you now seeing some that have been hibernating?'

demonstrations of how to do or make What's that that smell? Stay clear, you know what animal that comes from. Why do they do that? Have you found any new baby kittens vet. somewhere in your house or in the warm hay in the barn? Watch for new beef babies in pastures, if it was cleaner for them to be born on snow than inside. As we ride along our country roads, we see green plastic tubing strung between trees and along fencelines. If we stop to look closely, do we see air bubbles and liquid moving by gravity down to a collection container? It's maple syruping season! With cold nights and then warm days, sap is moving up from tree roots, providing nutrition for leaves to open.

saw animals clawing and then licking tree trunks. People tasted the liquid and found it to be sweet. With their tomahawks they cut gouges in the trees and leaned a stick from the end of each gouge to have the sap run down it and into tightly-made bark buckets. Then they transferred the sap to logs that they had hollowed. Into the sap, they placed redhot stones. This made the sap boil and its water content rise as steam leaving thick syrup in the log. They found the sweetest sap to be from the sugar maple trees, so they set up sugar camps near clusters of them for ease of working.

Early colonists learned about maple syrup from the Native Americans. These settlers drilled holes into which they put wooden spouts they had carved so the sap could run into their wooden buckets. They had iron kettles to hang over the fire to boil the sap in – outside, so the sticky

steam stayed outside, too, By Grandma Moses' time, blacksmiths made spiles to insert into the drilled holes. Each spile had a curved spout for the sap flow and under it was a metal hook to hang the handle of a metal collection bucket. A roof-

shaped cover was also made to slide over the rim of the bucket to keep

Farm stores will be having chicks and ducklings for us to start raising. Where will we start them and what will they do for outdoor housing?

People and animals that have been South for the Winter will be returning. How will you greet the "snowbird" people in your family?

We notice more ducks and geese flying in flocks and grouping on the river and ponds.that have thawed. Have you seen a robin yet, or did it stay here all winter?

We've seen some honeybees already. What will they eat before there's pollen? Watch your outdoor lunch.

Do vou enjoy being outside

. The 4-H four-leaf clover symbol gets us thinking about looking for clovers in our lawn. We want all the good luck they bring, beyond the head, heart, hands and health that the 4-H symbol stands for. What's the difference between clovers and shamrocks? We need them both to decorate for St Patrick's Day. Can you dig a whole plant from your lawn and pot it? Hope you saved paper ones from last year. If you need more, this time use green paper to cut out hearts, not too fat

In our area, Native Americans

rain and snow out.

We see this gathering and boiling in Gr's paintings and actual buckets when we visit a maple farm. We read about "sugaring off" time in "Sugarbush Spring" and "Miracles on Maple Hill." It was cause for celebrating the coming end of winter so "sugaring off" parties were held: Maple syrup was drizzled on clean snow to eat as chewy candy. But it was so sweet that the party continued with "Sugar on snow, sugar on snow. Pickles and doughnuts and sugar on snow," as well as winter sports. Do you want to have a sugaring off party?

When we visit a maple farm during this season, we know that we're getting close to the sugarhouse by

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Library journalism convo

Join journalists Wendy Liberatore, Judy Patrick, and Ken Tingley for what's billed to be "a spirited conversation about the present state of local news and what is needed to ensure its future." Tingley, former editor of the Post-Star will begin with a brief presentation on the value of local newspapers and a reading from his book, "The Last American Newspaper." At 7:00 PM, Tingley will be joined by Liberatore of the Times Union and Judy Patrick from the New York Press Association for a panel discussion moderated by library director Sarah Murphy. A Q & A and community conversation will follow the panel.

Liberatore covers politics, crime and any story of interest in communities in Saratoga County and north for the Times Union. Previously, she wrote features on the arts and dance for the Daily Gazette, Saratoga Living and the Saratogian. She also worked as a writer of



profiles for Spotlight magazine in Westchester County. She started her career in journalism as an education reporter with the Bronxville Review-Press and Reporter.

Patrick is vice president for editorial development for the New York Press Association, where she provides editorial assistance to the organization's 600-plus local newspapers. For more than four decades she was a local newspaper journalist, most notably at The Daily Gazette in Schenectady, where she was editor-inchief. She appears regularly on WAMC's Media



Project and Roundtable programs. She is a native of Greenwich and a proud graduate of both Greenwich Central and the University at Albany.

Tingley was the editor of the Post-Star in

Glens Falls, N.Y. from 1999 to 2020. During his tenure, the newspaper won a Pulitzer Prize in editorial writing in 2009, was recognized by the New York State Associated Press Association with its "Newspaper of Distinction" award nine times while winning more

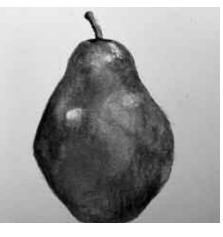


than a dozen national awards for its journalism. Since retiring, Tingley has authored two books. The first, "The Last American Editor" is a collection of his columns and the second, "The Last American Newspaper" looks at the impact newspapers have on their communities.

Gallery show in Cambridge

There will be an exhibit titled "How the Light Gets In: Landscape Paintings and Botanical Studies" with artist Corry Buckwalter running March 17 - April 2, with an opening reception Saturday, March 18th, 3-5 p.m. at the Valley Artisans Market's "Small Gallery" on 25 East Main Street (Rte 372) in Cambridge.

The public is invited, free of charge. Gallery hours at VAM are Wednesday - Sunday 10 am - 5 pm. For more information, call 518-677-2765. To receive their monthly newsletter for future shows sign up on our website: valleyartisansmarket.com or like them on Facebook at Valley Artisans Market.



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the smell of maple from the cloud of white smoke pouring from the vents in the cupola on the rooftop (Also on the roof we see a smokestack for the smoke from the burning firewood or fuel oil that boils the water from the sap in the evaporator, and ventilators in the roof that can be opened to let heat from inside of the house escape.)

To start the story of maple syrup, we hike down to the sugar bush, the cluster of the farm's sugar maple trees that are tapped (tap, tap to get the spi;es into the trees). We follow the lines of tubing down to the collection tank and maybe get a taste of the sap coming in. the maple products they make. We can eat breakfast inside the sap/sugarhouse on the last two weekends of March. Then we will see the owners and their products at the fair, in the County Bounty Building. In the summer we need milkshakes – with real syrup, not just flavoring. Of course, we'll take some syrup home for making our own. NYS is second in our nation for the production of maple syrup. Can you guess which state is number one? Our neighbor, Canada, produces much maple, too.

RC Churches News

Masses at Holy Cross Catholic Church are Sunday at 8:15 AM and Tuesday at 9 AM. St. Patrick's celebrates on Sunday at 11:30 AM and on Wednesday at 9 AM. Immaculate Conception in Hoosick Falls Masses are Saturday at 4 PM and Sunday at 10 AM and Monday at 9 AM. The daily Mass can be cancelled it there is a funeral at that time. Reconciliation Services are as following: March 12 at 2 PM at Immaculate Conception, March 26 at 2 PM at Holy Cross, and March 29 at 6:30 PM at St. Patrick's. Lenten luncheons in Salem will be on Thursdays beginning March 2. Holy Cross will hold theirs on March 23. Lenten Fish Fry's will be offered at St. Patrick's and Immaculate Conception on Friday's beginning on February 24. St. Patrick's will be from 4-7 PM while Immaculate Conception will be from 5-7 PM.

The Lenten Rice Bowl will begin soon. During the 40 days of lent it helps to reflect on the impact of global hunger and climate change on vulnerable people around the world.

St. Patrick's is again offering the Lenten Fish Fry as eat-in or take out this year from 4:30 - 7 PM each Friday during Lent. Please sign up at St. Patrick's if you can help. Visitors are always welcome. Confirmation preparation will begin soon.

Information can be found on the parish website or in a brochure available at church. Please register by Easter to prepare for a fall 2023 Confirmation.

Please consider donating to the Salem and/or Cambridge Food pantries.

Holy Cross is led by Fr. Peter Tkocz and Parish Life Coordinator, Mary Rosmus. Many resources are available on the parish website at www.battenkillcatholic.org.

-Submitted by Rose Mary Sheffield

Nipper Knolls grant

We see the truck that carries the collection tank up to the sap house and the pipeline through which the sap flows into the evaporator inside. We see the sap bubbling as it boils and is tested by the farmer to know when it's ready to bottle and seal – or be further boiled to make candy in maple leaf molds! Of course we have to get a taste (Do you like sap or syrup better?). We shop at their store that includes



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Nipper Knolls Equine Center, Inc. has been selected to receive a generous grant from the Alfred Z. Solomon Charitable Trust. The funds will be used to support the equine center's Veterans Program. The veterans program is an eight week program offered to veterans at no cost in a one-to-one setting. Veterans can bring a guest if they choose to. The program covers basic horsemanship, horse training, and wagon driving. The Alfred Z. Solomon Veterans Program is located in Middle Grove, NY and is endorsed by the Saratoga and Adirondack peer-to-peer mentor programs. Ashley Clothier, a graduate of the program and an Air Force veteran, manages the program as a member of Nipper Knolls Equine Center.

Softball clinic

SUNY Adirondack is proud to announce an upcoming clinic for youth softball players.

A Softball Clinic will be held from noon to 2 p.m. March 5 for ages 12 to 16.

The clinic is led by SUNY Adirondack softball coaches and players. Proceeds from the clinic — which is \$40 per player — benefit SUNY Adirondack's softball team's spring training trip to the Fastpitch Dreams Spring Classic in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

SUNY Adirondack Softball is excited to teach young athletes in and around our community essential softball skills, and to see the passion our youth has for the game while giving our team the opportunity to receive proper training this spring," said Ashley Rosario, SUNY Adirondack's assistant softball coach.

Register online at sunvadktimberwolves.com/information/clinics_leagues. learn more, То email softball@sunvacc.edu or call 518-743-2200, ext. 2393.

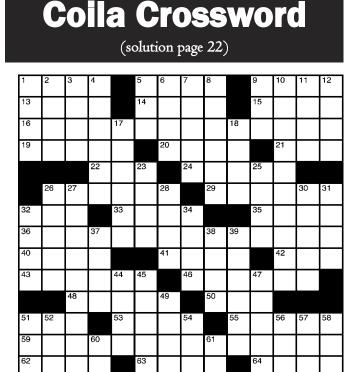
Award winners

Greenwich Central School announced the awardees of February's "Standout Student Award" for the junior high school. The students are (L-R): Harper McCarthy, Jamison Slater, Keagan Wert, Janelle Dixon, Kenadee Culver, Owen Shannon and Omar **DeJesus**.

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

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





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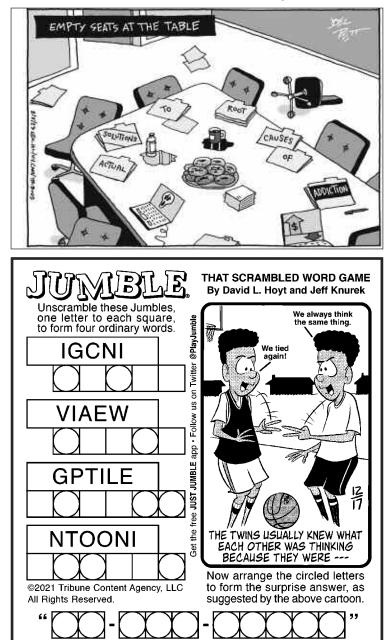
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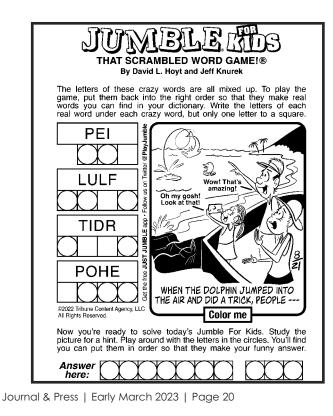
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From the Stacks

The power of connection and learning

Emilly Sargent Greenwich Free Library

The Library saved me. Like an actual superhero would. I know, libraries don't look like superheroes, right? But, I think they are the Bruce Waynes, the Peter Parkers, and the Clark Kents of our communities. Libraries look like just all the other ordinary parts of our community but if you look closer they are nothing short of extraordinary. Where else can you go for free to learn how to knit, have an important meeting, look for the latest best seller, bring your kids to enjoy stories and songs, make slime (because who actually wants to do that at home?), learn French, fax papers, build a Lego brick tower and so much more? Don't worry, you don't have to do all those things in one day. They are all things we are able to consistently offer to our community. Now, you may be wondering why the library saved me. I'll explain.

In 2016 I was a stay-at-home mom of 2 little boys, ages 2 and 6. I live out in the country where I have more creature neighbors than human neighbors. I needed a connection. I honestly can't remember how I found out about the story times in Greenwich but one day I decided to go. At this point I just had my 2 year old with me since my oldest was in kindergarten. He was a very active 2 year old, always keeping me on my toes and I was worried he would be too much for the library. I remember one story time in particular when they had the parachute out, and he was running around not really participating. One mom looked at me, smiled and just handed me the parachute. It was like the key to a secret club that I, all of the sudden, felt a part of. A club of connection, support and nonjudgement. I felt scooped up by this group and welcomed. Scooped up and saved.

Not too long after I discovered the story times, I was checking some books out at the circulation desk and noticed a position for an evening and Saturday library clerk. Perfect. I applied immediately. My background had been in customer service, but more recently I had worked in banking for about 10 years. The library world was all new to me, but I had always loved reading and being there felt right, almost familiar. I liked it and immediately felt a level of creativity my jobs in the past had never afforded me. Wait, I liked my job? This was also new.

About a year after starting work at the library I began hosting one story time a week. Something clicked. That's when I stopped liking my job and absolutely whole heartedly fell in love with my job. Not too long after that I was able to take over all of our story time and early literacy program.



During Covid we knew we still needed to reach people at home. People needed a connection just like I had. My colleagues and I were able to create virtual story times and programs. I never knew filming and editing would be something I'd add to my work experience, but I think Covid forced us to do many things we had never thought about before. We were reaching people, but it wasn't the same, so we were estatic when we could start meeting in person again here at the library.

While so much has changed, I think we've found a groove here with our programming. I heavily base our early literacy programs off of the

'Not much is off limits that allows their little minds to work in ways they never have.'

learn-to play-philosophies. Through the library I've been able to take lots of training and continued education courses, and I've come to understand that play is the most important learning tool our babies, toddlers and preschoolers have. After reading stories, singing songs, and doing movement activities we make lots of time for play and socialization for both kids and their caregivers. I also enjoy having sensory play available for the kids as much as possible. And we aren't afraid of a mess! We do science experiments with baking soda and vinegar, we make slime, and get out the water beads. Not much is off limits that allows their little minds to work in ways they cream mixed with baking soda becomes fake snow they can squish and feel and manipulate into snowmen or snow caves or whatever their heart desires. I think in order for kids to learn they need to be confident to learn and our Building Blocks programs are designed to do just that.

Right now, we are offering Talk Soup Playgroup story times on Mondays at 10:30am. After we read together, playgroup story time focuses mostly on free play with lots of different toys, learning stations and crafts available, and it's open to all ages. We also have Little Learners Explore STEAM on Fridays at 10:30am, which is geared to ages 2-5 but all ages are welcome. After we read stories we do simple science experiments and enjoy sensory play and crafts. Both the Monday and Friday programs are drop-in, and no registration is required.

Our newest early literacy program is Building Blocks Kindergarten Readiness. Designed specifically for 3-5 year olds, we meet Tuesdays and Thursdays and focus on the skills needed to enter Kindergarten. Registration is required and we meet over a certain time frame. With a lack of preschool in our area it's our hope that this is able to help with our communities needs. And it's free, did I mention that? Almost everything is free at the library including connection, accessibility, and the ability to save. I think even the best superheroes would be jealous.

Emilly Sargent is the Early Literacy Programming Coordinator at Greenwich Free Li-





never have. Something as simple as shaving brary.

Kelleher's appointment

Sean Kelleher of Schuylerville, the vice president of the Saratoga County History Center, has been appointed to the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor Commission. This federal commission works with communities along the Erie Canal to celebrate and promote the Canal's heritage.

Kelleher directs communications and is a project director for special events at the History Center based in Ballston Spa. Kelleher is also the historian for the town of Saratoga and the vice chair of the Saratoga County 250th American Revolution Commission. "The Erie Canal was one of the most significant factors in the development of upstate New York," explained Kelleher. "As we approach the 200th anniversary of the Erie Canal's opening in 1825, we must have a commemoration involving all in the 500 miles across the corridor."

"Sean Kelleher truly exemplifies the spirit of this region," said Field Horne, History Center president. "He has been tireless in promoting our historical treasures in Saratoga County."

The Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor Commission is a 27-member, community– based federal commission appointed by the U.S.

Secretary of the Interior that works with 234 communities along the Erie Canal route. Kelleher's appointment is for a three-year term.

"The canals in New York were the catalyst that spurred industrial development and



intellectual thought in New York and beyond in the 1800s. Almost 200 years later, the canals remain an important economic and recreational resource thanks in large part to the efforts of the Erie Canalway Corridor National Heritage Commission," said Kelleher.

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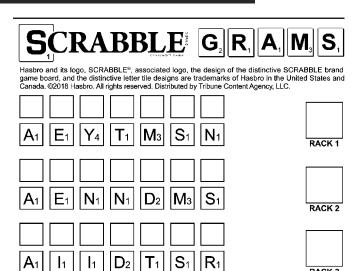
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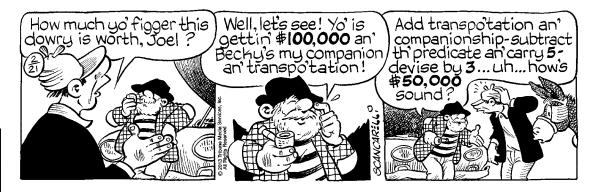


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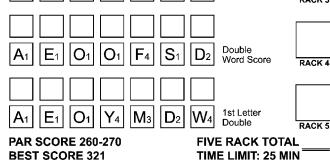


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100 Years Ago

March 14, 1923

Clarence Vosburg, partner of Mrs. Agnes Blanchard in the blackmailing scheme by which Postmaster Robert D. Steele of Dresden was swindled, was sentenced to not more than four years nor less than two years in Dannemora prison. Justice Edward M. Angell, sitting at Hudson Falls, imposed the sentence, which is the same term given to Mrs. Blanchard. The trial of Mrs. Blanchard on the extortion charge in Washington County Court in January attracted widespread attention. She was convicted of consipiring with Vosburg to fleece Steele by threatening to reveal his relationship with her. Vosburg, by arrangement with this woman, interrupted her and Steele in a hotel room in Glens Falls last summer, and Steele paid several hundred dollars "hush money" to keep the affair quiet. Later, Vosburg came back with renewed demands and Steele went to the county authorities, with the result that the blackmailers were trapped. ... Vosburg's home is at Ticonderoga. He is married and has two children. A number of prominent citizens of that town petitioned the court to show clemency in sentencing Vosburg.

80 Years Ago March 3, 1942

At the meeting of the forum held last Thursday evening at the Greenwich school, Jesse V. Mauzey, professor of philosophy at

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Skidmore College, Saartoga Springs, spoke on the subject, "Is This a War of Ideologies?" Professor Mauzey described ideology as a theory of the nature and destiny of human beings and human society. "Fascism," he said, "whether in Germany, Japan or Italy, means four things. Supremacy of the state over every other institution and person, profound contempt for human beings and human rights, a preference for emotion over reason and force over persuasion, and the exaltation of a super-race whose destiny is to rule a subject world of stupefied slaves." The United Nations, on the other hand, believe that the state is a means to the happiness of individuals, that human beings are ends in themselves, and are morally entitled to certain inalienable rights, that the use of reason is the supreme achievement of the human spirit.

40 Years Ago

March 3, 1983

The Washington County Emergency Food Pantry, under the direction of the Washington County Economic Growth Council, Inc., will once again be distributing surplus cheese at seven sites throughout Washington County. ... The allowable monthly income for a family of one is \$679; two, \$870,80; three, \$1081.60; four, \$1292.40; five, \$1504.10. Add \$200 for each additional family member. Those wishing cheese must present one of the following: WIC, Food Stamp, Medicare, Public Assistance, SSI award letter, HEAP approval letter, unemployment insurance book, pay stub or written emer-

gency referral from a church or other social service agency.

20 Years Ago March 6, 2003

A week ago word began to spread, initially in the form of rumor, that Mc-Clellan Health System was about to close down the hospital in Cambridge which has served the area for more than eighty years. Also, last week, those rumors were reportedly denied by members of the health system's board of directors. However, by Tuesday morning of this week, the hospital's closing was beginning to take shape. Reportedly the health system's recently appointed chief executive officer, Susan Mathews, resigned her post on Monday night during a meeting of the facility's board of directors. Also during that meeting the board's chairman, Nancy Flint-Budde, stepped down. This resulted in a rapid series of event that transpired on

Tuesday, beginning with the board's announcement that it had decided to implement changes to its current service configuration. After announcing that it had retained the services of Treo Solutions, Inc. to assist it in accomplishing this, the board revealed that it had elected a new chairman, Michael Gatalfimo of Greenwich, who had served as the board's former general counsel. Also, Arthur E. Center, Jr. was elected to serve as the board's vice chairman. The newly constituted board reconvened at a meeting held Tuesday evening. ... It appears that Mary McClellan Health System will close its acute care hospital service rapidly.

-Compiled by Darren Johnson



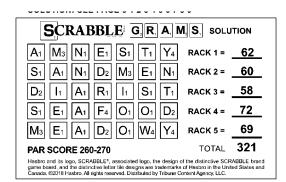
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60 Years Ago

March 14, 1963

A separate high school building for the Greenwich Central School district has been approved. By a vote of 848 to 603, Proposition 1, for the separate high school, won in the special election Tuesday. At the election, same Proposition 2. to build a connected building [instead] was defeated by nearly two to one. The vote was 480 in favor, 953 opposed. As a result of this election, the board of education is empowered to proceed with the final plans for the new high school building, and with the selling of a bond issue of \$1,170,000 for its construction.







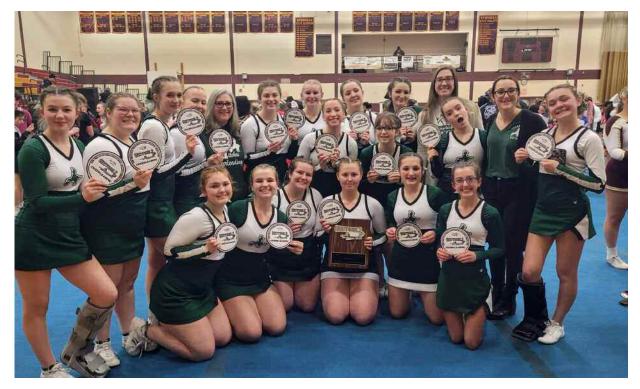
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High School Playoffs

Some recent photos from the playoffs for Greenwich boys and girls basketball and cheerleading. The girls won the regional Class CC title and cheerleaders the Small School title. Find more photos and the latest scores and updates on our Facebook and Instagram accounts. Congrats to local student-athletes for their successes on and off the court!



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