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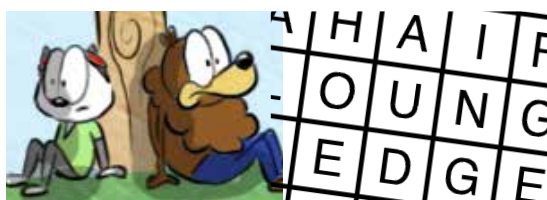
Greenwich Library Reading Buddy program

Every Thursday afternoon, two very special volunteers visit the Greenwich Free Library. Lola, an eight-year-old Labrador retriever Therapy Dog, and her owner, Jen Sharp, come at 3:00pm to greet our patrons, sit in the Children's Room during story time, and then listen to children read and tell Lola stories one-on-one.

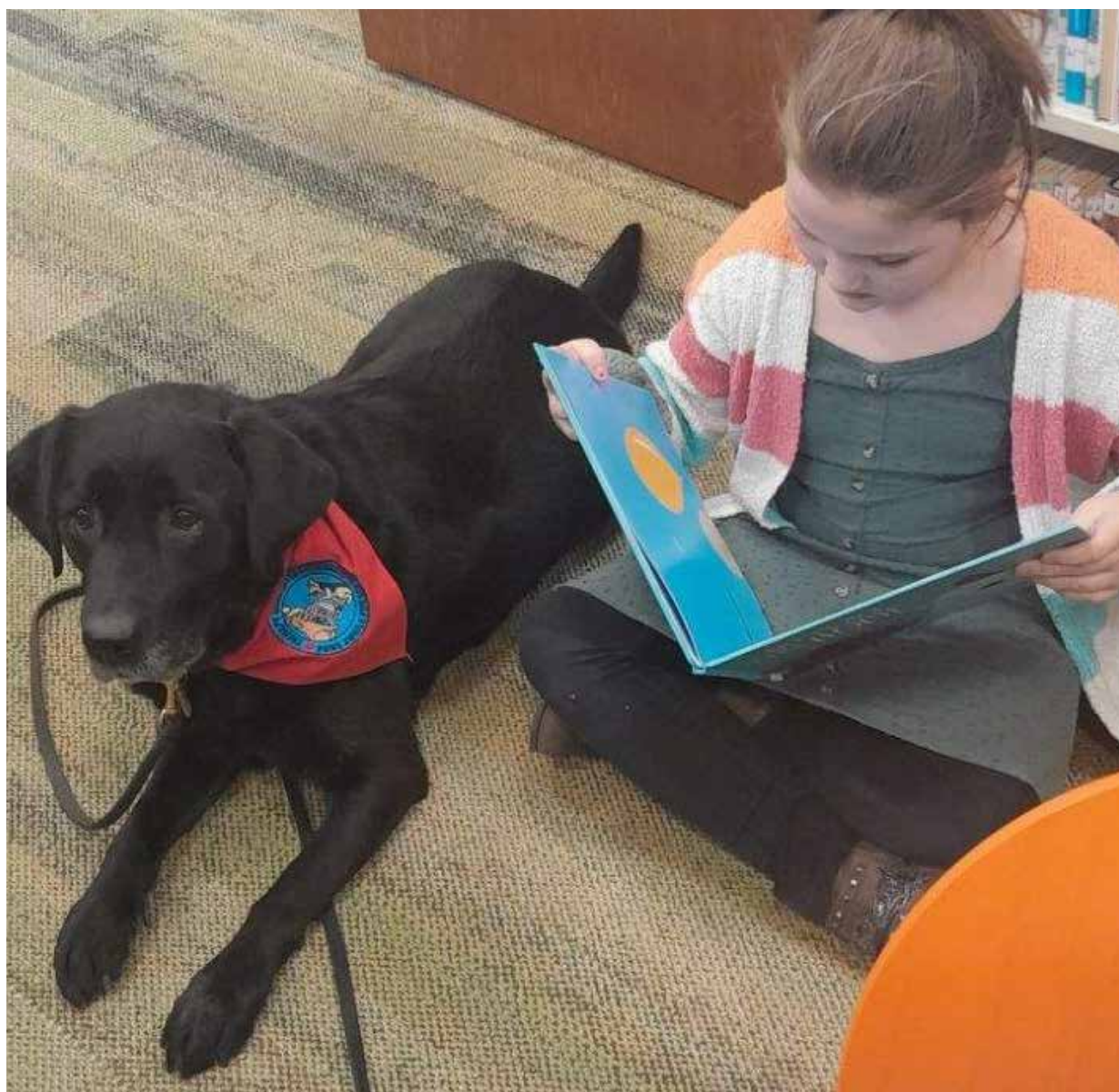
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GREENWICH MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

The weather was perfect for the May 24 Greenwich Memorial Day Parade, sponsored by the VFW. Lou Leone was Grand Marshal.

Here are some photos from the event.

You can find over 100 photos and video of the parade on our Facebook page, fb.com/Journal-Press. Also, consider joining our daily email newsletter for free at journalpress.substack.com to see timely photos and more.



'Never Forget' dedication

What is a Never Forget Garden? The Never Forget Garden is an initiative started by the Society of the Honor Guard, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, to honor all those who have served in the U.S. military. The Town Commons Park will be the location for the community's new Never Forget Garden. The Town of Greenwich has generously provided the space and many of the needed elements to make this special space possible. DAR representative Dorothea Casey said in

a press release: "Willard's Mountain Chapter would like to thank the Town of Greenwich and Jim Nolan, Supervisor, for their generous support of this endeavor."

Greenwich's Never Forget Garden will be dedicated on Saturday, June 22, 2024 at 10:00 in the Commons Park, behind the Greenwich Town Office Building at 2 Academy Street. Cliff Oliver will be awarded the DAR's Distinguished Citizen medal at the same ceremony. In case of rain, the recogni-

tion will take place in the large Community Room of the Greenwich Free Library. The event will happen rain or shine.



Free riverboat history cruises, hikes

Get ready for a one-of-a-kind Champlain Canal experience – half history cruise, half environmental hike. Every Tuesday, June through October, at 3:30pm, join Hudson Crossing Park for a unique adventure that combines history and nature, thanks to a generous grant from the New York State Canal System.

This free event, limited to just 12 participants per session, will split the group into two exciting activities. Six participants will embark on the Caldwell Belle, enjoying a double lock-through of Lock C5 before cruising north to Eagle Point. Along the way historians from Hudson Crossing Park will share captivating and lesser-known stories of the Champlain Canal and the historic Saratoga region.

Meanwhile, the other six participants will set off on an easy 1.5-mile hike along Hudson Crossing Park's scenic trails. Guided by knowledgeable park staff, hikers will learn about the park's rich history of environmental stewardship and diverse wildlife that Hudson Crossing is home to. The hike will cover topics ranging from the impacts of area's industry and PCB pollution to modern efforts to control invasive species and reintroduce native plants, offering a deeper understanding of responsible land stewardship along the canal system.



At Eagle Point, which boasts stunning views of Northumberland Falls, the two groups will meet and switch activities. Those who started on the boat will finish their adventure with a hike, while the hikers will enjoy the return trip with a double lock-through experience before docking.

This rare and enriching opportunity is brought to you free of charge through the collaborative efforts of Hudson Crossing

Park, Mohawk Maiden Cruises, and the New York State Canal Corporation's "On the Canals" program. Don't miss out on this unique blend of history and nature—dust off your walking shoes and join us for "Hikes and History."

Pre-registration is required. Please go to www.HudsonCrossingPark.org for more information and to register.

HCP Banquet June 13

Hudson Crossing Park announced the 2024 awardees of its annual Sunshine and Seedling Awards, which will be presented during the park's annual fundraising dinner, Banquet by the Bridge on Thursday, June 13 at 6:30 pm.

The Banquet by the Bridge celebrates all that our region has to offer with a catered meal featuring local food, wine, and beer, a pre-dinner cruise along the Champlain Canal for Honorary Committee Members and sponsor guests, and dessert for all on the bridge after dinner.

The heart of the evening is the presenta-

tion of Hudson Crossing Park's Fourth Annual Sunshine and Seedling Awards. The 2024 Sunshine Award honors New York State Canal Corporation Director Brian Stratton for his dedication to celebrating, preserving, and moving the New York State Canal system forward into the future. The 2024 Seedling Award honors Camilla Short, a graduating senior from South Glens Falls who has just begun demonstrating her leadership capacity, and shows outstanding promise for continued community involvement as she leaves high school.

Together, they represent the bridge be-

tween experience and new growth which brings places like Hudson Crossing Park to life.

Held beside Hudson Crossing Park's historic Dix Bridge, which formally joins Saratoga and Washington counties and bridges communities on both sides of the Hudson, Banquet by the Bridge is a celebration of community that helps ensure that Hudson Crossing Park can continue to serve as a unique educational and recreational resource for the region.

To learn more about Hudson Crossing Park or to purchase Banquet tickets, please visit www.HudsonCrossingPark.org/banquet-by-the-bridge.

CAMBRIDGE BALLOON FESTIVAL

Up, up and away – and a car show, too

The Balloon Festival Committee along with the Cambridge Valley Chamber of Commerce have been busy working to bring this festival to the Cambridge, NY, community once again, celebrating its 22nd festival with some exciting additions.

New this year, you will have an opportunity to purchase a Tethered Ride! Scott Griswold with Above All Balloon Rides will be piloting these rides for \$20/person. You can purchase your tickets at the festival starting Friday night at 5 p.m. Saturday is wristband day at the carnival. Buy a wristband for \$25 and get unlimited rides from 1 to 9 p.m.

Planners are putting together the schedule of activities, which will include four launches of hot air balloons (Friday and Saturday evening and Saturday and Sunday morning). All launches take place at the Cambridge Central School on Route 22 (wind and weather permitting). Evening launches typically occur around 7 p.m.; morning launches at 5:30 a.m.

Besides the launches at the school on Friday and Saturday, June 7-8, there will be a Carnival, Craft Fair and Food Vendors.

On Friday Night at Railroad Park next to Argyle Brewery there will be a Block Party with Music, food vendors and the Pilots Pulled Pork BBQ (\$15 – call or text 518-677-0887 to reserve your tickets today).

Also on Friday evening at dusk will be a

fantastic fireworks display at The Mansion Park on South Union Street.

On Saturday, throughout the day, there are several activities including the Lions car show, the Flying Club flyin, and many businesses ready to welcome you to Cambridge. Saturday evening, an annual Moon Glow, a spectacular night time display of tethered hot air balloons that are lit from inside in time to music, will take place at the Cambridge Central School at dusk. Bring a chair or blanket, come for the launch, enjoy some food, shop at our craft booths and stay for the glow.

Sunday brings an end to the official festival activities with a Pilots Breakfast at the American Legion on RT 22, Cambridge, NY. This is a great opportunity to meet the pilots.

Local organizations augment the festival with activities to entertain crowds between the launches and to showcase the Cambridge community. In and around the Village, activities such as craft fairs, farmers' markets, museum tours, concerts, car show, flyin and gallery events occur.

For information on Cambridge, or the balloon festival, call 518-677-0887, or visit the website, www.cambridgenychamber.com.

Car Show, Too

The return of the Cambridge Balloon Festival means the return of the Cambridge Lions Annual Balloon Festival Car Show on June 8. This year's installment has found a new home in the student parking lot at Cambridge Central School. There will be four classes for vehicles, best classic, best muscle, best



truck, and best hot rod. Additional awards include Best of Show, People's Choice, Lions Choice, and Queen of the Show. Queen of the Show is a special category for the registered ladies in the show. Lundgren Subaru of Bennington is the premier sponsor again, with Nicky V's Auto of Clifton Park and Coggins Auto of Bennington as supporting sponsors. The show begins at 10 a.m., registration for the event is \$15 per vehicle, the show is free for spectators; prizes awarded promptly at 1:30 p.m. The Lions Club will have Yushak's Specialty Sweet and Hot Sausage available for purchase, and Lions Club DJ Jim Cypher will provide musical entertainment. The funds from this event will benefit the Lions current Gazebo Restoration Project and the Jim Leone Memorial Scholarship.



Kristoffer Ross in concert

The Champlain Canal Region Gateway Visitor Center and Hudson Crossing Park are thrilled to invite the public to a magical evening of music with the talented Kristoffer Ross on Friday, June 7, at 6pm. A young and skilled traditional Celtic singer and guitarist, Ross's performance promises to be an unforgettable experience.

As the Belmont Stakes draws crowds to Saratoga Springs, we invite you to escape the hustle and bustle for a peaceful retreat with the beautiful sounds of Kristoffer Ross. With the backdrop of the Gateway Visitor Center's beautiful timber frame construction and exquisite acoustics, Ross's soulful melodies and intricate musicianship will be sure to transport all who attend to the heart of Celtic tradition.

All are encouraged to enjoy a beverage or meal before or after the concert at one of the many wonderful restaurants, cafes, and

taprooms in neighboring communities.

Tickets are \$10 per person, and can be purchased at the Gateway Visitor Center the evening of the event.

The Champlain Canal Region Gateway Visitor Center is located at 30 Ferry Street, Schuylerville, NY 12871. The building is a timber frame structure that is the product of a collaborative effort of non-profit and federal, state and local governments to introduce locals and travelers alike to the historically significant and culturally unique Champlain Canal Region of Lakes to Locks Passage.

Hudson Crossing Park is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing recreational, educational, and cultural opportunities in the Hudson River Valley. Centered on Champlain Canal Lock C5 Island just north of the Village of Schuylerville, the park offers a unique setting for outdoor ac-



tivities, environmental education, and community events throughout the year.

For more information about Hudson Crossing Park, please visit www.hudsoncrossingpark.org.

Fort Salem casting call for Disney classic

Fort Salem Theater is thrilled to announce auditions for their upcoming production of the beloved Disney musical *Mary Poppins*. Auditions will be held on Monday, June 3, and Tuesday, June 4, from 7 PM to 10 PM by appointment. The theater invites actors of all experience levels, ethnicities, and gender identities to audition for more than 20 available roles for both adults and children. As always, there are no participation fees to perform in a Fort Salem Theater mainstage production. To audition, simply prepare approximately one minute of a song that showcases your talents. During the audition, you may be asked to perform additional music or read from the script. An accompanist will be provided.

Everyone's favorite nanny takes the stage in this Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious musical adventure! One of the most popular Disney movies of all time is capturing hearts in a whole new way: as a practically perfect musical! Based on the books by P.L. Travers and the classic Walt Disney film, Disney and Cameron Mackintosh's *Mary Poppins* musical includes the toe-tapping songs "Let's Go Fly A Kite," "Jolly Holiday,"

"Feed the Birds," "Step in Time," and more.

On stage, the jack-of-all-trades, Bert, transports audiences to England in 1910 and the troubled Banks family. Young Jane and Michael have sent many a nanny packing before Mary Poppins arrives on their doorstep. Using a combination of magic and common sense, she must teach the family members how to value each other again. Mary Poppins takes the children on many magical and memorable adventures, but Jane and Michael aren't the only ones upon whom she has a profound effect. Even grown-ups can learn a lesson or two from the nanny who advises that "Anything can happen if you let it."

For more information or to sign up for an audition appointment, visit FortSalem.com/auditions. Video submissions are also welcome, starting immediately. Send a video demonstrating your talents, along with a headshot and resume, to Kyle@FortSalem.com.

Rehearsals will begin on or around Sunday, June 16, 2024. Rehearsals are typically scheduled for Sundays from 6 PM to 10



PM, Monday through Thursday from 7 PM to 10 PM, and potentially Saturdays from 10 AM to 2 PM, depending on the availability of the cast and the needs of the show.

Each actor cast in *Mary Poppins* will receive a minimum of two complimentary tickets.

Mary Poppins will enchant audiences with its magical story and memorable music from July 26 through August 11, 2024.

More details on this new event

Darren Johnson
Journal & Press

In our late April issue, we announced that Liv Thygesen had teamed up with fellow Greenwich resident Karen Prime to create a new event called Union Village Fest. The event permit was approved by the Greenwich Village board in April.

The event takes place Friday 3 to 9 p.m. and Saturday 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., June 14-15 in the Village along Church Street and utilizing Mowry Park.

Planners are looking for volunteers to help organize and staff this new event. As well, sponsors and vendors are invited to join the fun.

Contact info@unionvillagefest.org or call 518-531-8089 to get involved.

I caught up with Thygesen recently. Here is our Q&A:

It's been a while since our original announcement of Union Village Fest. What has changed since then?

Exciting news! We got the approval to close Church St. down for Friday! Initially, we were only looking to close Church St for Saturday, but the request came through to close the street for an additional day. This means, more food trucks, more activities and more fun! We also expect some surprise performances by some local vocalists.

What are some of the key events that will take place during this weekend? (Plus times, days, locations.)

We are excited to welcome some local bands to the stage as well as local businesses doing demonstrations between bands.

Friday evening will open with Eric Kuffs at 4pm and wrap up with the Murder Hornets at 7pm. Casa Reyes and Jay's Pizza (just to name a couple) will be serving up their culinary concoctions all afternoon and evening Friday.

Saturday will welcome additional bands: Stirred up Band (1pm) Space Trash (3:30pm), Ragged Rascal (5pm) and Roadhouse Rhythm and Blues (7pm). We encourage everyone to come dressed in historical costumes. We will also have a costume contest for folks who wish to dress in historical attire. The focus is on fun, family, and the history of our great village. I myself am excited to eat some ice cream from our many food trucks and have a burger from Mike Snell's Food Truck.

Additionally, we will have two bouncy houses and a multitude of kid friendly activities to include but not limited to: bubbles, sidewalk chalk, hula hoops, coloring and trivia games.

Are some local organizations also participating?

The library will be hosting a variety of activities as well, making the event truly a community celebration. Pride Tae Kwan Do will also be doing demonstrations highlighting their studio starting at 12:30. We are also looking forward to Lili Loveday's dance and movement demonstrations in the afternoon. After the last band plays on Saturday, we are looking forward to catching



UNION VILLAGE FEST

June 14 & 15
Mowry Park & Church St
Greenwich, NY 12834

Friday Music Line Up

ERIC KUFFS 4-6

MURDER HORNETS 7-9

info@unionvillagefest.org
(518) 531-8089

up at Elsassers at 111 Main St for a post festival after party/celebration. Everyone still with energy is encouraged to swing by for a nightcap and fun company.

Any unique events planned that haven't been announced yet?

Shhh.. if we tell you it won't be a surprise.

What have you learned putting this event together?

It takes a village to make a village festival happen. With the two of us doing the bulk of the logistics and planning, we have had to literally utilize our phone a friend life-lines. We have also learned that there are many folks like us still out there who love

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UNION VILLAGE FEST JUNE 14-15

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and cherish our beautiful village and want to hold on to our traditions.

Will Union Village Fest bring back some of the charm Whipple City Festival had in the past?

Honestly, we want to continue with the original sentiments of the founding festival whilst carving out our own identity. Families and history are the heart of our village, and it is critical that we keep this in mind when planning celebrations such as Union Village Fest. We want the festival to focus on what makes our community the home where we all want to continue to come back to.

Will there be a parade?

Unfortunately, no. With only the two of us organizing this year, a parade was out of our scope of feasibility. We look forward to growing the festival and continuing to move history forward with the addition of a parade next year.



Liv Thygesen and Karen Prime

What are you hoping visitors take from this event?

Good old fashioned family fun and appreciation for the history of our village. Our history is amazing and really a unique part of the development of the area. From agriculture to the various factories, Greenwich has an amazing story which should be shared, preserved, and celebrated.

How are you getting the word out? Are you looking to market this event outside of Greenwich?

So far we have been utilizing platforms like Facebook for digital media. We also have had the amazing support of the Greenwich Journal Press for press releases, ads and marketing support. Additionally we have an interview scheduled with Froggie to promote sponsors and the event to a larger area.

Who are some of the vendors who have signed up thus far?

As of right now we have mostly local not-for-profits and a couple of artisanal vendors lined up. We're excited to support our local charity and non-for-profits organizations. Events like this are a great way to highlight the service present in our community.

Do you think this might become an annual event?

We would love to make this an annual event. We have a new generation of residents and as we cel-



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June 14 & 15
Mowry Park & Church St
Greenwich, NY 12834

2024

Saturday

Music Line Up

STIRRED UP BAND 1-3
SPACE TRASH 3:30-4:30
RAGGED RASCAL 5-6
ROADHOUSE RYTHM AND BLUES 7-9

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brate the 20th anniversary of "Greenwich the Musical," it is important that we continue with the spirit of moving history forward. We only see this event gaining momentum and growing as our community grows. Next year we would love to see the addition of a parade and growing our planning committee membership.

Anything else you'd like to add?

Events like this would not be possible without the unwavering support of our DPW, first responders and the Greenwich Police Department. Our planning team wish to take all of our behind the scenes folks who have helped to make this all possible. You can look for their tent at the corner of Main and Church streets both days of the festival. They will have first aid and water available as well as recruiting opportunities to become a part of their amazing organizations.

Greenwich Record Fair is at max RPM

Darren Johnson
Journal & Press

Music lovers are invited to Greenwich on Saturday June 1st from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM for a pop-up record fair at 99 Main Street. Off-Track Records of Saratoga Springs, Owl Pen Books of Greenwich, Sweet Side Records of Glens Falls, and record fair purveyor Roundabout Records will all be on hand to sell vinyl LPs of all genres. DJs will spin soul, rock, punk and more.

Here is my Q&A with organizer Jason Planitzer:

What can people expect if they stop by the Record Fair on June 1?

In addition to Off-Track Records and Owl Pen Books, we'll have other area vendors including Sweet Side Records from Glens Falls and Roundabout Records from Round Lake, and our friend Sean's bringing some great stuff, too. We've all got different records we've accumulated from different and diverse collections. OTR has some newer indie, classic punk, and plenty of classic rock. Owl Pen's always got a good selection of rock, blues and soul. Sweet Side has everything from AC/DC to Coltrane to Taylor Swift. And Ross Marvin from Roundabout has always got an interesting variety of jazz, rock, soul and some pretty rad exotica, too. He also just acquired some good 70's/80's post punk, new wave and goth! So there'll be a little bit of everything, and plenty of staples like Hendrix, The Doors, Grateful Dead, etc. We've got some DJs for the record fair as well, playing everything from obscure and classic soul and punk to electro-funk and boogie, so you might hear something that makes you say "I need to have this!"

I see you tied the event into other events happening that day. Is that on purpose? Please expand.

Oh, 100%. With the grand opening of Clutch happening just a few doors down we anticipated that many Greenwich residents might be out and about on Saturday, and maybe putting something together like this would attract some visitors and give the



The record collection at Owl Pen Books

community some fun things to do on Main Street in lieu of Whipple City. I'm thrilled to see there have been some other efforts within Greenwich to get people out for several weekends in June, because that's what summer is all about!

What got you into this business?

Well, it started as a hobby and then it became something more. I started collecting records over 20 years ago when I just kind of took all of my dad's haha. Once I started buying entire collections the last few years I lived in Brooklyn, I thought about selling as a kind of side hustle, but when visiting my in-laws one weekend in Saratoga Springs I thought it might just be the time and place to have a small shop. Saratoga hadn't had a record store for almost ten years, and interest in vinyl records had really grown during the pandemic when people were devoting a lot more time into starting and maintaining new hobbies, so it's all just been a case of

right place right time for me.

Eric Kufs, owner of Owl Pen Books in Greenwich, has his own answer. As a musician and avid vinyl listener, adding a used record section felt like a natural addition to the 60 year-old book store for him.

Would you say you have more supply or demand at this point?

Thankfully I feel I always have a steady inventory of new things coming in, and a few distributors I work with to keep new releases and popular titles in stock. But the demand has definitely grown. And I'm a small operation, so I'll only have a handful of copies of the new Beyoncé or Vampire Weekend, and once they sell it might take a week or so before it's back in stock. Or sometimes a record everyone wants ends up on backorder and I've got to wait a while before it's available again. The Chappell Roan "Midwest Princess" album, or the first

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few Gorillaz albums, both being recent examples, I'm still waiting to get more. With used records, when I'm cycling in some new additions from a collection I've just sourced, I can always tell what's going to be gone within a few days. Like if I put out a nice, clean copy of Led Zeppelin's "IV" or Talking Heads' "Speaking in Tongues" or Joy Division's "Unknown Pleasures" I know it'll sell in a matter of days. But that's my favorite thing about used records. It all comes back around. And I have no idea what I'll have two months from now, or six months from now. It's as much a surprise to me as it is to anyone digging through the crates!

How would people know if they have any valuable albums in their collection?

The more time you spend in used record stores, scouring the bins and flipping through thousands and thousands of records, the more you tend to absorb. Especially if you're spending several hours a day several days a week doing so, you just naturally notice things and remember things. But most people aren't doing that for several hours after work every day. Maybe they've got a few boxes down in the basement they haven't touched in 30 years and one day they're doing some spring cleaning and de-

cide today is the day to pick the hobby back up. Or maybe you've got a bunch of records you took from your dad, and you've been building a collection from things you've found at shops and estate sales and thrift stores over the years :) Many people might look on eBay to see what the records they have are selling for, and once they see a Simon & Garfunkel record listed for \$300.00 they think they're sitting on a goldmine. That's generally not the case. eBay is particularly misleading, because you're seeing what someone is asking for something, not necessarily what it's worth. Odds are your James Taylor and Seals & Crofts and Joan Baez records aren't going to fetch much. Now maybe you've got some less common things in that stack of LPs. Bands you've never heard of with some far out psychedelic album covers. Jazz records from the 1960's on the Blue Note or Prestige or Riverside labels. Get to know Discogs, and if the records are in good condition, you can get a better idea of the median value. Condition is key, though, as is the exact edition. Is it an original or a reissue. It takes time and practice to recognize, but those are most important in determining the value of a record.

Have you ever bought a huge lot of records and found a gem within? What was it and what is it worth?

That does happen from time to time, like maybe it's a situation like a storage unit filled with records and someone has a certain price they're looking for, and I'll have to determine if there's enough good, sellable records in there to recoup the expenses. There might not be a lot of time to thoroughly go through fifty boxes, so you hope you'll stumble on a gem or two. A situation like this recently produced an original UK pressing of The Pretty Things' "S.F. Sorrow," which I kept haha. That one's only like four or five hundred bucks, but a re-

cord I recommend if you like The Beatles' "Sgt. Pepper" and want something in that vein that's nowhere near as ubiquitous.

Still looking for that sealed Beatles "Yesterday and Today" first state baby butcher cover waiting for me in the middle of a towering wall of mostly dime a dozen showtunes and novelty records...

Why do you think there's increasing interest in vinyl records?

I think it's a combination of things. Digital media and streaming services simply don't offer the physical, tangible object. You can't hold the artwork and lyrics and liner notes in your hand when you listen to Spotify. Vinyl has also always been the most collectible format that retains its value, certainly more so than CDs and 8 tracks. But at the end of the day, there's nothing quite like dropping the needle into the groove. It adds this tactile element to the experience of listening to an album, and it enhances that experience because of it. It makes you an active part of that experience. You are part of the process, you have to get up and flip the record to keep that start-to-finish experience of an album going.

How can people find you if they can't attend the event?

Off-Track Records is located in the lower level of 480 Broadway in Saratoga Springs, next to City Hall. Catch me there Wednesday thru Sunday, usually 12PM to 5PM. I tend to add new records to the 3,500 plus we have in the shop every Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and you can check our instagram for sneak peaks @otrsaratoga .

The Owl Pen is at 166 Riddle Road, over the river and through the woods in Greenwich. They're open 11AM to 5PM Wednesday thru Sunday. www.owlpenbooks.com or @owlpenbooks on instagram.

Anything else you'd like to add?

Don't use a Crosley, you can find other better and more reliable record players for under \$250. We recommend Audio-Technica or U-Turn turntables.

Also, records can warp in the heat. It's summer. Remember, don't leave your records in the car!



99 Main St., Greenwich, where the event will be held

Democrats nominate Clothier

Editor's Note: *As a part of our ongoing election coverage, we will interview all willing local candidates in competitive races up to Election Day.*

For Greenwich's four-year Town Justice position, local Democrats announced their nomination recently, and we are waiting on official word from the Republicans on their nomination, as of press time.

The following is the statement provided by Greenwich Town Democratic Chair Mary-Lou Stern. A full interview with sitting justice Rachel Clothier was conducted by this paper and will appear in the next edition.

The Greenwich Democratic Committee held a Caucus on May 9, 2024, to designate a candidate for Greenwich Town Justice. The Caucus voted unanimously to select current Greenwich Town

Justice Rachel Clothier as the Democratic candidate for the Greenwich Town Justice election to be held in November.

Town Justice Clothier holds a Master's degree in Public Administration, a Bachelor's degree in Social Theory, and an As-

sociate's degree in Paralegal Studies. She also completed all accounting courses required for Auditing.

Clothier has served as Town Justice since April 1, 2024. Previously, she served as Greenwich Village Justice from January 2021 to April 2023. She has 10 years of legal research and writing experience, 8 of those years at the Appeals and Opinions Bureau of the Office of the Attorney General. She also served as a Municipal Auditor for the NYS Comptroller's Office.

The release continues: "Town Justice Clothier seamlessly coordinated the recent combination of Village and Town Court systems. She has streamlined the town court operations to efficiently and accurately handle a high volume of cases."



In other areas of community service, Clothier has served as administrative coordinator of the Historic Salem Court House Preservation Association, volunteers at the Greenwich Elks Lodge, Greenwich PTSA, Greenwich Committee for the Youth, Greenwich Community Garden, Country Clovers 4-H and is a member of the NYS Magistrates Association, League of Women Voters and Daughters of the American Revolution.

ACC president to retire

The SUNY Adirondack Board of Trustees has accepted a letter of resignation for the purposes of retirement from Kristine D Duffy, the seventh president of SUNY Adirondack, to take effect June 30, 2025.

Upon her retirement, Duffy will have served 12 years as the college's president — the second-longest-serving president in the institution's history. The college's first president, Dr. Charles Eisenhart, served for 17 years.

During her tenure, Duffy oversaw more than \$50 million in capital investments to support teaching and learning, supported the relocation of the college's Culinary Arts program and student-run restaurant to downtown Glens Falls, led the college to achieving branch campus status for its

center in Saratoga County in the town of Wilton, led the way to build a state-of-the-art synthetic turf field complex, and helped secure nearly \$20 million in grant dollars to dramatically increase equipment, classroom needs, support services and programs

to improve student success outcomes.

The college will hire a presidential search firm to help the Board of Trustees select the next leader of SUNY Adirondack and expects to begin a national search in September 2024.

Financial caregiving

The Alzheimer's Association will host "Managing Money: A Caregiver's Guide to Finances" on Wednesday, June 5, 2024, at 1:00 pm at the Greenwich Senior Center meeting at 26 Church St., Greenwich, at the Bottskill Baptist Church. If you or someone you know is facing Alzheimer's disease, dementia or another chronic ill-

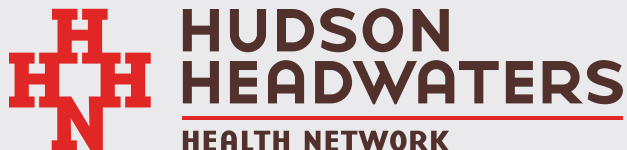
ness, it's never too early to put financial plans in place. Join the group to learn tips for managing someone else's finances, how to prepare for future care costs and the benefits of early planning. Visit alz.org/CFR to register online and walk ins are welcome.

Available weekly in Salem and Whitehall!



Mobile Health For Everyone.

At Hudson Headwaters, we're making access to vital health services more convenient than ever. Our Mobile Health Center can be used as your primary care provider, or supplement your health care needs—including pediatric and adolescent medicine, and gynecology. All are welcome, regardless of your insurance or ability to pay. We're here for you—closer to home.



[HHN.org](https://www.hhcn.org)

Amateur photographers wanted

Amateur Photographers are invited to take some photos and submit them to the Photography Exhibit at the Schuylerville Garden Club's Annual Standard Flower Show. The show entitled "A Little Bit Country" will be held on July 20 and July 21 at the Town Hall in Schuylerville, NY.

The photography section is entitled "Country Roads." The classes are as follows:

Class 1 "Old MacDonald" - A Photo Featuring Farm Animals

Class 2 "Farmer in the Dell" - A Farm Landscape

Class 3 "All Critters Great and Small" - A Close Up of a Pollinator

All photos should be the work of the exhibitor. Photos should be 8 x 10 inches with a white 11x14 inch mat. Photos must

be pre-registered. For details and an entry form, visit www.schuylervilllegardenclub.org or call Nancy Derway, Photography Consultant at 518-796-4797 campderway@yahoo.com.

In past years, the Photo Exhibit has been enjoyed by the attendees with prizes being awarded by People's Choice. In addition

to the Photo Exhibit, the show will include Horticulture, Floral Design and Artistic Crafts Competition classes, plant, glove and bake sales, a benefit table with prizes and special exhibits. Further information is available on the website. Refreshments and admission to the show will be free.

Youth gardens

Cornell Cooperative Extension Washington County will be at Bancroft Public Library in June to do their container gardening program. Youth will learn how to plant a garden in a container (likely tomatoes and cucumbers). There is one container per family/household. You must register for this program! Please call the library or stop by to learn more. Program is Thursday, June 6, 2024 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The Bancroft Public Library is located at 181 South Main Street, Salem.

Nature walk

Join a Summer Equinox Natural History Walk on Thursday, June 20, 9:00 am to 11:00 am starting at the Visitor Center of the Saratoga Battlefield.

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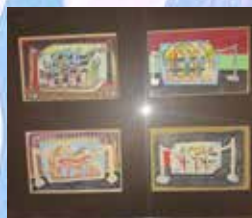
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Nothing to report

Michael Levy
Journal & Press

Another editorial deadline is rapidly approaching for the Greenwich Journal and Salem Press, but I have nothing to include in my “Random Thoughts” column. So that is where I will begin.

In a world brimming with constant activity, groundbreaking events, and an endless stream of information, the concept of “nothing” often gets overlooked. Today, I will delve into the profound simplicity and intriguing complexity of nothingness, a subject that, despite its apparent insignificance, holds a unique place in our lives and our universe.

Nothing is everywhere and nowhere at once. It is the silence between the notes in a symphony, the blank spaces on a painter’s canvas, and the pause in a conversation. This omnipresent yet elusive phenomenon is integral to our existence, providing a canvas upon which life paints its myriad hues.

Parmenides, a pre-Socratic Greek philosopher, introduced a crucial metaphysical principle: “Nothing comes from nothing” (ex nihilo nihil fit). This principle, central to his philosophy, posits that creation cannot arise from nothingness. Parmenides

argued that for something to come into being, it must arise from something else that already exists. This idea stands in stark contrast to the notion that the universe or entities within it could spontaneously appear from a state of absolute nonexistence.

In contrast to Parmenides’ metaphysical stance, Jean-Paul Sartre, a 20th-century existentialist philosopher, explored nothingness from a phenomenological and existential perspective. For Sartre, nothingness is not simply an absence or void but a fundamental element of human consciousness and freedom. He suggested that nothingness infiltrates our being, shaping our experiences and choices.

The concept of nothingness in physics, particularly within the context of quantum mechanics, offers a fascinating and complex perspective that diverges significantly from traditional philosophical notions of nothingness. Physicists such as Lawrence Krauss, Stephen Hawking, and Michio Kaku have provided public insights into how “nothing” can be interpreted through the lens of modern scientific theories. The interpretation of “nothing” as an unstable quantum vacuum brimming with potential energy and virtual particles significantly challenges traditional philosophical conceptions of nothingness.

In contemporary culture, the phrase “doing nothing” often carries negative connotations, implying laziness or waste. However, there is growing advocacy for the benefits of embracing nothingness. Meditation practices, which



encourage individuals to focus on the present moment and clear their minds of clutter, highlight the potential for profound peace and clarity found within the void. These practices suggest that the intentional embrace of nothingness can lead to a deeper understanding of oneself and the world.

Despite its definition as the absence of anything, nothing is paradoxically something worth contemplating. It shapes our understanding of existence and non-existence, serving as a counterpoint to the tangible and the known. As we navigate the complexities of life, the enigma of nothing remains a profound and ever-present force. It challenges our perceptions and fuels our imagination.

When the locals here in Washington County tell you NOTHING is happening around these parts, take that with a grain of salt. As we rush through our busy lives, let us take a moment to appreciate the profound potential of nothing. In its quiet, understated way, nothing is everything we need to find balance, peace, and meaning in a rapidly changing world – an interesting random thought perhaps?

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



Preserve it

The first class in the “Preserve the Bounty” series this year will be held on Tuesday, June 4th from 5:30 to 8:00 pm at the CCE Albany office in Voorheesville. Everyone’s favorite home preserved food seems to be jam made with local fruits of the summer. Come learn the magic behind making sweet preserves and the basics of both boiling water canning and steam canning.

Register by calling 518-765-3552.

Greenwich's Top 10

The following is the list of Greenwich CSD's Top 10 for the Class of 2024, in order, starting with the valedictorian. Via our newsletter and Facebook page we requested photos, some of which were supplied by press time and appear here.

Seth Boddery – Seth is the son of David and Bonnie Boddery. While at GCS Seth participated in Yearbook, Student Council, Boy Scouts, 4-H Skeet Shooting and was a Boys State Attendee. He received the National Rural and Small Town Recognition for Outstanding Academic Achievement from the College Board, Alfred University Scholars Award, University of Rochester Frederick Douglas and Susan B. Anthony Award. Seth will be attending Clarkson University in the fall to pursue a degree in Aerospace Engineering.

Noah Davis – Noah is the son of Brian and Stephanie Davis. While at GCS Noah participated in Future Farmers of America (FFA) - State Reporter (2024-2025), National FFA Parliamentary Procedure - LDE Bronze Rank, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Medalist, Greenwich Track and Field - Captain, League Champion in Weight Throw and Shot Put, Greenwich Football – Captain, First Team All Star. Noah will be attending Cornell University and majoring in Biological Engineering.

Caroline Kelly – Caroline is the daughter of Christopher and Stephanie Kelly. Caroline has been involved in the following activities while at GCS. Math League (2021-2024), FFA VP (2023-2024), National Honor Society (2022-2024), Band Concert (2018-2024), Cross Country (2018-2023), Indoor Track (2018-2024), Lacrosse (2018-2023), 1st place State Dairy Judging Team (2023). Caroline will be attending the University of Rochester to major in Cell and Developmental Biology.



Kiley Allen – Kiley is the daughter of Cary and Amanda Allen. While at GCS Kiley participated in Yearbook Committee, Math League, Greenwich Little League Camp, In Person Tutoring, Travel Softball (Year Round), Varsity Softball - Second Team All State - NYS Championship 2022. Kiley received the Women of Distinction Award from Carrie Woerner, Zonta Women's Club Scholarship, Student Sage Award and the Augsbury/North Country Scholarship. Kiley is attending Kean University in New Jersey majoring in Interior Design and playing softball.



Molly Abate – Molly is the daughter of Sean and Patrice Abate. While at GCS Molly participated in Varsity Soccer - Captain - Section 2 All Star Team, Varsity Lacrosse - Captain, National Honor Society - Vice President, Youth Soccer and Lacrosse Coach, volunteer at the Greenwich Free Library and Comfort Foods Community. Molly plans to attend SUNY Oneonta to major in Elementary Education.

Lily Nichols – Lily is the daughter of Erik and Jennifer Nichols. While at GCS Lily was involved in Track & Field, French Club, Art Club, Hope Club and she volunteered at Snack Pack (a program through Saratoga Springs Central School District which provides food for students, where she was actively involved during quarantine and summertime. Lily's accomplishments while at GCS were the High Honor Roll (2019-present), Voting Encouragement Poster Contest and the St. Michael's Book Award from St. Michael's College. Lily will be studying Computer Science.



Jackson Fortier – Jackson is the son of Sean and Nicole Fortier. While at GCS Jack participated in Class Vice President (2018-

2023), Junior Jazz Band (2018 -2020), received the Regeneron Science to Medicine (2018-2019), Varsity Soccer (2020-2024), received the Presidential Gold Award (2020-2023), Math League (2022-2023), Varsity Baseball (2022-2024). Jack plans to study History and Sociology at St. Lawrence University.



Evan Merrill – Evan is the son of Jonathan and Kathleen Merrill. Evan received the Scholar Athlete Award while competing on Greenwich men's lacrosse and soccer teams. He is a member of the National Honor Society. He has been awarded the President's Award for Academic Excellence. He has interned with the Cambridge/Greenwich Police Department, received the George Eastman Young Leaders Award and attended American Legion Boys State. Evan plans to pursue a career in teaching mathematics at the secondary level.



Kelsy Smith – Kelsy is the daughter of Dean and Jessica Smith. While at GCS Kelsy participated in Varsity Choir (2022-2023, 2023-2024), Art Club, Drama Club and Varsity Cheerleading (Sectional Championship team 2022-2023, 2023-2024). Kelsy has been awarded the President's Award for Academic Excellence, Sage Scholar Award. She is a high honor roll student and a member of National Honor Society. Kelsy plans to attend SUNY Adirondack and study fine arts.

Honora LaRock – Honora is the daughter of Jeffrey and Jennifer LaRock. While at GCS Honora worked at Hanaford Bros as an Associate Cashier and Customer Service and volunteered at Crawford Island Art (100 plus hours) volunteering as a Clay Class Assistant (2020-present). She was also a Lab Intern with Adikes Lab Siena College (2023-present). Honora plans to study Entomology at the University of Lincoln-Nebraska and intends to pursue a PHD in the future.

High GPAs, high honors and awards

Of course, many college students in our coverage area have received honors of late. These are some of the honors we were notified about. Have one we missed? Send it to editor@cccnews.info.

Three From Springfield College

Springfield College has named Mary Estramonte from Greenwich, NY to the dean's list for academic excellence for the 2024 spring semester. Estramonte has a primary major of Communication Sci & Disorders.

The college has also named Lily McCauliffe from Greenwich, NY to the dean's list for academic excellence for the 2024 spring semester. McCauliffe has a primary major of Physical Education.

As well, the college has named Taylor Petroski from Schuylerville, NY to the dean's list for academic excellence for the 2024 spring semester. Petroski has a primary major of Health Science / Pre-PT.

Lesley Honor Roll

Greenwich High School graduate class of 2021 Alexander Curtis was named to the Dean's List at Lesley University in Boston for having a GPA above 3.5 both semesters this past academic year. A business major, he also plays on the basketball team.

Clarkson Honors

Two area students have been named Presidential Scholars for the Spring 2024 semester at Clarkson University. Presidential Scholars must achieve a minimum 3.80 grade-point average and carry at least 14 credit hours.

They are Cole Brown of Greenwich and Eli Thetford of Salem.

As well, three area students have been named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2024 semester at Clarkson University:

Lauren Marci of Greenwich, Reese Tavares of Schuylerville, and Oakley Waters of

Greenwich.

As a private, national research university, Clarkson is a leader in technological education and sustainable economic development through teaching, scholarship, research and innovation.

HVCC Honors Two Local Students

More than 60 of the college's top students were honored with a variety of academic achievement awards at the close of the 2023-2024 academic year. Those honored include:

Lily Simms of Greenwich, studying in the Dental Assisting academic program, who received the First Advantage Dental Assisting Award.

Leah Barcomb of Greenwich, studying in the Non-matriculated academic program, who received the Dr. Joseph L. Bulmer Award for Excellence in Library Research - 2nd Place.

Oneonta Award

Peyton Lufkin, of Argyle, NY, was one of more than 50 SUNY Oneonta students who received a 2024 Academic Achievement Award during the 36th annual recognition reception on campus. Each academic department chooses one to three students who stand out from the rest of their peers in their major to receive this award.

Lufkin, who is studying Communication Studies, received a nomination from the Psychology Department.

Saint Rose Final Honors

Congratulations to the Saint Rose students who earned a 3.5 average or higher in the Spring 2024 semester and were named to the Dean's List.

Full-time undergraduate students who complete at least 12 graded credit hours and achieve a semester average 3.5 without a D, F, or Incomplete grade are eligible for

the Dean's List.

- Isaac Sievers of Greenwich, NY, Early Childhood & Childhood Education (B-6) major.
- Hannah Elsworth of Greenwich, NY, Childhood Education/Special Education major.
- Connor Lawlor of Greenwich, NY, Marketing (BBA) major.

Paul Smith's Grad, Dean's List

Liam Kennedy of Greenwich, NY, graduated from Paul Smith's College in May 2024. Kennedy earned a BS in Fisheries and Wildlife Sciences Fisheries.

Also, the college announced Danielle Boyea of Greenwich has been named to the Spring 2024 Dean's List.

Irwin in North Dakota

Jamison Irwin, Salem, N.Y., has been named to the Bismarck State College President's Honor Roll for the Spring 2024 semester. As North Dakota's Polytechnic Institution, Bismarck State College focuses on student success through the delivery of affordable, flexible, high-quality, experiential learning enhanced by public-private partnerships. Learn more at bismarckstate.edu.

Tops at Nazareth

Nazareth University students named to the spring 2024 Dean's List.

- Jade Kobor of Schuylerville
- Lauren Bilinski of Schuylerville
- Megan Stadel of Schuylerville

A student's grade point average must be at least 3.5 or above, and they must complete 12 credit hours of graded work that semester in order to be included on the dean's list at Nazareth.

What to do if your assessed value jumps

Stephanie Woodard
Special to Journal & Press

Your assessed value is determined by the assessor for the municipality that you live in. Sometimes that term can be confused with appraisals which are not the same. Appraisals are completed by licensed appraisers. We typically see them when buyers are purchasing a home or homeowners are refinancing their homes. An appraisal is a way for lenders to be sure the home is worth the money they are lending to the borrower.

Now before we get into how to contest your assessment, I just want to give you some information on why you might be seeing these increases. As you may know the real estate market has been a sellers market for some time. What that means is that there's not enough inventory for all the buyers in the market, which is driving up the home prices even here locally. In Greenwich the assessed value is 100% of the full market value that is determined by the assessor. This means that you are being taxed on the full value of what your home could potentially sell for. The percentage is determined by the municipality and varies from town to town. So because we're seeing an increase in home prices, you're also seeing an increase in your assessments. Just keep this all in mind when you're preparing to contest your assessment.

If you feel that your assessment is too high you have the right to contest that assessment. Some municipalities will offer times to meet with the assessor prior to grievance day. You can check your town's website or reach out to the town directly for that information. If there is not an option to meet ahead of time, you will have to attend the official grievance day for the town. In that meeting you will sit down with the board of assessment review (BAR) which consists of members appointed by the town. Typically that is held on the 4th Tuesday in May, although some towns hold them on other days during that week. Please be sure to double check with your town. You can also

visit the Washington County website to find the information for your town. Either way you will want to reach out to a local realtor such as myself for some comparable properties to help you contest that assessment. You can also hire a licensed appraiser to get an official appraisal. You could be successful if the appraisal ends up being less than your assessment. You will also want to print and fill out an RP-524, Complaint on Real Property Assessment, which is the official grievance form. That can be found on the NYS department of taxation and finance website.

One last tip I have for you is to be sure you are registered for the Star tax credit. You can find information for that on the same NYS tax website that was discussed above. With this credit you will get a check from the state in the fall just before school taxes are due. You can use this money towards your school tax bill. Some of you may have the star exemption which is not available to sign up for anymore. If you have the exemption you cannot have the credit. The exemption takes an amount off of your assessed value versus getting a check directly from the state. Once you turn 65 you are eligible for more exemptions so just make sure you are receiving everything you're eligible for.

As your local realtor, I'm happy to be a resource for you so please reach out with any questions!



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My dinner with Grover

Lance Allen Wang
Journal & Press

The science behind how I arrived in President Grover Cleveland's parlor eludes me to this day. I can offer no explanation, nor can I say much other than when the opportunity is offered to engage in time travel, I'd be hard pressed to say "No." Cleveland was an interesting figure to visit, not only because he's the former Governor of New York and two-time President of the United States, but because he also has several distinctions. Most significant to my trip was that historians see him as an "average" President, not one of high achievement, but neither one tainted by embarrassing scandal. Most distinctive of his time in office that his two terms as President (1885-1888, 1893-1896) surround Benjamin Harrison's one.

I only know that when the mist cleared, I was sitting in a spare but sturdy chair, dressed in an uncomfortable wool suit, seated across from a startled former President who had just started to light a cigar. While he had been told to expect me, and even how I'd arrive, he was surprised, nonetheless. He dropped his match and nearly set himself afire before he noticed the smoldering ash on his trousers.

"Mr. President!" I yelled, as he halfheartedly slapped at the cigar ash on his lap. He tried to chuckle at my exclamation, saying, "It wouldn't be the first time and it won't be the last, my good fellow," ending his statement in a rasp and cough. His speech was no longer the practiced, easy rhythm of a politician who started climbing the political ladder in Western New York. His health had been winding down for a few years, and his frame no longer carried a full 275 pounds. At least he'd had the chance to experience the new century.

I took in my surroundings – it was clearly President Cleveland's parlor, part of a lovely estate in Princeton, New Jersey. There were a number of shelves of books, a small

desk, the chairs in which we sat, and what looked like a lounge chair covered with blankets. The only luxury was an electric light by the desk. He spent a lot of time in here. He noticed my staring at the unkempt pile of blankets.

"I spend most of my days in here now, as I get tuckered out relatively early," he said by way of explanation. "But, I know your time is short. The professor told me you wanted to talk to me about my Presidency."

"Yes, Mr. President. I am fascinated that you left office yet returned four years later. It remains one of the hallmarks of your Presidency." He sat taller in his chair and squared his shoulders, still vulnerable to indirect flattery, one of the hazards of his profession. Looking at the writing pad in my lap, his eyes narrowed, and said in a suspicious tone, "You're not a reporter, are you?"

"I am not, Mr. President. An amateur historian and hack writer, that is all." He smirked at my self-deprecation. Straightening up, I brusquely changed the topic, "But that is an excellent lead in to my first question."

Q: *You did not have a great relationship with the press, did you? This went back to the scandal during your first election.*

Cleveland: Oh, they were awful, and made me mad as a March hare. Most of the so-called reporters were actually cretins and stinkards working for scandal sheets, and at the first sniff of perfume or blood were like so many leeches. So of course, when they found about my child out of wedlock, they were on me like flies on a mule!

Q: *Yet, you got elected in 1884.*

Cleveland: Despite their best efforts, sir! I would show up to speak somewhere and there they were, with their cowardly clamoring, "Ma, Ma, where's my Pa?" By God, I still hear them like it was yesterday!

Q: *How did you respond to their accusa-*

tions about your child?

Cleveland: With the truth! When the fellows managing my election heard that I wanted to answer these charges with the truth, they had a conniption fit - they felt I was ending my time in the profession of politics! But my refrain throughout the contest to my supporters was "Tell the Truth." I fell to temptation as a younger man. I owned up to it. I provided support for the child, and even had him take my name. But, you are correct. Never again will I trust the press. Even when my friend Mister [Joseph] Pulitzer was giving me a fair shake in the New York World, I was cautious.

Q: *Some call you a father of civil service reform. Why did you focus on reforming the civil service? What was wrong with the system of politicians appointing anyone they wanted to any government job and being able to fire them at will?*

Cleveland: We had a system which was called "spoils," as in "to the winner go the spoils." The winner of the election would put all his minions in the various government jobs. It would make all of one's friends incredibly happy, but every four or eight years, people with no experience took over all the desks in our government's bureaus! And our civil service had grown astronomically during and since the War of the Rebellion. I started requiring a measure of expertise and merit for some of these jobs! By all means, appoint your friends and give them lofty titles, but we need a professional civil service to actually keep the government running properly and lawfully! I preferred a civil service which would answer to regulation and law, not do the bidding of a political sponsor!

Truth be told, I was never one to rock the boat too much, but I do believe I made it easier for Theodore [Roosevelt] to trim the political plums from the civil service with a butcher's knife when he took over.

Q: *Tell me about the 1892 election. You'd been out of office for four years, how did you get back into office?*

Cleveland: (He chuckles, which ends in a brief coughing fit.) That is a simple answer, sir! President [Benjamin] Harrison was terribly inept at managing the nation's wealth!

Please read more on next page

(cont.)

He was a fine martial leader during the War of the Rebellion, but I wouldn't have let the man manage a dry goods store. When the economy collapsed in 1893, it was in no small part because Harrison let business tycoons honey-fuggle him and lead him around by the nose his whole time in office. I was back in the White House but weeks before the economy fell apart again. A "Panic" they called it! Fifteen thousand companies and 500 banks gone in the twinkling of an eye. A third of our railroads went out of business at full chisel! You see, I really didn't have a chance the second time around!

Q: *As bad as President Harrison was with the economy, you did not hit him very hard during your run for the Presidency in 1892.*

Cleveland: Well, he didn't get off scott-free, sir. But the First Lady was very sick, the poor thing. I was not going to punish him at such a time.

Q: At least one commentator referred to the election as the "Most Polite" in American history.

Cleveland: I fear that says less about my election than it does about all the others. I was just trying to achieve a modicum of simple decency, sir. When poor Caroline [Harrison] died of consumption in October, I cancelled all my campaign events until the election.

With that, I told President Cleveland, "I'm afraid we are going to have to part company, Mr. President."

He said, "Tell me of America in your time. I do have many questions, should your ability allow," and his voice was noticeably higher pitched. I smirked, knowing that he finally betrayed the irresistible curiosity that I knew arises in all of us when faced with time travel.

I smiled and offered, "I came back here to 1907 in search of wisdom, Mr. President. Think about that. I wish you good health and happiness, sir." He nodded, understanding that I would say no more.

As the room began to fade and mist began to cover my view, I saw President Cleveland, within a year of his 1908 passing, shaking his head in wonderment as I returned to the more familiar surroundings of 2024. It struck me that to sum up how Cleveland ended up back in office was the combination of understanding the circumstances which surrounded him, clear-eyed objectives, along with a combination of common decency and honesty. Seems like a pretty simple recipe, but simplicity is something we've also consigned to the mists of time.

If this year's challenger reclaims the White House, it seems a foregone conclusion that the recipe will look very, very different.



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Couldn't we all use a 17-year nap?

Greg Schwem

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It was the sound I'd been anticipating, as I began a late afternoon May stroll on a golf course somewhere in East Tennessee. Thousands of cicadas, their wings furiously rubbing together, signaling that yes, they had emerged from their nymph-like states, climbed trees, shed their skins and were ready to state their existence for the next five to six weeks.

The previous sentence was brought to you by National Geographic and Wikipedia.

Unless you majored in entomology, your knowledge of cicadas is probably similar to mine. You know the bugs are very loud, but you also know they only appear every 17 years. During their short time alive they mate and, well, that's about it. The sounds you hear are actually the males saying they are "in the mood" and the females responding with, "Great, I'm over here!" The nymphs produced by their shared passion fall to the ground, burrow under the soil, feast on tree root sap and emerge 17 years later, proudly carrying on their parents' traditions.

In high school I was cast in "Brigadoon," a musical about a Scottish village that appears for only one day, every 100 years. Two lost American hunters were fortunate enough to stumble into the village on the day it emerged from hibernation. They quickly found themselves part of a town fair, a bachelor party and a wedding. One hunter even fell in love with Fiona, a Brigadoon lass.

In short, Brigadoon residents were the cicadas of Scotland: Wake up, party hard, and then take a lengthy, well-deserved nap, oblivious to the outside world and all its problems.

I could do that. Correction ... we ALL could do that.

Imagine falling asleep in 2007 and waking up, totally refreshed, in 2024? Sign me

up! OK, I would have missed the Cubs finally winning the World Series in 2016, but that's a small price compared to other events I slumbered through. And, because my time on Earth is extremely limited, please don't try to catch me up once I awaken. That means I don't need to hear about the Virginia Tech mass shooting or the iPhone's introduction, both of which occurred the year I pulled the covers up to my neck and turned out the lights.

Maybe I stirred once or twice during the next five years, but I was certainly not coherent enough to glance at my bedside iPhone (remember, I don't know what that is) and read about the stock market crash, Hurricane Sandy, this weird social media app called Instagram, swine flu, or more school shootings. So, no need to try and explain any of them. I might pump you for a little information about this Obama guy but make it quick. Remember, I'm on the prowl for a mate, so you don't have my undivided attention.

I'm guessing I was in Stage Three, the deepest level of sleep, between 2013 and 2018. I know, you feel I HAVE to know about "The Apprentice," a show I actually remember, and how the guy who hosted it somehow became our nation's president. Skip that. Ditto for the death of Nelson Mandela, continued Middle East unrest, Brexit, #MeToo, frat boys marching through the streets of Charlottesville, Virginia, "armed" with patio tiki torches, the discovery of water on Mars or more school shootings.

In 2019 I probably glanced at my bedside clock and realized that pesky alarm would be sounding in five short years. But I rolled over and managed to doze through George



Floyd, #BlackLivesMatter, two impeachment inquiries, the January 6 insurrection, COVID-19 and more school shootings. Good thing I have room darkening shades.

Which brings us to 2024. I am up, showered, dressed, full of nourishment and ready to have sex. I don't have time to hear about Caitlin Clark, Travis Kelce or Scottie Scheffler. If you're worried that TikTok is dominated by Chinese spies, stop using it. Yes, I'm sure you're blown away that this Trump guy is still around, but please share your concerns with somebody else.

Just point me to the women and I'll do the rest.

See you in 2041.

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Who will work our towns in the future?

Darren Johnson
Publisher

If I didn't manage the local newspaper, I'd probably never go to my local town hall.

I send in my property taxes (at the last second — why pay early?) via the mail. Dog permits, too.

I don't really use the courts. I tend not to break traffic laws in town, not on purpose anyway, though have been known to have to appear in other traffic courts in nearby towns.

I'm not the type of person who tinkers with my property, so wouldn't need to go before the boards that deal with property matters. I don't get into neighbor disputes either, so wouldn't need to trouble the courts with that kind of stuff. (Though I hear some neighbors in town are adversarial to the point where they are aiming surveillance cameras at each other's properties.)

I did have a freelancer sue me in the local small claims court for \$200 but I had proof that the payment had been sent and returned to me by the post office. So that was quickly resolved.

I know the town holds various meetings, but the topics are rather straightforward. Do they need a new snow plow? Fencing along the river? I trust that the local governments aren't flush with cash and are doing the right thing per law and their meager budgets.

I wouldn't attend these meetings as a citizen, and very few citizens do (unless there's some pressing controversy).

So, I have to ask myself, considering I have limited time and am trying to put out a print newspaper in an era when people can get minutes online, if it's a non-controversial meeting, and if it's not interesting to me as a citizen, will it be of interest to readers? And if the goal is having a "public record," and if the minutes are generally correct, do you need a print newspaper to recap a rather mundane meeting a week or two after the fact?

Or would my time be better spent interviewing people and telling the story of the region from a non-governmental standpoint, at times when the government is doing what's before them and not making waves?

A newspaper like The Journal & Press is part of the "in-club" — it interacts with the region's movers and shakers — but how about everyone else?

I was in town court recently not at as plaintiff or defendant but to interview the sitting town justice, who is running for reelection in the fall. I will ask to interview the opponent, too, once that's officially announced.

The court handles most of the things I alluded to — traffic infractions, small claims, arraignments, various police matters and disputes — and requires a justice to be on

call practically all of the time, in case, say, a search warrant is needed, and to sit a couple of days a week, at least part-time. The town court now also handles village matters, too, as the village court was absorbed recently by the town. The pay for a justice is only \$11,800 a year and a lot of mandatory training is required to hold the position.

We've done stories in the past how local municipalities are having problems finding people to keep the towns and villages going. How local fire departments are having trouble finding volunteers. How most local races are run unopposed. Unopposed school boards and low voter turnout for budget votes. Sometimes, there aren't even enough candidates who petition and a last-second write-in candidate needs to be found in some of our local municipalities.

While there are enough Gen Xers and Boomers who can find time to donate to their municipality today, how will the next generation of public servants — especially considering the low or no pay — be found? As mentioned, these municipalities aren't flush with cash. They simply can't just up the salaries any significant amount.

And as people's worldview becomes more national and international, and less local, how do we get the next generation to care enough to do these important local jobs?

I wish I could time travel to a decade or two in the future and see what solutions our local towns came up with to remain vital.

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Slow progress on inflation

Jill Schlesinger

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Special to Journal & Press*

The progress on inflation has been frustratingly slow this year.

The most recent evidence was found in the Consumer Price Index (CPI), which increased by 3.4 percent from a year ago in April, from 3.5% in March.

The Core rate, which removes food and energy, was up 3.6% from a year ago, from 3.8% in the prior month.

Although those changes do not seem that big, a tenth here, two-tenths there, can add up to movement in the right direction. In fact, annual core CPI has fallen to the lowest level since April 2021.

These numbers come on the heels of two, distinct periods:

(1) The decade prior to the pandemic, when prices were stable and the inflation rate hovered at just below 2%.

(2) The pandemic price surge, which started in 2021 and peaked in mid-2022. In the subsequent year, pandemic supply chain issues and the jump in energy prices associated with the war in Ukraine were resolved – and those “transitory” factors, combined with the impact of higher interest rates, pushed down the inflation rate.

But since last summer, inflation has been range-bound at 3 to 3.7%, higher than both consumers and the Federal Reserve would like to see.

One of the driving factors in keeping inflation high is the cost of housing.

Shelter is not only a big line item for household budgets, it is a major contributor to inflation — accounting for a third of overall CPI.

Economists have long complained that the way that the government calculates shelter is problematic because it’s difficult to measure average national rent increases

and for owners, officials rely on surveys that ask what their home might rent for in the market.

Through April, shelter was up 5.5% and although more timely data indicate a slow-down. Still, until there is more meaningful progress, the Fed is expected to keep interest rates higher for longer.

Meanwhile, the double whammy of elevated prices and high interest rates is putting pressure on many Americans.

The Federal Reserve Bank of New York reported that household debt continued to rise in the first quarter, with mortgages and auto loans leading the way.

Credit card balances declined slightly from the all-time high, but that follows a seasonal pattern, when consumers start a post-holiday New Year’s financial diet and then use their tax refund money to pay down debt.

Even with the small progress, credit card balances are near an all-time record of \$1.12 trillion and have risen 45-50% since the beginning of 2021.

Servicing that debt has become more difficult amid high rates.

According to the Fed, there is a direct line from consumers who have credit card balances, to those who max out their cards, to those who become delinquent (defined as an account that is 60 days or more past due).

The share of maxed-out borrowers is approaching pre-pandemic levels and “an increasing number of borrowers missed credit card payments, revealing worsening financial distress among some households,” according to Joelle Scally, of the New York Fed.



Unfortunately for those who are under pressure, a federal judge in Texas recently blocked a rule that would prohibit the largest credit card companies (those with more than 1 million accounts) from charging customers late fees higher than \$8.

According to a Consumer Reports survey, one in five American adults – an estimated 52 million people – said they had paid a credit card late fee in the previous 12 months.

A preliminary injunction means the rule can’t go into effect until a hearing is held where the case can be adjudicated in greater detail.

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Library vote, immigration

Editor's Note: *Some of these letters were written before the May 21 school/library votes, all of which locally passed (except Salem's, which failed to get a needed 60% threshold to exceed the state property tax cap. See results on our Facebook page at fb.com/JournalPress.) We did run these letters in advance of the vote in our daily newsletter. Subscribe at journalpress.substack.com. It's free!*

To the Editor:

My four-year-old grandson was here for a visit and we were looking for a fun activity. So, I went to the Greenwich Free Library website to look at their Calendar of Events. Wow! I found several age appropriate activities such as; Talk Soup Playgroup, Lego Club, Story Time with Lola and Tiny Tinkers. We had a great time with Miss Emily!

The Calendar was full of activities for all ages from toddlers to seniors (Ukulele for Seniors!). Our Library is such a wonderful asset to our community, serving so many needs. Workshops, Exhibits, Author Presentations, Movies, Teen Activities and the amazing Boomerang Used Book Store. Books for 25 cents to \$1.00.

Plan a visit and see for yourself what a treasure we have here in Greenwich. And please remember to vote YES on the Library Budget on May 21st to keep these amazing programs alive.

Susan Roods

Another Vote of Support

To the Editor:

Congratulations are in order for the thorough, positive reporting on the library funding vote coming up May 21. It's the perfect example of why we need good local papers. Two points are abundantly clear to me now:

1) Library funding remains stable, but all the money will come from one place, not three. We the taxpayers will all be paying essentially the same amount- only we will

be able to have a direct vote on it!

2) Library use has been growing by leaps and bounds, and it has definitely become the hub of the community. (i.e. 7,740 people attended library programs alone last year- up 227%. Wow!)

I would like to encourage everyone to be sure and vote for the funding of our wonderful library on May 21.

Sharon Kruger

Most Fun All Spring!

To the Editor:

Thanks to a collaborative project, the Greenwich Free Library (GFL) and the Schuylerville Public Library offered ukulele lessons to those of us 60+ for the past eight weeks. And it was SO much fun!

There were 10 - 12 of us in the free class, with music educator extraordinaire, Chelsie Henderson of EarthBeat Music leading us. Chelsie has great energy, always upbeat and ever so patient with us newbies to this little instrument. We learned so much and finished just this week with a concert at the pavilion at Hudson River Crossing. Of course there's a YouTube video of us playing, so feel free to watch and sing along!

This workshop was partially funded by a community arts grant that the GFL received from LARAC. As noted above, the workshop was free of charge and with my handy library card, I was able to check out a ukulele from the "library of things" for the duration of the class. (As an aside, the GFL now has three ukes and a djembe drum available to check out.)

Though I participate in many library programs, and occasionally facilitate a program of my own (SoulCollage, anyone?), the ukulele classes were my spring favorite! Thank you Chelsie and the libraries, and my classmates who I will miss. Hopefully, there will be many more such collaborations in the months and years ahead.

Lynne Weygint

227% More Programs!

To the Editor:

Thanks for the informative article in the newspaper last week on the library budget. We appreciate having the facts and the reasons behind municipal budget decisions and this one makes total sense. Why be billed two or three times for money going to the same place?

It has been great to witness the activity level blossoming at the library but reading Sarah Murphy's actual statistic of a 227% increase in library programs and events in two years is astounding! Clearly since Covid (and actually way before), the decline of community connectivity is one of the greatest losses in modern society. The library should be a community hub and ours now actually is! To see kids, (and especially teenagers!) coming after school to the library voluntarily, evening programs filled to capacity, group meetings, clubs, family, pre-school, senior and support programs all at high levels of participation, are all signs of a thriving community-building library.

Even if you are a person who does not use the library personally, it is hard to find a reason not to agree with supporting a public institution that promotes connectivity in such a powerful way! For the enormous positive impact our library has on every generation in our community, we should be proud supporters of this modest ask!

Debbie Anderson

The Dangers of Illegal Immigration

To the Editor:

I am deeply concerned over the rising issue of illegal migration affecting many communities. Nationwide, our communities are increasingly facing the challenges that come with this national crisis. It need not be. Illegal migration not only strains our local resources but also raises significant security concerns for our residents. HR2 addresses many of those illegal migrant issues. The Senate (Sen Shumer) prevents HR2 to come to the Senate floor for debate.

Please read more on page 29

Lola loves stories – our Reading Buddy

Kimberly Bellamy
Special to Journal & Press

Every Thursday afternoon, two very special volunteers visit the Greenwich Free Library. Lola, an eight-year-old Labrador retriever Therapy Dog, and her owner, Jen Sharp, come at 3:00pm to greet our patrons, sit in the Children’s Room during story time, and then listen to children read and tell Lola stories one-on-one. Lola LOVES spending time with children of all ages, from very young patrons who are just learning to talk to the teenagers she remembers from her years at Greenwich Elementary School. Of course, everyone at the library loves to see Lola, too!

Lola is a certified member of Therapy Dogs International (TDI®), “a volunteer organization dedicated to regulating, testing and registration of therapy dogs and their volunteer handlers for the purpose of visiting nursing homes, hospitals, other institutions, and wherever else therapy dogs are needed.” Becoming a Therapy Dog is not an easy feat—Lola started her training when she was just 12 weeks old. On her way to her Therapy Dog certification, Lola earned her AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy, AKC Canine Good Citizen, AKC Community Canine, and AKC Trick Dog credentials. She also won the GCS “Teamwork” award. Sharp purchased Lola when she was a puppy and initially started working with second grade students and a reading teacher at the Greenwich Elementary School. The school secured grant funding from the Greenwich chapter of Lions Club International for Lola’s extensive training with North Country Paws for Obedience in South Glens Falls.

What makes a dog a good candidate to become a Therapy Dog? According to Therapy Dogs International (TDI®), “a Therapy Dog is a dog with an outstanding temperament.” Lola is an exceptionally friendly and relaxed Lab; children can hop over her or make loud noises during story time and she never even flinches. Sharp and Lola have an incredibly strong connection; one word from Sharp and

Lola is focused, no matter what is going on around them. It’s clear that this dynamic duo has a powerful impact on every child they meet.

Lola graduated and became a Therapy Dog International member in October of 2017. She then went to work with Sharp, a speech pathologist, every day at Greenwich Elementary School for four years. Besides encouraging students during their speech exercises and lessons, Lola also greeted everyone at the school’s front door in the morning. Her gentle, sweet presence in the classrooms and hallways made many children feel more at ease and comfortable in school.

During COVID, Lola missed seeing children every day, so Sharp decided that they should start volunteering at the library. Since 2022, they have been helping new and reluctant readers build their skills at the Thursday sessions. Lola patiently listens to story after story as children practice reading and gain confidence in their abilities. The library has plenty of wordless picture books for those who are not yet reading to look at with Lola, as well. Some children are inspired to write and illustrate their own stories to share with Lola, which are proudly put on display on the library shelves.

Upon her retirement in 2020, Sharp started her own company, Sharper Speech. Currently, she is contracted with Washington County to provide speech services for preschool children in Greenwich; she’s working with 4-year-olds in PreK, helping a new generation of young learners as they prepare for school. Happily, some of these students have started joining Lola at Thursday story time, as well.

To prevent the summer reading-skills slide experienced by many beginning learners, join Lola at the library! Lola will continue to come to story times in July and August. Whenever Lola is traveling, the library is fortunate that her friend Maggie Mae, an-



Lola pictured with this column’s author

other certified Therapy Dog owned by Carol Weisman, can usually fill in for her. Maggie Mae is an excellent listener and loves stories, too. Children and their caregivers should feel free to stop by and say hello to these beloved volunteers any Thursday between 3:00 and 4:00pm.

Due to her popularity with patrons and library staff, Lola inspired a special Reading Buddies program. Young children who sign up for this Summer Reading initiative are given a plush “Little Lola” when they pledge to read to their toy at home; each stuffed animal comes with an adoption certificate (while supplies last). The library will officially launch its Summer Reading program at an Ice Cream Social on Saturday, June 15, 3:00pm; all ages and abilities are welcome!

Kimberly Bellamy is the After-School and Teen Services Coordinator at the Greenwich Free Library.

June is about strawberries and milk

Shirley Renauld
Journal & Press

The busy month of June starts with the Blue Jean Ball at the Washington County Fairgrounds on the first. This is a fundraiser to replace the current show tent with a permanent show barn. This would give you a safe structure for showing your animals, no matter what the weather. So encourage your adults to attend this evening of dinner and dancing with their friends. Our local DJ Mike Genevick will be providing the music.

We are seeing increased activity even in our area with the Belmont Stakes Festival and Racing in Saratoga Springs. What out-of-state license plates are you seeing? Are you meeting visitors? Remember to read "Seabiscuit".

June is the month to celebrate the industry that we appreciate all year long: dairy. When you are grocery shopping with your family and you are asked to pick up the milk, you have many questions as you face the dairy cases: Most of the milk is cow's milk, but what to choose. There's whole milk, 2%/reduced fat, 1%/low-fat, fat-free/skim, flavored (as chocolate, strawberry).. At least they have different colored caps to help you. But there's also organic milk, which depends on what the cows ate and how they were cared for. There's lactose-free for people who have an allergy. To be available at the store, milk must be pasteurized and homogenized.

Perhaps your group could get a tour of Stewarts' Bottling Plant just west of Saratoga Springs.

You have fewer choices about milk (but more work) if you have your own dairy cows. You drink raw/unpasteurized milk. It's not homogenized either so as it sits in your refrigerator, the butterfat/cream rises to the top, the amount depending on the breed of the cow. Before you drink the milk, you can remix the cream back into the rest of the milk or skim it off to shake to make butter, and drink the rest as buttermilk.

If your body is lactose-intolerant, you can get goats' milk directly at a state-licensed farm, such as Moxie Ridge outside of Argyle, or from some stores. Perhaps you have your own goats to milk, as do Lily and Leo. Or you drink a non-dairy/plant-based milk such as soy, oat, rice, almond/nut, coconut--some people do just out of choice.

Not needing refrigeration, on our shelves we keep dry/powdered milk to use in baking or to return water to it for drinking, so some people keep it in case of a storm or other emergency when you can't get to a store.

Meet your mother in the baking aisle and make sure she gets some canned milk, evaporated but especially condensed evaporated milk because it has a sweetener added to it so we can bake with it. As a reward for shopping make Magic Cookie Bars when you get home: In your cookie pan, melt butter and mix in graham cracker crumbs and level it for a base for layering your choices of chopped nuts, butterscotch or chocolate chips, shredded coconut, mini-marshmallows... Drizzle sweetened condensed milk over the top. Bake some for Fathers' Day.

Since Fathers' Day seems to be for family both working and enjoying together, perhaps your father will work with you in your strawberry patch. The mother plants you set are ready to have babies! They grow runners with a new plant growing at the end. When each has roots, cut an X in the cover-fabric and set new plants until the row is filled in. The mother plant is also growing a stem with blossoms at the end. Sorry, this first year we should let the energy of the mother go to producing more plants instead of berries.



So recall where you saw those wild strawberry plants in blossom. Pack a family picnic, take a container for berries and hike back there. Ben Franklin said, "Many hands make light work." so good thing for everyone's help because these wild ones are small--but they are sweet--so don't eat too many because we're going to make jam when we get home. We could go to Hand's Farm to pick our berries. But thanks, John, our wild ones will make special jam. We might give Grandpa some on this, his day too. As we eat it, we recall this special day.

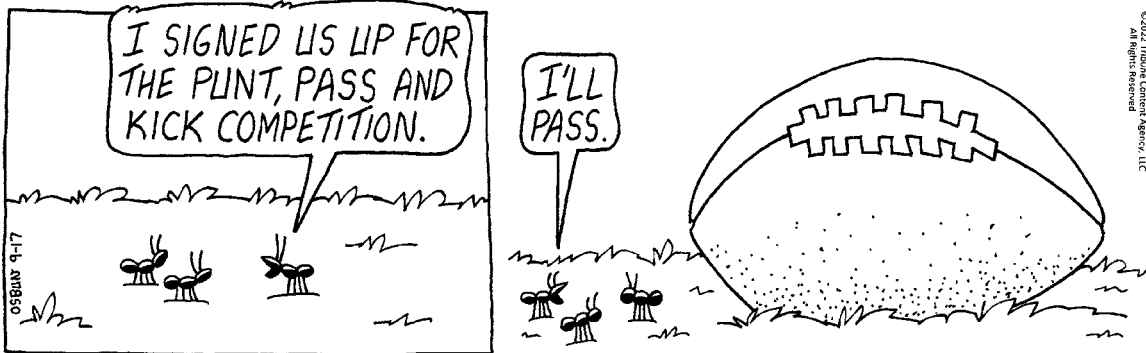
To relax, read I LOVE Strawberries again.

This is a busy weekend with the new Union Village Fest also. How will you participate? Did you find historical clothing to wear? Enjoy

In the meantime, the Olympic Torch keeps being carried around the Western part of France and to the territories. The city of Paris keeps "Greening Up", they are cleaning the Seine for Olympic events, preparing sites and for the Olympians and visitors. So keep following.

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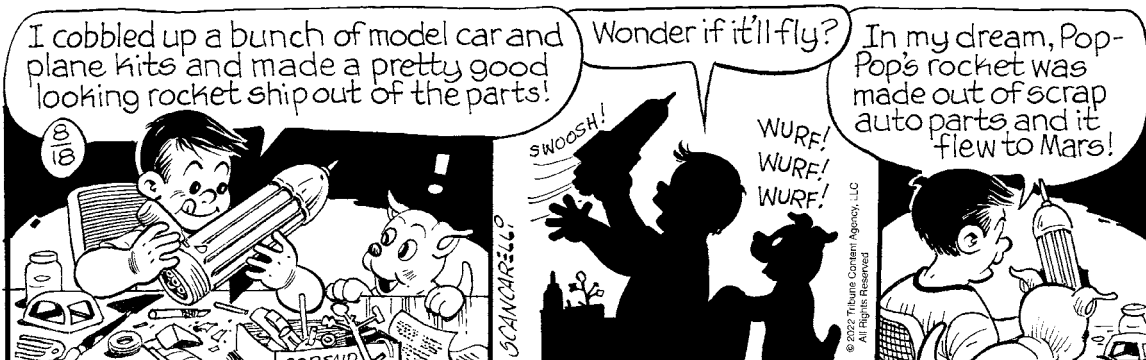
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JUMBLE

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

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



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

Boggle BrainBusters!

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



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

BOGGLE POINT SCALE	YOUR BOGGLE RATING
3 letters = 1 point	151+ = Champ
4 letters = 2 points	101-150 = Expert
5 letters = 3 points	61-100 = Pro
6 letters = 4 points	31-60 = Garner
7 letters = 5 points	11-30 = Rookie
8 letters = 10 points	1-10 = Amateur
8+ letters = 15 points	0-10 = Try again

Boggle BrainBusters Bonus
We put special brain-busting words into the puzzle grid. Can you find them?
Find AT LEAST SEVEN BIRDS STARTING WITH A VOWEL in the grid of letters.

Answers to Last Sunday's Boggle BrainBusters:
HILL MESA, GLEN DALE, RIDGE KNOLL, GEORGE CLIFF, CANYON

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A₁ E₁ U₁ Z₁₀ D₂ N₁ F₄ 2nd Letter Triple RACK 4

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TIME LIMIT: 25 MIN

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Word Find By Frank J. D'Agostino

Find these words associated with blogging (and find Frank's acrostic books on Amazon):

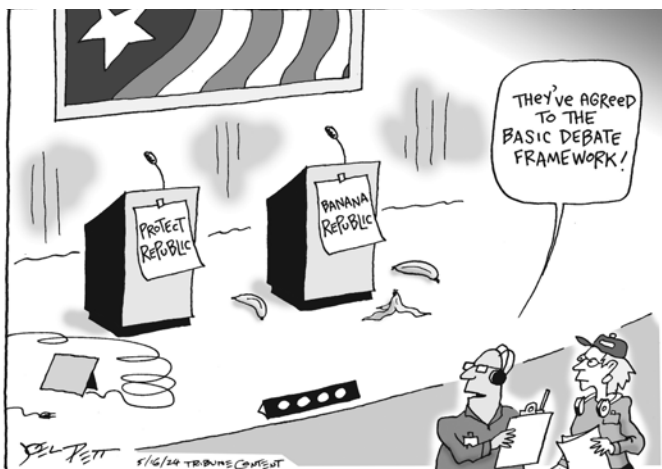
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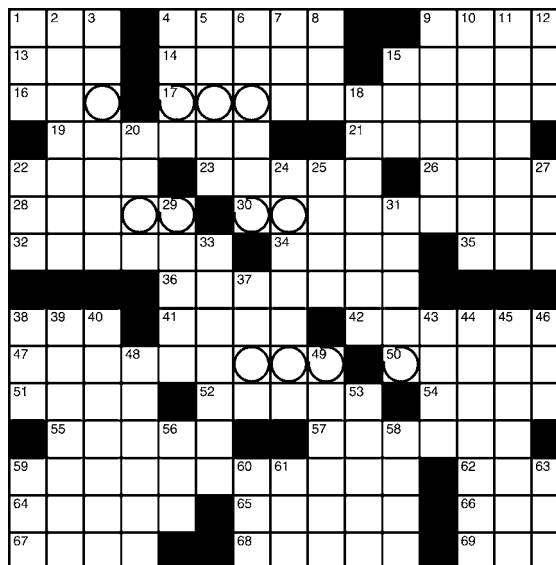


Political Cartoon of the Month by Joel Pett



Cambridge Crossword

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 1 Remind repeatedly
 4 Girl ___ Cookies
 9 Journalist Swisher
 13 "My man!"
 14 Alpha ___ Alpha sorority
 15 Lubricated
 16 Half-___: rhyming coffee order
 17 Closing line after presenting an argument
 19 Elsie the Cow's dairy brand
 21 "Questions welcome"
 22 Ireland, to the Irish
 23 "The Dancing Class" painter Edgar
 26 Cedar Rapids state
 28 Nebula Award genre
 30 One way to get caught
 32 Silky fabrics
 34 Island home of the Hana Highway
 35 Magazine VIPs
 36 Pinches pennies
 38 "Now I get it!"
 41 Holier-___-thou
 42 Scheduled
 47 North American evergreen
 50 Say "I do" without the ado



51 Quaint "once"
 52 Lets up
 54 ___ and proper
 55 Fatherly nickname
 57 Hide-and-seek hideout
 59 Fourth of July noisemaker ... and the function of the black squares in lines 3, 6, and 10
 62 "That hurt!"

7 Emotional highs
 8 Body ink, for short
 9 Begin to take effect, as medicine
 10 Dessert menu phrase
 11 Mended for a second time
 12 Citrus drink suffix
 15 Yiddish laments

Sudoku

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 65 Member-owned grocery stores
 66 Actress Thurman
 67 Eclectic online digest
 68 Arizona's National Forest
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 2 Coffee bean variety
 3 "Pursue your dream!"
 4 Slide on an icy road
 5 Was concerned
 6 First game of the season
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 22 Twisty letter
 24 Some spring babies
 25 Driver at the Oscars
 27 Commercials
 29 Lead-in to "gram" in social media
 31 Ideological gap in Congress
 33 Bagel spread
 37 Nadal of tennis, familiarly
 38 Actor Vigoda
 39 Plucky member of an orchestra?
 40 Losing candidate
 43 European peaks
 44 Left in a big hurry
 45 Perfect example
 46 Rep.'s opponent
 48 Tampa Bay city, familiarly
 49 ___ with: take into consideration
 53 Was out
 56 Some HP products
 58 "In that neighborhood" phrase
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 60 Do something
 61 Dove sound
 63 Number on older business cards




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We are witnessing an unprecedented influx of, illegal immigrants who are released, literally, nationwide, known got-aways and an unknown number who escape detection. The “immigration” crisis necessitates immediate and effective action. Our law enforcement and border patrol agents are overwhelmed, and our social services are stretched thin, trying to accommodate the needs of both residents and “newcomers”. Her North Country district prides itself on its welcoming nature and community spirit, but the lack of a coherent and enforceable immigration policy is undermining these values.

We need her leadership that not only understands the complexities of this issue but also acts decisively to secure our borders

and ensure the safety and well-being of our constituents. Our economy, heavily reliant on agriculture and small businesses, is at risk. Illegal migration affects the job market and puts pressure on employers, many of whom are already struggling to find a balance between hiring locally and meeting their workforce needs.

I am happy to see the Republicans start to take a stronger stance on this issue, especially Elise Stefanik, she is standing up for us really well. We need clear, fair, and enforceable immigration laws that protects the interests of our citizens. Elise is steadfast in her service to her constituents. Our communities deserve no less.

Louis J. Leone

A Taxing Concern

To the Editor:

The Constitution is very clear, we are to pay a one time tax on assets and money.

Therefore ANNUAL PROPERTY AND SCHOOL TAXES ARE EXTORTION BY DEFINITION.

If you have already paid that legal one time one tax property and school tax you have the option to make an immediate

appointment with the assessor to protest those illegal additional taxes at Grievance Day coming up soon.

Read the Constitution to know your rights, other violations of them by government officials, the very limited specifically stated areas of government authority and be appalled by the magnitude of their Constitutional violations, their illegally assumed powers and illegal suspension of our rights.

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There are no legal restrictions on our freedom of speech by Censorship labeled FACT CHECK or GAG ORDERS by judges. Both are reasons for additional indictments against those overtaxing lawbreaking, censoring officials.

The taboo which has kept officials from being INDICTED for their crimes has been forever shattered now that President Trump has been INDICTED but COMMITTED NO CRIME.

Wake up America before it's too late to save America from the greed, are corruption and abuse of power of this Schumer CONTROLLED REGIME.

America's future depends on us!

Barbara Peters

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Read up on the Great Cambridge Fair

Washington County Historical Society's Local History Book Club will meet from 12 PM until 1 PM on Friday, June 14, at the Society's headquarters at 167 Broadway, Fort Edward. Historical society membership is not required.

Attendees are asked to read David Thornton's *The Great Cambridge Fair, A History of Fairs in Washington County* or any other material on agricultural fairs in this area in the 1900's. Argyle resident Joyce St. Jacques will provide a brief history of the Washington County Fair.

The book club meets regularly on the sec-

ond Friday of the month at twelve o'clock, usually at the Wing-Northup House in Fort Edward. On a future meeting on July 12th, the group will meet at the Washington Center in Argyle to discuss the history of the County Poorhouse. Weather permitting the poorhouse cemetery will be viewed. Recommended reading is *In the Shadow of the Poorhouse* by Michael Katz.

Upcoming sessions of the club will include books

about the larger Adirondack area as well as works by local authors. Proposed topics include the temperance movement in our area, the seed industry in Washington County and the life of Thaddeus Kosciuszko. For additional information, email Connie Harris Farrington at connieandlee@roadrunner.com.

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It feels like Memorial Day weekend arrived early this year, but it is right on schedule. Parades, ceremonies, poppies, flags and moments of silence are some ways that we choose to honor, appreciate and remember the people who have sacrificed to keep us free. Of course, there will be picnics and pool parties and store sales, but the best way we remember our heroes and “she-roes” is to think of all these honorable Americans gave up during the years of war and conflict.

War’s horror and sadness touch everyone. Monuments list the dead from various wars, each name representing a spouse, parent, relative, or friend. Our admiration for them is mingled with grief and loss.

During the Vietnam War, the funerals for fallen friends and family seemed endless. Churches were filled with people mourning the deaths of young men. Flag-draped caskets, long processions, playing of Taps, burial flags given to next of kin, and comforting words were familiar scenes. Such experiences span other war eras as well, and still, we remember.

How does a nation recover from war? How does a family face the future after Taps and the 21-gun salute fade? What impact does battle have on those who serve and return? How does a nation cope with losing so many? We persevere, but at what emotional, physical, societal and spiritual cost?

Reflecting on our history, I wondered if America was ever truly at peace. As a child in the early 1950s, I saw long caravans of army jeeps and trucks passing our home. I would lose count of how many vehicles went by, filled with men in their green uniforms. Although World War II was over, the Korean Conflict was raging and worries and fears across the nation were widespread. In our 247 year history as an independent nation, I have discovered that we were at

peace for about 34% of the time. Our military has engaged in 163 years of conflict with over 1.1 million soldiers dying and an estimated 1.4 million were wounded.

Looking through family photos, I saw my father’s army pictures. In his pre-WWII photo, he was dashing and smiling. In a later photo, he was still handsome but looked like he had seen much hurt and destruction. Like many veterans, he never spoke of his war experiences. He was always a quiet, hardworking man with whom I felt safe and loved.

In her later years, Mom told me about Dad’s nightmares and struggles when he first returned. From what I’ve learned, he wasn’t alone in suffering these invisible war wounds. Friends and cousins shared similar experiences with their veteran parents. Studies show that physical and emotional problems are common among war veterans, many suffering from moral injury, guilt and hopelessness. The wounds of war take a toll on the health and well-being of each soldier.

‘It’s time to seek peace so we can heal the war wounds of the nation.’

Families often share in these aftereffects, which can be complex and intense. War and its aftermath test the fabric of family, community, and nation, with post-war consequences often becoming chronic issues.

The ancient prophet Isaiah spoke wisely in 8 century BCE. “Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.” It is time to seek peace so that we can heal the war wounds of the nation and of the world. Let us work for peace, bring peace and be at peace so that our heroes will have at last succeeded as peacemakers.

Dear War Heroes and Families,

When we tell you “Thank you for your service,” we really mean so much more. That’s merely a summary of this letter of deep appreciation. As we gather on this Memorial Day to honor and remember the brave men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country, we wanted to take a moment to express our deepest gratitude and heartfelt thanks.

To the families who have lost loved ones in the line of duty, your courage and strength inspire us all. The sacrifices made by your sons, daughters, husbands, wives, fathers, and mothers will never be forgotten. Their legacy lives on in the freedoms we enjoy every day and in the hearts of a grateful nation.

To our veterans and active-duty service members, thank you for your unwavering dedication and service. Your commitment to protecting our freedom and way of life is a profound testament to your honor and bravery. We recognize the hardships and challenges you face, and we stand with you in solidarity and appreciation.

Memorial Day is a solemn reminder of the cost of freedom, a cost borne by those who have laid down their lives for us. As we reflect on their sacrifices, let us also commit to supporting the families and communities who have been touched by their loss, ensuring they receive the respect, care, and support they deserve.

Thank you to all who serve and have served, and to those who support them. Your sacrifices and contributions are the foundation upon which our nation stands. Today, and every day, we honor you.

With deepest gratitude,

Your Fellow Citizens

MaryAnne Brown, RN, BSN, MA is a music minister at St. Joseph’s Church and has a special interest in spirituality and health.



News from local churches

Roman Catholic Churches

Mass at Holy Cross Catholic Church on Sunday is at 8:15 AM; at St. Patrick's at 11:30 AM and offers the 'Children's Liturgy of the Word'; and at Immaculate Conception in Hoosick Falls on Saturday at 4 PM and Sunday at 10 AM. Father Peter's Ordination Anniversary Is June 9.

Cards may be left at Church or Holy Cross Parish house or mailed to Holy Cross Church, PO Box 357, Salem. St. Patrick's Strawberry Festival is Saturday, June 8. The Our Lady of Fatima is still available to bring home for a two week stay. Please call the St. Patrick's parish if interested.

The Home Visitation Statue of Our Lady of Fatima is available to bring to your home for a one or two week stay. Please contact St. Patrick's office at 518-677 2757 if interested.

Please visit the Parish website, www.battenkillcatholic.org where people may sign up for flocknote notifications, make electronic donations, prepare for Sunday liturgy, find the weekly bulletin, access the Lifelong Faith Formation materials, and more.

Wings of Care is a ministry to help the elderly and homebound. Some of the needs involve socialization, housekeeping, or transport. If someone has an hour to give they may call the parish.

The Salem Food Pantry is currently serving about 80 families. Monetary donations and food can be dropped off at church or at the bank. Checks may be made out to the Salem Food Pantry. The Cambridge Food Pantry is in need of dry, boxed cereal, oatmeal, tuna fish, chicken noodle soup and jam or jelly.

Bottskill and Lakeville Baptist Churches

All are welcome to the Bottskill Baptist Church Sunday Services starting at 9:15 and the Lakeville Baptist Church starting at 11:00. You are invited to join us as we celebrate our Christian faith led by Pastor Lydia Widbin. Sunday School Classes will be held at the Bottskill Church during every Sunday morning service. Our Sunday School is open to all kids PreK-8th grade. Children can be dropped off at the church at 9:15. During the June 16th Sunday Service the Bottskill Sunday School Classes will be presenting "An African Christian Drumming Performance" led by International Music Teacher, Susan Barber.

The Lakeville Church is located at 625 Co Rte 49, Cossayuna, NY and Bottskill's location is at 26 Church Street, Greenwich.

The Bottskill Baptist Church will be hosting the Baccalaureate Service for the graduating class of 2024 from the Greenwich Central School on the evening of June 23rd starting at 7:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend this meaningful special service.

A Bible Study Class will be held at the Bottskill Baptist Church on Saturday morning June 8th at 9:00 lead by Steve Morse with the topic "The Book of Mark." Classes will also be held every Tuesday at 10:30 lead by Pastor Lydia and this class is studying Henri Nouwen's work, "The Return of the Prodigal Son."

Men's coffee will be held at the usual time, 9:00 a.m. on the first Saturday of each month at the Bottskill Church.

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

CarePortal to help families in crisis

Beginning Thursday, May 30, 2024, area churches and community members will have the opportunity to collaborate with case workers from the Washington County Department of Social Services in meeting the needs of local children and families in crisis. This partnership is made possible by CarePortal, a care-sharing platform.

Visit careportal.org to learn more.

First launched in 2015 to address the nation's foster care crisis, CarePortal currently is used by more than 1,000 requesting agencies across the U.S. The technology connects child-serving professionals with local community members and specially trained churches, who can provide financial support and physical items as well as a meaningful connection.

"The majority of families served through CarePortal have little to no support system, which is why they are in the position to receive help," says Sandra Flach. "That's what makes CarePortal so special; the platform doesn't just address physical needs but also creates an opportunity for families to connect with people who are eager to support them in other ways as well." Flach is executive director of Justice For Orphans (JFO), a non-profit organization responsible for managing the CarePortal network in New York's Capital Region.

Flach recalls a story from Albany County: "A case worker requested cribs for a single mother with twins. When the church members arrived to deliver and assemble the cribs, two women noticed that the mother didn't have any curtains hung in

her ground-floor apartment, so they asked to help the mother with that need. After enthusiastically accepting the offer, the mother shared a bit more about her isolation, and as a result the women helped her connect with a group for mothers. Just recently, I learned that the young mother and her twins are doing wonderfully, and they continue to receive support from their local church community."

Washington County will be the ninth New York county overseen by JFO, joining Albany, Colombia, Greene, Montgomery, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, and Warren counties in using the CarePortal platform. As of Early June 2024, more than 8,000 children in the Capital Region have been served via CarePortal.



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Gardening and caring for succulents

There are two June programs coming up soon at the Bancroft Public Library.

The first program is geared towards kids! Cornell Cooperative Extension Washington County will be at Bancroft Public Library in June to do their container gardening program. Youth will learn how to plant a garden in a container (likely tomatoes and cucumbers). There is one container per family/household. You must register for this program! Please call the library or stop by

to learn more. Program is Thursday, June 6, 2024 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The second program is back by popular demand. Rachael Armstrong will lead a class on making your own succulent arrangements. Participants will have the chance to learn about caring for succulents as well. You must register for this program as the class is limited to 15 participants! Please call the library or stop by to learn more. Please plan on bringing your own

container/planter for this course!

The Bancroft Public Library is located at 181 South Main Street, Salem, New York. Feel free to stop by anytime the library is open to access a variety of resources: books, wifi, computers, dvds, audiobooks, maker-space, games, and printing. The library has a great line-up of clubs and groups that meet weekly and monthly, check out our website to learn more: www.bancroftlibrary.org

Pianist's solo recital

The last in the Spring Chamber Music Concert Series will be held on Sunday, June 2nd, in the Courtroom of the Historic Salem Courthouse, 58 E Broadway, Salem. Pianist

Daniel Shulman will present a solo recital of music by the masters beginning at 3pm. Tickets are \$25 and available at the door.

A longtime resident of Salem, Shulman

performs at various locations in the area and is director of the Chamber Music Series at the Historic Salem Courthouse. He also appears in locations throughout the U.S. and regularly in Japan. He has served as director of orchestral studies and conductor of the orchestra at the California Institute of the Arts.

Donate blood

The Red Cross has teamed up with Tetris, creators of the iconic, best-selling video game, to celebrate their 40th anniversary and build the blood supply for patients in need. In commemoration, all who answer the call to help May 20-June 9, 2024, will get an exclusive Tetris® + Red Cross T-shirt, while supplies last, plus be automatically entered for a chance to win a trip for two to New York to meet Tetris creator, Alexey Pajitnov. See RedCrossBlood.org/Tetris for details.

Additionally, the Eastern New York Region is teaming up with Stewart's Shops for "Give a Pint, Get a Pint." During the month of June, donors at blood drives in counties with

Stewart's Shops locations will receive a voucher for a free pint of Stewart's Shops ice cream or gelato. Vouchers can be redeemed at any Stewart's location.

Upcoming blood drives:

Cambridge – 6/8/2024: 8 a.m. - 12 p.m., American Legion #634, 2106 Rt 22.

Greenwich – 6/3/2024: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., Middle Falls Fire Department, 1034 State Road 29.

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Adam Harrison Levy
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Adam: *What is the road we're driving on?*

Kay: We're on Rt 22 going towards Salem. It used to be known as the Northern Turnpike and it went from Lansingburgh, which is near Troy, all the way to Rutland, VT from the 1700s through to the 1940s. It was the main route that went from New York City to Montreal.

Adam: *We're coming into Salem. Can you describe this white house on the right?*

Kay: It was built in 1800 by John Williams for his daughter. She married a Proudfit. But there was a fire and they put this Greek Revival front on it with the classical Greek columns and the pediment on top. I think it's lovely.

Adam: *Now we are turning onto East Broadway. What about this brick house?*

Kay: This is known as the Audubon House. And John Williams built it for his Granddaughter. She was a Blanchard and grew up across the street. A teacher from New York bought the house. She was friends with the Audubon granddaughters and they moved in with her. She died and then they added a library in the early 20th century. And that's where the granddaughter did all the cataloging of Audubon's famous paintings. It's a Federal House.

Adam: *We are driving further down East Broadway. And this building?*

Kay: This is the courthouse. It was built in 1869. Washington County is a half-shire county so you have two county seats. One was in Hudson Falls and one was in Salem. And the first courthouse was on Main Street but it got rundown. The jail was a mess. So a descendant of General John Williams donated the land for a dollar.

Adam: *And what about over there, where Salem School is?*

Kay: General John William's home was there. It was built in 1780. It was in the Georgian Style. He built two other houses for his

daughters, those white houses just after the school. One was built in 1790 and the other in 1800. Around 1900 the family put an addition on the main house, in the French Chateau style. His great great granddaughter married a teacher, and he became congressman, but in the 1930s all the money was gone. Eventually the house was pulled down and the land was left for a school. The WPA (Works Progress Administration) built the school and it was finished in 1939. It's a handsome school.

Adam: *We're driving south now. Can you tell us about this place? It's famous in Salem.*

Kay: This is Jacko's. It was built in 1850. And Jacko came here in 1919 from Locarno, in Italy. He was Giacomo Tomasi – that's where the name Jacko's came from. In 1920 there was a fire. Someone was trying to break into the store, they had matches and must have dropped one. Then they re-built and put the tin front on the building. On the second floor was the Oddfellows Hall. In 1930 Elenor Roosevelt came to speak to the Salem Woman's Club there and her two young sons came down and had ice cream.

Adam: *Jacko sounds like he was quite a character.*

Kay: He loved people. When he came to this country he was sponsored by his sister. She lived in Poultney, Vermont. She was about to have a baby and it arrived the same time that Jacko arrived at Ellis Island. And so his brother-in-law wasn't able to pick him up. Jacko had to wait something like three weeks. He was about to be shipped back to Italy but his brother-in-law arrived just a day before he was sent back. It was a traumatic experience for him.

Adam: *How long did he run Jacko's?*

Kay: From 1919-1982. There is a big mirror in there. And he used to put all the high school pictures of the graduates there. When you gave him your picture you would get your ice cream cone. The place had a 1940s look. There was a kerosene stove, and the Wurlitzer, which is still there, and the glass



cases with lots of candy and the green lights and the soda bar. It was beautiful.

Adam: *How would you describe Jacko?*

Kay: He looked Italian, a handsome man. And the kids loved him, he'd call them by their parent's name, not their name, and he would have a special relationship with them. He was in charge. But outside the store he was anxious and I wonder if that was from his trip. He was 13 or 14. I can't imagine leaving Italy by yourself, living down in the ship's hold.

Adam: *Is there any music you listen to when you drive?*

Kay: Anything by Andrea Bocelli. He's an opera singer, a tenor, like Pavoratti. He has a wonderful voice. All his music is sexy!

Adam: *We're pulling into your driveway. Do you have any reflections about our drive?*

Kay: Salem is a place that grows on you. As the years go by you love it more and more. And now there is a young group of people that have a lot of spirit and energy. It's amazing the **amount of talent we have here.**

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Shophe Off Broadway celebrates 20 years

Christine Michael
Special to Journal & Press

The 20th anniversary of the founding of the Shoppe Off Broadway at the Courthouse was celebrated this past Memorial Day weekend with sales at the Shoppe, which is located on the Historic Salem Courthouse campus, free refreshments, and basket raffles. Additionally, Laura Dunham, who recently sold her popular shop, Laura's Garden on Main Street in Salem, donated everything left in her store to be sold to benefit the Shoppe. Shoppers flocked to the store to purchase vases, ribbon, gift items, planters, wall décor, and florist items and helped the Shoppe at the same time. Left-over items from Laura's will be sold at the Shoppe Off Broadway.

The upcoming anniversary gave two of the driving forces behind the venture, Joyce Getty and Sue Keyes, an opportunity to reminisce. The idea grew out of witnessed need for "free clothing because kids didn't have clothing," Getty remembers. Wednesday Night Bible Stories for Children, held at the Methodist Church, became the impetus for the Shoppe (then the "Clothing Closet"). Lunch 'n Learn (now the wildly successful free summer program, Lunch, Learn & Play), had already started in 2002 and awareness of local children's needs was becoming evident.

Members of the church congregation believed that it would be more convenient and safer to move the free clothing site elsewhere, so the Historic Salem Courthouse was approached and the Shoppe members paid for an architect and plans for moving to the Courthouse campus. Bob Benn, Peter Sauer, Kay Crank, Jack Phillips, Mike Keyes, and many others were instrumental in allowing the Shoppe to formalize a relationship with the Courthouse, which benefits both partners even today. Sue Keyes, who approached Getty at Maple Weekend at Dry Brook Sugar House in 2004, started the synergistic partnership that endured for years. "I was the mouth," Getty says, and "Sue was the energy and the discipline with the volunteers."

The mission statement, still vital today, puts youth squarely at the center of all ac-



tivities. The Shoppe's mission statement "sets a parameter, a framework within which everyone works and is comfortable," notes Getty. The ambitious mission, which included providing affordable clothing to the community, helping to preserve the Courthouse Complex, and, in visionary fashion, to create a youth center on the Courthouse grounds, makes clear that all funds generated are to be used "for the benefit of the children of the Salem community." While a youth center, per se, has not been created, LLP (175 campers strong last summer) fills a vital need and also employs local students, educators, and artists during the summer. Other popular free events such as Trunks and Treats also provide safe activities for young people.

To date, the Shoppe has donated more than \$385,000 to a variety of youth-oriented activities and experiences. It also serves as an informal gathering spot for community members and keeps hundreds of pounds of fabric out of landfills through recycling the gently-used clothes. Clothing that has not sold after three months is donated to charities that clothe the unhoused. The Shoppe's generous donations have funded scholarships, allowed for enriching field trips, paid for tents that shelter Lunch, Learn & Play campers, and given supplies to teachers' classrooms.

Because Shoppe volunteers, many of

whom are retired educators, cultivate a connection with shoppers, the "White House" provides a welcoming environment to those who patronize it. A 2021 article in the Journal & Press noted that "there is no stigma to shopping there...all are welcomed, the mix of individuals who congregate, look out for items for one another, and donate to the store is extremely diverse." The Shoppe also has instituted many treasured events such as bag sales (now pop-up sales), raffles, free books for children whenever the Shoppe is open, and the Christmas in November Sale, which this year will be held in the Great Hall of the Courthouse on Saturday, November 16th.

The Historic Salem Courthouse wishes to congratulate the Shoppe and thank its countless contributors for the many ways in which they have enriched the community. The symbiotic relationship, which saw the Shoppe move from the basement to its current location in the White House, expanding its repertoire of goods, is truly a model of what can happen when a few individuals recognize a societal need and step up to address it, inspiring many others to join in their cause. Joyce Getty noted in her journal in 2004 that she was "anxious to get his project up and going so that I can transfer it to younger folks." Ironically, individuals such as she and Sue Keyes still are driving forces in keeping the focus on meeting community needs, especially those of our youth!



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