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## Ready for a rematch

Greenwich's 2023 town supervisor election will be a rematch of 2021, when then-incumbent Republican Don Ward lost to Democrat Jim Nolan by only 14 votes. Ward will be joined on the ticket by incumbent councilman Jeff Duxbury and Dawn Sharts.

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## Talking about immigration

After the heated topic is brought up at a board meeting, Argyle supervisor Bob Henke talks candidly about legal and illegal immigration to our area.

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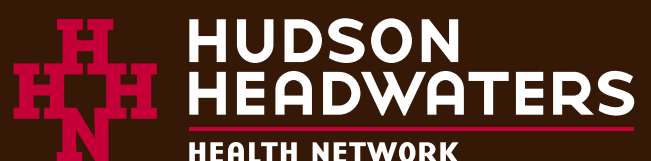
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# Poor's work on display

The Historic Salem Courthouse will feature works by visual artist Penelope Poor in its Great Hall Gallery from July 7 through July 29. Opening Reception will be on Friday, July 7 from 5:00pm-7:30pm.

Penelope Poor (1948-2022) was a resident of Greenwich, NY and then Saratoga Springs, NY before passing away in November 2022. She studied art at Parsons School of Design, the National Academy of Art, and Boston University's School of Fine Arts. Penelope's main focus in life was interconnectedness. Her vi-

sion was to think about the arts in a broader sense, including dance, music, drama, and literature as a close family. And even more broadly, including human society as a whole – connected and interconnected, in which every-

one's opinion, statement, and contribution to society is valued. Her work up to the mid-90s showed her concerns and hope in realistic paintings, at times militant, at times shocking. Her inspiration came from news images, people and their plight living through famine or strife, and war. Her aim was to get noticed, to make a difference, to arrive at peace for all.

## Cambridge concerts

The 2023 installment of the Cambridge Lions Summer Concert returns some familiar performers and groups from series past. The Thursday night concerts will return again to Memorial Park adjacent to the Cambridge Public Library. Concerts will begin at 6:30pm. The next one is on July 13th with the Barefoot Parrots making their Lions Summer Concert debut with some island rock, covers of artists such as Jimmy Buffett, Zac Brown, and Kenny Chesney. So don your sandals and Hawaiian shirt and come party. On July 20th, Cambridge Village Market owner Byron Peregrin and his Open Bar Band featuring classic, modern rock, nineties, and southern rock. They do it all and are a lot of fun. On July 27th hear local up and coming country artists The Ray Gifford Band. There will be refreshments provided by Girls Scout Troop 3804.

## Cambridge Latin winners

For 25 years, CCS Latin students have earned awards on the National Latin Exam, which was taken by approximately 100,000 students in the U.S. and abroad. This year, the National Latin Exam was offered to CCS Latin II-V students.

**National Latin Exam** – This year's gold medalists are Henry Dill and Ewan Lederer-Barnes. Jenna Babushkin earned a silver medal, while Nolan Hunt and Claire Rufo earned Cum Laude awards.

**National Mythology Exam** – The Pegasus Mythology Exam is given annually to more than 6,000 students in approximately 450 schools nationally and internationally. This year's version included questions on general classical mythology as well as the story of Jason and the Argonauts.

For a decade, CCS 8th grade Latin I stu-

dents have taken the exam.

The sole silver medalist this year is Carter Spiezio. Cum Laude recipients are Caleb Blackler and Dalton Blanchette.

Awards were presented at the Latin Club Banquet on June 6. Omnibus gratulationes!



## Alice in Wonderland event

Greenwich Free Library will host a mad tea party in the style of *Alice in Wonderland*, to be held outdoors at the library, weather permitting, on Saturday, July 15 from 11:00am to 12:00pm. In the event of rain, the tea party will commence in the library's Community Room. Attendees are invited to come dressed in their finest—or maddest—midday attire and enjoy classic tea-time snacks with an eccentric twist.

The tea party was in large part inspired by the work of local artist, former teacher, and member of the Friends of the Greenwich Library, Robert Nottke. In the mid 1960s, Robert created a beautifully illustrated set of paper figures from Lewis Carroll's works. He gifted these figures to the library last year, and they are currently on display in the main reading room. This event is free and open to people of all ages. Those interested should register by



visiting [greenwichfreelibrary.org](http://greenwichfreelibrary.org) or calling the library, 518-692-7157

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## Argyle's garden

Argyle Village Mayor Darren Smith recently stopped by the Argyle Community Garden to see the progress ongoing at this newly established community resource. Through a joint initiative with the Lufkin family and with the Argyle Improvement Association (AIA) the garden was established this spring along Lufkin Way in the village near the corner of Barkley Avenue and East Street to provide an open green space for the community. Plans to expand the garden are continuing. If you are interested in growing some vegetables or flowers or volunteering at the garden please contact the AIA at [argyleimprovementassociation@gmail.com](mailto:argyleimprovementassociation@gmail.com).



Darren Smith

# Greenwich GOP ready to challenge

**Darren Johnson**  
*Journal & Press*

This November will see a rematch of Greenwich supervisor candidates.

In 2021, Democrat Jim Nolan beat then-first term GOP incumbent Don Ward by a 14-vote margin, 740-726; however, on just the majority party lines, Ward gathered 664 while Nolan had 644. Nolan outperformed Ward on minor-party lines 96-62 to cinch the win.

This year, however, both Democrats and Republicans challenged minor party petitions and the Board of Elections tossed out both candidates' minor-party lines. So Nolan and Ward will only be on their respective Democratic and Republican lines.

Minor party lines give people who don't like a particular major party a chance to still vote for a candidate on another line. The town's party registration skews Republican, so a minor party line may help Democrats more.

Also worth noting, some Republicans in 2021 split with the party because of a feud Ward was having with then Highway superintendent Stan Mattison Sr., also a Republican.

While Nolan has the advantage of incumbency and now a record in leadership in the supervisor role, it's safe to say the 2023 election should again be a close contest.

Ward will have two running mates this year on the GOP line: incumbent Jeff Duxbury, a well-known duck decoy artist looking for his second four-year term; and Dawn Sharts, who owns a local farm and also is chair of the town's Zoning Board of Appeals.

The three greeted voters under a tent at Whipple City Festival in mid-June and handed out copies of their platform.

They view the current Democratic majority as wasteful and not careful with taxpayer dollars, citing the high cost of new equipment in the highway department and the renovation of Hudson Riverside Park as examples.

The platform states, if elected, a GOP major-



**Don Ward, Dawn Sharts and Jeff Duxbury —dj photo**

ity would “keep town and county taxes low” as well as “support efforts ... to sustain and attract business” to the area. They also hope to work with county and other officials to fight the local drug epidemic and improve broadband access locally. They also feel that the town and village looking for the state to create brownfields designations could affect property owners in those areas.

At the Whipple City Festival, Ward noted that he did not back local resolutions that would allow marijuana sales and lounges in the town, a measure later reversed by the Democratic majority board.

Sharts sent her bio to this newspaper, and also has a Letter to the Editor on page 7.

In her bio, she said: “I will be available and will listen to the taxpayers. I will respect all viewpoints and not treat anyone in a condescending way. I am ethical, honest and transparent. I care deeply about this community and will work hard to maintain its small town charm and work for smart and planned growth. I believe integrity is a very important asset

when governing and working with residents. I am a critical thinker and will ask the tough questions and not take things at face value. Protecting the town taxpayers will always be my priority.”

The slate's web site is [Good4Greenwich.com](http://Good4Greenwich.com).

*This paper will continue to profile this race and the candidates on both sides up until the election this fall.*

## Correction

In the article last issue about Lance Wang's independent run for White Creek supervisor, we incorrectly identified his opponent. She is Renee McEvelly. This is fixed in our e-edition on [journalandpress.com](http://journalandpress.com). Wang's running mates for council are Tammy Taber (D) and Carey Murphy (R).

# Democrats kick off campaign

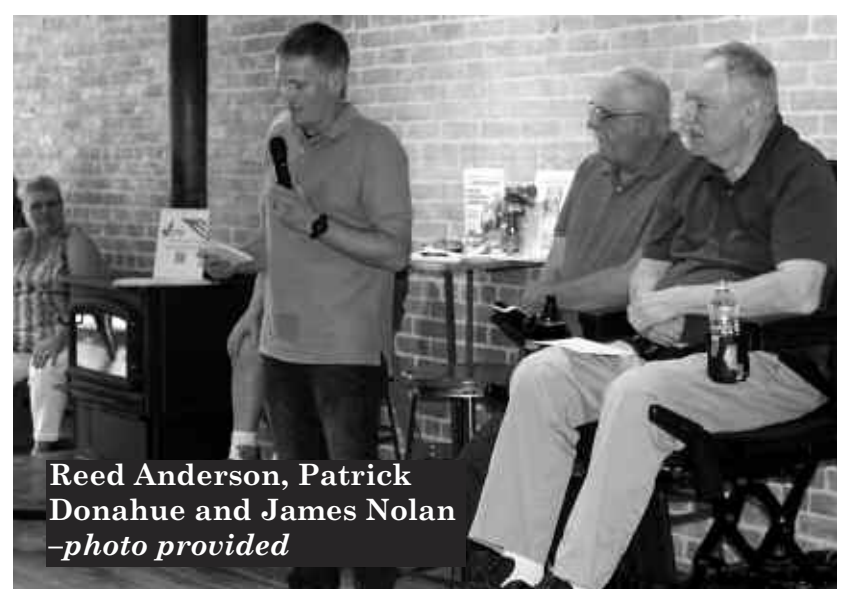
Sixty supporters came out to Gather on June 25 to support the campaign launch of the Democratic ticket of James Nolan, Patrick Donahue and Reed Anderson for Town office. Nolan is running for re-election as Greenwich Supervisor and Donahue is running for re-election to the Greenwich Town Council, while Reed Anderson is running for the second seat on the Town Council.

Nolan spoke on his accomplishments of the first 18 months of his administration, including, he said, collaborating with Greenwich Village Mayor Pam Fuller on developing a revitalized Greenwich Comprehensive Plan, “holding the line on taxes in the face of inflationary costs to the Town,” and receiving approximately \$200,000 in grants that he hopes will contribute to improving the infrastructure that will support business growth and economic vitality. Nolan stated he is an especially strong strategic planner... “but is also proud of getting important things done.”

Donahue focused on his commitment to the community through his many years of public service, including nearly 40 years as a member and then chief of the Cossayuna Fire Department. As a former Marine, he is also actively involved in the Toys for Girls and Boys holiday drive as well as the American Legion. A member of the Town Highway Committee, Donahue

called out the importance of a new data-driven road repair and maintenance program along with the need to support town employees with “timely investments in safe and appropriate equipment.” He said he believes that the town's leaders must support the growth of services and amenities that attract businesses and families to Greenwich.

Anderson, a father of two children, continued the theme of Greenwich being a great place to raise a family. He said he was born and raised in Greenwich, graduating from Greenwich High School and then SUNY New Paltz with a degree in Statistics. He and his wife, Joan, relocated to Philadelphia, where they lived for nearly seven years before returning to Greenwich to welcome their first child. Harkening back to his own childhood experiences, he noted that he and his wife “could not think of a better place than Greenwich to raise a family.” It is a community that embodies so many of the qualities that he values, he said; in particular “a focus on youth, excellent schools, supportive services for neighbors in need, and a willingness of people to come together to solve problems.”



**Reed Anderson, Patrick Donahue and James Nolan —photo provided**

His reason for running, he said, is building a strong future for Greenwich for his own children and that will be attractive to more young families.

The ticket's campaign theme is “Building Tomorrow, Together.” The trio hope to build “a spirit of collaborating with the town's residents to build a better Greenwich.”

The candidates, through a press release, said they are “committed to being good listeners, to engage in hearing from residents about what is important to them and what they want from their town government.”

## Summertime in Washington County

**Michael Levy**  
*Journal & Press*

In the quaint little villages of Washington County nestled amidst rolling hills, shimmering lakes, and pristine rivers, summer is in its full and magical swing. The air is filled with the scent of summertime flowers along with the joyous melodies of chirping birds with the insects of the night providing background harmony. All proclaim the arrival of long, lazy days coupled with warm, starry nights.

Year after year, summer remains the antithesis of winter. But the season is more than red disposable drink cups, plastic Adirondack chairs, fireflies, and fireworks. Summer is filled with warmth, laughter, and the enchantment of shared moments. Summer is when dreams are woven and memories made, reminding everyone of the beauty that lies within the simplicity of the season.

But let us talk first about those red plastic drink cups that hold a special place in our collective imagination when it comes to gatherings, parties, and celebrations. I cannot remember them in my youth, but they do seem to be ubiquitous now. These cups have become iconic symbols of joy, relaxation, and socializing, and are associated with summer events and festive occasions.

The popularity of red plastic drink cups can be attributed to their convenience, affordability,

and versatility. Red plastic drink cups are commonly used to serve a variety of beverages, from refreshing lemonade and soda to chilled cocktails and, as hard as it is to imagine, beer. Their standardized size and shape make them easy to stack, transport, and store. They are lightweight, durable, and easily disposable, making them ideal for outdoor gatherings, picnics, barbecues, and large-scale events. The vibrant red color adds a cheerful touch to any setting, instantly evoking a sense of festivity. There are entire generations of folks that consider them to be nostalgic icons of every great party or gathering that ever happened. I am guessing that it would be a paradox if these environmentally

**‘Red plastic drink cups have become iconic symbols of joy, relaxation and socializing.’**

unfriendly liquid containers were green in color, since they are most definitely not “green.”

Besides red drink cups, another embodiment of summer that did not exist a few decades ago are plastic Adirondack chairs. These chairs have become a popular and beloved addition to outdoor spaces. These chairs were inspired by the traditional Adirondack chair, which originated in the

Adirondack Mountains in the early 20th century. While the original chairs were crafted from wood, the introduction of plastic versions has provided numerous benefits and expanded their popularity. Unlike their wooden counterparts, plastic Adirondack chairs require minimal maintenance and do not require staining or sealing. They are also lightweight and easy to move around, allowing you to create flexible seating arrangements in your outdoor space. Plastic Adirondack chairs may be an eco-friendly choice. Many are made from recycled materials. If only they could be fashioned from old discarded red drink cups...

The other night I noted while walking as twilight descended, the first fireflies of the evening appeared. Their tiny, flickering light signaled the beginning of a wondrous night. The fireflies danced in harmony, their ethereal glow illuminating the night in flashes. It brought me back decades to my youth when we all chased fireflies desperately trying to capture these elusive creatures and put them in a jar with holes punched in its metal lid. We interred them for a very brief period and released them back to the night before any harm was done.

It is good to see fireflies making a comeback. For many years, I cannot recall ever seeing them around. Even now, they do not seem to be as abundant as they once were. The decline in firefly populations has been attributed to a combination of factors, including habitat loss, light pollution, pesticide use, and climate change. These factors have disrupted their natural habitats and the ecological balance that fireflies rely on for their survival and reproduction.

Light pollution is worth discussing further as one of the crucial factors affecting firefly populations. Fireflies communicate and mate using bioluminescent light signals, and excessive artificial lighting can interfere with their ability to find mates and reproduce. Bright artificial lights from outdoor lighting disrupts firefly courtship and mating behaviors.

And to finish let me leave you with a final image of summer in Washington County. Townsfolk sit in their plastic Adirondack chairs with a beverage of their choice in their red drinking cup. Under a warm sun, the kids may be swimming in the lake or in a backyard swimming pool. The old badminton and croquet sets are taken out of the shed, and everyone debates the rules of play, a repeat of last summer’s deliberations because everyone has forgotten them already, as they will again in about a year. The warm summer breeze carries the symphony of laughter, music, and the scent of food being cooked on the grill. After night falls and under the canopy of stars, kids will chase the lightning bugs just like their parents and grandparents did decades ago. It is a moment that will forever be etched into everyone’s memories, a celebration of simple pleasures. The memories of fireflies, crackling bonfires, and starry skies are what help carry everyone through our harsh upstate winters. And this is this issue’s random thought.

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



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# Main Street mainstay is a place to Gather

Molly Abate  
Journal & Press

A strong community allows people to both know and appreciate their neighbors. Rulyn and Tom Graves, members of the Greenwich community for over 30 years, are devoted to developing spaces in which people can come together and get to know one another. In other words, a location where people can “gather.” In 2018, the Graves family opened a venue on Main Street called Gather, which hosts events from baby showers to farmers markets to pop up workshops to live music. Whether it is community members getting together to celebrate special occasions, or a group of like-minded people joining for a yoga class, Gather is an open and welcoming space in which people can congregate.

Both Rulyn and Tom Graves are originally from Virginia; Rulyn being a commercial sales representative for a furniture company, while Tom is a retired postmaster. Family ties drew the two to the area from outside of Washington D.C. many years ago.

At Gather their mission is to support creativity as well as human connections. They strive to offer new opportunities based on ideas developed from the public. People gather to learn skills such as crochet, macramé and candle or soap making. Tom stated, “One person comes in and they tell their friends or family about it. Everyone needs a spot to host. It’s an idea that keeps growing.”

Daughter of Tom and Rulyn Graves, Haley, has been working full time for Gather since November of 2022. Haley is responsible for program development, in addition to marketing and event management. Gather has grown to a point that even the founders couldn’t have imagined: “We didn’t think it would be as busy as it is.”

The Graves hope that Gather has been a “launchpad for some people,” hoping that this redeveloped location inspires other members of the community to pursue their passions and bring new storefronts to the town. Gather has not only brought community members together but has also been a location where small businesses can find their footing without having to rent a retail location. Through participation in Gather’s seasonal pop-up artisan markets, local makers have the opportunity to sell their products while generating more visibility for their business. In no way were the Graves claiming others’ success, but instead they were happy to be able to help spark an interest in reviving Main Street.



Beyond Gather, the Graves have taken on a new project at 101 Main Street. The plan for this new location, directly beside Gather, is still uncertain, but the ideas are beginning to take shape. The Graves are renovating both the main level as well as a large one-bedroom apartment above the space. There’s no set plan for the location as of now, but it may potentially become some form of a general store. Tom described this as, “A retail space to support Main Street,” while Rulyn said, “A space to support local businesses.”

The two believe that the increased access to online shopping has led to a major consumer shift that has contributed to the empty storefronts along Main Street. This idea has led the family to

**‘People can do what they want with it. It’s just a gathering space.’**

begin developing a plan to support small sellers, whose produce would not be sold in Hannaford or whose specialty items would not be sold in big-box stores. They believe that there must be a priority placed on supporting local businesses, one that has seen a decrease following the convenience and reliability of next day shipping from online retailers.

Main Street’s biggest limitation has always been the lack of public parking, but Tom Graves believes that if Main Street continues to grow, then a walk down the street will be worth it in order to check out multiple storefronts. He later stated, “People’s perception is that

there’s no parking. And perception becomes reality.” He believes that a street full of stores with a wide variety of products is more likely to entice people to stop and walk around than a street where every other building is empty.

“It will be great to have another vacant building brought back and historically preserved,” Rulyn stated. The two have worked carefully to preserve any possible parts of their buildings that were salvageable following fires and water damage. When their new space is complete, there will be parts of history from the wooden flooring to the tin ceilings, preserving history while moving into the future.

“People can do what they want with it. It’s just a gathering space.” This is how Rulyn Graves described their business Gather, placing such an incredibly powerful idea into such simple terms. In a way, yes, Gather is simply a gathering space. But to many it is far more. To many it’s a place to rekindle relationships, and for others, it’s a place to begin new ones. There’s no doubt of the large impact that Gather has had on the community, from hosting high school sports banquets to community dinners to ballroom dancing. While Gather can be described simply, the fond memories and unforgettable stories from events hosted at this business could never be reduced to such simple terms.

Gather is a prime example of how a straightforward idea can impact others lives in ways that are truly unimaginable. The Graves are an inspiring family who take on projects with the intention of developing something new that will benefit the entire community of Greenwich.

Both Gather and the Graves’ new location next door have contributed to the recent increase in shops on Main Street. A revival of buildings, both inside and out, is likely to have inspired others to do the same, ultimately resulting in a refined Main Street that will undoubtedly thrive.

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## Eleftheria “Ellie” Tsitos, 77

On Sunday, June 4, Eleftheria “Ellie” Tsitos passed away peacefully and content, in her home in Athens, Greece, surrounded by her loved ones.

Born March 6, 1946, Eleftheria’s inspirational journey started in the small village of Vortopia, located in the mountains of Epirus, Greece. Along with her parents, Vasilios and Garifalia, and her younger sister, Melpo, she soon moved to Athens. There her family grew with the birth of her younger siblings, Vasiliki, and Christos. And there too, she started her responsibilities to support her family through tough economic times. She shared the youthfulness of her young years with hard work and devotion to her family and aspirations for its future.

At the young age of 16, Eleftheria married the love of her life, Konstantinos “Charlie” Tsitos, whom she shared her life with for 53 years. They created a beautiful family with the birth of their children, Spiros and Eleni. With devotion, diligence and lots of love and trust in each other, they started their first business, a bakery on the outskirts of

Athens, Votaniko. There, Eleftheria gained her experience, strength, and passion for running her own business. Her love for her patrons made her adored and admired throughout the town, so much so, that after leaving Greece to follow their dreams in the U.S., pours of letters filled their mailbox from cherished customers.

Eleftheria’s life journey brought her to Greenwich, NY, where she and her husband, Konstantinos embarked on a new business, The Greenwich House of Pizza. A family business started in 1974 that became the backbone of the Tsitos household. The opening of their second restaurant, Whitehall House of Pizza, in Whitehall, NY, widened the family’s horizons, and increased her obligations. Patrons from Greenwich, Whitehall and the surrounding areas became Eleftheria’s new extended family. Her respect and devotion to her customers, her relentless labor towards perfecting her business, and her sturdy, yet nurturing nature towards her employees, made Eleftheria an iconic and adored figure in the area.

Eleftheria’s love for her work

came second only to her love and devotion to her family. A nurturing mother and grandmother, a loving, and supportive wife, a protective sister. Her family was her world. With strength, honor, and decisiveness, she was a shield between her family and their life’s challenges. Unfortunately, all challenges couldn’t be won. Eleftheria lost her loving husband in 2014 and his absence broke her heart. Her spirit and love for everyone around her remained and gave her the courage to carry on and continue her life’s work.

Eleftheria lived her last 10 years between her homes in Athens, Greece and Greenwich, NY. She was always surrounded by her loved ones, always gaining strength from her children and grandchildren, she remained vigilant and protective of her family. She fought a long battle with dementia, but that didn’t keep her from spreading the widest smiles, biggest hugs, and wisest advice, gaining the respect, admiration, and love from everyone around her.

Eleftheria was predeceased by her parents, Vasilios and Garifalia



Alexiou, and her husband, Konstantinos Tsitos. She is survived by her son, Spiros (Soula) Tsitos of Saratoga Springs, NY; her daughter, Eleni (Athanasios) Tsitos-Natsis; her beloved grandchildren, Leonidas Natsis, Konstantinos and Stefanos Tsitos; her sister, Melpomeni Pappaioannou of Athens, Greece; her sister Vasiliki Halkia of Manchester, VT; her brother Christos (Athena) Alexiou of Manchester, VT, and several loving nieces and nephews.

Her funeral service was held in Athens, Greece on June 8, and was attended by family and friends celebrating her life.

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Village to boost public awareness about the survey. The survey will



## Travel back in time; see oxen and horses

Step back in history 250 years and learn the crafts of daily living. Come to Hudson Crossing Park off of Route 4, next to Champlain Canal Lock 5 in Schuylerville, on Saturday, July 29, from noon to 5 pm. Visit with 18th century artisans, watch sheep being shorn, visit with the oxen farmer, and learn about quilts, knitting, weaving and more.

Young women of the day learned to do needlepoint and counted cross-stitch which will be demonstrated by Gay Gamage and Janice Connors respectively. Sandy Schatley will show the art of spinning wool into yarn, and Joan Rowland will talk about quilting. Kathy Ceceri, the quiller, will help children turn paper into lovely decorative items.

Stuart Lehman will share various medicines and medicinal practices, including the use of leeches, and Bob Milligan will explain early currencies.

Oxen and horses were extremely important to early farmers. Dale Hall will tell you about his oxen and Fred de Paul will demonstrate sheep shearing.

Other home arts such as knitting, weaving, and fiber dying will be demonstrated by Kathy Thomas, and Jo Weatherall, respectively.

Members of the Quaker Springs County Kids 4-H Club will teach folks to play children’s games help children dip candles.



A scene from a previous event

This event, hosted by the Old Saratoga Historical Association, in cooperation with Hudson Crossing Park, is free for all. For more information please call (518) 584-4129.

## 'No transparency'

### To the Editor:

There are some issues I would like to bring to the Taxpayers of Greenwich's attention over the next couple of months. This first issue will cover the roads. There are 77 miles of road in the town of which 17 are dirt (soon to be 16) as another mile of dirt road has been approved for paving. I ask "how to justify buying a new grader for over \$200,000 when the old grader could have had a complete overhaul for \$30,000 for just a few miles of dirt road? YOUR tax dollars at work! Fiscally irresponsible decision. Progressive ideology mindset! Tax and spend!

The roads have been so badly neglected. I had to trim some of the branches myself on Beech Hill Lane that were hanging over the road as we would have hit them with our farm tractors. The sides of the roads had at least one to two feet of dirt left from plowing this winter. There was a pond which formed after every storm this spring because it couldn't drain. I had to clean up the end of road last year with my tractor and this year my son graded it. Where was the crew the months of April and May.

The highway department is about

60% of the town budget. We have a highway crew with no proper training in handling equipment. Jim Nolan and company own the roads. They used the previous highway super for their gain in the last election. They believed all the lies generated by that super. That super wasn't being "micro-managed," there were legitimate questions asked and he doesn't like being questioned. The proper procedures were not being followed. Jim Nolan and company seem "ok" with not following proper procedure. Where is the transparency with this group?

Last winter a tire fell off a plow truck in the first snow storm. The truck wasn't inspected, which falls under town code for procedure. The axle was damaged. A second truck went off the road on Cottrell resulting in the box being bent. The truck had to be towed to the town shed, a very costly expense. This was never reported as should have been the case under town policy.

Your vote does matter, so get out and vote this fall to replace current leadership.

**Dawn O'Connor Sharts**

*Candidate for Greenwich Town Board*

### The Library and Gender

#### To the Editor:

Why does the library promote the transgender ideology?

The Greenwich Free Library held an event on July 6 featuring a children's book author who, in the library newsletter, is photographed wearing a shirt with the slogan "protect trans kids." Hopefully this means protecting children from experimental and unnecessary medical treatments, which can lead to a lifetime of regret and misery.

The GFL collects tax dollars from the village, town, and school district. Is it the official policy of the Village of Greenwich, the Town of Greenwich, and the Greenwich Central School district that children should take medication that permanently eliminates the possibility of procreation? Cross-sex hormones and associated surgical procedures lead to dangerous side effects including infection and early onset osteoporosis. Pharmaceutical companies and surgeons who profit from transgender ideology insist that children younger than 10 years old can consent to these procedures. What else do they believe children can consent to?

There are a growing number of people who call themselves "de-transitioners" who deeply regret

participating in the fad. The transgender faithful would have you believe that these people do not exist. Thanks in part to these people speaking out, these procedures are now banned in England, France, Finland and Sweden.

Pharmaceutical companies in the US are under investigation for promoting the off-label use of drugs designed for treating endometriosis, prostate cancer, and to chemically castrate repeat sex offenders. This off-label use is to prevent children from going through puberty so they can later have their genitals surgically altered beyond recognition. It can take as little as one doctor visit, the first time a child sees such a doctor, to obtain a prescription. The cruel irony is that prevention of puberty means the genitals will never fully develop and more drastic surgeries will be needed to fulfill the ideation.

At the next Greenwich Free Library board meeting on Wednesday, July 19 at 7PM, ask the board if they think your child is a candidate for psychological, medicinal, and surgical experimentation and chemical castration.

**Andrew Doonan**

Greenwich, NY

## Bottskill services

Regular Sunday Services will be held at the Bottskill Baptist Church at 26 Church Street, Greenwich, starting at 9:15. Refreshment are served after each service. Everyone is welcome to join the congregation on Sunday morning, also see their service on Facebook, at "Greenwich, NY, Bottskill and Lakeville Baptist Churches."

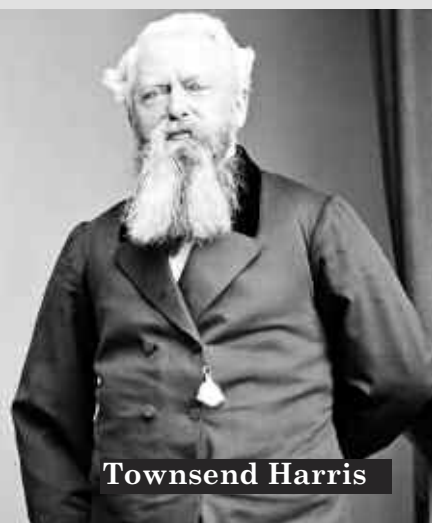
## Historic Book Club topic

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

The discussion will focus on Townsend Harris's role in American trade with Japan. Harris (1804-1878) was born and educated in Sandy Hill (now Hudson Falls) where his father was a hatter. He became the First United States Consul General to Japan and was founder of the College of the City of New York, the first tuition-free college for poor children in the United States. A historical marker is near the corner of Locust Street and Main Street, just north of the village green in Hudson Falls.

The group meets on the second Friday of the month at noon, usually at the Historical Society in Fort Edward. The August meeting will focus on one-room schoolhouse education, and will be held in the one-room schoolhouse at Hebron and a near-by church. Attendees are urged to read the schoolhouse chapter in *Hebron A Century in Review*.

Future 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, Andrew Carnegie's role in the creation of Mountainside Library, and apple-growing in Washington County. For additional information, email Connie Harris Farrington at [connieandlee@roadrunner.com](mailto:connieandlee@roadrunner.com).



**Townsend Harris**

## Congrats, Eli!

The 76th annual Belle C. Burnett Scholarship, associated with the Salem Area Woman's Club, was awarded at Salem Central School's graduation ceremony to Eli Thetford on Friday evening, June 23, 2023. A Salem resident, Eli, is the son of Scott and Amy Thetford.

Eli graduated as Salutatorian with an Advanced Regents Diploma with Honors and Mastery in math and science. Heading to Clarkson University to study mechanical engineering, Eli has always been a creative problem-solver who enjoys working with both his brain and his hands building, doing metal work, and pursuing mechanical projects. He is the recipient of numerous awards and honors including a New York State Scholarship for Academic Excellence, the Sheldon Memorial Award, and a Clarkson Achievement Award recognizing his academic achievements, and participation in his school and community. A very well-rounded individual, Eli will succeed at whatever he attempts to pursue.



Awarded each year for 76 years, the 2023 Belle C. Burnett Scholarship amount is \$1,000. However, growth in this year's investment portfolio enabled the foundation to award a bonus of an additional \$1,000 bringing this year's award to \$2,000. Former Belle C. Burnett recipients Lily Gallagher (Class of 2020), Keenan Fronhofer (Class of 2021), and Silvia Escobar-Deleon (Class of 22) will also receive \$2,000 each for the 2023/2024 school year as they continue to pursue their college studies. The Belle C. Burnett Foundation was created to honor Belle Burnett, a Salem educator devoted to supporting area school children. She would be very proud of what has been accomplished in her name.

# BCS goes 'Purple'

This year Battenkill Community Services was excited to be invited by Lynn Jackson, Washington County Alzheimer's Association representative to Paint the Town Purple. Staff and individuals immediately started planning the decorations for both their Greenwich sites across the street from each other on Rt. 40 just north of the traffic circle. When chatting about what else they could do, the group decided to have their famous dance mob! Each April BCS participates in the National Dance Foundation weeklong event dancing in community locations.

BCS serves adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, including autism spectrum disorder in several programs, based in community and volunteerism. Their mission Opportunities Without Limitations is demonstrated daily with their community involvement at Comfort Food Community, The Washington County Fairgrounds, Saratoga, and Washington County

Meals on wheels, among dozens of other organizations.

"Paint the Town Purple" was started by Breanna Lundy and her husband 5 years ago in honor of their three grandmothers, who struggled with and passed away from Alzheimer's Disease. June 21st is the longest day of the year was chosen, as folks living with Alzheimer's each day is the longest day for them. This event raises funds and awareness for those living with the disease and their caregivers.

There are several studies showing incidence of dementia in older people with Intellectual Disabilities are up to five times higher than older adults in the general population.

Program Coordinator Shelly Beayon organized her dancers to climb onto the gazebo and perform dances to four songs. Program Coordinator Sarah



Moses was dancing and singing along with the group to all the songs. Lynn Jackson jumped in on the all the fun, showing off her dance moves. Everyone enjoyed the Alzheimer's swag Lynn had passed out prior to the dance starting.

The group would like to thank the community members for beeping while passing by in support of their performance and Alzheimer's awareness.

Follow Battenkill Community Services, Inc. on Facebook to see the live video, photos, and all the fun had on Wednesday in Mowry Park.

## Annual Flower Show readies

The Schuylerville Garden Club will present its annual National Garden Club Standard Flower Show entitled "Road Trip, New York" on Saturday, July 22 from 1:00 – 5:00 pm and Sunday, July 23 from Noon- 4 pm in the Town Hall, 12 Spring Street (corner of Spring & Broad) in Schuylerville, NY.

There will be Floral Design, Horticulture and Artistic Crafts competitions which will be judged by trained judges. A Photography division will be judged by the people attending the show. The public is invited to submit NYS pho-

tos to the photo division and horticulture specimens to the horticulture division. See the website for details. All divisions reflect the "New York State" theme.

The Schuylerville Garden Club is celebrating its 85th Anniversary this year having been established in 1938. During most of those 85 years, the club has had a Flower Show. The club has won many national and state garden club awards for the shows. This year's show should also be a prize winner!

In addition to the competitions, there will be plant, glove and bake sales, prizes from a benefit table and special exhibits. A presentation of "Anyone Can Grow English Roses" will be given on Sunday at 2:30 by Joanne Strevy, a David Austin Rose expert.

Admission and refreshments are free! The public is invited to attend and participate in the show. For more information, visit [www.schuylervillegardenclub.org](http://www.schuylervillegardenclub.org).



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## At my bar, dogs will drink for free

**Greg Schwem**  
Special to Journal & Press

I recently attended a neighborhood art fair — the kind that springs up on city streets during warm weather months and creates pleasant chaos as artists share the block, or in this case four blocks, with longtime retail merchants.

I saw everything from painted bamboo rods to sculptures created out of discarded auto parts to a booth sponsored by a Cadillac dealership that, for reasons unknown, was allowed to hawk one of their cars in the middle of the fair. The sales representative was none too pleased when I ran my hand over the vehicle and asked if his work was titled “Cadillac on Canvas” or “Cadillac on Acrylic.”

Mostly, however, I saw dogs.

I saw dogs sniffing \$10,000 paintings; dogs staring at charcoal sketches, no doubt wondering if the color scheme would compliment their doggy beds; heck, I saw a dog lie down in a booth and refuse to leave.

Dogs were napping beneath al fresco diners, entering and exiting the local Walgreens with their owners and causing pedestrian traffic jams due to their willingness to accept head scratches and belly rubs, courtesy of every art fest patron.

Am I complaining about this canine love display? Quite the contrary. Since COVID-19, the world has been taken over by dogs. We humans just live in it.

Which is why, if I ever open that bar I’ve always dreamed of, the

first sign patrons will see as they approach will be: DOGS DRINK FOR FREE!

You read that right, dog owners and dog lovers. Bring your pooch into my dark, inviting, cat-free watering hole, pull up a stool and order whatever you like. Your cares and troubles are already melting away, specifically because you didn’t have to leave your dog behind. Order a shot for yourself and I’ll pour a second, complimentary shot into one of the community dog bowls hanging behind the bar. Top shelf liquor may be exempt; I have yet to run the numbers.

Are you an IPA lover? No doubt your dog is, too, as he or she has probably slurped up remnants of a beer you spilled in your own house. I will expertly tilt the dog bowl as I place it under the tap. Why should your loyal companion wait for foam to dissipate before taking that first sip?

Take note though, bar/dog

### ‘I know your dog doesn’t carry cash, but the owner does – send Venmo.’

lovers: Free alcohol is a privilege, and privileges come with rules that must be adhered to. So, please read carefully before entering my establishment:

**NO BARKING ALLOWED.** If your dog makes a sound, even if that sound could be interpreted as, “Bartender, may I have please have another Budweiser,” both of you will be asked to leave. That means your dog had better be chill



around other dogs, who may be lying under neighboring stools.

On that note, **NO WANDERING.** Your dog will enter my bar, lie under your stool and remain there for the duration of your visit. If you choose to shoot pool, throw darts or even visit the restroom, your dog does not get to accompany you. This ain’t Walgreens!

**TIP GENEROUSLY.** I know your dog doesn’t carry cash but you, the owner, does. For the privilege of letting your best friend into my establishment, you will leave a gratuity on the bar when you leave. I also accept Venmo.

Finally, **NO OVERSERVING.** If your dog can’t pace itself, and elects to inhale an entire drink in one slurp, it will have to wait until you order another. I will also decide when the both of you have had enough. If that happens, you will be escorted from the bar to an

awaiting Uber. I’m not sure what Uber’s policy is regarding dogs, but that’s not my problem.

If you can abide by all these rules, I will see you soon. I need to find a space and get appropriate permits but it won’t be long until you will look at your dog and say, “We both could use a cold one!”

No worries. Pup & Sup is open for business.

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



## Native plant sale at Hudson Crossing Park

Hudson Crossing Park is excited to announce an upcoming event that will inspire and empower individuals to embrace the beauty and environmental benefits of native plants. On Sunday, July 16, 2023 at 10am the park will host a Native Plant Sale and Workshop, inviting the community to participate in a hands-on experience working with native plants while gaining valuable knowledge about their importance.

The Native Plant Sale and Workshop will take place at the Hudson Crossing Park pavilion providing a unique opportunity for attendees to

learn and engage with native plant species firsthand. Volunteers will lead demonstrations on preparing the garden beds, followed by a hands-on experience where participants will have the chance to actively work with native plants. Experts will guide participants through the process of choosing plants, planting them, and explain why incorporating native plants into our yards is crucial for the well-being of local wildlife.

“Native plants play a vital role in our ecosystem, supporting wildlife and promoting biodiversity,” said Kate Morse, Executive Director of the Park. “This event is designed to give people of all ages the knowledge and skills to create native plant gardens in their own yards, transforming them into havens for wildlife while enhancing the natural

beauty of our communities.”

In addition to the hands-on workshop, Hudson Crossing Park will have a variety of native plants available for sale during the event. Attendees can explore the selection and bring home native species to kickstart their own native gardens. Furthermore, the event will provide valuable information about local sources for native plants.


“Our own gardens at Hudson Crossing Park are a testament to the transformative power of native plants,” added Morse. “Even after just a few years, they are blossoming and showcasing the incredible promise of what they will become. We want

to share this journey with the community and inspire everyone to create their own thriving native gardens.”

The Native Plant Sale and Workshop is open to all members of the community, regardless of gardening experience. The event promises to be both educational and enjoyable, offering participants a chance to make a positive impact on the environment while having fun in the process.



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# Help wanted for this year's Surrender Day

Nearly 250 years ago, America declared its independence from Great Britain, and the resulting American Revolutionary War was a significant turning point in the history of all humanity. As the anniversary milestones of these events approach, commemorations will take place across the country. However, none will be more momentous than the 250th Anniversary of the Battles of Saratoga.

The commemoration of this significant anniversary is already underway. The Towns of Saratoga and Stillwater have joined together to form a committee to organize and promote events. The

250th Anniversary of the Battles of Saratoga is scheduled to take place in October 2027. The Towns are also partnering with the Saratoga County 250th Commission and the Saratoga National Historical Park. Participating in a historic anniversary such as the Battles of Saratoga has numerous benefits. Volunteers have the opportunity to learn and educate others on local history, meet new people, gain valuable skills, cultivate a sense of community and most importantly, it is an opportunity



to have fun and be part of a significant commemoration of America's history that comes once, maybe twice in a lifetime.

The 250th committee is planning various future events, not just the main event scheduled for October 2027. Over the next few years, there will be ample opportunities for those interested in participating in local events and commemorations centered around the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution. Keep an eye out for local historical events and commemorations in your community, and do not hesitate to reach out to local historians

and officials to find out how you can be involved in the upcoming anniversary of one of the most decisive battles in history.

The Town of Saratoga and Town of Stillwater Joint Committee is committed to making the 250th Anniversary of the Battles of Saratoga into an unforgettable experience for everyone involved. Join us in celebrating America's history and commemorating this significant turning point in our nation's journey.

For more information contact Stillwater Town Historian, Mackenzie Macey, [mmacey@stillwaterny.org](mailto:mmacey@stillwaterny.org).

## Zen and the art of coloring

Local artist Valorie Nichols will host two Zen coloring and art workshops at the Greenwich Free Library on Thursday July 13 and Thursday July 20 from 5:00pm to 6:00pm. Coloring has been used as a form of meditation throughout history. In fact, Carl Jung suggested that coloring mandalas could be used as a relaxation technique. Patrons are invited to come and unwind through art. Colored pencils, watercolors, crayons, and other materials will be provided, along with snacks and music to color by. These workshops are open to teens and adults and no registration is required.

## For kids: From Coila, it's Tuesday Night Live!

Tuesday Night Live (TNL) begins Tuesday July 11th and runs 6 weeks, from 6pm-8pm every Tuesday night. TNL is an outdoor summer youth event provided by volunteer leaders from Coila Church for families and all school-age students. Preschool age children and families are welcome to attend as well – the group just asks that parents accompany young children.

They have games for all ages, including volleyball, gaga-ball, kickball, whiffle ball, basketball, 4-square, and more. They will also have food each night available free to all participants. Organizers ask that all TNL participants

have a Waiver & Contact form filled out. You can find that on their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/TuesdayNightLiveTNL> or there will be some at our registration tent when you arrive.

This is a weather-friendly, outdoor game night so watch the forecast. If heavy rain occurs or a strong chance of thunderstorms is forecasted, the group will cancel. Just check the Facebook page for updates. All activities are outdoors in a back field. Students are strongly encouraged to put away their phones for a few hours and interact with their friends and the TNL leaders, enjoying



games, crafts, food and the beautiful outdoors. They practice good sportsmanship and fair play in all games.

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## A mid-year money discussion

**Jill Schlesinger**  
*Special to Journal & Press*

It's officially summer, which means you might be tempted to shut down and drown out anything financial. Not so fast.

You may not be able to control inflation, the path of the economy, or the direction of financial markets, but there are many areas where a little attention can reap great benefits.

**Beware of 'junk fees'**

The Biden Administration has called for companies to end "junk fees," which are designed either to confuse or deceive consumers.

They range from bank overdraft and non-sufficient funds fees, credit card late payment fees, hotel resort fees, airline baggage and change fees, service fees added to the cost of concert or sporting events, and cable fees.

One way to fight these pernicious fees is to methodically review the categories of spending where they usually pop up. Doing this all at once is a bear, so focus on one each month.

Start with areas where the fees are most expensive, like banking,

where you can often limit fees by consolidating accounts and using direct deposit.

For credit cards, if you are carrying a balance, higher interest rates are making it tough to keep up, which makes it even more important to eliminate all other fees. Create an automatic payment to the card company, even for a low amount, so you can avoid late fees. This is also a good idea for all recurring bills, like rent and utilities.

For those who have multiple credit cards, get rid of those with high annual fees. Doing so may temporarily cause your credit score to drop, but it will likely be worth it over the long term.

Next, examine your cell phone bill and see if there is a lower rate plan available with your current provider or see if a move to a cheaper provider makes sense. Finally, review all streaming services and cancel those subscriptions that you don't really use.

**Clean up investment accounts**

More and more workers are changing jobs frequently, leaving a slew of orphaned retirement accounts in their wake. Try to com-

bine all like accounts (i.e., all Roth's, all Traditional) into one place.

If you have a good current workplace plan, you may be able to roll old accounts in. Otherwise, you can simply choose the place that is easiest for you to navigate and roll the money in there. While you are at it, try to consolidate all post-tax brokerage accounts into one.

Combining accounts makes it easier to monitor your entire portfolio, ensure that your money is properly diversified, and allows you to see whether you can dump expensive managed mutual funds, in favor of cheaper index funds.

**Boost retirement contributions**

Most retirement plans have a way to automatically increase your contribution levels. These "auto-escalation" features can help you slowly, methodically, and painlessly increase the amount you save for retirement each pay period.

**Read your homeowner's or rental insurance policies**

The time to figure out what is in your policy is not in the aftermath of a severe event, but before it occurs.

As a reminder, most standard homeowners' policies cover structural and water damage only in limited circumstances, like when a falling tree knocks a hole in a roof or breaks a window, allowing rain to fall inside.

Most policies do not cover damages that result from rising water, unless you live in a designated flood zone and have purchased insurance through the government's National Flood Insurance Program.

**Start or complete estate planning**

What would mid-year money be without me nudging you to prepare your will, power of attorney, and health care proxy. If you don't want to hire a qualified estate attorney, there are plenty of online choices.

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## Interpersonal Edge

### Turn curses into blessings

**Daneen Skube**  
*Special to Journal & Press*

**Q:** *I've had numerous set-backs since the beginning of the year at work. I'm starting to think I'm cursed. Now I'm getting up every day wondering what else will go wrong. Is there any way to shift my attitude? Yes, try the hypothesis that everything in the universe is conspiring to help you rather than hurt you. The difference between a blessing and a curse is in a blessing we look for how events benefit us.*

For example, I found a great price on Facebook for stacked stone. We will use it to strengthen the walls of our cabin that we're remodeling. The seller said it was 1,000 square feet. She called back the next day apologizing and corrected herself: it was only 100 square feet. I felt blessed because although we didn't purchase this small amount of stone from her, she gave us a new affordable idea for our exterior walls. My perspective was the power to determine if a situation is a blessing or a curse!

One of my clients recently had this mind-blowing dream where she saw her entire life through the perspective of blessings. During the dream she realized she was angry and sad not because of

events but because she felt victimized by events. She woke up feeling like all her challenges had matured her and helped her grow up.

When a situation is disappointing, we can turn left or right. We turn left to bemoan how the universe is proving we're unlovable and unsupported, or we turn right to figure out the gifts in our new circumstances.

Our theories about our circumstances are powerful. If we go to work each day believing we're unsupported, events will prove us right. If we go to work each day, believing we're valuable, we'll search and find opportunity.

Obviously we all need to grieve our dashed expectations. We may need to complain, or rant! But, at some point we have the freedom to look at these events for the blessing hiding in plain sight.

I notice that when my clients experience adversities the most painful thing is they start to believe they don't deserve good luck. I point out that it isn't external circumstances but negative inner beliefs that's the tragedy. We have the power not to let temporary adversity permanently define our self-worth.

I'm not saying you shouldn't examine your failures. If you keep doing the same thing and failing, the school of hard knocks is trying to improve your performance.

The largest factor that helps us with perseverance is the theory that we deserve good things. Even if you struggle with self-hatred, you can fake self-love and act as if you deserve good things. Remember other people don't have telepathy, they just know how you appear.

Another benefit of assuming the universe is conspiring for your benefit, is you'll react to other people more effectively. For instance, instead of getting mad at the Facebook seller for advertising the wrong quantity, I thanked her for giving me a new and good idea. She offered to connect me to a wholesale seller.

Realize everyone you work with will respond more positively if you see them as a gift. If we believe everyone is up to no good, even allies eventually become adversaries. If we believe everyone can teach us something, even enemies may one day become allies.

No matter how many failures you've had so far this year, the only permanent failure is to walk away

from disappointment learning nothing. If with every set back you're motivated to try again more intelligently, you'll transform break downs into breakthroughs.

**The last word(s)**

**Q:** *I work with a guy who is always trying to get my goat. I explain and defend my point of view but it just eggs him on. Is there a way to stop the game?*

**A:** Yes, a co-worker cannot get your goat if they have no idea where it's tied up. Nod and tell him you hear his point, and stop reacting.

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# Local Scenes

Some scenes, between rain-drops, from the Whipple City Festival Street Fair, which took place June 16-17 in the Village of Greenwich. Hear more about this local event in our podcast, available at [weeklynewspaperpodcast.com](http://weeklynewspaperpodcast.com). More photos are available on our Facebook page, [fb.com/journalpress](https://fb.com/journalpress).

—darren johnson photos





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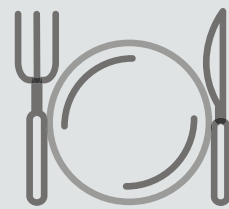
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## Local Scenes

At June 15's Hudson Crossing Park dinner, Greenwich  
standout student Teagan Wright (top right) and Assembly-  
woman Carrie Woerner (bottom, center) were honored.



## A short sketch about censorship in the USA

Lance Allen Wang  
*Journal & Press*

While New York has often been considered the center of a great arts and literature community, it also was home of one of America's most noted censors. Anti-Vice Crusader Anthony Comstock (1844-1915), in addition to being a United States Postal Inspector, was also the Secretary of the New York Society for the Suppression of Vice.

His efforts were not the first censorship efforts in the Americas, of course. Censorship started early among the colonists, in 1637, when Thomas Morton's "New England Canaan" was banned for being "heretical" by the Puritan government.

After organizing the New York Society for the Suppression of Vice in 1873, Comstock successfully lobbied for the passage of Federal legislation called the "Comstock Act." This act made it illegal to send "obscene, lewd or lascivious," "immoral," or "indecent" publications through the mail. It also made it a misdemeanor for anyone to sell, give away, or possess an obscene book, pamphlet, picture, drawing, or advertisement. Because the scope of the legislation was so wide, it even banned anatomy textbooks and written materials explaining how to prevent pregnancy.

Made a "special agent" of the United States Post Office charged with enforcing the law, Comstock took to ridding the mails of improper materials, bragging at one point that he and his colleagues had destroyed 160 tons of obscenity.

His widely publicized campaigns captured a spirit of censorship which was in the air far beyond the post office. For instance, in 1881, Walt Whitman's "Leaves of Grass" was threatened with banning unless it had offending passages removed. The book was almost 50 years old by then. The uproar spurred enough sales of the old book that Whitman proudly claimed that the proceeds bought him a house. Mark Twain also benefitted from the constant banning of one of his classics. The Library Journal stated in 1907 that "Mark Twain's 'Adventures of Huckleberry Finn' had been banned somewhere every year since its publication." It was published in 1885, the same year that public commissioners in Concord, Massachusetts banned the book, describing it as "racist, coarse, trashy, inelegant, irreligious, obsolete, inaccurate, and mindless."

Luckily, despite the heavy use of the Comstock Act for prosecution, the courts were able to roll back some of its more severe abuses. In 1933, for instance, a judge no longer allowed out-of-context

excerpts to be used to establish whether a publication was indecent, rather he judged the literary value of the entire work. By 1936, activist Margaret Sanger had successfully lobbied the courts to overturn the prohibition on mailing birth control devices and information. In 1959, when a postal inspector deemed D.H. Lawrence's "Lady Chatterly's Lover" to be "obscene and non-mailable," the appeals court overturned the ruling, and raised the very legitimate legal question of why a postal inspector was determining obscenity.

However, book banning continued, mostly in schools, but sometimes in public libraries. One notable 1959 incident was triggered by the Citizens Council of Montgomery, which demanded that the children's book "The Rabbits' Wedding," be banned for being "propaganda for integration and intermarriage." Evidently, both rabbits did not have the same shade of fur. An Alabama senator, E. O. Eddins, in response to one defender of the book, said, "... this book and many others

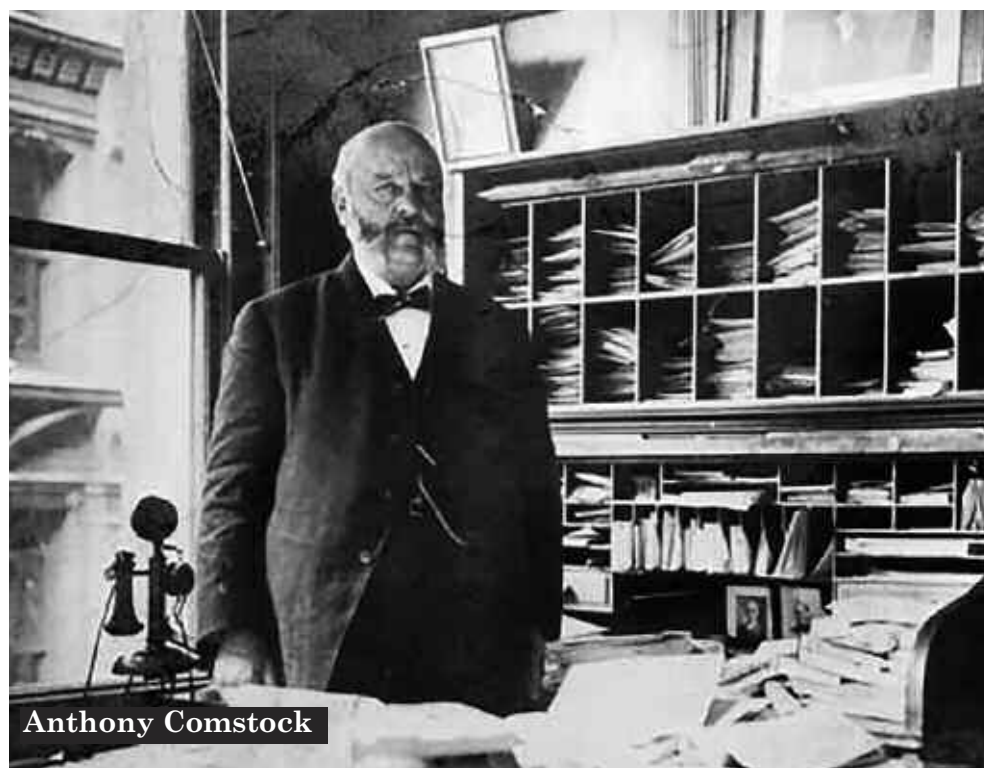
**'Chaos would result, they asserted, if everyone had to determine their own morality.'**

should be taken off the shelves and burned." And indeed, the book was banned from the public library shelves in Alabama.

In America, most modern book banning takes place at the school level, often through the use of outside political influence and ad-hoc organizations. For instance, in 1962, Ernest Hemingway's writings were controversial enough that an organization called Texans for America not only opposed his books being in school libraries, but also opposed any textbooks that referenced him as a great American author.

In 1973, a school board in Drake, ND ordered the destruction of 32 copies of Kurt Vonnegut's *Slaughterhouse Five*. A teacher had assigned them, but after a special school board meeting, the board ordered the books destroyed as profane and unsuitable. The symbolism completely lost on them, they burned the books in the school's furnace. "Everybody's against book burning," quietly commented Mr. Vonnegut, author of the novel about his experiences in the Second World War, which included surviving the firebombing of Dresden. Equally tone deaf, and also an indictment of not teaching a full accounting of history, in 1983, an Alabama school board called for rejection of *The Diary of Anne Frank* because, among other reasons, it was "a real downer."

Of course, the 1980s also brought us more moral panics. It wasn't mixed marriage and integration this time, though. According to Professor Fred L. Pincus of the University of Maryland:



Anthony Comstock

"The 1980s bogeyman was something called 'secular humanism,' because it argued that human beings can define their own morality without the use of religion. [The Reverend Jerry] Falwell and others claimed that public schools were anti-Christian because they taught students that they didn't have to use the Bible as a standard for right and wrong. Chaos would result, the Christian fundamentalists asserted, if everyone had to determine their own morality."

The legacy of organizations such as the Citizens Council of Montgomery and Texans for America is visible today as the number of school book bans increase. For example, one organization called Moms for Liberty Inc. formed as an ancillary to the Florida GOP originally as an anti-mask group. Since then it has become a political beacon for far-right organizations with an anti-public school agenda and a lightning rod for their focus on removal of any materials referencing LGBT issues, and many that involve race and ethnicity. They were very involved with the moral panic about today's bogeyman, "Critical Race Theory" – an analysis method taught in law school which the Moms and one of their major sponsors, the Heritage Foundation, turned into a term which now essentially means, "Anything taught in public schools that might mention race."

And in their fight against "Critical Race Theory," the Moms held a symposium on October 15, 2021, which featured a presentation called "Saving Our Freedoms by Rescuing Our Children." As part of that presentation, attendees were taught, "Globalists, utopians, socialists, totalitarians and the UN are using public schools to undermine freedom and Christianity. But you can resist!" A lot to unwrap there, I know. That sort of statement says a whole lot more about the presenters than it does about the state of our public schools. And what's more, it's almost verbatim out of the John Birch Society's playbook from the early 1960s. So while they may wrap themselves in Scripture and purport to know what is best for others' children, we really have seen it all before. Or, as written in Ecclesiastes: "There is nothing new under the sun."

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



A 2021 "Moms For Liberty" event

# Fort Hardy plan moves forward

**Samantha Simmons**  
*Journal & Press*

After several years, plans for Fort Hardy Park in historic Schuylerville are taking shape. A master plan for the \$20 million project was released last May, but the village and the Friends of Fort Hardy Park, a nonprofit, are working to secure funding through grants.

The updated park plans to have new fields for softball and baseball, which are a main focus for Mayor Dan Carpenter.

"I really wanted to see a reworking of the baseball fields because right now they are just laid out haphazardly," Carpenter said.

Mayor Carpenter believes that as updates are made to the park, more funding will become available because a reworking of the land will allow the Hudson River waterfront to be more accessible.

"There's other things, other funding sources that if the park was laid out a bit differently, which the plan gets to, we become more competitive for other sources of funds to bring this whole plan together," Carpenter said.

Friends of Fort Hardy, a nonprofit in progress, will be a 501(c)(3) focused on raising money to fund the phases of the park's revitalization. Beth Woodard, the President, has been hosting meetings to raise interest in the surrounding community and coming up with fundraising ideas to supplement grants.

"We are working on a discount card to raise some funds including local businesses, restaurants, really any business within the Greenwich and Schuylerville area," Woodard said. The initiative will roll out this month."

Woodard said in its current state, the park does not live up to its full potential.

"If you go to Fort Hardy now it has the youth center which a lot of people use and its great, and the basketball courts, and then a lot of the baseball fields, and a cute little gazebo on the water, but it's not up to its full potential," Woodard said.

"What's in that plan just really utilizes that piece of property and will highlight so much, especially the history."

Before development can begin, an archeological investigation needs to be done due to the historical significance of the area. Carpenter said the group has applied for grants to assist in covering the cost of the investigation.

"In order to put even more than a shovels-deep worth of any kind of disturbance to Fort Hardy, an archeological study needs to be done... in order to secure the community center," Carpenter said.

Overhauls would come in phases. The villages website has them broken down into nine total. A pre-phase park-wide predevelopment includes the archeological study, geotechnical investigations, initial permitting, State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR), and a cultural resources management plan.

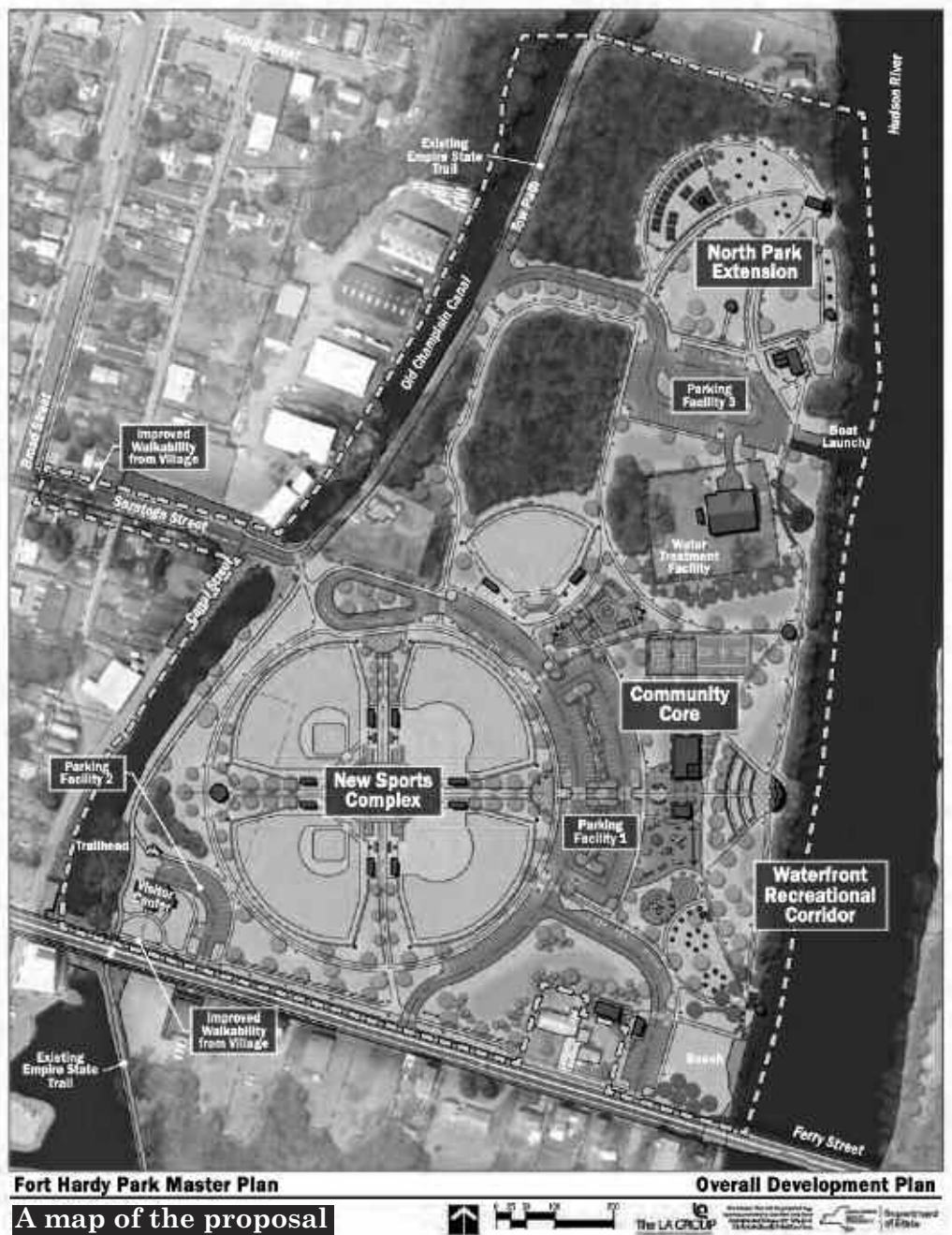
The project would commence with the construction of the first splash pad and move north from Ferry Street to utilize the five acres of land owned by the village, finishing with a community boat house and restrooms, a dog park, and more.

Behind Woodard is Vice President Brienne Mulligan, Secretary Lori Schultz, and Treasurer Trina Prendergast. Through their work, they hope to provide the area with

## 'The plaza will include an historic interpretation of the American Revolutionary War.'

educational opportunities, promote historical features of the park and engage volunteers.

Once finished, the park, which is located along part of the Empire State Trail that runs in all four directions throughout the state, will be better suited to support those using the trail throughout the state



**Fort Hardy Park Master Plan**  
**A map of the proposal**

and the surrounding states. Funding secured for upgrades to services currently provided for the trailway have already been used.

The Friends of Fort Hardy and the village are working to spread the burden of the cost. Carpenter said villagers are not the only one's enjoying the park.

"While it does lay in the tax purview of the village, we as a small community cannot absorb the full cost of renovation this project. The full master plan is a \$20 million project and to expect that small tax base of the village of Schuylerville is the only source that can help fund this is not realistic. So, by bringing in and creating this 501(c)(3), we are expanding it out to members of the surrounding community."

The site of Fort Hardy Park was where British General John Burgoyne and his troops stacked their arms and marched past their American rivals to surrender. And for those worried about the historical preservation of the land, don't worry, that is worked into the master plan.

"Right between the community center and the community pavilion we will have the Heritage Memorial Plaza," Carpenter said. "That's really where we'll highlight the historic nature and historic role

that Fort Hardy played throughout the last three centuries."

Additionally, the plaza will include an historic interpretation of the American Revolutionary War.

Woodard first came up with the idea of placing a skatepark in the park several years ago. She then brought the idea to the village where the master plan was then composed with the help of public meetings.

"We got ideas from village members and residents on what to do and how the park should be laid out," Woodard said. "So, people threw their ideas out there, we talked about them, they voted on them, and we went from there."

Carpenter said while he knew upgrades to the park were due, it was not until Woodard put the idea on his radar that he seriously thought about what needed to be done, which ultimately turned into the master plan.

"I knew some things needed to be changed at Fort Hardy. I did not really have any direction and we didn't have a plan," Carpenter said. "So, within a couple of months, she [Woodard] gained interest and really started the conversation. She moved things along at a lightning pace."

More information can be found on the Friends of Fort Hardy Facebook page, by emailing [friendsof-forthardy@gmail.com](mailto:friendsof-forthardy@gmail.com), and on the villages Fort Hardy Park Master-plan page.



# Supervisor talks about immigration

**Robin Lyle**  
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*Supervisor Bob Henke sat for a one-on-one interview to discuss immigration on June 30. This interview has been edited for length.*

**J&P:** *The Immigration issue is really controversial and the media has really paid a lot of attention to it, so I just wanted to make sure that we had an accurate picture that reflected the message that you want to give and what you believe are the concerns here for Argyle and Washington County.*

*Well, when you opened the discussion [at the Argyle Town Board meeting in May] you talked about the mayor of New York was going to, or was talking about, sending people upstate and you used the term “illegal.” And my understanding is that the people that he’s talking about are asylum seekers. And so I just wondered about your use of that term.*

**Henke:** Okay, I guess that’s probably a generic term. I don’t think any more or less descriptive than asylum seekers. I guess I’m not sure what a good definition of these folks might be. The vetting is kind of a fluid thing since many of them have no papers and you say “are you wanted for a crime” and they say “no” and there’s no way to check or verify that. Personally, I don’t think it’s significant one way or another. The fact is the people are here now and what do you do with it. I suspect there are some very fine people. I suspect there are some very devious buggers in there as well. We have to deal with them all. That’s just what happens.

**J&P:** *Okay, so using the term illegals, to you, felt accurate?*

**Henke:** Well, I think their mode of entry into the US was not through the normal immigration ports. You know, they were coming across the border in all different places so that in and of itself is an illegal act. If you’re not coming in at a point of entry you are entering illegally so I guess it would be descriptive from that standpoint but I don’t think it’s a significant distinction, I guess. It was just a figure of speech.

**J&P:** *You said that you could arrest them if they came to Argyle. You said that Washington County has a policy that if they’re homeless they would be given a safe place to stay that they wouldn’t be turned away. But you said that if they came to Argyle you could arrest them or have them arrested. Is that right?*

**Henke:** Well if they came here without documentation, without backup stuff there, they certainly are, like anybody else they discovered was in the country illegally, they certainly would be subject to arrest. It’s not a threat anymore because it’s kind of a “catch and release”. You catch them and give them a court date of 2035 or whenever and tell them to come on back and turn ‘em loose is how the border patrol is operating at this point. So it’s not going to, I don’t think we’re going to have wholesale arrests of people.

In fact, I’m quite sure that some of these people are here now. We’re going to get the onesies and twosies. They’ve had 65,000 into the city last I heard and they know the whereabouts of 45,000 and the 25,000 have drifted off into the underground economy or something. And I presume that we have a number of families living in Argyle perfectly legally and fine. And you know they’re good people. The kids are in the school – that’s fine. But when a brother or a cousin or a mother or somebody gets bussed into NYC I presume, if it’s me, they’re looking for family. So we get the mother or the brother or whoever coming in with the family... I presume we wouldn’t even know

that they’re there. And that’s what I think is happening to the 25,000 people. They’re going out to where they have family legally and it’s just the way it is.

**J&P:** *It makes sense if you had the wherewithal.*

**Henke:** Yeah, you wouldn’t want to stay in New York moving from pillar to post. Come up here where there’s family that would welcome you.

**J&P:** *Makes sense. You said that you were going to recommend to the mayor that he send some of the people to the sanctuary cities.*

**Henke:** Yeah.

**J&P:** *Do you see a positive role here in Argyle for immigrants?*

**Henke:** Oh, we have a very positive role. We’ve had a whole group of immigrants there that are being members of society, you know, working on farms and things. I think we got, last I knew, I think we documented 12 different families living right in the middle of Argyle. So certainly that’s a positive role. There’s always a positive role.

**J&P:** *And so. Why would you advise him to send them to the sanctuary cities?*

**Henke:** Because these are the people that claimed they had the wherewithal and the ethos to accept... I mean we can’t stand up and say, “Hey, we’re going to be a sanctuary city. We’re going to protect everybody from arrest and we welcome large groups of people.” That seems like if I were saying that, I’d be saying “send them to me.”

**J&P:** *Ok so because they expressed...*

**Henke:** Yeah, they expressed their desire to participate in this process I would say. You know there’s an awful lot of not putting their money where their mouth was in this sort of thing. It was great to jump up and down and say “we’re holier than thou,” “we are a sanctuary city,” you know, “we are morally superior to you guys” and all of a sudden these are the guys that are filing the emergency orders.

**J&P:** *Have they done that?*

**Henke:** Almost every single one.

**J&P:** *Has Franklin County done that?*

**Henke:** Yeah, there are emergency declarations and then, emergency orders, say the hotels can’t accept them in and this sort of thing. And that’s patently disingenuous, as far as I’m concerned.

And you know, I didn’t file a state of emergency. I didn’t issue orders to our motels that they couldn’t take them, and things. And so, therefore, Washington County is not being sued by the city of New York, by the way.

But you know, I wouldn’t do that just because I think, I don’t like using that sort of executive process as an emergency in one way or the other. It’s an overextent of government, as far as I’m concerned, in most cases.

When there’s an actual state of emergency and



I have to suspend people’s civil rights for some reason. Say, “You can’t stay in your house because we have an ammonia spill at the tracks in Ft. Edward,” or, “Hey, you can’t drive on this road because the bridge is out,” or, “You can’t ... ,” that’s a legitimate use and it’s short term.

Anytime I declare a state of emergency, I have to issue executive orders to go along with that and that is making laws by the executive part of government. The executive part of government is not supposed to make laws as far as I’m concerned, and I’m not going to do it for anything other than what I think is an emergency. I’m not going to do it. Heck, if we got a busload of immigrants in Washington County, I’m not sure where we’d put them but I wouldn’t consider that an emergency. That’s not an emergency, that’s a fact of life.

But they’re not going to send people here anyways. New York has been, from what I can see, at least initially, I’m not sure how long it will last, but at least initially pretty good about contracting with places for them to stay, and sending people up to be with them and monitor them, and this sort of thing. You know, take care of the logistics and stuff. You know, I think they’ve been as good as they can be. It’s a situation that’s untenable.

**J&P:** *When [name withheld] made a comment during the meeting saying, “Can’t we shoot ‘em?” I know that you counterbalanced it a bit with a comment about you know, “I feel sorry for them.” What was your reaction to her comment?*

**Henke:** Oh that’s just verbiage. I don’t pay a lot, I don’t react strongly to that sort of thing. That’s like saying, “Hey, let’s send them to Franklin County,” you know. It’s not a significant thing in my mind. Nobody’s going to get shot. I think there’s a real need for some humanity in this. On the other hand, the ones that I’m thinking of in those terms is the families, you know, the actual asylum seekers. What’s coming predominantly to upstate areas is the 19-30 year old males. And I’m not sure they’re always asylum seekers. I think they might be seeking something entirely different.

**J&P:** *The last thing is, apparently there was an article in the Post Star, but I didn’t see it, that the Mayor of New York determined that Washington County really doesn’t have the facilities and wouldn’t be sending anybody to Washington County?*

**Henke:** I think they used a quote from me. I don’t think the mayor determined it. But the mayor’s group is looking at places that can house



# Two meetings of the Argyle Town Board

**Robin Lyle**  
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*The following are recaps of the two most recent meetings of the Argyle Town Board:*

## May Meeting

The Argyle Town Board met Wednesday, May 10th at 7:00 p.m. Present were Supervisor Bob Henke, Council Members Kevin Hayes, Scott Lufkin, Steve Bonhote, and Patrick Sullivan, Clerk Shelley McKernon and Highway Superintendent Mark St. Jacques. Also in attendance were Joy MacKenzie, Trustee of the Village of Argyle; Tim Bearor, President of Summit Lake Association for Preservation (SLAP), and one resident.

## Immigrants...

Immigration to the U.S. is complicated and controversial with serious economic and ethical implications for the local area. Some of the controversy was reflected at this meeting when Supervisor Bob Henke raised the possibility of migrants being sent to Washington County from New York City.

At May's town board meeting, Henke began his Supervisor's Report by expressing concern about "bus loads of illegal immigrants which the Mayor of New York announces he'll send upstate because there's too many in New York City." (The Supervisor and others used the term "illegals" even though the people in question have been classified as "asylum seekers" in an initial screening.) "Tomorrow I'll be on a zoom call with the Mayor of New York. Right now they're sending them to Rockland" and neighboring counties, Henke said. Washington County is mandated to provide shelter to homeless people, he said, explaining that "If someone shows up to the county and says they're homeless we have to help them - no questions asked."

Henke suggested "we give each \$20 and send them to Franklin County, which is a sanctuary county." He went on to say his recommendation to the Mayor will be to rely on municipalities that claim to be sanctuary communities. Sanctuary areas are municipalities that have made declarations to protect immigrants from deportation when not related to a serious criminal act.

Councilman Bonhote asked, "What's the M.O. when the bus comes?" Henke responded, "If they arrived in Argyle, I could arrest them all, but can't do this if they come to the county building." To which a resident in attendance interjected "can we shoot 'em?" and another complained that they "all are combat age men and should be staying home and defending their country." Henke then

shared that "some of these people I feel genuinely sorry for."

## ...And beavers

This discussion was followed by one about the impact of public use and beaver activity on Summit Lake. Tim Bearor, representing the Summit Lake Association for Preservation (SLAP), began by stating, "One concern is going to be additional people on the lake." Referring to a lake front property that was recently purchased from Washington County by the town of Argyle.

Henke pointed out that "access is not different now than it was with the county." Councilmembers expressed that while someone may use the area for swimming or to launch a canoe or kayak, they generally felt that the change in ownership would not lead to a significant increase in the number of people on or in the lake.

Bearor also reported on SLAP's efforts to eradicate beavers from the area where their dams are negatively impacting the water quality. He explained that SLAP has spent \$3,000 since November. "We [hired someone who is] knocking down dams. It's \$100 a day. He knocks down what they've built up in the morning and comes back in the evening. When [the beaver] comes to repair them he traps them. We have a nuisance permit. He's taken out 7 or 8 so far." Bearor stated, "I think the town should have some responsibility for it."

Henke said: "I don't see how we get around the legality of not taking beaver off private property. Even right beside the road, I don't see how it gets out of the legality issue." To which Bonhote added "Pretty soon, we'd be in the beaver business."

When Bearor asked for some of the town's ARPA funding to pay for lake improvements, Councilman Bonhote asked if SLAP has moved forward with seeking non-profit status explaining that the town can't use ARPA money for private landowners. When Bearor confirmed that "we're not a 501c3", Highway Superintendent St. Jacques recommended they consider becoming a "501c5 association". "It's an IRS thing. It opens the door to grants and funding, then, including with the state of New York. And then the town could give a general check to SLAP to increase public enjoyment of the lake similar to funding given to Cossayuna for weed control," St Jacques said.

In other business, Joy MacKenzie, a Trustee of the Village of Argyle, announced an Open House for all residents of the village on June 3. She said the village recently received a "preliminary engineering grant to see what's feasible for wastewater treatment" and is exploring additional infrastructure grants. The Village Trustees want to hear from village residents on this and other

concerns.

## June Meeting

The Argyle Town Board again met on Wednesday, June 14th at 7:00 p.m. Present were Supervisor Bob Henke, Council Members Kevin Hayes, Scott Lufkin, Steve Bonhote, and Patrick Sullivan, Clerk Shelley McKernon and Highway Superintendent Mark St. Jacques. Also in attendance were Sean Ryan from Eden Renewables and one resident.

## Right to Farm

Henke asked for the status of the proposed amendment to Argyle's Right to Farm Law, initiated a year ago. This amendment adds, "It shall be unlawful ...to permit any horses, cattle, swine, pigs, sheep, goats, poultry, or any other farm animal to run at large in the Town of Argyle" and provides for fines up to \$1,000.

Sullivan explained that the law was being reviewed by an attorney who specializes in small towns. The Board wanted to ensure that the \$1,000 fine was allowable and that it can be enforced by Argyle's peace officer. The attorney has not responded to the Board's request.

The board passed a motion "to hold a public hearing on July 12th to introduce Local Law 1 of 2023, Town of Argyle Right to Farm, as written at 7:02 p.m." The Board will invite the attorney to the hearing and can make changes to the law at that time, if necessary.

## In other business

- Town Clerk McKernon said that the town's new website is up and is "really nice." It isn't public yet but "should be available in a couple weeks."

- Councilmember Lufkin said a lot of projects are getting done at the Recreation fields including new batting cages and a pavilion. Supervisor Henke expressed concern the additions were using space allotted for parking.

- Highway Superintendent St. Jacques encouraged the board to approve spending of \$300,000 for summer paving projects. Costs covered by CHIPS (Consolidated Local Streets and Highway Improvement Program) could then be submitted to NYS for reimbursement on August 1. The motion passed.

- Superintendent St. Jacques announced that the Highway Department was awarded a "2023 Work Zone Equipment Package Competition" by NYS Governor's Traffic Safety Committee. The grant provides about \$3,000 worth of equipment such as safety vests, hardhats, construction signs, and traffic cones.

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people and if they looked at Washington County they'd see we have three hotels with 67 rooms, which are all full of mostly people we're housing frankly. We keep the motels pretty full all by ourselves. There's nothing, he can't drive up to the door and unload them at the Argyle town hall and say here you go. They have to have a place to go and there's no place in Washington County to go. If they started with campgrounds and stuff like that, maybe, but so far we haven't got to that point.

What I really was afraid of and what I was trying to say in the paper to forestall, is places like King's

Dairy have a whole bunch of immigrants they're helping. They're there legally and they're all good people. But what you see is at, like Hannaford, you know, a cargo van or passenger van comes in, you could call it a bus, with 10 or 12 people to go shopping at Hannaford. That's just one of the perks of the job is they drive you to Hannaford or to a doctor's appointment. So I wouldn't want anyone to see 15 people getting off a bus at the Hannaford parking lot and think, "Holy crap, we're being invaded by illegal immigrants from New York City" and have some sort of violent incident occur. I was trying hard to make sure people realized this wasn't going to happen. You know that's not going to happen.

**J&P:** *Is there anything else you wanted to add?*

**Henke:** It's a very sad situation and a very sad problem for the country to have, but I don't think it's going to be anything that's going to be, other than the fact that everybody pays taxes to pay for this stuff, it's not going to be a significant factor for Argyle or Washington County in general, I don't think. If I was the Warren County chair or supervisor, it might be more significant. Because in the winter time there aren't very many people in the hotels in Lake George, for example; and if I was a motel owner to get a hundred a night for 165 people I'd take it in a heartbeat. Keep that open, you know, keep my restaurant open.

**J&P:** *But that seems like it could be a real benefit to the county instead of an emergency...*

**Henke:** Yes, but all these solutions are short term solutions, they're bandaids. What happens when it's summertime? "OK, we can't have you in the motels anymore, see you." What happens then? Or any motel. In New York City, what happens when the Association of Towns wants to go down to the hotel we stay in with 900 people or more? They'll pay more than what the mayor is paying. Do you take 800 people out and put them on the streets? All we're doing is band-aiding.

## How do your flowers grow?

**Shirley Renauld**  
*Journal & Press*

School is over. Learning is never over. Now it's learning in the outdoors as much as possible.

Water activities are so much fun. But we have to be safe, so we learn swimming skills. How are you learning to swim and where can you swim? Are you learning from your parents? In your own pool or pond or in a nearby body of water? At a community pool or beach? Most important is to take Red Cross swimming lessons from Beginner to Advanced levels. Then you take Lifeguarding, First Aid and CPR and Water Safety Instructor training and you will always have job opportunities. There is such a need, such a lack. Pools and beaches are being closed because there aren't enough lifeguards. .

Whatever the level of our swimming skills, before we get into a boat, whether to be a passenger or to paddle or row ourselves, the first thing we do is put on a personal floatation device, a life-preserver.

The annual Flower Show of the Schuylerville Garden Club will be on 22 & 23, but entries for the photo section are due by the 15th, so now's the time to prepare them. The theme for the show this year is Road Trip NYS. Use photos you've taken during your visits around the state, making sure that they include flowers. Take interesting photos of annual and perennial flowers in your garden. Get a photo of your pet visiting flowers. The bees are happy with so many flowers to visit now so get a close-up photo of a bee or a butterfly (a hummingbird would be special) on a flower. Photos can be of any flowers, as long as they are real, including wildflowers. Make photography the topic of a 4-H meeting. Invite a photographer to give you tips on taking pictures. Professional photographer Cliff does a program at the Easton Library on the 13th. Combine photography with an early summer wildflower walk. Wild Phlox has been blossoming along the roadsides and stream banks. Your bunny and chicks have been happy with the Sweet Clover that has been all over so you could pick it for them. Now its larger cousin, the "Red" Clover, is available, along with Crown Vetch. Wild Daisies surprise us by even growing in our lawns during our time of little rainfall when we didn't mow. Make a

Daisy chain: slip the stems of some through slits you make in others to be a crown or necklace. Then it's the Daylilies all over. Have they invaded your Wild Geranium, Coneflowers, Yellow Four-O'Clocks (what are they doing that time of day?), everything?

Are weeds causing trouble in your gardens? Is Creeping Charlie (sorry, Charlie) growing its runners in from the edges of your vegetable garden or are other weeds taking nutrients and water from your vegetable plants? Make sure you get the roots when you get them out or they'll grow again. Drones are helping farmers get rid of weeds in their crops: Drones can find specific weeds and zap just them without spraying the whole field – it prevents getting chemicals on the food plants, and less cost to the farmer. When nature doesn't water the garden, get water that you collected and aim right at the roots that drink it. As you keep making more compost, does the dryness make you dig far into the ground to get the earthworms that help you compost? Remember table scraps – but no meat.

Have you done your second plantings, as of Summer Squash and beans, so you'll have food into the Fall? Farmers have chopped or baled the first cuttings of hay and baled the first rye straw, so you better run around in those fields

### 'Drones can find specific weeds and zap them without spraying the whole field.'

and play ball right after they do because it's on to the next crop. The grass or alfalfa will grow the next cutting of hay. The rye field will be renewed by spreading dry filtered manure on the surface and discing it into the soil to plant corn.

Some farmers are using robots to do this routine work, so don't worry if you see an empty tractor cab working. (Maybe you will work with drones and robots in your summer enrichment classes.) It's fun building with Legos of all sizes even when we're young. (Wouldn't it be great to go to Legoland?)

Do you like to pretend that you are harvest-



Four O'Clocks

ing and planting with your toy farm machinery, in your garden or in the sand? Get more space in the garden by helping the tomatoes grow straight up. Pound a stake at each plant and reuse baler twine to tie the plant to it. Use tomato cages: square ones stand up best or make your own circles of fencing wire. If you can get an old wooden ladder, cut it in half, lean sections against each other over plants and tie them in. Or make a teepee for cucumbers and beans to climb up themselves (Then you can play in it when they're done with it.). While you wait for tomatoes, do you keep getting lettuce, onions and radishes, and keep planting more for your sandwiches and salads?

We are now finding plants called "volunteers" because we did not plant them. Some are growing from seeds of plants from last year's garden, like squashes. What should we do with them: just pull them out and add them to the compost? Transplant them to a better location? give them away? Two that we find growing even in places other than the garden, and that we can use now, are dill and mint, both of which we can tell by their smell. Both the leaves and the flowers of the dill can flavor our sandwiches and be added to sour cream and other seasonings for a dip. We can make tea with the mint. We can dry them both for later. If you roll stems between your fingers, you find that most are round, but the mint family has square stems.

By this time of year, we understand "The Tiny Seed," who grows to maturity despite hardships.

## Upbeat on the Roof

The Frances Young Tang Teaching Museum and Art Gallery at Skidmore College is proud to announce that the twenty-second season of Upbeat on the Roof continues Thursday, July 13, with The Age. The music begins at 6 pm on the lawn outside the Tang, and kids can pick up a craft-making kit starting at 5:30 pm.

For Adrian Lewis (The Age), making music is a portal into how he sees the world: piecing together fragments of introspection and humility, through a reflective and universal lens. Weaving together textural authenticity with his live band, The Age touches on themes of devotion, insecurity, and heartache with an optimistic flair. His Neo-Soul tendencies, blended with the electrifying groove of '70s guitar, help this R&B artist evoke the genuine craftsmanship of the great songwriters before him.

New this year: Tang Art Educators will offer craft kits for kids starting at 5:30 pm. A different craft will be available each week. This week, participants are invited to make Oven Baked Clay Animal Pets: We will help you make animals of your choosing from oven-baked clay! All projects are

suitable for children aged 5 and up, with adult supervision recommended. Materials will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.

Performances take place on the lawn outside the Tang and are free and open to the public. Visitors are invited to bring picnic blankets, camping chairs, and their own food and drink to make it a night. Free parking is available off Perimeter Road, next to the museum. In case of rain, both the art-making activity and concert will move indoors. Upbeat events continue every Thursday through August 17.



The Age

# Have you heard our podcast yet?

Since our last issue, we again got the audio right and properly published our second podcast episode under the name The Weekly Newspaper Podcast.

Scan the QR code to the right or go to [weeklynewspaperpodcast.com](http://weeklynewspaperpodcast.com) to listen. You should also be able to

find it in your favorite podcast app.

The Weekly Newspaper Podcast talks about the struggles, both editorially and from a business perspective, of small community newspapers from the trenches of The Greenwich Journal & Salem Press.

The podcast also discusses why certain stories get picked for the paper, and why other stories don't make the cut, as well as community considerations and compromises that need to be made so that the paper maintains an objective source of trustworthy information that at the same time doesn't alienate readers.

Columnist Mike Levy joined publisher Darren Johnson at the Greenwich Free Library to record the first two episodes. Topics have ventured from serious to light, including having some fun with the name of an incoming new car wash in town.

The next recording session is expected to be Monday, July 10, at 10:30 a.m. in the library's Small Conference Room. If you would like to be a guest on- or off-air, contact [editor@journalandpress.com](mailto:editor@journalandpress.com).

Topics in the most recent episode of the podcast include thoughts from the Whipple City Festi-



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val, as well as commentary on the state of journalism and newspapers in Washington County.

## Bikes, beer, barges

Join Hudson Crossing Park and the Erie Canal Museum for a guided 90 minute historic cycling tour of the Erie Canal route in Schuylerville on Thursday, July 27 at 6pm. Participants will be able to enjoy an approximately 4 mile, mostly flat ride from the Champlain Region Gateway Visitor's Center (30 Ferry Street) in downtown Schuylerville following both the Champlain Canal and Hudson River.

The route starts as a stone dust trail along the Original Champlain Canal Towpath. Riders will continue through Hudson Crossing Park on a mowed grass trail to what is known as "Eagle Point," where the Canal and River converge by a unique slackwater dam.

If time allows participants will cross the historic Dix Bridge on the way back, which overlooks the Hudson River as well as the site of the British Army's 1777 crossing as they headed to the Battle of Saratoga. The ride will end at Bound by Fate Brewing.

Price per participant is \$25, and registration is available at [www.eriecanalmuseum.org/event/beers-bikes-and-barges-schuylerville](http://www.eriecanalmuseum.org/event/beers-bikes-and-barges-schuylerville).

## A walk through the garden

Join the Hebron Preservation Society for an evening at the home of Dr. Glenn Long in the Old Belcher Church at 4004 County Route 30 in Belcher, NY on Thursday, July 13th beginning at 6:30pm. A short walk through the garden will be followed by a tour of the church, which has been repurposed and is still in the process of being renovated.

Dr. Long will offer a discussion of the church's history and its place in the settling of Belcher, along with the founding of Methodism in Washington County, NY. The church was built in 1837 and moved to its present location in 1875. Dr. Long's version of the church is its fourth iteration. He landscapes about one acre of the slightly more than five-acre property, planting perennials including more than thirty varieties of daylilies, many of which will be in bloom on the day of the program.

Dr. Long is an art historian and genealogical and provenance researcher, and a member of the



Catalogue Raisonné Scholars Association (CRSA) and the International Foundation for Art Research (IFAR). With a Bachelor of Fine Arts and Master of Fine Arts in painting, printmaking, and photography, and a Ph.D. in the History of Painting, Sculpture, and Music from Ohio University.

## Cambridge Clean Up Party

Saturday, July 8th at 10am at the State Line Route 313 Rest Area in Cambridge, NY, you are invited to a post 4th of July Clean Up Party. This scenic stretch of riverfront highway welcomes visitors entering the state as it crosses over the Battenkill. It remains scenic and free of roadside trash through the efforts of the NYS Department of Transportation in partnership with Adopt a Highway groups including the Battenkill Conservancy ("BkC").

Four times a year, BkC coordinates volunteers & community groups to help collect trash along a 2 mile stretch of the highway. The route includes the State Line Route 313 Rest Area that serves as one of the most popular public launching sites for residents and visitors to access the Battenkill.

The Post 4th of July Roadside Clean Up Party! is being organized in recognition that the July 4th holiday is always one of the busiest times along the Battenkill. The uptick in road-

side trash, bottles and cans is the unfortunate result of irresponsible visitors, campers, and paddlers to the area. Be part of the solution by giving back an hour of your time as an example of your "Leave No Trace" ethos.

Meet at the State Line Route 313 Rest Area, sign in, pick up a trash bag and vest and head out north or south along the road or pick a side street to collect trash! Return your full trash bags and be rewarded with a cold drink and snacks for your efforts.

For more information email [bkc@battenkillconservancy.org](mailto:bkc@battenkillconservancy.org).



## RC Churches News

Mass at Holy Cross Catholic Church on Sunday is at 8:15AM. St. Patrick's celebrates on Sunday at 11:30 AM, (a children's liturgy is available at this Mass). Immaculate Conception in Hoosick Falls has Mass on Saturday at 4 PM and Sunday at 10 AM. Enjoy the fellowship of coffee hours at Holy Cross, held the first Sunday of the month. Have a cup and enjoy your neighbors "sweet" or share your own. Battenkill Catholic Lifelong Faith will focus on the Eucharist as the source and summit of our Christian Lives. Many resources are available on our website. Congratulations and blessings to all graduates! Check in before Mass anytime this summer to be recognized for your achievement and celebrate with you at anytime throughout the summer.

Please consider helping the local food pantry.

Connect is a group of young adults that hosts weekly activities and events to foster friendships and give back to the community. The group meets at 41 E Main St. in Cambridge every Friday evening from 6:30 - 10 PM to play games, eat good food, and ask hard questions. Much more information can be found by searching Google or Facebook for "Connect, Cambridge, NY".

Wings of Care is a ministry of care for the elderly and homebound. Some of the needs involve socialization or companionship, light housekeeping or transportation. If you have an hour to give, please call the parish office at 618-677-2757.

The Salem pantry could use pasta, cereal, paper towels and toilet paper. Cambridge is in need of peanut butter, dry cereal and chicken noodle soup to send home in backpacks for weekend meals.

—Submitted by Rose Mary Sheffield



## LGBTQ+ Pride ... and Prejudice

Warren Schultz  
Greenwich Free Library

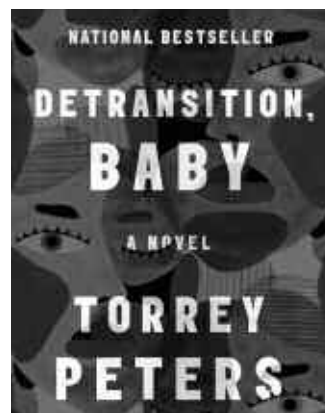
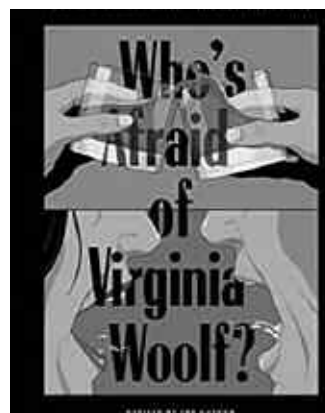
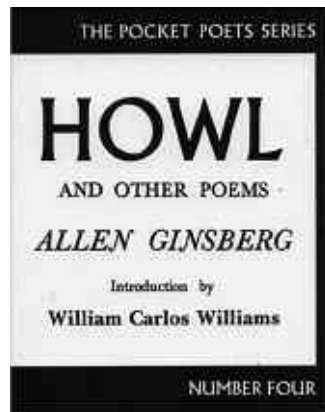
"In NYC, we don't celebrate Pride for one month, we celebrate it all year," a recent City of New York Twitter post proclaimed. So, as Pride Month passes and we take down our Pride display in the library, let's be like NYC and continue to recognize the extraordinary contributions of LGBTQ+ writers. Castigated, scorned, ignored for centuries, these artists refused to quit writing. They followed their compulsion to make themselves heard and to speak to the reading public. Thank goodness they did not give up or give in.

The world of literature (and music, and visual art, and performance art, and dancing) would be much poorer without LGBTQ+ artists' contributions. Many of them worked to keep their sexual identity separate from their writing. Others had no compunction about letting their freak flag fly, as the '60's battle cry went.

Edward Albee was a member of the former group. Some of his most famous work, including the play *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf*, deals with heterosexual couples. Yet Albee's homosexuality colored this portrayal of his characters. "Men don't like the way I write about them because I puncture the male fantasy of what they think they ought to be," he said. "I show them as they really are and this upsets a lot of them. Women think I'm right on target."

On the other hand, Allen Ginsberg was right in your face about his sexuality. His epic poem, *Howl*, is studded with references to homosexuality. Copies of *Howl* were seized in San Francisco in 1957 and Lawrence Ferlinghetti, the bookseller, was arrested and subsequently faced trial—in which *Howl* was ultimately deemed not obscene,

I've met and talked with both Albee and Ginsberg. A few years ago, I attended an event in the Hamptons, honoring the playwright.



After the presentation he was alone for a short time, and I seized that opportunity to say hello. I walked up to him and told him how much his work had meant to me. He thanked me. Then, hoping to prolong that moment I asked him if he was currently working on anything. He looked at me like I was an idiot and said: "I'm always working on something." Of course. As a writer I should know that writers are always working on something.

Many years earlier, Allen Ginsburg was invited to read at Syracuse University. As student government press secretary, I had the honor of meeting him at the airport. I picked him up in a borrowed car and brought him back to my apartment to relax before his engagement. I made him tea and we sat at the kitchen table talking about writing. I told him I was in the

English department poetry program, and he graciously asked to read some of my poems. I nervously pulled out a few typewritten pages for him to read. He read them, nodding, and smiling throughout. Standing face to face with each of them I was in awe of their talent. Their sexual orientation was irrelevant.

As if writing isn't hard enough, LGBTQ+ writers have had to battle prejudice and intolerance and punishment for their sexuality. James Baldwin left the country to avoid persecution for his race and sexual orientation. Oscar Wilde was notoriously gay in a time when homosexuality was a crime in England. Wilde was arrested, found guilty, and sentenced to two years of hard labor. This harassment, unfortunately, is not a thing of the past. The gay Chinese writer Tianyi was sentenced to a 10-year term in a Chinese prison just last month for "profiting from the production and sale of pornography."

Fortunately, throughout time, LGBTQ+ writers have persevered. A world without them would be a world without Albee's *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf* (and the works of Virginia Woolf herself.) There would be no *Color Purple* by Alice Walker, *No Naked Lunch* by William Burroughs, no *Fun Home* by Allison Bechtel, no *Brooklyn* by Colm Toibin no *Detransition Baby* by Torrey Peters. And on and on. What a shame that would be. Any library should be proud to include their books, videos, and music in their collections. Greenwich Free Library is. Let's all be like NYC.

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



### Pemrick wins Booth Award

The Adirondack District of the General Federation of Women's Clubs announced the presentation of its Marie P. Booth Award to Luke Pemrick of Greenwich, New York. This award is given annually to a college student who will be entering his junior or senior year.

Luke graduated from Greenwich High School. He currently attends the College of Saint Rose with a double major in Communications and Religion. His goal is to make films to assist students with learning disabilities. Luke is on the College of Saint Rose lacrosse team and volunteers in the community outreach programs his team supports. In addition to his studies and volunteer work, Luke also works in a local restaurant.

Luke's parents are Michael and Jeannie Pemrick of Greenwich. He was sponsored by the Salem Area Woman's Club. The women of the SAWC send their congratulation and best wishes for Luke's future.

### Writers read their work

On Tuesday, July 11, from 7 to 9PM, at the Greenwich Free Library, writers are encouraged to claim their 15 minutes to read from their work.

The purpose is to be heard: to try out a new idea or unwrap a piece that's been moth-balled too long – needing to be aired before thoughtfully attentive listeners. Those who would like to be those listeners will be warmly welcomed.

Writer Bonnie Hoag will guide the event. Those who would like to read may contact her at 518-320-0502 or dionondehowa@yahoo.com to reserve their time.

### Basket raffle

A Basket Raffle to benefit the Cambridge Food Pantry will be on display & tickets sold on each of the following days at the Cambridge Food Pantry, 59 South Park Street, Cambridge on Wednesday July 12th from 1pm-3pm., Thursday July 13th from Noon-2pm, and Friday July 14th 4pm - 6pm. The Basket Raffle opens at 10 am on Saturday July 15th with the drawings starting at 1 pm. It is not necessary to be present to win. For more information please call Linda at 518-677-3327 or June at 518-677-3576.

### Historic!

Saratoga Deputy Supervisor Ian Murray receives a donation of General Schuyler's portrait from Deb Peck Kelleher, President of the Old Saratoga Historical Association, at Saratoga Town Hall. The unveiling of this historic portrait marks a significant addition to the town of Saratoga's collection, as the iconic General Schuyler's likeness will find a new home in the prestigious Schuyler Room. Efforts are underway to frame this remarkable piece, honoring its importance and preserving it for generations to come.



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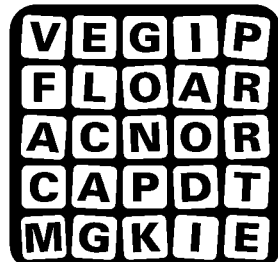
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## Fun & Games

(solution below)

### 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 sheet of paper. You may only use each letter box once within a single word. Play with a friend and compare word lists, crossing out common words.

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

**YOUR BOGGLE RATING**  
151+ = Champ  
101-150 = Expert  
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31-60 = Gamer  
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11-20 = Amateur  
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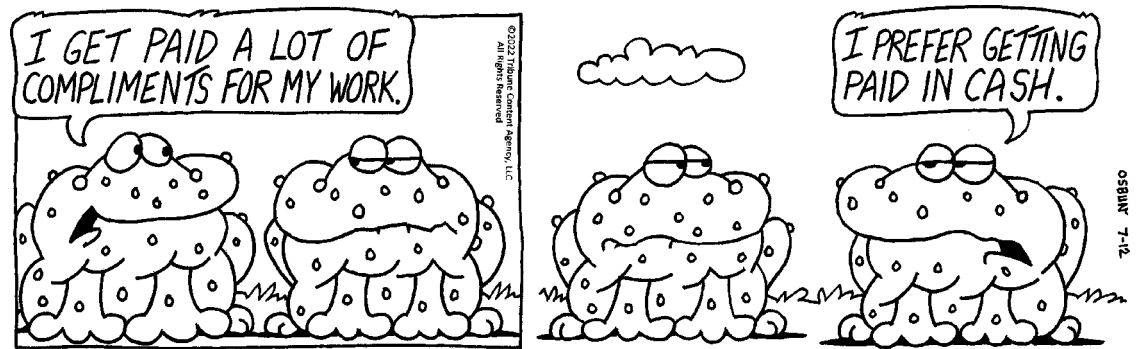
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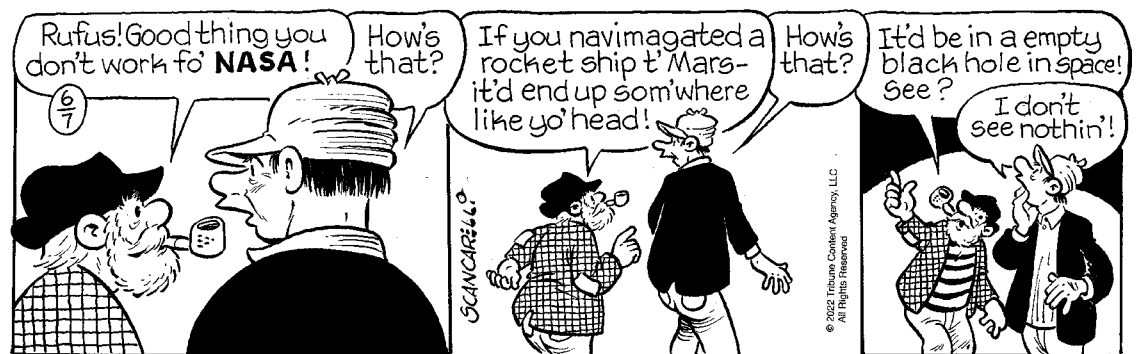
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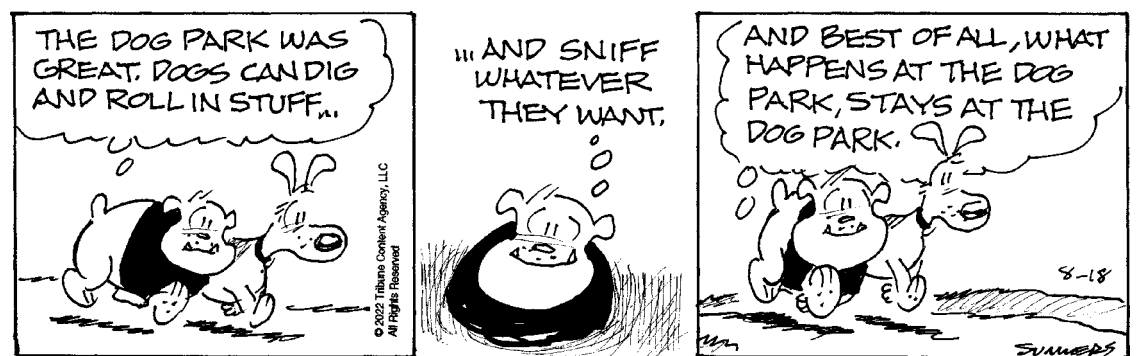
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# Through the Decades

## Would be the largest lake in the county

Here is where we look at past editions of *The Journal & Press* from early Julys decades ago...

### 100 Years Ago July 4, 1923

A dam eighty-five feet high in the Battenkill Valley about a mile above the village of Shushan is one of the details of the plans filed by the Hudson River Regulating District commission last week. There is no way if knowing when such a project may be carried out, but the plans make it evident that the control of the Battenkill flow is counted as an important feature of the state power development plans as formulated by engineers who have studied the subject. When, and if, such a dam is built, it will change the geography of Washington County to the extent of creating: a lake bigger than any natural

body of water now entirely within the county. Cossayuna, which now has the distinction of being the biggest lake in the county, not including of course Lakes George and Champlain, which wash its borders, would be a good-sized pond beside the now Shushan reservoir, but not much more.

The creation of Shushan Lake, according to the plans filed, "Would flood eight miles of public highway and two rails of D. and H. railroad track. It would put the hamlet of East Salem under water and leave Anaquassacoke on the banks of a broad expanse of water.

### 70 Years Ago July 1, 1953

Shooting on the outdoor range at the Greenwich Fish and Game club last Wednesday evening, the

Greenwich pistol team won from the Saratoga police team by a score of 1360 to 1219.

### 40 Years Ago July 14, 1983

Yes, we know Washington county is a place for all seasons. It's just easier to love it in the summer time. Let us count the ways.

Relax. Get lost on a shady country road, watch the birds, practice pitching horse shoes, cheer on the kids at Little League, dust off the harmonica, get to know someone with a convertible, go swimming, fishing, picnicking, dangle your toes in the Battenkill, listen to the quiet.

Eat. Our city friends may love Chinese, but we have a grocery store in the woods. Pick mushrooms (be careful), milkweed,

burdock, raspberries, cat-tails, cow slips, watercress, day lily buds, sassafras.

Then there's the garden. Gather in the zucchini, beet greens, pea pods, lettuce, broccoli, beans, onions, carrots, cabbage, sweet corn, radishes, cucumbers, potatoes, cauliflower, tomatoes, eggplant, even spinach.

Learn. We're not short on food for thought, either. Catch a show at Fort Salem Theatre, Dorset playhouse, or the Schuylerville Youth Theatre. Check out the latest display at the library, visit the Shushan Covered Bridge Museum and old schoolhouse, relax at a performance of the Washington County Concert Band, attend a workshop at Hubbard Hall.

Summer pleasures abound. Enjoy the season while it lasts.

-Compiled by Darren Johnson

## Legal Notice

The bond resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted on the 12th day of June, 2023, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the Greenwich Central School District is not authorized to expend money or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of publication of this notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

A complete copy of the bond resolution

summarized herewith is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Office of the School District Clerk of the School District for a period of twenty days from the date of publication of this Notice.

District Clerk

BOND RESOLUTION DATED JUNE 12, 2023 OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE GREENWICH CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AUTHORIZING NOT TO EXCEED \$155,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF SERIAL GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND THE EXPENDITURE OF \$220,000 FROM THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND TO FINANCE THE COST OF THE ACQUISITION OF SCHOOL BUSES AND A PICK-UP TRUCK WITH PLOW AT AN ESTIMATED MAXI-

MUM COST OF \$380,000, THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH SUM FOR SUCH PURPOSE, LEVY OF TAX IN ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS IN PAYMENT THEREOF, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT STATE AID RECEIVED, AND DETERMINING OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

Class of objects or purposes:  
Acquisition of two school buses and one pick-up truck with plow

Maximum Estimated Cost:  
\$380,000

Period of probable usefulness: Five (5) years

Amount of obligations to be issued:  
\$155,00

Expenditure from Capital

Reserve Fund:

## Legal Notice

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A NEW YORK LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY PURSUANT TO NEW YORK LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW SECTION 206

- The name of the limited liability company is HIGH GEAR HAULING LLC
- The date of filing of the Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State was March 4, 2022

3. The County in New York in which the office of the company is located is Washington

4. The Secretary of State has been designated as the agent of the Company upon whom process may be served, and the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the company served upon him or her to William Grogan, III 34 County Route 59A, Buskirk, NY 12028

5. The business purpose of the company is to engage in any and all business activities permitted under the laws of the State of New York.

(6X through 9/16)

## Legal Notice

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to resolution of the of the Town of Hebron,

Washington County, New York, sealed bids for the purchase of sand will be received at the office

Of the Highway Superintendent or Town Clerk 3161 Co. Rt.30 Town of Hebron, County of Washington. New York by 1 P.M. on the day of July 10, 2023. At the Town Board meeting that evening they will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Bids will be submitted in sealed envelopes at the above address and shall bear on the face thereof the name and the address of the bidder.

The item to be bid on will comply with the following general specifications: three-eighth's minus sand 3000. A price on having it delivered and a bid on picking it up at the site. The difference between the two.

Specifications are available to any interested bidder at the Office of the Highway Superintendent.

The contract for the purchase of the above item will be awarded by Town Board and the Superintendent of Highways to the lowest bidder.

In cases where two or more reasonable bid-

ders submit identical bids as to price, the Town board may award the contract to either of such bidders.

The Town Board may reject all bids and readvertise or new bids in its discretion.

By order of the Town Board

Floyd Pratt Hwy Superintendent

Sincerely Yours,

Dorothy Worthington

## Legal Notice

Notice of Formation of TI BKS LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of

State of New York SSNY on 6/20/23. Office Location: Washington County.

SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY

shall mail process to: The LLC, 488 Gull Bay Rd, Putnam Station, NY 12861. Purpose: any lawful activity.

(6X through 9/16)

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| <b>PAR SCORE 265-275</b> |                |                |                |                |                |                | <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>348</b> |

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