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FROM OUR SUBSTACK – JOIN US ONLINE! The national vs. local news cycle – and analysis of the police chief arrest

Darren Johnson Journal & Press

Publisher's Note: Did you know that The Journal & Press has a <u>daily</u> newsletter. Find it at journalpress.substack.com. It's free but there also is a pay option, if you're really into it! Here's a recent column from it.

The Trump assassination attempt surely will dominate the news cycle, and even a relatively tiny paper like The Journal & Press is part of "the media," but is anyone looking to us for coverage on this?

Really, there are three tiers of reporting:

National; think largely national broadcast and cable TV and some big Internet sites, but papers like The New York Times and Wall Street Journal, among others, are also considered national.

Regional; this would be our Capital Region TV channels and the smaller daily papers that serve our area. The daily papers cover a large swath of counties rather loosely, cherrypicking the stories that may raise eyebrows.

Local; largely weekly, bi-weekly and monthly papers that at best serve a part of a county and mostly report stories that only would be of interest to people in that coverage area.

So it would seem out of place for us to try to report on a national story. It's two tiers removed from our mission. But, nonetheless, the story will dominate, and many people don't differentiate between the types of outlets and may consider the local papers "lightweight" because they don't deal with the national issues a lot of people care about.

The regional papers, like The Post-Star (as long as that will exist; it seems to be on life support), The Daily Gazette of Schenectady and the Times-Union, get to play both sides of the fence, and oftentimes their journalists look down on small-town weekly papers for their coverage of chicken BBQs, church news, flower shows and such.

I'm sure the covers of their papers the day after led with the Trump story.

Sometimes we get a story that is indeed local — because it happened here — but also is interesting at a regional or even national level (the driveway shooter story, for example).

One such story hit while I was on vacation this past week but I was able to gather statements and piece something together from the beach for our Facebook audience. Here it is:

DANKO ARREST PROMPTS SPE-CIAL MEETING

Last week we had reported that Robert Danko had been promoted to Chief of the Cambridge-Greenwich Police Department.

Today (July 11), the Washington County Sheriff's Office announced his arrest.

Their release:

"According to Sheriff Jeffrey J. Murphy on Wednesday July 10, 2024 Robert M Danko, age 44 of the Town of Salem was arrested following an investigation as a result of a prior domestic incident that occurred in the Town of Salem.

"Danko was charged with Harassment 2nd Degree and Unlawful Imprisonment 2nd Degree. He was arraigned at Washington County Central Arraignment and released to appear at a later date."

Cambridge Mayor Carman Bogle said that the village board held a special meeting tonight to discuss next steps and would have a statement after. It arrived at 6 p.m. and reads:

"The Village of Cambridge was made

aware by Chief Danko of [a person known to him] having filed a criminal complaint against him. In light of the filing of the charge, the Chief has been placed on paid administrative leave so that information can be gathered and reviewed. The conduct complained of did not occur while the Chief was at work and while this is a private matter between the Chief and [the complainant], the Village has taken this action so that the legal process can proceed, and the Department can continue to operate. Insomuch as this is a personnel matter, we will not be making any further comment at this time."

Greenwich Mayor Amanda Hurley stated: "Last night, I was made aware by Cambridge Mayor Bogle and District Attorney Tony Jordan that Cambridge-Greenwich Police Chief Robert Danko had been arrested and charged with unlawful imprisonment and harassment, both misdemeanors. The Village of Cambridge (Chief Danko's employer) has him on paid administrative leave pending resolution of the criminal charges. I have discussed the situation with the Village Attorney, and he and I support the action taken by the Village of Cambridge as appropriate under the circumstances."

The Village of Greenwich contracts services through the Village of Cambridge for police coverage but doesn't have direct control over personnel matters.

[UPDATED TO REMOVE VICTIM IN-FORMATION FROM A STATEMENT.]

Dissecting the Piece

So, the above story may look simple to put together, but consider:

The regional media was on this, too, and they can do a "one off" because they don't actually live here, while a small weekly paper here knows all of the players and its reputation locally — and sales — depend on

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it being fair.

This is complicated in that we know Danko through various interactions, and have to consider future interactions, should he resume his duties. If we're unfair, that may taint future communications.

While it's true an accused is innocent until proven guilty, one also must give that same consideration to a complainant, which is why I redacted some of Mayor Bogle's statement. People who likely don't like Bogle and/or Danko were messaging our paper via social media — but are they subscribers to the paper even? Why should I consider their information?

One also must consider various other scenarios when it comes to someone being charged; a county agency arresting someone from a town agency is complicated for all involved. I think the Washington County statement was pretty balanced considering how the arrest looks. Public perception is a factor with higher profile cases. Is one getting harder/softer treatment because of that?

The only photos I had of Danko were of

him smiling; not appropriate to run with this story, though the regional outlets did run such photos.

When Danko's promotion was announced last week, I wondered why only Cambridge officials were present when the agency also serves Greenwich, so felt that needed to be explained a bit in the piece. I felt that Greenwich Mayor Amanda Hurley's statement was good.

Overall, I think it's important to realize that all such cases involve real people with real feelings and emotions, and any reporting is long-lasting, whatever the legal outcome is eventually.

Does Greenwich still have a 'beach'?

Not all of our Substack posts are serious. Many are not. Here's a tongue-in-cheek one posted just before press time:

No one talks about Greenwich Beach anymore, and I'm not sure it really exists, though I occasionally see a swimmer in the part of the Battenkill that once was deemed a beach.

When I first moved here, from an area that had access to lots of ocean beaches, I mentioned to someone in town that that's probably the only thing I'd miss from my previous town (along with the bagels and pizza), and he said, "Oh, Greenwich has a beach."

I was incredulous. How?

I'd always assumed the word beach was synonymous with ocean, or at least lake, neither of which Greenwich genuinely has.

But I guess technically, a spot along the river can be a beach.

Though I knew the Hudson was contaminated with PCBs, I didn't know that its local tributary, the Battenkill, didn't have the PCBs.

I guess I didn't consider the direction the water flows. It goes to the Hudson, not from the Hudson. So the Battenkill wouldn't have Hudson pollution.

I could use a swim. It's going to be hot today and tomorrow.

I am going to print with a paper and then

will deliver it, driving by there along Route 29.

Maybe I'll pop by the so-called beach and see if anyone's there. I will take a photo.

Here's a photo I took of the playground there one fall day. The town calls it Battenkill Park formally.

But as I was researching Through the Decades for this issue, I found this from 60 years ago...

July 30, 1964

There are not too many people on the streets, but there are hundreds of people at the Greenwich bathing beach these hot days. George Jackson, director of the youth recreation program, estimates that probably 600 to 800 visit the beach during one of these torrid days, and there will likely be more than 250 swimming at one time. The Battenkill, like every other stream, is low, but the water remains clear and good for swimming.

Hundreds? At Greenwich Beach?

Then I also found this related ad from 100 years ago... (See M. Sonn ad on page 22.)

Swimming has been a thing here for a while. I think I want to be that guy in the ad.

What probably killed Greenwich Beach are air conditioning and changes in atti-



tudes about car travel — people are more willing today to drive an hour or so for a swim, but when I was a kid I remember my parents would balk at driving anywhere further than 10 minutes.

And beaches elsewhere are obviously better, no matter where you live.

Maybe we should lobby for a town pool?

I certainly can't afford to buy my own pool — not an in-ground one, anyway — and maintaining them is a grind — but the way our Washington County towns operate is they can't really be proactive and propose a big spend.

Which is why I wouldn't run for town board — you can never do anything fun because there's no real money.

Or if you do propose something new and exciting, everyone freaks out. *Ah, politics*.

RIDE ALONG

Lissa Chambers, Tractor Driver, Chambers Valley Farms

Adam Harrison Levy

Journal & Press

ADAM: We are sitting in your tractor. Where are we?

LISSA: We're driving on Chambers Road.

ADAM: What does this road mean to you?

LISSA: Paradise. It's home. I wouldn't want to be anywhere else.

ADAM: What's it like to drive a tractor?

LISSA: My heart goes a million miles an hour, full of exhilaration. I love everything - merging, putting the windrows of hay together, planting the corn. I'm the only one who plants all the corn and I do 99% of the merging of the hay.

ADAM: What are your early memories on the farm?

LISSA: I was always at the barn with my father, helping to feed the calves, up early, before school. And then I'd have to race home and change clothes. I was always a farm kid.

ADAM: What did it feel like when you first drove a tractor on your own?

LISSA: It was when I was fourteen and I had fear, but I was, like, I got this! Every year I got better and better. But I still have anxiety because the tractors have gotten bigger and the equipment has gotten bigger. When I have the planter, all the fertilizer is on one side and it's top heavy; if I have to go in certain spots, it can tip over easily. I shake like crazy even to this day. I get to this spot, a narrow culvert, and you have to hit it just right. If you make one false move the planter will fall into the water.

ADAM: Where are we now?

LISSA: We're driving on Rt. 153

ADAM: How do you feel driving on a road with a mixture of trucks and cars?

LISSA: I have no problem with motorcy-

cles and semi-trucks. They are courteous – they slow down, they move over, and they wave to you. It's the cars that try to race you, go by you on corners. Everybody should be looking out for everybody,

ADAM: Is this tractor special?

LISSA: This is my tractor, my Mom and Dad call it mine, the guys call it mine, I use her for everything – I plant, I merge, I pack bunk with her.

ADAM: She's your companion?

LISSA: Yup. I use her from April to October. I'm basically in her every day. Depending on the season I can be in her a couple hours a day or I can be in her twenty hours a day.

ADAM: When you're merging what are you thinking about?

'Paradise. It's home. I wouldn't want to be anywhere else.'

LISSA: I can be frustrated with the weather or I can be elated. Like we got good rain or good heat. Or I'm stressed because we had a breakdown the day before and you are racing to catch up. Your mind is going with lots of things. Or sometimes I try to block things



out and I turn up my music and just enjoy a peaceful day with my dogs.

ADAM: Dogs! You have your dogs with you in the tractor?

LISSA: Yup, I have a mini Aussie doodle and a mini Aussie. They're my kids, my fur kids. One of them is named Maisie and the other is Little Miss.

ADAM: When you are in the fields what is going through your mind?

LISSA: I'm checking the radar, like today we have hay down and we knew that rain was coming and we're behind. I'm like,

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Salem's Erbe earns Burnett scholarship

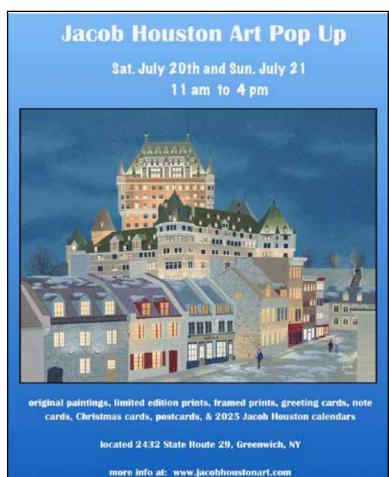
The 77th annual Belle C. Burnett Foundaton Scholarship, associated with the Salem Area Woman's club, was awarded at Salem Central School's graduation ceremony to Molly Erbe on Friday evening, June 28, 2024. A Salem resident, Molly is the daughter of Andy and Kimberly Erbe.



Molly graduated fifth in her class and will be attending the University of Rhode Island to major in Kinesiology which entails a sixyear program. She's excited about the opportunities being offered including research projects and the ability to intern with a

sports team. Molly maintained a high grade point average throughout high school resulting in awards for academic excellence and being selected for the National Honor Society. A leader among her peers, she held the office of Vice President for both the National Honor Society and her senior class. Being a very well-rounded student. Molly also participated in varsity field hockey, serving as the team captain, and basketball. In her free time, this exceptional student was also involved in community projects.

Awarded each year for 77 years, the 2024 Belle C. Burnett Scholarship amount is \$1,000. However, growth in their investment portfolio enabled the foundation to award an additional \$1,000 bringing this year's award to \$2,000. Former Belle C. Burnett recipients Keenan Fronhofer (Class of 2021), Silvia Escobar-Deleon (Class of 2022), and Eli Thetford (Class of 2023) will also receive \$2,000 each for the 2024/2025 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 students.



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are we gonna get this done? We need to go, I gotta step this up a gear. Your heart starts to go a bit faster. You know we can always get this done - we all work together. There is no I, there is a we. We can do this. And we always somehow manage to get it done.

ADAM: Any funny stories?

LISSA: I once caught a field on fire!

ADAM: What??

LISSA: It was a hot day like this and I was merging and those teeth are metal and

it was dry ground and I turned around and I thought, hey, that does not look like dust, that's smoke, and then I'm like - that's fire! The teeth must have sparked on a rock. Luckily the chopper and the dump truck weren't too far ahead and we put it out.

ADAM: Do you daydream?

LISSA: Your mind wanders all the time to different things. You've been in the tractor for a week straight for fifteen hours you're like – my laundry is backing up, and my dishes, and I haven't had a home-cooked meal.

ADAM: Driving in this tractor feels peaceful to me.

LISSA: It is peaceful, even if we are stressed about the weather, or it's been a bad year. I always feel at home. I'm blessed to have grown up on the farm, in this valley. I couldn't have asked for anything more.

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thor and journalist (The Guardian, BBC). He teaches writing at the School of Visual Arts and offers workshops and private lessons in Salem. Contact him at adamharrisonlevy@ gmail.com.



The first to get dispensary go-ahead

Darren Johnson Journal & Press

Windy Hill C-B-D, run by Holly Harris on Main Street in the Village of Greenwich, was recently awarded a recreational cannabis license.

"This has been a long process and quite stressful," she announced on social media, "but we are finally ready to move forward."

Windy Hill won't be able to sell recreational cannabis products just yet – getting the license was the first step – but Harris said she will now fervently begin renovations of the building to be compliant with state regulations. The dispensary may open as soon as this fall.

"To say I am beyond ecstatic is an understatement," she added. "I believe this will bring additional commerce to our village and hopefully make Greenwich a destination."

Harris envisions "a boutique store where everyone who enters is welcome and feels comfortable."

"I look forward to bringing this to our village and bringing additional tax revenue to help our community," she said.

Here is our extended Q&A:

J&P: Congrats on the big news. So you're going to have a full dispensary?

HH: Yes. Windy Hill will become Windy Hill Wellness. We will continue to offer a full line of Windy Hill CBD products and accessories, plus we will now have a fully operational cannabis dispensary onsite.

J&P: What kind of products can you sell?

HH: We will be able to sell THC products that contain marijuana, not limited to just flower but also edibles and quite possibly beverages.

J&P: What were some of the things the state said in approving your application?

HH: In order to have license approval, a complete background check was done. We



also have to have our location within proper distance from schools and churches. Then we needed to make sure that no other locations were in close proximity to ours. New York State had a lengthy application process, which I hired the Firm CanDelta to handle. This way, I knew we had every i dotted and t crossed.

J&P: Will this be the only one in the area? Will it be both your Greenwich and Glens Falls locations?

HH: There is another location that is pending in our town as well and hopefully, they will also have their license very shortly. Our Glens Falls location did not score as high in the states lottery queue but we are hopeful we can also secure a license there as well.

J&P: How will yours compare to the big ones in Massachusetts?

HH: Windy Hill will focus on a very oneon-one personal approach to cannabis. We plan on doing exactly like we do with CBD and educate when needed. We will also offer quick instore pickup where a customer can order ahead. We are really going to grow steadily and have a focus on customer experience rather than volume. We want everyone to feel like they are welcome and not rushed.

J&P: When are you expecting to have a grand opening?

HH: Getting the license is the first step. We have a long road ahead. We are going to start renovations on the building, and I am hopeful we can have an October opening.

J&P: What modifications do you need to make to your location before opening?

HH: We will be increasing security and adding some more solid doors, securing windows. We will be putting in ordering kiosks and retail display cases.

J&P: How will you market the store?

HH: Our store will be Windy Hill Wellness. Windy Hill already has a name, and this will just add to everything we offer. We will work with New York State on ways to advertise, as this is a tricky area, but word of mouth is also great.

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Hungrytown's folk stylings at gazebo

All are invited to the second installment of this summer's Music at the Library monthly summer music series, featuring Hungrytown at the Mowry Park gazebo across from the Greenwich Free Library on Monday, July 24 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. Mexican restaurant Casa Reyes will once again be on hand for dinner and snacks. In the event of rain, this event will be held indoors in the library's Community Room.

Hungrytown is a folk duo out of Vermont who tour extensively in the region and around the world. Rebecca Hall and Ken Anderson, through their years of worldwide touring and tireless devotion to many classic genres of music, have crafted Hungrytown into a true artistic hybrid, able to hold Celtic and Americana, ballads and psychedelia, sunshine and darkness, joy and despair--not only within the same album, but within the same song. Hungrytown's music has received extensive radio airplay worldwide and has appeared on several television shows, including The Daily Show and Portlandia.

In addition to great food and music, the event features free children's books for attendees wishing to participate in the library's Summer Reading program. This series is made possible with funds from the Statewide Community Regrant Program, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with the sup-

port of the office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature and administered by the Lower Adirondack Regional Arts Council.



The full remaining Music at the Library series schedule is: Monday, July 22; Monday, August 29, and Monday, September 23.

J&P: You've been selling similar products for a while so you know how to talk to a lot of different types of clients knowledgeably about picking the right products for their needs. I take it you'll also offer similar advice for your new products. Tell us why being well versed on what you're selling is important.

HH: Understanding the effects of THC, whether it be hemp-based on marijuanabased, is crucial. You need to have a solid background and knowledge in what you are selling. Listening, learning and experimenting are key along with reading. Lots and lots of reading on cannabis products. You need to know the effects, people will rely on your advice and guidance

J&P: How will you allay the fears of people who may worry about having a full dispensary in town and the added traffic of customers?

Dispensary (cont.)

HH: My thought on this has been the dispensary will only add to what people come to Greenwich for. Maybe it will be a destination stop now which will bring people to shop at the various businesses downtown. Our village is growing and when you stroll down main street you will be able to see all we have. If the dispensary isn't here, they may never come to Greenwich.

I think about all the tax revenue this will bring to our village and county. We can certainly use this to help offset some of the increases I see in our budgets. I have a very boutique style shop and I plan on keeping with that theme.

One of the fears I hear is underage purchases. We will not be allowing ANYONE in the store under 21. We will have a person at the entrance to ID all who enter. We will have one entrance into the store and an exit on the side for all who leave the dispensary. Each and every person will be carded upon entering and also upon checkout. If for any reason we are not comfortable with a person in the store, we will not be selling to them.

Although this is a recreational license my goal is to make this a wellness destination and our focus will remain as such.

J&P: The law also allows for having smoking lounges. Do you plan anything like that?

HH: No, we will not have a lounge.

J&P: So you must be pretty excited about your new place. Anything else you'd like to add?

HH: I am very excited. We have been waiting a long time for this, and now I am excited to see how this will bring commerce to our village. I absolutely love where I live, and this license means that I can help stimulate growth for our village. I had a dream, and now it is becoming a reality. So, yes, I am very excited.

End of life – making your plans known

Members of the public are invited to Greenwich Free Library on Wednesday July 17 at 11:00 am for the second in a series about remaining in community as one ages, presented by Barbara Price, BCPA. The theme for this event is Having Conversations about End of Life Wishes. Barbara Price says, "The first step in defining how you want to age and your hopes for end-oflife is to think about it. The second step is to talk with your loved ones, so they know and respect your wishes." This 90-minute session will cover the major topics to think about and how to get started on the conversations.

Price, an End-of-Life Doula, explains, "Expressing your wishes to your family before a serious illness or close to death, can give you more control, autonomy and dignity during a critical illness. It's a process that happens over time. This community conversation will help you get started." All are welcome, and no registration is required.

Barbara Price, BA, BCPA, has a degree in psychology with a certificate in Psychosynthesis counseling. Her further studies include compassion in action, community palliative care, and end of life care (EOLD). She lives in Greenwich, is a hospice volunteer, and is also the primary caregiver to a disabled family member.

'Recovery' doc and panel discussion

This summer, Salem, Cambridge, and Greenwich libraries invite members of the community to come together to learn about an issue that has affected many in our region: alcohol and opioid use. A screening of Adirondack Health Institute's "Hope of Recovery" documentary will be shown at all three locations this summer.

"Hope of Recovery" highlights first-person stories to affirm that recovery is a process of change through which people improve their health and wellness in a self-directed way. Substance use disorder affects not only the person who is battling the disease, but family and friends alike. Every pathway is different. Every story is unique. All empowered by hope. Following the one hour film will be a panel discussion with several community members and/or persons who were featured in the documentary.

Who should come to this program? Anyone who is curious about learning more about the opioid and alcohol epidemic, specifically in the North Country, and how it impacts us all. Teens through seniors who are currently facing their own struggles with substance use, or who have family members or friends struggling with addiction, and anyone who wants to become more empathetic to the struggle of so many.

The dates and locations for the screenings are:

- Salem Bancroft Library: Thursday, July 25th, 6:30 - 8:30 PM
- Cambridge Public Library: Wednesday, August 7th, 6:30 - 8:30 PM
- Greenwich Free Library: Monday, August 12th, 6:30 8:30 PM

The documentary was directed and produced by Jordan Craig Media LLC and funded by the Rural Communities Opioid Response Program Grant of Adirondack Health Institute. This project is supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Get ready for Schuylerville Flower Show

The Schuylerville Garden Club will present its annual National Garden Club Inc. Standard Flower Show entitled "A Little Bit Country" on Saturday, July 20 from 1:00 – 5:00 pm and Sunday, July 21 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 photos to the photo division and horticulture specimens to the horticulture division. See the website for details. All divisions reflect the "Country" theme.

The Schuylerville Garden Club, established in 1938, has presented many annual Flower Shows that have been enjoyed by the public through the years. The club has won many national and state garden club awards for the shows. This year's show should also be a prize winner! Gardeners and nongardeners alike enjoy the show each year

In addition to the competitions, there will be plant, glove and bake sales, prizes from

a benefit table and special exhibits.

Admission and refreshments are free! The public

is invited to attend and participate in the show. For more information, visit w w w . schuylervillegar-



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Story Laurie to enchant Easton

Easton Library will be hosting storyteller, songwriter and singer Laurie McIntosh (aka Story Laurie) at Easton Library on Wednesday, July 17 at 10:30 AM. Story Laurie will thoroughly engage all ages in a highly fun, intelligent, and interactive family friendly program.

"Setting sail" from Easton library, Story Laurie will take her listeners on an imaginary journey on the magical sloop "Discovery." Hop aboard and you may meet a racing weevil named Lightning, a flying sea turtle, a pirate who never learned to swim, and many more colorful characters as we sail the seven seas in pursuit of a true adventure!

Laurie is an enchanting entertainer who transports listeners of all ages to lands near and far with her delightful renditions of folk tales and vibrantly entertaining, socially conscious songs for kids and families. Since making her home in the Catskill Mountains nearly 20 years ago, Laurie has performed for audiences of all ages at schools, libraries, festivals and historical societies.

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



EarthBeat Music

Easton Library, Greenwich Free Library, and EarthBeat Music invite the community to celebrate global music and dance with two master musicians from Guinea, West Africa. Master Drummer M'Bemba Bangoura (NYC, NY | Conakry, Guinea) and Master Dancer Youssouf Koumbassa (Birmingham, AL | Conakry, Guinea) will present two dance workshops on Friday July 19th at Burton Hall (Easton Town Hall) located at 1071 NY-40 in Greenwich, NY. Both workshops are free.

The evening will kick off with a short performance by M'Bemba and Youssouf with special guest musicians, and then all will be welcomed to join the all ages, all bodies, all abilities Community Intergenerational 6:00 PM. Families welcomed! Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

At 7:00 PM, following this energizing movement session, there will be a more intensive Traditional Guinea, West African Dance Workshop where a specific rhythm will be explored through dance, and will include a deep dive into its history and meaning.

Registration is required for both events. Call Greenwich Free Library at 518-692-7157 or visit greenwichfreelibrary.org to register.

Produced by EarthBeat Music and hosted by the Easton and Greenwich libraries, this evening is also made free and accessible to the community thanks to support from Dance Flurry Organization and MLK Saratoga.

More area workshops

The celebration of world music will continue the following day at Victory Hall in Victory, NY with two more events produced by EarthBeat Music.In-

troduction to West African Balafon Workshop: Technique, History & Song with Balafon Master Abou Sylla on Saturday July 20 from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM and Djembe + Dunduns Drumming Workshop with Master Drummer M'Bemba Bangoura from



12:30 - 2:30 PM. Both Saturday workshops are intended for teens and adults. For more information and to register for the workshops at Victory Hall, participants should contact EarthBeat Music at earthbeatmusic.chelsie@gmail.com.

Beekeeping for all ages

Join Betterbee at Easton Library on Wednesday, July 24 at 1:30 PM, for an interactive presentation on beekeeping for all ages. Safely learn about bees and bee biology while observing them from behind a glass observation hive. A Betterbee educator will discuss the importance of pollinators and how much they do for our local ecosystems, and share knowledge to promote responsibility, sustainability, and adaptability. There will be a rolled beeswax candle demonstration and activity to follow.

Making rolled beeswax candles is a fun

activity for both kids and adults. They are easy to make and a safe way for kids to make candles. This simple method of making candles may give anyone an immediate sense of accomplishment and satisfaction.

Join directly following the Betterbee educational program to make a rolled beeswax candle. This candle making event is free of charge, and intended for ages 5 and up. Register for the event by calling the library at 518-692-2253.

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Bancroft summer events

This summer, Bancroft Public Library invites members of the community to come together for several different programs for adults and kids alike. On July 25 at 6:30 pm, the library invites community members (teens through seniors) to come to a screening of Hope of Recovery, a documentary by Adirondack Health Network about substance abuse. The film will be followed by a panel discussion on the documentary.

In August, Danger the Dino Wrangler (August 9 at 4:30 pm) will be here to entertain and teach about dinosaurs—this is a family-friendly event. On August 17 at 10:30 am, local author Dani Martindale will read two

of her new children's books at the Gazebo in Salem for a special story time. And, there will be a beginning birding work shop hosted by Southern



Songs of 1776

The Warren County Historical Society and the Warren County, NY 250th commission are hosting a concert, "Songs of the American Revolution" with Cosby Gibson & Tom Staudle, on Wednesday, July 17, 2024 at 7:00 PM at the Queensbury Masonic Historical Society. QMHS is located right off Exit 19 of the Adirondack Northway at 15 Burke Dr. Queensbury. Call 518-743-0734 to learn more.

With the upcoming 250th anniversary of the American Revolution, local duo Cosby Gibson & Tom Staudle will detail the battles and personalities of the late 18th century with a concert of historic songs, along with a brief narrative of the history of the war. It will be an evening of patriotism, inspiration, and song. Adirondack Audubon Society on August 22 at 6:30 pm.

There are plenty of other reasons to come to the library this summer! Follow us on Facebook and Instagram to see what's happening, or go to our website to learn more about the upcoming events.

The Bancroft Public Library is located at

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

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RANDOM THOUGHTS

A slice of idyllic Americana

Michael Levy Journal & Press

In Washington County, across from where the Adirondacks meets the Hudson River, with the Green Mountains and the Taconics to the east, lies a tapestry of small towns that embody the essence of smalltown America. These communities, with their lush farmlands, historic barns, and winding country roads, offer a glimpse into a way of life that is increasingly rare in today's fast-paced world.

One of the most appealing aspects of living here is a sense of tranquility. Away from the hustle and bustle of the big city, our small communities offer a quieter, more relaxed pace of life. Despite the pressures of modernity, these towns and villages in Upstate New York have managed to preserve their own unique pastoral charm.

Local artisans and craftspeople play a significant role in maintaining these traditions. Their work reflects a commitment to quality and a respect for the skills passed down through generations. Shops and galleries in towns such as Cambridge, Salem, and Greenwich proudly display an eclectic selection of goods and merchandise, attracting visitors from near and far.

Generations of families have farmed the same fields, raising dairy cattle, growing corn, and tending to the farms that produce the finest agricultural products in the country. Local farmers markets are hubs where you can buy fresh produce, homemade jams, and artisanal cheeses. These markets are more than just places to shop; they are social events where neighbors catch up, children play, and the latest news is shared.

Fairs and festivals, such as the annual Washington County Fair, highlight the agricultural heritage and talents of the region. Livestock shows, craft displays, and a variety of contests bring people together, celebrating the rural traditions that define our identity.

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Residents can enjoy hiking, fishing, boating, and skiing in nearby locations, making it an ideal destination for nature enthusiasts and adventure seekers.

For history buffs, Washington County has a deep historical significance, with roots dating back to before the Revolutionary War. Nearby historic sites offer residents and visitors a glimpse into America's past.

While this small-town pastoralism sounds idyllic, it is not without challenges. Economic pressures and changing demographics are among these. For example,

'The future of this corner of upstate is bright, thanks in part to an appreciation for sustainable living.'

local farmers face stiff competition from large agribusinesses and they often struggle to make ends meet.

Yet, resilience is a defining characteristic of Washington County communities. Initiatives to support local agriculture, such as farm-to-table movements and communitysupported agriculture (CSA) programs, have gained momentum.

The future of this corner of upstate New

York is bright, thanks in part to a growing appreciation for sustainable living and localism. Young families and entrepreneurs are moving to these rural areas, drawn by the promise of a simpler, more meaningful way of life. They are breathing new life into old villages, opening businesses that cater to both locals and tourists, and fostering a sense of community.

The rhythms of small-town life continue to beat strong here, offering a little bit of sanctuary from the frenetic pace of modern existence. Here, amidst the towns, villages,

> and quiet hamlets of Washington County, the spirit of a better way of living endures, a testament to the durable allure of the American dream. My random thought for this issue is that the small towns of Washington County can and will thrive, preserving

the best of the past while cultivating a hopeful future.

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





PROJECT LAUNCH! Greenwich Bike and Pedestrian Connectivity Improvements

The Town and Village of Greenwich are launching a joint project funded by the Adirondack-Glens Falls Transportation Council to improve pedestrian accessibility and bicycle connectivity throughout the community.

Project Purpose

Build on what was identified in the Comprehensive Plan as the need to improve pedestrian and bicycle access & establish priorities to improve connectivity.

PROJECT GOALS

- Improve cyclist and pedestrian connections into the Village and throughout the Town.
- Connect green spaces and amenities.
- Ensure safety and access along the commercial corridor for all those walking or biking in the community.

Project Contact Norabelle Greenberger Senior Planner, LaBella Associates ngreenberger@labellapc.com (518) 824-1933

FEEDBACK

Provide your feedback on the map linked at the QR Code above or check out and mark up a map in person set up at Town Hall, Village Hall, and the Greenwich Free Library.



https://wikimapping.com/greenwich-ny.html



50-year Greenwich High reunion

The GCS Class of '74 recently had a good 'ole time celebrating the 50 year anniversary of their Greenwich High School graduation.

Speaking to the group, popular Principal Doc Fitzgerald told how this class was his first group of seniors when he was hired in the summer of 1973.

He shared some humorous memories, highlighting "what a well behaved group we were," and expressing his gratitude toward the rural town that always brought him happiness. Class President Bob Morehouse followed with a toast to the class, many of whom have remained close friends over the past 50 years.

Present were Jeannie St. Mary Mullen, Kathy Pawling Miller, Janice Stewart Hotaling, Doc Fitz, Nisi Coombs McCormick, Debbie Coombs Miller, Claire Davis Houston, Cindy Allen Bulger, Debbie Ross Bauman , Connie Walker, Amy Lundberg Yamamoto, Louanne Brownell Kirk, Ruth Donor Sprague, Sherri Snell Lathrop, Eileen Townsend Kath, Ken Dragon, Lynn Jordan Moy, Judy Sharp Patrick, E Jay Murphy, Joanne Wilbur Martin, Bob Morehouse and Tim Bulger.

Also attending were faculty members from this time at GCS: John & Roxy Pemrick, Bob & Dottie Kuba, Don & Maryann Brooks, Suzanne Hoffman and her sister Nancy Quenelle, and Emily Van Driel.

It was a wonderful gathering for the Class of '74, but it won't end there. The weekend of October 4th will be filled with class activities, including a golf tournament, a GCS Campus Tour, a first night gathering, a Greenwich Historical Tour, and a Dinner Dance at Christ the King.

There may also be a brunch on Sunday morning. We are hoping that even more class members will be able to join in on the festivities on October 4th through 6th.

—Submitted by Bob Morehouse and Doc Fitzgerald







Hubbard Hall's new leader

Cambridge's Hubbard Hall welcomed Erin Harrington as the new Executive Director, effective July 8, 2024. The Hiring Committee and the Board are confident that Erin's management skills, collaborative style, and artistic innovation will lead Hubbard Hall into the exciting Next Act.

Erin is a North Country native hailing from neighboring Warren County. She received her Bachelor of Arts from SUNY Potsdam, Magna Cum Laude with a double major in Theatre and English concentrating on dramaturgy and creative writing and a minor in Women and Gender Studies. She has extensive teaching and directing experience including the Saratoga Arts summer Youth theater program and guest lecturer on dramaturgy at SUNY Potsdam.

Erin has many years of experience in managing arts organizations, namely at The Depot Theatre in Westport, New York and most recently with Home Made Theater in Saratoga as Business Manager. In addition to her administrative and leadership roles, she is also an accomplished theater artist who led the creation of the Sensory Friendly Performance Program providing accommodations for patrons of all ages with sensory sensitivities. She directed The Curious Incident of The Dog in The Night-Time, which was named a top 10 non-equity production for the Capital Region by the Saratogian in 2022. She also received critical acclaim for the recent production of The Humans.

Erin explains, "As a passionate advocate for the transformative power of the arts, I am incredibly honored to join Hubbard Hall as its new Executive Director. I look forward to collaborating with this vibrant community to continue creating and celebrating exceptional art that inspires and brings us together."

The board issued a release expressing "a heartfelt thanks to the Hiring Committee which consisted of myself and fellow Board Members Judy Pate, Don Boyd, Alyson Slack and Mark Pritchard and community members Terry Dansin and Sarah Ashton



for their months of hard work and diligence. Also thank you to the Hubbard Hall staff and volunteers who took part in our community meet and greets with the finalists. It is this community spirit that makes Hubbard Hall such a special place."

GREENWICH FREE LIBRARY PRESENTS: Aging in Community: Having Conversations about End of Life Wishes with Barbara Price, BCPA Second in a series of community conversations about remaining in the community as we age. Define how you want to age Identify your hopes for end of life Talk with your loved ones, so they know and respect your wishes. WEDNESDAY JULY 17 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM This 90-minute session will cover the major topics to think about and how to get started on the conversations. Expressing your wishes to your family can give you more control, autonomy and dignity during a critical illness. REENWICH 148 Main Street, Greenwich NY 12834 / 518-692-7157

Culinary scholarship

SUNY Adirondack Foundation announced the Josh Cellars Culinary Award, a new scholarship in recognition of vintner Joseph Carr.

The scholarship will be awarded to students who demonstrate a commitment to excellence in the Culinary Arts and set a standard of excellence in hospitality.

The Josh Cellars Culinary Award, which was announced at a spring semester fundraising event at Seasoned, SUNY Adirondack's studentrun restaurant, will initially provide \$2,500 per year.

Carr, who grew up in rural Rensselaer County, founded Josh Cellars in 2007 as a tribute to his father, Josh. Through a 20-year relationship with SUNY Adirondack Culinary Instructor and Chef Matt Bolton, Carr teamed with the college's Culinary program to offer a wine-andfood pairing dinner while interacting with students and sharing stories of his life in hospitality.

"We have done countless wine dinners over the years, and Joe and his wife, Deirdre, have been and always will be an inspiration to me," Bolton said. "Their love, courage and conviction toward the American dream is the definition of what can be accomplished with dedication and passion of hospitality."

Learn more at sunyacc.edu.

ON THE SQUARE

And that's the way it was

Lance Allen Wang Journal & Press

Appearances are sometimes all that matters. In Iraq, we found that the various palaces we encountered were only ornate on a surface level. Hidden behind the stone veneer, it was typical shoddy and cheap construction. I find that same recipe when it comes to some internet memes. Sometimes the surface looks like truth, but actually it is just a veneer of truth over a lot of goldplated baloney.

I recently saw a curious meme invoking none other than the baby boomers' newscaster, Walter Cronkite, possibly the most trusted man in the country when he delivered the evening news for CBS from 1962-1981. The meme places Mr. Cronkite upon a pedestal, proclaiming:

"Younger Americans will have trouble believing this, but there was once this guy named Walter Cronkite, who would read the news on television every week night. He didn't seem to have an agenda, or try to make anybody look bad, or good. He would just read them news, and then, get this...WE WOULD ALL JUST MAKE UP OUR OWN MINDS ABOUT WHAT WE THOUGHT. He didn't interview smarmy opinionated talking heads, he just read the news, matter-of-factly, and then he would just sign off and shut up. Share if you Remember Mr. Cronkite."

I find two things very notable about this meme. First, it is untrue – but I will get to that. Second, it seems to be posted equally by those on the left or the right, as an implication that the other side's newscasters are spreading fallacious, opinionated news.

So, let's talk about Walter Cronkite and the news. Just like the British referred to the British Broadcasting Corporation as "Auntie" or "Auntie Beeb," who would deliver authoritative news to them, Americans trusted "Uncle Walter." He'd been a reporter since 1937, hired by Edward R. Murrow to report from the front lines of World War II – on D-Day he rode into Normandy on Page 18 | Late July 2024



a glider with the 101st Airborne - and the Nuremberg Trials. He joined CBS in 1950, becoming a public figure as a news reporter and host of a popular series called, "You Are There." In in 1962 took over for Douglas Edwards on the CBS evening news. His coverage of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy in 1963 and the Apollo XI landing in 1969 was considered definitive. Many Americans will remember his signature sign off, "And that's the way it is," followed by the date.

But just "sign off and shut up"? No. It was the Vietnam War that puts the lie to this meme.

The Tet Offensive in January 1968 was considered one of the turning points of the Vietnam War. During a truce for the Tet holiday, the North Vietnamese launched the Viet Cong, their guerilla force in South Vietnam, in a go-for-broke simultaneous attack on major objectives across the country including the South Vietnamese capital of Saigon. While the attacks were militarily a disaster for the Viet Cong, rendering them a non-factor for the remainder of the war, the attacks were strategically a huge success for the North Vietnamese, as they caught the South and their allies by neartotal surprise. Enemy guerillas penetrated and briefly occupied the American Embassy. Yet, it had not been 90 days since the American commander in Vietnam, General William C. Westmoreland, reported to the United States Congress that he could see "the light at the end of the tunnel."

Nowhere was the effect of the Tet Offensive more in evidence than in Walter Cronkite's reaction to it. "What the hell is going on? I thought we were winning the war!" he was reported to have responded as the news of the attacks emerged. He felt accountable for the information that he provided the public. This seeming contradiction between what the government was reporting and reality spurred the reporter to take a two-week trip to Vietnam and interview officials on the ground, as well as visit the front lines.

The result of his trip was a CBS News special, "Report on Vietnam," broadcast in late February 1968, and at the end Cronkite didn't "sign off and shut up." Now back from Vietnam and at his news desk, no longer in dirty, rumpled, sweaty jungle fatigues but neatly attired in his regular business suit,

(cont.)

Uncle Walter tied the information he had just reported from the war zone up with a bow, and labeled the package accordingly:

"We have been too often disappointed by the optimism of the American leaders, both in Vietnam and Washington, to have faith any longer in the silver linings they find in the darkest clouds... For it seems now more certain than ever that the bloody experience of Vietnam is to end in a stalemate... But it is increasingly clear to this reporter that the only rational way out then will be to negotiate, not as victors, but as an hon-



orable people who lived up to their pledge to defend democracy, and did the best they could."

According to President Lyndon Baines Johnson's Press Secretary, when the President watched excerpts from Cronkite's special the following day, he commented "If I've lost Cronkite, I've lost middle America." Weeks later, the President declared that he would not seek, nor accept, the nomination for President at the upcoming Democratic National Convention. Cronkite refused to take credit for Johnson not running, later remarking that his editorial was, at best, a straw that broke the camel's back.

Cronkite was aware of the role that he had in America – while he had become familiar during the 1950s, it was his reporting during the Kennedy assassination that made him a fixture. He took his credibility seriously. After the Tet attacks, he was livid that the government had put his credibility on the line as he dutifully reported their fictions about the progress of the war.

It is interesting to note that once Cronkite took a stand, he remained politically active. He met with Robert F. Kennedy Sr. to encourage him to run for President in 1968. And later, he would criticize the Nixon administration, not on the evening news, but on editorials which ran on CBS Radio. When the Nixon administration tried to attack Cronkite in response, they found that the reporter had rock-solid support across the nation.

It took a crisis of conscience for Walter Cronkite to take a stand on behalf of the truth. It was a truth he went and investigated personally. Around the world, reporters put their lives on the line to report the truth every day. Not just the ones reporting from combat zones, but also reporters in states where a free press is actively suppressed by an authoritarian government, such as Putin's Russia. I keep this in mind any time anyone invokes the Stalinist phrase "enemy of the people" in reference to the media.

Lance Allen Wang is an Iraq Veteran and retired Army Infantry officer who lives in Eagle Bridge, NY with his wife Hatti.



Help Wanted

APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED

The Town of Jackson Highway Department is seeking applicants for a full-time year-round permanent position. Potential candidate must have a minimum of a Class B CDL. Snow plowing and over time is a must. Mechanical abilities and equipment operator skills a plus.

Must be able to work with the public and be a team player.

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Interested parties may pick up an application at the Town of Jackson Highway Garage during normal business hours. For further information, please contact the Highway Superintendent Sean Carney at (518) 677-3678.



HUMOR HOTEL

The Rolling Stones 'Happy Tour'

Greg Schwem Tribune Content Agency Special to This Newspaper

In Atlanta recently to visit relatives, I was fortunate to witness rock-and-roll immortality, courtesy of the Rolling Stones.

Just a typical night hanging out with 80-year-old men.

OK, two 80-year-old men in particular: Mick Jagger, the Stones' ageless frontman, and lead guitarist Keith Richards, his bandmate since the Stones formed in 1962. At 77, guitarist Ronnie Wood, who joined the band in 1975, is still considered "the kid."

Ironically, when the show ended and the band took a collective center-stage bow, Wood appeared the most winded, at least from my vantage point. Drummer Steve Jordan also looked like he could use a little oxygen boost, although he was probably too embarrassed to admit it in front of Mick and Keith. After all, Jordan is ONLY 67. Suck it up, young lad!

While entering the cavernous Mercedes-Benz stadium, and sitting among veteran Stones fans, I overheard many jokes and humorous comments related to the band members' ages.

"What's the over-under on whether they all make it through the show?"

"Who's the most important band member on this tour? The doctor!"

"Mick has a 7-year-old son. Couldn't they at least start the show before his bedtime?"

"Maybe that's why the Stones are still touring. That kid is going to need braces. Those aren't cheap."

The last one was mine. Not sure it's funny, but I'm a professional comedian. I couldn't help myself.

Then the Stones took the stage and snarkiness gave way to adoration. Not that the Stones weren't always worshiped by this collection of gray-haired fans, some leaning on canes for support and others who probably made at least three bathroom visits during the band's two-hour set.

Halfway through, Jagger disappeared, ceding the stage to Richards who performed three songs. The last tune perfectly summed up the crowd's mood and, most likely, the band's reason for continuing to hit the road when nobody would fault them if they decided to spend

their remaining years playing pickleball in retirement communities worldwide.

The song, written by Richards in 1972, is simply titled, "Happy."

"Well, I never kept a dollar past sunset

It always burned a hole in my pants

Never made a school mama happy

Never had a second chance, oh no

I need a love to keep me happy..."

Richards grinned throughout his solo set. So did Jordan, keeping pace behind him. Heck, so did the roadie who handed Richards the guitars he needed to play each song.

Pure bliss all around.

Yes, the lyrics aren't 100% accurate; Richards has plenty of dollars to tide him over for many sunsets. But isn't doing what you love, for as long as you feel like doing it, a major happiness component? I believe so, despite what you may hear on TikTok.

Head to your favorite social media channel of choice, search "How to be happy," and you could spend the rest of your day contemplating the various solutions. When I'm feeling blue, I've done just that. In return, I've heard I should alter my breath-



ing, journal, take up kayaking (for real), declutter my condo, start a low protein diet, start a high protein diet, or make an impulse purchase.

I could plant herbs, volunteer, increase my daily step count, rekindle a dormant friendship, or, ironically, cancel all my social media accounts.

Instead, I will look to the Rolling Stones and hope that, when I hit 80 I am still in front of audiences, making them laugh for 20, 30, 40 minutes or however long they can sit through a set before having to use the restroom or gobble some ibuprofen to ease their aches and pains.

That's my definition of happiness. And "satisfaction."

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

trations 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



on Amazon.com. Visit Greg on the web at www.gregschwem.com.

ART REVIEW

MacDonald exhibit is worth a visit

Gerry Cuite Special to Journal & Press

Jeri Macdonald is the July artist exhibiting in the Great Hall Gallery at the Salem Court House. Her paintings are accessible, daring and masterfully executed.

Ten of the works are in ink on YUPO (a synthetic paper) and range in size from 15" to 5' squares. Generally, the subject is a composition of cloth swags: laces, gauzes, chiffons, netting. One intriguing work, is aptly named "Pearls, Lace and Wasp Nests."The scale of the YUPO dazzles, reminding this viewer of Georgia O'Keeffe's enormous poppies. The draped fabric in the paintings is



white, making Macdonald a master of values. In "Valentine 0", the subject changes from lace to white cupcake liners. How many whites has Macdonald created here to vividly portray a common kitchen composition?

The oils in the show include a view of the ends of fabric bolts, familiar to anyone who has seen vardage for sale. A piece of denim with its characteristic button is exhibited with a jean jacket loosely thrown over a stool standing before the painting.

> About 30 encaustics complete the exhibit. small abstracts made from pigment and heated wax. The tradition is ancient, dating from at least Egyptian times.

A native of Cambridge. Macdonald is a major force. Her formidable work will be at the Historic Salem Courthouse until July viewable Satur-27,days from 11-3:00 p.m. or by appoint-



Opening Reception July 5th 5 ~ 7:30 PM Friday



ver the years Jeri has worked in various media including watercolor, pastel, ceramics, woodcarving, and encaustics. For many years oil paint has been her first love. More recently painting with india ink on Yupo paper as well as collage

Just as her mediums have changed over the years so has

her subject matter. In the late 80's and early 90's her focus was highways and family photos. Later glasses and dishes. More recently, fabrics and drapery.

Whatever the subject, Jeri's primary focus has been light,

how it creates illusion and the dynamics of composition

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THROUGH THE DECADES

A pretty horrible husband

Here's our regular look at articles the appeared in the various editions of our Journal & Press family of newspapers from decades past...

120 Years Ago

July 27, 1904

Joseph McCarthy of Syracuse, a member of the Glens Falls baseball team, was seriously injured in a game played at Glens Falls Saturday afternoon. The game was with the State Printers of Albany, and in the seventh inning, while McCarthy was at bat, he struck at a swift in-curve. The ball glanced from the bat and struck the player square on the nose. The bone was broken in such a manner that portions of it protruded through the flesh. The injured man bled profusely from both the nose and the mouth, and it was feared at one time that he would bleed to death. He became weak and unconscious from the loss of blood. Dr. Bullis, who happened to be in the grandstand, went to the player's aid and subsequently the man was moved to the Glens Falls Hospital. The game was won by the Albany team, 5 to 0.



July 30, 1924

The remains of Mrs. LeRoy Adams, formerly Miss Anna W MacUmber, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. MaCumber, formerly of Greenwich, were brought to this village Monday afternoon for interment in the Greenwich cemetery. Mrs. Adams, whose home was at Lathams on the Troy-Schenectady Road, was the victim of a sensational murder case Friday. Her husband shot her and immediately afterwards killed himself. Mrs. Adams was born in Greenwich. Her father was formerly employed by the New York telephone company here. Some 15 or 20 years ago the family removed to Troy. She was 27 years of age.

The tragedy, which was one of the most gruesome on record in Albany County, followed a long period of unhappiness in the Adams family and was apparently a result of Mrs. Adams' efforts to secure divorce from her husband, who was 29 years of age and a veteran of the world war. Adams suffered from tuberculosis in an advanced stage. It was said that he could not have lived more than a year. His wife had also contracted the disease from him. They had lived unhappily for a long time. It was said that Mrs. Adams wanted to enter a sanatorium for treatment, but that her husband kept her a prisoner in their home, and that she was a victim of his cruel treatment. Recently she had begun proceedings to secure a divorce after having had her husband arrested a few weeks ago for beating her.

Friday morning, Mrs. Adams left the home of Mrs. Anna Cochrane, where she had been staying since the latest trouble with her husband occurred, to take a trolley car to Troy, where she expected to see her attorney. While she was waiting for the car opposite the Seven Oaks camp meeting grounds at Lathams, Adams, who was hidden in a clump of bushes on the camp grounds, fired a shot at her. She ran back to the Cochrane home and into the house. "He is shooting at me," she told Mrs. Cochrane,



and ran up the stairs to her room. Adams followed her. He smashed the glass in the front door with the butt of his rifle. Mrs. Cochrane endeavored to stop the enraged man, but after threatening her and her aged mother with his gun, Adams pushed past them and up the stairs after his wife.

In her room, Mrs. Adams fled to a small clothes press, and her five-year-old son was

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(cont.)

with her. Adams followed her into the room, firing several shots. The fatal shot was fired through the clothes press door and took effect in her chest. She staggered out into the room and fell dead on the floor.

Adams then went downstairs and out on to the porch, where he placed the rifle against his own chest, and pulled the trigger. He died instantly. The little boy, following the death of his parents, was taken to the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. MacUmber, where he will make his home.

Mrs. Adams funeral was held Monday afternoon from the home of her parents in Troy. The remains were brought here for internment in the family plat in the Greenwich cemetery.

80 Years Ago

July 26, 1944

ADVERTISEMENT — Women wanted to work on war orders. High wages. Pleasant work. Men also wanted. Persons now engaged at their highest skill in war work or essential activity will not be considered. The Linen Thread Co., Inc. Dunbarton Mill, Greenwich, NY Apply in person.

60 Years Ago July 30, 1964

There are not too many people on the streets, but there are hundreds of people at the Greenwich bathing beach these hot days. George Jackson, director of the youth recreation program,

estimator

estimates that probably 600 to 800 visit the beach during one of these torrid days, and there will likely be more than 250 swimming at one time.

The Battenkill, like every other stream, is low, but the water remains clear and ming.

good for swim-

40 Years Ago

July 26, 1984

The village of Greenwich will hold its Whipple City days celebration next week. ... The band Seeds and Stems will play at the park. ... A pet show will be on the corner of John and Main streets. ... Rough and Ready firehouse will open for tours. ... An ice cream eating content at 4 p.m., a kung fu demonstration at 4:30 p.m., a poetry reading by Bonnielizabethhoag at 6 p.m. and the Wilson Ward-Orsini String band at 7:30 p.m.

20 Years Ago

July 15, 2004

The subject of late night vandalism was brought up at the end of the Greenwich Village Board of Trustees meeting. ...

Boisterous behavior reportedly was evident for several hours in Mowry Park. That activity some residents believe should have been discovered and eliminated by the village police department long before the damage was inflicted.

At the meeting, one woman reported during the Whipple City Festival she was unable to return to her home late at night because her street was blocked off by an extension ladder and a house gutter placed in the road. She was able to locate a police officer who helped her remove the barricade.

Another man complained that a woman he knows was blocked from returning home from work at night by a gang of youths who refused to get out of the roadway. She was unable to locate an officer for assistance.

Mayor Chris McCormick said he was unaware of the vandalism problem. ... Some said that they are reluctant to call police out of fear of retribution from vandals.

-Compiled by Darren Johnson

Adopt Paddy

H.O.P.E. Animal Rescue has many adoptable dogs, cats, and other small animals that are looking for their forever home.

For example, Paddy is around 2 years old and looking for his perfect home. He is a super boy who desperately wants to be loved. He would benefit from a nice quiet home with someone who understands that he just needs time. He would do best in a home as an only pet. He loves his person so much that he will claim them by being territorial his home. So a home where it is just him and his person would be best.

If you are interested in adopting an animals, please fill out an Adoption Application online at hopeanimalrescue.org/ forms.



FROM THE STACKS The actual rules for Summer Reading

Sarah Murphy

Special to Journal & Press

In the last issue of this paper, I presented readers with a rather tongue-in-cheek list of "rules" for summer reading. Spoiler alert: the only rule, when it comes to what to read, is that there are no rules. But for those who wish to participate in the library's Summer Reading program, there is a procedure, and there are some guidelines, so today I will give you the actual rules for Summer Reading at Greenwich Free Library this year.

The overarching objective is for the Greenwich community to work together to read as many pages as we can before the end of August. Last year 203 readers of all ages read 264,545 pages. This year, we hope to leave last year's record in the dust.

Here's how it works. Most importantly, summer reading is for everyone. All ages, interests, and abilities. Maybe you're twovears old and haven't learned to read vet. No problem, you get credit when a caregiver reads to you. Maybe you're taking care of a two-year-old and don't have time to read. You get to count the pages you read to those in your care. Perhaps you only read newspaper articles. It counts. Maybe your favorite book is a wordless graphic novel. That counts too. Perhaps vision is a challenge so you use audiobooks. That certainly counts. Or maybe you spend a lot of time in the car and you, too, use audiobooks. Well, hopefully it's obvious by now, but that counts, too. Maybe you only read eBooks. If anyone ever tries to tell you that reading online is not reading, please send them my very worst. It counts. What if you read very slowly or barely read at all or you read only one book all summer or don't even finish that book? All pages are pages! It all counts!

Once you're agreed with me that all reading is reading and all reading should be celebrated this summer, it's time for you to join us.

First, sign up for summer reading at greenwichfreelibrary.org or by visiting the library. Next, start keeping track of your pages. Now, get ready to win. All participants can enter to win prizes from some of our favorite local businesses.

There are three ways to win raffle tickets: 1) You will receive a weekly email with a link to report your pages read. Each week when you report your pages you will submit your prize basket choice on the online form to be entered to win. If you don't use email, just

come to the circulation desk to report your pages. 2) You can win additional raffle tickets by coming into the library to spin the beloved prize wheel. You are limited to one spin per day. Record your name and basket choice on your ticket, and we will put them in the corresponding jars. 3) Complete fun challenges like the Summer Reading Road Trip worksheet. Ask for yours at the circulation desk.

Save the date for our third annual Endless Summer Party on Wednesday, August 28th. The entire community is invited for ice cream, games, activities, giveaways, music, and for the raffle prize drawings. You do not need to be present to win, but it sure is more fun that way.

Just as no individual can read a quarter of a million pages this summer, no library can offer so much fun and so many prizes without help from our community. Please support these businesses and organizations who support us. Raffle prize donors include: The Greenwich Journal & Press, Betterbee, Washington County Fair, Whipple City Realty, Owl Pen Books, Blooms Floral Design, Live Oak Wellness, Jay's Pizza, Argyle



Brewing, Country Peddler, Faerydale, Just Because, Em's Art Shack, Clutch Market & General Store, Haley Graves Yoga, and a number of generous patrons. Our summer reading programs are partially funded by the Friends of the Greenwich Library, Stewart's Shops Holiday Match Program, and by the Lower Adirondack Regional Arts Council.

If you would like to join the list of helpers above, please let us know. It is not too late to add to our prize baskets, and there are always opportunities to donate goods or services to go towards programming.

Good luck and happy reading to all!

Correction: In the previous issue this column misnamed a book by Donna Tartt. The correct title is "The Secret History." "The Secret" is an entirely different book by an

entirely different author, and this columnist has no thoughts on it.

Sarah Murphy is director of the Greenwich Free Library.



FOR KIDS (AND PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS...) Finding beauty in nature, and fairs

Shirley Renauld Journal & Press

Did your 4-H family attend the retirement party for Chrys Nestle? She was the 4-H Coordinator of Washington County at Cornell Coop Extension for your parents' generation, too. They formed life-long friendships that extended beyond 4-H, as you are doing. It was significant that the party was held in the Youth Building at the Fairgrounds.

You are now planning your entries for this year's fair: Will it be something that you have made, a woodworking project like the toy your Dad made and that you played with? an article that you have sewn like the apron your Mom entered and that you now wear as you bake? A photo you took, flowers or vegetables that you grew? Gabby still has the painting that she entered hanging on the wall.

Practice baking your favorite recipe for your family so the judges can taste-taste it and perhaps give it a purple rosette Grand Prize ribbon. Create something unique that will go to State Fair. Work with other members to make a Club Display.

Do you find lots of small cucumbers growing in your garden? Make them into Refrigerator Pickles to enter: Make sure that the jars and their covers that you have saved are clean. Pick cucumbers of the same height as the jar, rub the prickles off as you wash them, cut them into spears and stand them in the jar, with garlic cloves and dill from your garden.

In a saucepan, mix and boil some vinegar, a little water, sugar, salt and whole pepper. Fill the jars with it and screw the lids on tightly. Refrigerate them. Create labels for your jars.

After a couple of days, open a jar to eat with your sandwiches. Chrys could be the judge of your fair entry because she's a volunteer now--and a grandmother.

Also, at the Fair Office, 50% off ride tickets are already available!

Remember Rural Soul Studio in Schuylerville? It's now Earthbeat Music...but Chelsie is still there.

After working with her friends in West Africa, and continuing the Summer programs of the Easton Library, on the 19th they will be leading a community Intergenerational West African Dance Workshop of drumming and dance at Burton Hall, across the road from the library, for lots of space to move. Follow that program with their classes and other programs.

(Also, if you see a big red combine, look in the cab; it could be Chelsie's dad. It's time to harvest rye for its seed and bale the rest of the plant for straw.)

At the next library program, on the 24th, all ages learn about Beekeeping from Betterbee staff, reminding us of "The Beeman", the Grandpa who teaches his grandchildren. Then roll your own candle with them and their materials: a sheet of beeswax to roll tightly around a wick. Make more at home, in colors for the coming seasons.

As we travel around the countryside, we see clusters of boxes that are homes to lots of honeybees that make the hexagon walls of the wax, both to hold the honey they make and now for you to roll. Read Eric Carle's "The Honeybee and the Robber" with someone to enjoy the parts of pictures that pop up or to move, with someone learning to read English.

On the 29, learn to do Floral Arranging with Samantha Allen. She has experience arranging flowers from her cutting garden, the program she gave us last year. Make an arrangement of your own with the supplies provided.

Practice ahead by using the many wildflowers around us now: Use a sturdy one for the center of the arrangement and gather others around it to fill your container. You will not choose Daylilies, which would lose a blossom each day, or ones like Phlox that drop blossoms.

We have been looking forward to the

Opening Ceremony of the Olympics, especially because it will be held on water instead of at a stadium: On the 26th it begins with the Olympic flag carried horizontally while the Olympic hymn is sung. The Parade of Nations will be a boat parade of each country's athletes in their Olympic dress of their national colors, parading downstream. Greece leads the parade, honoring that the Olympics originated there.

The other countries follow in alphabetical order (Except the host nation, so this year France, at the end.) each led by its name, as they write it, on a sign, followed by an athlete carrying the nation's flag. Then several torchbearers will relay the Olympic flame to the cauldron and light it to burn during the entire Olympics. Let the Games begin!

The athletes go to the Olympic Village and to participate in their events. We continue to follow the building of our USA teams. We are reminded to read and see "The Boys in the Boat," the story of the young men of the rowing team who won Gold for the USA in the Berlin Olympics when Hitler was in power.

During the Saratoga County Fair which starts our local county fair season on the 23rd, we can meet "Effie the Fair Cow" in the Dairy Barn, listen to readings of the book about her and make crafts.

We compare our day at the fair with Almanzo's day in "County Fair," and prepare for our own.

On the 27th, we meet the abolitionist and freedom fighter, "Frederick Douglass," when he returns to the Schuyler House and talks about democracy at the Saratoga Town Hall.

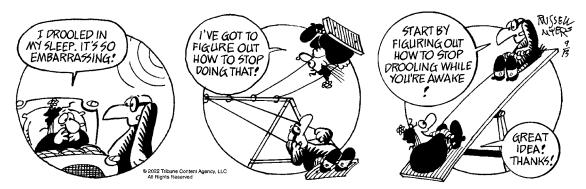
End the month by opening your chair or unfolding your blanket on the lawn of the Visitors' Center of the SNHP to hear the annual concert by the Ticonderoga Fife and Drum Corps.

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Animal Crackers by Fred Wagner



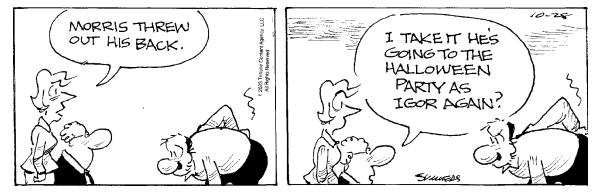
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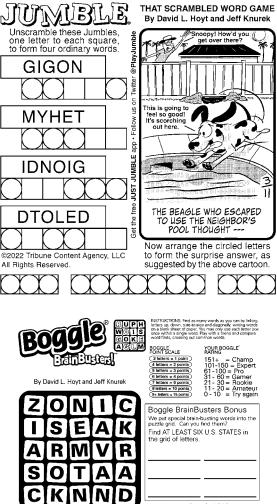
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9 to 5 by Harley Schwadron



"First Harlow tried to write the great American novel, then short story, then blog. Now he's down to the great American tweet."

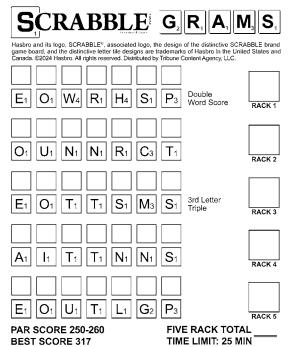
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Answers to Last Sonday's Boggle BrainBusters: PUMA HYEMA LLAMA ZEBRA PANDA IMPALA GORILLA

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DIRECTIONS: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. Finally, 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All the words are in the Official SCRABBLE® Players Dictionary, 5th Edition. SOLUTION TOMORROW

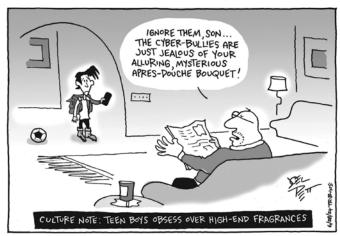
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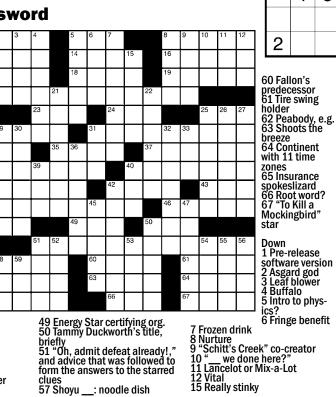


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"NOW SEND CEREBROSPINAL FLUID TO GET NUTRITION FROM THE BLOOD."

Sudoku

Each column/row must contain the numbers from 1 to 9, without repetitions. The digits can only occur once per block. The sum of every single row, column and block must equal 45.

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Kelly is Ag Educator of the Year

Darren Johnson Journal & Press

Greenwich CSD teacher Chris Kelly was recently named Agriculture Educator of the year by New York's Future Farmers of America.

A rare feat considering there are scores of FFA programs in this state though he has helped build, at Greenwich CSD, one of the most extensive and intensive ones.

A lifelong Greenwich resident, he is a graduate of the College at Morrisville State and Cornell University.

Here is our Q&A:

J&P: What percentage of Greenwich students take an ag course?

CK: Over 60% of our student population takes an ag course each year.

J&P: What are the ag courses offered at Greenwich and are they different than what other area schools offer?

CK: We offer courses in agricultural science, animal science, plant science, veterinary science, and food science. We also offer agricultural engineering courses focused on welding and power systems. Courses are usually unique to each ag program and are based on employment and industry trends in the area the school district serves.

J&P: Tell us about your teaching predecessors at Greenwich. I hear that Jim Mc-Clay and Betsy Foote were instrumental in building the program, too.

CK: The schools motto, "a tradition of excellence", really sums up the history of the program. The biggest change in the last 50 years was the addition of a second instructor after Jim McClay retired. Since the year 2000, Betsy Foote and I have been teaching in the department up until her retirement two years ago. I currently now teach with Lilyanna Berghorn.

J&P: How do you split up duties now with her?

CK: We teach the courses that most closely align to our college coursework and training. We both cadvise the junior high FFA chapter and the senior high program.

J&P: How did you get interested in teach-Page 28 | Late July 20



ing this subject?

CK: My own personal interests started while taking agricultural courses under the instruction of Jim McClay. I've always enjoyed math, science, and the interwoven role they play in every day life. Growing up in an agricultural community gives students the opportunity to genuinely understand the inter-workings of science in every day life.

J&P: What are some of your student success stories?

CK: There are so many to share that I can't begin to recount many of them! We literally have former students around the country in around the world. I enjoy hearing students talk about the clear-cut advantage that they possessed over their peers after leaving Greenwich when it comes to personal leader-ship development and confidence!

J&P: What are some things students can learn in your courses that apply to their future vocations and studies, even if they aren't going directly into an ag field?

CK: All of our courses are built on the principle of challenging yourself to be the best you can be. We say that it doesn't matter to us what career field a student chooses, but we want them to learn the behaviors and possess the skills necessary to be the best at their chosen career. Ultimately, your ability to effectively communicate with your coworkers and supervisors well play a very large role in your career success.

J&P: What would you tell a student who is contemplating taking an ag elective?

CK: Traditionally people think of agriculture as farming. We are so good at creating an abundant food supply in the United States that less than 2% of the population is directly employed in farming and ranching. The surprise is that 20% of the US population is employed in the field of agriculture. This is one of the key principles we try to communicate. Growing up in Greenwich and being surrounded by agriculture gives you a unique perspective that very few people in the United States still have. That perspective allows you to see science in action. Whether you work in the future in human or animal nutrition, or work for a marketing agency creating Super Bowl commercials, or work with satellite imagery and drone management of the land, understanding the inter-workings of agriculture can be an asset and many many careers. At the very least we will all be lifelong consumers of the commodities produced by agriculture. Having an understanding of how your food gets to your table is also some thing understood by a smaller and smaller segment of the United States population.

J&P: How do you define success?

CK: The success of our department and FFA program lies squarely on the shoulders of our students. Our students truly understand what it means to set a goal and work hard to achieve it. They also challenge themselves to step out of their comfort zone. In the past five years we've had six state championships and our best national ranking ever when our dairy judging team earned a national gold medal in Indianapolis last year.

Skidmore's Tang to hold summer open house, exhibit



The Frances Young Tang Teaching Museum and Art Gallery at Skidmore College announces its annual summer open house, Frances Day, will be on Saturday, July 20, beginning at 2 pm.

The family-friendly event honors the museum's namesake, Frances Young Tang, Skidmore College Class of '61, and offers multiple ways for visitors to explore the museum's stellar program of contemporary art exhibitions and events, with tours, art-making activities, food, music, giveaways and more.

This year's Frances Day features Mark Dion and Alexis Rockman: Journey to Nature's Underworld, a new exhibition that fills the museum's largest gallery spaces with largescale painted and sculptural works addressing humankind's strained relationship with the environment and its vast ecological consequences.

In addition to guided tours of the exhibition, visitors can learn about sustainability, take a tour of the trees on the museum's grounds, and engage in multiple art-making projects inspired by the exhibition, including Recycled Earth form Crayons, Illuminated Landscapes, Bug Boxes, and Recycled Map Flowers.

At 5 pm, acclaimed Capital Region musician and performer Taína Asili and her ensemble take the stage for an energetic concert. Asili last performed at the Tang as part of the 2018 Upbeat on the Roof concert series.

All events are free and open to the public. Plenty of free parking is available in lots adjacent to the Museum. In case of inclement weather, activities will be indoors. For more information, visit http://tang.skidmore.edu or call the Visitors Services Desk at 518-580-8080.

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JILL ON MONEY Half time for stocks

Jill Schlesinger Tribune Content Agency Special to Journal & Press

There's nothing like a soaring stock market to make a summer break more enjoyable. The S&P 500 index's near 15 percent return for the first half of the year ranks as the 13th best start since 1950, according to Comerica Wealth Management.

Before you break out the confetti, it's notable that the entire universe of stocks did not rise equally over the past six months.

You probably have heard a lot about the generative artificial intelligence stock market boom, underscored by the rocket ship performance of chip maker Nvidia. This one company accounted for almost a third of the S&P's first half performance. If you add four other companies — Microsoft, Apple, Amazon and Meta, the five contributed about 60% to the S&P 500 from Jan 1 – June 30.

To understand how narrow this performance is, it's helpful to compare the S&P 500 with its sibling, the S&P 500 Equal Weight Index (EWI).

In the EWI calculation, each company of the S&P 500 index is given an equal weight, versus a weight based on the company's market capitalization (the number of shares outstanding multiplied by the price of the stock). With an equal weight, the performance drops to about 4% for the first half of the year. Of course, had you put all of your eggs in the Nvidia basket, you would have been up by more than 150% this year!

All of these numbers are a great reminder that you do not need to feel the pressure to identify the next Nvidia. In fact, the beauty of owning a diversified portfolio of index mutual or exchange-traded funds is not sweating about whether or not you or your financial adviser is a great stock picker.

Sure, if you want to have a small "fun money" account, where you experiment with individual stocks, go for it. Just make sure that what you have allocated to that account is less than 5-10% of your total dollars invested. And if you are going to actively trade, you may want to do it within a retirement account, so you don't generate a tax liability or fail to take a gain because you are afraid of taxes.

Whether you are a seasoned investor or just starting out, it's helpful to remember three simple, but crucial steps necessary to keep your head on straight, regardless of the market climate.

Step 1: Remind yourself why you are investing. Most of us are saving for a long-term goal, like retirement or college, which is likely years or decades in the future.

There are going to be more ups than downs but try to temper your emotions at the extremes. The objective is to avoid bailing out when the dark days of a bear market arrive or piling in when the bull is running, and it seems like nothing can go wrong. Unless something shifts in your personal life, put your head down and stick to your plan.

Step 2: Determine whether you need cash within the next 12 months. If so, keep that amount in a high yield savings account, a money market account, or a short-term certificate of deposit.

Step 3: Understand how much you are paying. The past decade has seen a huge reduction in investment fees. You may be able to save money by replacing managed mutual funds with index funds or by ditching an investment "professional" and moving to an automatic investment platform.

If you are working with a financial planner who is managing your investments, make sure that they adhere to the fiduciary standard, meaning they are required to act in your best interest, at all times.

Jill Schlesinger, CFP, is a CBS News business analyst. A former options trader and CIO of an investment advisory firm, she welcomes comments and questions at askjill@ jillonmoney.com.



Learn how to make shadow puppets

Come join the Cambridge Historical Society and Museum to learn how to make and perform with shadow puppets on July 20 from 10:00 am-2:00 pm.

Shadow puppets were a popular 19th century storytelling form. Heather Boyne will guide you to use your imagination and handwork skills to make your own shadow puppet to take home. Learn about various shadow theater options and theater techniques. See behind the scenes, play with the Historical Museum's shadow puppets, and watch a shadow theater play and more. Registration is required. Enrollment is limited. Participants 10-years-old and up, are encouraged to participate. Bring a sand-wich. Drinks and fruit provided. Cost: \$10-\$45 per person. Pre-register at: info.cambridge.ny.museum@gmail.com.

The Cambridge Historical Society and Museum is located at 12 Broad Street, Cambridge, NY. For further information call: 518-350-0627.

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IN GOOD FAITH Sweet Land of Liberty

MaryAnne Brown Journal & Press

One of our 4th of July traditions is to attend the annual Citizenship Ceremony held at Saratoga Historical National Park. This year as we made our way to the park, also known as the Saratoga Battlefield. I had mixed emotions, concerned over the nation's troubles and uncertain about our future as a healthy democracy. However, once we arrived, every concern vanished. We were greeted by friendly National Park Rangers wishing us a "Happy 4th!" Our visit with a few friends reminded me of how much we all have in common. Families, friends and strangers were there by choice, and we were eager to witness this important event. As fellow citizens, immigrants, community leaders, officials, and many young people, we were united as we gathered on this sacred ground.

People of all ages were dressed in red, white, and blue. Children ran, danced, and laughed, embracing the delightful freedom surrounding us. Beneath the canopy tent, 20 future citizens assembled with their families and friends. Members of the press with their cameras positioned themselves to capture the perfect shot for the next newscast. A hush fell

over the crowd as we all watched and listened, and it seemed that we were paying more attention than in years past.

The Citizenship Ceremony was rich with welcoming re-

marks, the Posting of Colors, the singing of our national anthem, and stirring thoughts from various civic leaders. One of the new citizens spoke about his journey to U.S. citizenship and how he appreciated the support of so many who made this day possible. Denis Riordan, the district director of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, reminded us that "We are a nation of immigrants. Immigrants are our future." He cited the significance of this Saratoga Battlefield site which Page 32 | Late July 2024 is considered the turning point of the American Revolution. Here, the battle for freedom was won.

Other speakers admired the courage it took for the new citizens to overcome danger, respond to difficult challenges. and learn a new history, and for many, learn a new language. Yet. these new Americans, who hailed from 12 different nations (Canada, China, France, Guvana. India. Ja-

maica, Kosovo, Mexico, Pakistan, Trinidad and Tobago, the United Kingdom, and Zimbabwe), achieved these requirements. They met the age and residency preconditions and are of good moral character. They showed up on Independence Day and publicly declared their Oath of Allegiance to the United States of America. Each received a Certificate of

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> applause and good wishes honoring the 20 new Americans who are among 11,000 new citizens sworn in during 195 ceremonies celebrated in the nation during this holiday.

> We wandered around the grounds, watching our newest citizens and their families taking pictures. I was inspired as I watched an Indian family, joined arm in arm, capturing this remarkable moment. The sight brought me new hope in our future as a nation. Just as



our immigrant ancestors shaped this nation into the "land where our fathers died, land of the pilgrims' pride," today's immigrants will help us influence our country's future. Overall, new citizens from these 12 countries will enrich the U.S. through their economic activities, cultural heritage, educational achievements, social engagement, and contributions to innovation and healthcare. Mesmerized by the site of this one Indian family, I began to view the many new citizens as a pillar of national strength. By their solemn oath they will join us in the work of independence and liberty.

In his farewell address, George Washington speaks of "Citizens, by birth or choice, of a common country..." By accident of birth, I am an American. I speak the language, I know the Pledge of Allegiance and the national anthem, and I treasure my freedom. However, I wondered if I would be able to pass the civics test, a major component of the naturalization process. This test covers U.S. history, government, and civics knowledge.

Studies and surveys often reveal that a significant portion of native-born Americans struggle with basic civic knowledge. For ex-

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The name of the limited liability company is 2411 Overlook Way, LLC. The date of the filing of the Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State was 05/23/2024. The County in which the office of the LLC is located is Washington. The agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served is the Secretary of State and such shall mail a copy of any process to 73 Quiet Acres Rd., Manchester Ctr., VT 05255. The business purpose of the LLC

is any lawful business purpose or purposes.

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Notice of formation of P.M.A Services 769, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State New York on May 15, 2024 Office Location: Washington County. SSNY designated as agent of P.M.A Services 769, LLC. upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: P.M.A Services 769, LLC., 1187 CR-64, Shushan NY 12873. Purpose: any lawful activity of the LLC.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)

Articles of Organization for a New York LLC, to wit, JOHNSON ELITE CARPENTERS & CONTRACTORS, LLC whose principal business location is in Washington County, were filed with the New York State Department of State on June 21 2024. The Secretary of State is designated agent for service of process. The P.O. address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against it served upon him or her is c/o The LLC, 14 Kimberly Lane, Fort Edward, New York 12828. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful activity to which a LLC may be organized under the LLCL of New York State.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)

Articles of Organization for a New York LLC, to wit, BENTLEY FARM & STAND, LLC whose principal business location is in Washington County, were filed with the New York State Department of State on May 4, 2024. The Secretary of State is designated agent for service of process. The P.O. address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against it served upon him or her is c/o The LLC, 228 County Route 313, Cambridge, New York 12816. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful activity to which a LLC may be organized under the LLCL of New York State.

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ample, a 2018 survey by the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation found that only one in three Americans could pass a multiple-choice test consisting of questions from the U.S. citizenship test.

If I were required to renew my American citizenship every few years, like my driver's license, would I be successful? I will admit

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The Warren County Historical Society (WCHS) will host Dizzy Dave's chicken bar-

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The mission of the WCHS is to preserve and promote the history and heritage of

becue on Saturday, August 24th from 3 to 6pm at their 50 Gurney Lane headquarters.

butter. Tickets are \$18 and must be purchased by Tuesday, August 20th. Call 518-

that I had to study a bit, but I passed. As Washington underscored, I honor "The name of American, which belongs to you." Being an American involves responsibility. The new citizens know this, and now I, too, as a U.S. citizen, must recommit to my duties. These include supporting and defending the Constitution, staying informed of local and national issues, participating in the democratic process, respecting and obeying federal, state, and local laws, respecting the rights, beliefs, and opinions of others, paying taxes honestly,

serving on a jury when called upon, and defending the country if the need should arise.

On Sunday of the 4th of July weekend, I invited the congregation at our church to join in singing "America, the Beautiful." There is no sweeter sound to me than an assembly in full voice, and I was in the right place as I heard them sing and pray:

America, America, God mend thine every flaw, Confirm thy soul in self-control, Thy liberty in law!

MaryAnne Brown, RN, BSN, MA is a music minister at St. Joseph's Church and has

a special interest in spirituality and health. She serves on the Retreat Team at Dominican Retreat and Conference Center in Niskayuna and provides grantwriting services.





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INTERPERSONAL EDGE

Overcome opponents of innovation

Dr. Daneen Skube

Tribune Content Agency Special to This Newspaper

Q: I'm interested in emerging exciting areas in my field. However, I have coworkers who think we should stick with the status quo. Why do people resist innovation? How do I get opportunities for these new skills? How can I propose projects that let me work with emerging areas?

A: Some people resist innovation because they experience change as a threat. You'll get opportunities by proposing projects with concrete benefits to your boss and management. Management, in most companies, is receptive if there's a profit-based outcome.

Your fellow employees, who are scared of change, are not going to be cheerleaders for innovation. Charles Darwin, the 19thcentury English naturalist, summarized the evolution of species as, "adapt or die." People who run organizations know this is true for companies as well, but individual employees may prefer familiar routines.

There's a joke that points this out: "The only difference between a rut and a grave is the dimensions." The wisdom in this humor is that it is beneficial to evaluate whether our habits are effective routines or they refuse us opportunities for growth and learning.

Most of us remember when the company Apple was dying, Steve Jobs creatively and

aggressively overhauled it back to life. Jobs observed that "innovation is the ability to see change as an opportunity, not a threat." Now by all accounts Jobs was a challenging and difficult personality, but in the innovation department he was top notch!

Innovation and creative breakthroughs do not require a difficult person to shepherd them through an organization. Diplomacy works better because in the long run, we don't step on people we may need on the way back down if we have trouble. Also since innovation requires collaboration, leaders with interpersonal skills garner broader support.

The irony about resistance to change is that change is more rapid in our lifetime than at any other time in recorded history. Plus, the pace of change is doing nothing but speeding up. If we refuse to anticipate change, we'll end up with tire tracks on our backs from the highway of progress.

Obviously, we may grieve over what we were accustomed to, and we may get anxious about how change will affect us. In both cases leaning into change is the safer and more effective response. We can either get a flotation device and enjoy the rapid waters of change, or the current will sweep us downstream chaotically.

Realize that since most people are creatures of habit, change threatens many of your coworkers' sense of safety. The more familiar and non-threatening you make change, the more interest you'll generate. Be willing to send email links or articles to coworkers. YouTube is also a decent source of education. Talk in simple words about your ideas so team members don't feel overwhelmed.

Also be willing to listen to concerns. Even car sales people know to ask customers about their concerns in buying a car? Buying an idea can be even more daunting and require more knowledge. Be willing and capable of filling your team's information gap with easy explanations. People always fear what they don't understand.

As Arthur Schopenhauer, the 19th-century German Philosopher, sagely noted: "All truth passes through three stages. First, it is ridiculed; second, it is violently opposed; and third, it is accepted as self-evident."

Until your emerging areas become selfevident, be willing to be the shepherd at work who is patient with coworker anxieties while articulating the benefits of change.

The last word(s)

A: I have a coworker who claims that he's just telling the "truth" while he insults everyone on my team. Do you think truth that harms others is useful at work?

Q: No, the truth has many facets and useful truths always travel with kindness. A truth stated to harm is abuse. As William Blake, an English Poet, remarked: "A truth that's told with bad intent can beat all the lies you can invent."

Daneen Skube, Ph.D., executive coach, trainer, therapist and speaker, also appears

as the FOX Channel's "Workplace Guru" each Monday morning. She's the author of "Interpersonal Edge: Breakthrough Tools for Talking to Anyone, Anywhere, About Anything."



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Learn about flower arranging

Easton Library will be hosting Samantha Allen, owner of Lane House Florals, for a short demonstration on how to make a beautiful fresh floral arrangement on Monday, July 29 at 3 PM.

After participants learn tips on the best way to place flowers for presentation; take time to practice with Allen while making your own creation to bring home. You may want to consider submitting a floral arrangement to the Washington County Fair after coming to this family friendly interactive program!

All supplies will be provided. This is a free program. Please pre-register at the library at (518)692-2253.

High GPAs, high honors and awards

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

Hudson Valley CC honors

Local students who received HVCC dean's list honors (3.0-3.5 GPA) include:

Victoria Dupuis of Greenwich, who is studying in the Individual Studies academic program.

Aidan McPhail of Greenwich, who is studying in the Electrical Construction and Maintenance academic program.

Jonathan Reynolds of Greenwich, who is studying in the Non-matriculated academic program.

Elizabeth Fruchter of Greenwich, who is studying in the Non-matriculated academic program.

Ella Murphy of Schuylerville, who is studying in the Health Sciences academic program.

HVCC President's List (3-5-4.0 GPA):

Kayla Moriarty of Salem, who is studying in the Accounting academic program.

Umar Dar of Argyle, who is studying in the Health Sciences academic program.

Lily Simms of Greenwich, who is studying in the Dental Assisting academic program.

Lexleigh Shaw of Greenwich, who is studying in the Liberal Arts and Sciences - Humanities and Social Science academic program.

Gavin Blair of Greenwich, who is studying in the Electrical Construction and Maintenance academic program.

Eliana Carr of Greenwich, who is studying in the Individual Studies academic program.

Joshua Carr of Greenwich, who is studying in the Engineering Science academic program. Olive Ashdown of Greenwich, who is studying in the Non-matriculated academic program.

Simeon Ashdown of Greenwich, who is studying in the Engineering Science academic program.

Elizabeth O'Konski of Greenwich, who is studying in the Radiologic Technology academic program.

Esbin Martinez of Hartford, who is studying in the Surgical Technology academic program.

Peter Pasos of Schuylerville, who is studying in the Non-matriculated academic program.

Nathaniel Daus of Schuylerville, who is studying in the Electrical Construction and Maintenance academic program.

Ezra Macica of Schuylerville, who is studying in the Digital Media academic program.

Siena President's List

Siena College named these students to the President's List for the Spring 2024 semester: Cassandra Cooper of Schuylerville; Gardner Cornell of Argyle; Anna Donovan of Schaghticoke and Brooke Thomas of Schuylerville.

Falk's Management Degree

Nicholas Falk of Salem graduated cum laude from the University at Buffalo with a bachelor's degree in business administration from the School of Management.

High GPA at Roger Williams

Hunter Phillips, of Schuylerville, NY, has been named to the Spring 2024 Dean's List at Roger Williams University, in Bristol, R.I. Full-time students who complete 12 or more credits per semester and earn a grade point average of 3.4 or higher are placed on the Dean's List that semester.

Rhode Island Trio

The University of Rhode Island celebrated more than 4,100 of its newest alumni during the University's 2024 Commencement, which took place May 17-19, 2024. Among the grads were: Eva Drohobycky of Schuylerville; Sophia Phillips of Greenwich, and Brynne Wright of Greenwich.

Hamilton Duo

The following local residents were named to the Dean's List at Hamilton College for the spring 2024 semester:

Shea Fortier of Greenwich. Fortier, a rising junior majoring in mathematics, is a graduate of Greenwich Central High School.

Lillian Letzring of Schuylerville. Letzring is a rising sophomore.

St. Lawrence Grad

Alyssa G. Bigness of Greenwich, was among 433 students awarded a degree at St. Lawrence University's Commencement ceremony, held May 19 at Newell Field House in Canton, New York. Bigness was awarded a degree in statistics and mathematics.

Also, St. Lawrence named these students to the spring Dean's List: Cody Belden of Greenwich; Silvia Escobar-Deleon of Salem, and Norah Niesz of Greenwich.

Vermont State University Honors

The following student was named to the Vermont State University President's List for the Spring 2024 semester: Elizabeth Bolio of Argyle. To qualify for this highest academic honor, students must maintain full-time status and a semester grade point average of 4.0.

Two Walk at Clarkson

Recent Clarkson grads: Christopher Albrecht and Philip Grimes, both of Greenwich,

Rusticator to play park

All are invited to bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy an evening filled with great music, delicious food, and fantastic drinks at Hudson Crossing Park on Thursday, July 18th, 2024 from 6-8 pm. Local favorites "Rusticator" will be performing on the Hudson Crossing Park stage and attendees can enjoy food from the Casa Reves food truck and refreshing craft beers from Argyle Brewing Company.

Rusticator, an acoustic band with an Americana spirit, brings a unique and captivating sound. Stripped back drums and an upright bass provide a woody backbeat, while steady acoustic guitar supports jazz-inflected fiddle playing and the group's three-part harmonies. Their eclectic yet accessible live sets include everything from the Grateful Dead and

Bob Dylan to Ray Charles and Van Morrison, alongside their well-crafted original songs.

Casa Reves will be offering their Jalisco style Mexican food, which will pair perfectly with Argyle Brewing Co.'s craft beers, made with local ingredients and traditional brewing

methods. Come on out and try what they say

is "the best craft beer vou'll drink Washington in County, or anywhere else."

Tickets are \$5 per person, and children 10 and



under are free. Tickets can be purchased at the event.

Heritage Hunters

Brookside Museum on Saturday, July 20th at 1 p.m. Featured will be an hour long film, "Vischer Ferry, a Forgotten Crossroads," created by Saratoga County History Center members, Jim Rich-

Heritage Hunters will meet at mond and Dave Waite. Vischer Ferry is an historic hamlet that grew alongside the Erie Canal and remains vibrant to this day. Brookside Museum is located at 21 Fairground Ave., in Ballston Spa. Public is welcome.

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OBITUARIES

James (Jim) Henry Tyler, 86

James (Jim) Henry Tyler, 86, passed away peacefully at home in Dewey Beach, DE Tuesday July 2, 2024. He was born in Albany, NY October 16, 1937 to James Leslie Tyler and Ruby (Rasey) Tyler.

Jim was raised in Salem, NY and graduated from Salem Washington Academy. He returned to his hometown often and was looking forward to his 70th high school reunion next year. He studied civil engineering and played football at Union College. He continued his studies with a graduate degree from the University of Missouri. He loved his work and served as President of the Syracuse chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers. He retired from Allied Chemical's Solvay, NY plant in 1997. Jim continued to use his expertise in retirement as chairman of the Dewey Beach infrastructure committee from soon after he retired in Delaware until he stepped down last year.

College opened up a life that Jim couldn't imagine when he was growing up. After college his work took him to Illinois, New Jersey, Delaware, and upstate New York. It was the time in Delaware that inspired him and his wife, Eleanor, to retire in Dewey Beach. They both enjoyed traveling and explored all over North America and four other continents.

Jim had a smile and friendly greeting for everyone in all that he did. He was a high school football referee for over 25 years. He was an avid hunter, loved the outdoors and even spent a summer during college as a fire spotter in Umatilla National Forest in Oregon. He was a member of the Delaware Seaside Railroad Club. To honor his father Jim donated gallons of blood to the Red Cross over his lifetime.

Jim is survived by his loving wife of 58 years, Eleanor (Meitch) Tyler; his children, Cynthia (Tyler) Millen and Edward James Tyler; and his beloved grandchildren Ruby Millen, Lexa Millen, Gideon James Tyler, and Lorelei Tyler.

Jim's final act of service was to donate his body for medical research. A private service will be held later this year. He will be interred at Evergreen Cemetery in Salem, NY. To honor him, please make a donation to the Historic Salem Courthouse Preserva-



tion Association or give a pint of blood.

Michael B. Bergin, 86

Michael B. Bergin, a native of Greenwich, New York, and resident of Burnt Hills, New York, passed away on Sunday, June 30, 2024. Born on September 2, 1937, in Greenwich, he was the son of Michael and Helen Burgess Bergin.

He was predeceased by his parents and siblings, Donald, Francis, Margaret, Philip, Helen, Robert, Claire, Peter, and Mary. He is survived by his sons, Matt Bergin of Ballston Lake, New York and Stephen Bergin of Lake Ronkonkoma, New York; his daughter Rose Conley of Cincinnati Ohio; his sister, Ann Rayfield of San Antonio Texas, his grandsons, John Bergin, and Gabriel Conley; his close cousin, Richard Stiles of Greenwich, New York and many nieces, nephews, and dear friends.

He proudly served in the United States Army in the 464th Combat Engineer Battalion and was stationed in Fort Dix, New Jersey and Fort Devens, Massachusetts. Michael received his bachelor's degree from the State University of New York at Plattsburgh and his master's degree from the University at Albany, State University of New York. He began his teaching career in Ballston Spa and spent most of his career as a guidance counselor at Niskayuna High School, where many of his colleagues became lifelong friends. He concluded his career as a guidance counselor abroad with stints at the Singapore American School and the American School of Milan, Italy.

Calling hours were to be held at the Glenville Funeral Home, 9 Glenridge Rd. on Friday, July 5th from 10 AM to 12 PM. Funeral Service were to begin at 12 PM, followed by a procession to Gerald B.H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery for military honors at 2 PM.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Muscular Dystrophy Association. ONLINE CONDOLENCES AT GLEN-VILLEFUNERALHOME.COM





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