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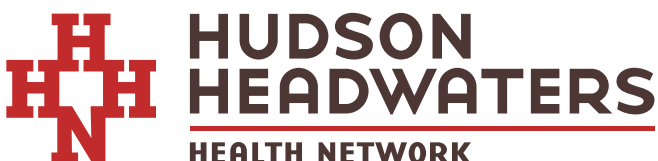
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Todd Teal

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Get ready for August Battlefield events

Saratoga National Historical Park continues its 2023 special events program in August. Programs include:

“Are we there yet?”

Friday, August 4, 10:30 am to 11:30 am

Location: Visitor Center

Have you ever felt lost? Join Park Ranger Bill Valosin for an introduction to map and compass use. Discover the essential workings of a compass, what a map is, and how to use these tools together to find your way.

Making Music with RiverJack Z

Saturday, August 5, 1:00 pm

Location: Visitor Center

Create a song with RiverJack Z, a.k.a. Jack Zucchini, the guitar-playing singer/songwriter from The Zucchini Brothers.

History Caravans

Tuesdays, August 8 and 22, 9:30 am

Meet at the Visitor Center

Park Volunteers lead caravan-style tours of the Saratoga Battlefield!

The McKrells Concert

Tuesday, August 8, 12:00 pm

Location: Visitor Center

Join us for the return of Music at the Battlefield at noon on August 8! The McKrells will bring their rousing brand of Bluegrass to top of the hill next to the Visitor Center. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy the exhilarating sounds along with the beautiful and historic views.

Bluegrass Now magazine described our guests as follows: “Traditional suits-and-ties bluegrass The McKrells are not...Yes, it’s Grass, mostly, but there’s a lilt to the tunes, a bouncing drive to the

melodies, and here and there a touch of melancholy that seems to go hand in hand with the Celtic folk persona.” Saratoga Arts made this program possible through the Community Arts Regrant Program, funded by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature.

Tinsmith Demonstration

Friday, August 11, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Location: Visitor Center

A live tinsmith demonstration! At the time of the Battles of Saratoga, the tinsmith was an important part of both community and military life. Tinsmiths created dozens of useful items like cups, bowls, candle molds, lanterns, tea canisters, and other containers. They also provided armies with needed items such as oil flasks, canteens, document cases, cooking kettles, and even canister shot for artillery. Learn about the process and see a sampling of the many civilian and military wares a tinsmith could make! The tinsmith demonstration is weather sensitive and will be cancelled in the event of rain.

Saratoga Shooting Stars: Perseid Meteor Shower Watch Party

Saturday, August 12, 9:30 to 10:30 pm

Location: Visitor Center Lawn

Join us for a night under the stars on the Visitor Center Lawn during a peak night of the Perseid Meteor Shower. Ranger Kristin will give a short presentation about our connections to the night sky, the majesty of meteor showers, a night sky tour, and how you can help to protect this disappearing resource. After the presentation, atten-



The park's Surrender Cannon

dees will have time to watch the night sky for meteors. Under favorable night sky conditions, it is estimated that you can see around 100 meteors per hour. Although we do have light pollution here, if the weather cooperates, we are hoping for a good show! Limited space is available. Go to go.nps.gov/saratogastars and click the “Contact Us” link at the bottom of the calendar listing to register.

Feeding an Army

Sunday, August 13, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Location: Visitor Center

What did British soldiers at Saratoga eat, and how did they prepare their food? Join us as we explore these questions through a sensory exploration and live cooking demonstration using historical methods, tools, and reproduction foods. Visitors will have the opportunity to touch, smell, and hear the culinary past!

The entire Special Event schedule can be found at go.nps.gov/saraevents.

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Park entrance reopens

Saratoga National Historical Park reopened its eastern entrance at Route 4 after park facilities staff completed stabilization efforts. Permanent repairs will occur later. The entire Park Entrance Road between Route 4 and Route 32 is now available. In addition, a section of the park’s Wilkinson Trail has reopened for hiking. Stop at the Visitor Center for more information and be sure to follow detour and closed signs while on the trail. Substantial damage was caused at numerous park locations by flash flooding during the evening of July 17. This flooding was triggered by localized torrential rains combined with an extremely wet weather pattern this month throughout the region. Work continues on affected areas of the trail network. It is hoped that all trails will reopen in the coming weeks once safe access can be restored. Further updates will be shared on the park website at nps.gov/sara.

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LEAP open house

LEAP is hosting an open house at the Cambridge Head Start / Early Head Center, at 92 Spring Street, Cambridge, NY 12816, on Friday, August 4th, 2pm – 4pm and Wednesday, August 9th, 5pm – 7pm. The public is encouraged to visit and learn about several services that LEAP provides to Washington County residents. Community partners, service providers, snacks, fun, a scavenger hunt, and more await you. For more than 50 years, LEAP, formerly the Washington County Economic Opportunity Council, has provided Community Action, Head Start, and Workforce Development services to Washington County residents with the aim of ending poverty and building thriving, healthy communities. For more information, please email Outreach & Development Coordinator, Zac LaPoint, at zac.lapoint@leap-services.org! Community partners serving Washington County and door prize donors are encouraged to email your interest.



Casting call: Batman villains on trial

Darren Johnson
Journal & Press

If you see a flashing light on the clouds of Salem, NY, in the shape of a bat on Saturday, Sept. 9, at 9 a.m. sharp, it means The Batman is in town at the Salem Courthouse -- and he needs your help.

Local comics and cosplay aficionado, filmmaker and mental health advocate Todd Teal of Shushan, will be producing a short piece based on the Caped Crusader, and is looking for extras. Aaron Lambert will be the filmmaker.

Already, his social media post about the casting call has received a lot of interest but Teal is still looking for more people, ages 25-60, attired in business casual, to populate the audience in what will be the comic book version of the Trial of the Century.

The scene will involve The Batman, played by Teal, gazing into the courtroom and having a flashback as five notable classic villains stand in judgment.

Teal said that this will be a short half-hour film about mental health and will not monetize, to be available for free on the web. His wife, Laurie B Teal, is a Nurse Practitioner in Psychiatry and runs Integrative Wellness PLLC.

Donations are welcome, and all proceeds will benefit local mental health. You can also donate in advance to help with film expenses via <https://gofund.me/d9935a85>.

In case you are unfamiliar with the story, The Batman lost his parents to criminal activity as a young child, and this dark cloud transformed him into the Dark Knight.



"We hope to raise awareness in a lot of ways," Teal said. "The story of Batman is the story of torment, and persevering through what we call 'shadow work.'"

He said the courtroom also serves as a metaphor. "Batman is also tormented by the injustice caused by bad people who did not

have to face the consequences," adding, "I am The Batman in this story, and it's also a journey of my own mental health."

To serve as an extra, be sure to show up in proper attire by 9 a.m. on Sept. 9. For more information, contact Teal via Facebook at facebook.com/todd.teal.1.

Flower show winners announced

The Schuylerville Garden Club's annual National Garden Club Standard Show held on July 22 & 23 was a great success with over 200 attendees. The title of the show was "Road Trip, New York" with New York State being the theme of the show.

The Designer's Choice Award and Design Excellence winner was Carol English for an Illuminary design called "Times Square, The City that Never Sleeps".

Marge Shostak won the Tri-Color award for "Innisfree Gardens-Stop and Smell the Flowers", a monobotanic design using multiple parts of a plant of one family or genus. The Petite Award went to Liz Gee for "Cruising the 1000 Islands, Castles, Coastlines & Camping", a parallel design.

In the Horticulture Division, Al Whitehouse won the Horticulture Excellence Award and the Arboreal Award for his Hydrangea branch. Evelyn Rybaltowski won a Grower's Choice Award and the Club Challenge Award for her Begonia and other plants combination planter and another Grower's Choice Award for a combination planter. Grower's Choice Awards also went to Margaret Rishel for a coleus and to Renee Rosch for a cyclamen. Awards of merit were won by Norma Moy for a zinnia, Janice Pitkin for a pineapple lily, Al Whitehouse for a spigelia and Karen Scharf for mint.

Mary Roberts and Deb Mathis won an award for an educational exhibit showing "The Erie Canal National Heritage Corridor." A second educational display showing some NYS gardens was done by Diane Swartwout, Eileen Kay-Rymph, Mary Malicki and Darlene Bolduc.

The photo exhibit with pictures of places in the



state was judged by popular vote. Among the places pictured included Lakes Durant and Champlain, Greenwich, Gansevoort, Queensbury, Saratoga Raceway, Horicon, New York City and Manhattan. Faith Dymond placed first for her photo of a favorite place in NYS. Shelly Derby placed second in the favorite place class and second in a natural wonder photo. Darcy Leigh placed third in both the favorite place class and the natural wonder class. Laurie Kleitgen won honorable mention in the favorite place. Patricia Ryan won first in the natural wonder category and Christopher Derway won honorable mention in that class. Candy Kuba was first in looking out a window. Margaret Rishel was second in that class, Scott Rishel, third and Evelyn Rybaltowski took honorable mention.

On Sunday, those attending enjoyed a presentation by JoAnn Strevy entitled "Anyone Can Grow English Roses". Listeners heard tips for managing and designing gardens with roses.

The club is grateful to the Town of Saratoga for the use of the hall and to local papers that helped publicize the event. Local merchants and club members donated items for a benefit table. It is appreciated since the proceeds are used to help support the club's donations of a student DEC campership, a scholarship to a Schuylerville senior and donations to other national and local benevolences. Thank you to all who participated in and attended the show.

Obituaries and community connectedness

Darren Johnson
Journal & Press

In our latest episode of *The Weekly Newspaper Podcast*, we bring in Liv Thygesen, a Greenwich resident, businessperson and mother. The podcast talks about newspaper obituaries and what they represent to the community, and then Thygesen talks about living locally, raising a family and running for office. She also is running a local concert series.

Find this podcast and others at WeeklyNewspaperPodcast.com, or scan the QR code below with your smartphone camera. The podcast is also available on every popular podcast app.

Here is a small excerpt from the podcast:

DJ: Obituaries, we've been getting fewer and fewer obituaries of late, and that's one of the revenue streams, and we don't charge a lot for them; we charge \$100 for up to 400 words with a photo. If you think about our print run, if we have two or three obituaries per issue, you know that that covers a portion of the print costs. ... Considering the average funeral is about \$10,000, a \$100 obit seems fair. I know the daily papers charge \$300, \$400, \$500. Our obits also go on an historic archive. They're archived pretty much forever. We're the only paper in the region that's on the New York State Historic Newspaper Archives.

I feel it's a good buy. I feel it's like something that's kind of essential, especially for our readers who have been reading this paper for 60, 70 years, and they were in

it when they were young, they were in it when they were married, they were in it when they did something, you know, in college or high school, they were in it when they bought a business, they were in it at various times, and it would seem like it would make sense for them to be in it at the end, because they had such loyalty to this newspaper, but we're not getting the obituaries anymore.

Especially from one particular funeral parlor. So I asked them, "Hey, what's going on ... and they said that the kids don't want, they don't see the value in it anymore. The kids that come back. Because the kids don't live in the region anymore, largely.

I've had two elderly people who I knew read the newspaper, living on my block. They loved it. They would talk to me about it. One would bring over her subscription check. Both passed away in the past couple of years. And both of them would have, I'd see in their driveway, maybe the kids would come visit at Christmas or Mother's Day or something, and

that would be it.

So their driveway was pretty much empty all year long, and the kids would come in. And then both times, a flurry of activity at the houses, bunches of cars, and I'd find out, sure enough, the person had passed away. And in both cases, they didn't place an obituary in the newspaper. So I asked the funeral home, why aren't they doing it, and it's like, well, they feel like no one reads newspapers anymore, which is, you know, kind of disheartening, but I know that their friends read the newspaper because they go to like Saratoga Seniors or Greenwich Seniors, and they'd all be talking about the newspaper, and I know a lot of those readers don't have the internet, so they're not seeing it on Facebook, and second, is Facebook really archiving these obituaries in any meaningful way, so I don't know, that's kind of another nail in the coffin for these types of newspapers besides the cost of print and postage going up and the number of advertisers we have disappearing.

LT: I'm just blown away. Why wouldn't a kid want their family member to have an obituary in the paper? I feel like that it's tradition and you know, print, yes. It's, it may not be as common, but if it's not in writing, if it's not on paper, it's like it never happened.

It's super important to have it,

especially if it's in print, in writing and it can be archived because if it's digital and nothing is on paper, if the kill switch is hit, you lose everything that's electronic. Without electricity, you can't have historical.

So it would just seem like common sense to put something into a newspaper and to have that put out there. Plus it reaches a different audience. And then it creates a keepsake for somebody to take out. It's another great way to document your family history.

I don't want to say my generation, but of my age range and younger, they've gotten away from a lot of, I think, family values and traditional values. And it does result, revolve around printed text. You don't see people reading a printed book anymore. I don't know how many parents sit and continue to read to their children.

I think academically we've gotten away from printed text. And I think that that is just filtering into when we look at the preservation of family, traditions, and all that as it pertains to obituaries and the newspaper. Which is unfortunate.

The Weekly Newspaper Podcast tries to go beyond the headlines and flesh out real local stories and local newsmakers, while also documenting how to survive as a small media outlet during chang-

Library offers training and education about Narcan and harm reduction

Sarah Murphy
Greenwich Free Library

When it came to education around drugs, I was firmly ensconced in the “Just Say No,” “This is your brain on drugs” generation. The message wasn’t just abstinence only, it was that any experimentation with drugs would likely lead to death or, and this came directly from a school-wide assembly at my Middle School, the loss of enough nose cartilage to make it possible for a person to string a handkerchief through one nostril and out the other. The message was also that one could repent—as in the person who came to provide a cautionary tale to middle schoolers about his deteriorated nose—but one could never be a truly good person and use drugs. The message was about fear, not just about the harm that might be caused by drug use, but about the possibility of turning from a good person into a not-good person. Or at least, that was the message I thought I was meant to receive as a kid.

Much of the messaging around drugs and alcohol continues to emphasize abstinence, but more and more experts are in favor of a “Harm Reduction” approach, which acknowledges that people—good people—use licit and illicit drugs, and that addiction is not a moral failing. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services defines Harm Reduction as, “an evidence-based approach that is critical to engaging with people who use drugs and equipping them with life-saving tools and information to create positive change in their lives and potentially save their lives.” An important tool in Harm Reduction strategies is opioid overdose-reversal medication, commonly known as Narcan. Narcan kits are becoming increasingly available at businesses, public spaces, and libraries around the country and in our region.

At the beginning of this year, I was told that Greenwich Free Library was among the sites identified by Adirondack Health Institute as an appropriate location for a Narcan Box. As of November 2022, AHI had helped to install at least 125 boxes around the North Country, and they were targeting more locations like ours. The decision on whether to take them up on the offer for a free box, supplies, and training was not open and closed. The board members discussed, raised reasonable questions, and some voiced hesitation. In my conversations with Sabrina Herlick at AHI, I learned about how Narcan works (when someone enters an overdose and is given Narcan, it immedi-



ately sends them into withdrawal when they wake up), that it is an extremely unpleasant experience that no one would choose to undergo, that it does not encourage drug use, and that having it on hand can save someone’s life. Sabrina also provided me with references to state laws that limit liability for business and organizations that keep Narcan on hand and that protect the individuals who administer it.

Once the board agreed that this was a resource we should provide to our community, we then decided to schedule training and education for staff and for the public. Heather Mattison from Alliance for Public Health encouraged us to open this event to the public and to make this about community connection. Heather says, “Connection is vital when addressing substance use. In the Prevention world we work hard to create positive connections with our children and youth, and we know that youth who are connected, in a positive way, to an adult in their community or family have more positive outcomes.” Heather

introduced me to a phrase widely used in the recovery community: “The opposite of Addiction is connection.” She goes on to say that, “People who use drugs are often disconnected from their community, family, and medical and service providers.” The idea that these people should “hit rock bottom” is dangerous and can mean death by overdose. “Peo-

ple who are using drugs are told to stay away until they ‘choose’ to quit. Harm Reduction works to restore those connections, by meeting people where they’re at and creating positive relationships. Narcan is a lifesaving, Harm Reduction tool that just about anyone can use.”

The training that we are offering to the public on August 10th is not limited to how and when to administer Narcan, it will also help upend some of the messaging many of us have been internalizing since those well-intentioned but ultimately not very effective Middle School assemblies. Heather is joining forces with Katherine Chambers of the Hope and Healing Recovery Center to provide an educational opportunity for all those who are interested. Heather says that “Community members can expect a custom training created just for them! We will discuss Harm Reduction, Opioid Overdose Prevention, Recovery, Stigma, and Substance Use.” All those in attendance will be trained to use Narcan and will be offered a free kit.

Patrons may have their own experiences with drugs and people who use them, or they may recognize that they hold misconceptions or biases. They may wish to reduce harm in their own lives, and to help to keep their friends, family, and neighbors safe. Regardless of the reason, I hope many people come out for this vital training and community connection.

**Community Narcan and Substance Use
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Sarah Murphy is Director of the Greenwich Free Library.

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SUNY Adirondack's new hemp program

SUNY Adirondack announced its new hemp microcredential programs.

SUNY Adirondack is one of four SUNY colleges included in a million-dollar statewide initiative to create and enhance credential programs and course offerings that provide pathways to employment in the cannabis industry. Schenectady County Community College, Columbia-Greene Community College and Fulton-Montgomery Community College are partners in the project.

"I am excited for the opportunities these new courses in cannabis and hemp will offer students," said Kim Feeney London, assistant professor of Business. "Students want to learn more about the opportunities in this booming industry and employers in the region are looking for a knowledgeable and competitive workforce as the industry expands."

SUNY Adirondack will offer five new credit courses, including how to grow hemp, how to harvest and prepare hemp for processing, history of cannabis in society, and cannabis entrepreneurship and marketing classes.

"The Office of Continuing Education is excited to partner with the Science and Business divisions to offer community members the opportunity to get involved in a fast-growing profession," said Susan Corlew, director Continuing Education and Workforce Innovation at SUNY Adirondack. "These new courses are a perfect complement to the agricultural work already being done on the college farm."

By taking four courses, participants can earn a microcredential — a short, focused credential designed to provide in-demand skills, know-how and experience. SUNY Adirondack will offer Cannabis & Hemp Cultivation and Cannabis Business and Entrepreneurship microcredentials.

Both microcredentials include the classes Marketing New York's Agricultural Products and Cannabis: A journey through History, Society & Policy. The Cultivation pathway includes Harvesting and Intro to Processing and Introduction to Sustainable Cultivation. The Entrepreneurship pathway includes Principles of Entrepreneurship and the Business of Cannabis & Hemp.

The microcredentials are "stackable" — count toward associate degrees — in Management, Marketing and Entrepreneurship; Liberal Arts and Sciences: Individual Studies; Liberal Arts and Sciences: Mathematics and Science; and Agricultural Business. Some classes are offered online and others in a hybrid model (partly online and partly in person).

"Those with agricultural or business backgrounds can use our microcredential programs to become new cannabis entrepreneurs, while new students can hone new skills and understanding of the cannabis industry," Feeney London said. "Our courses will provide hands-on plant knowledge as well as an opportunity to connect with industry experts and allow for our students to stay up to date on the changing cannabis climate in New York state."

NYS Department of Health estimates the fast-developing cannabis industry will grow to be between \$1.7 billion and \$3.5 billion annually. According to the Rockefeller Institute of Government, a \$1.7 billion industry can generate an economic output of \$4.1 billion and more than 30,000 jobs, and attract hundreds of millions of dollars in capital investment. Learn more at www.sunyacc.edu/academics/microcredentials.



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Highway committee responds to Sharts letter

To the Editor:

When I read Dawn O'Connor Shart's Letter to the Editor in a previous issue, I was struck by the multitude of falsehoods contained in it. You would think that someone who identifies herself as a candidate for the Greenwich Town Board would get her facts right before writing a public letter.

First of all, the old grader she refers to was a 1996 model that needed a new transmission (wait time, 6 months or more), a new hydraulic system, and replacement of other parts. Its hours of operation were way beyond its useful life. The cost of repairing it would exceed \$50,000 with no guarantee other aged parts would not fail. Putting Town money into keeping and using antique highway equipment is not cost effective. Our Highway employees and the Town residents living on dirt roads need and deserve a dependable grader. The new grader not only ensures uninterrupted, high-quality performance in grading our dirt roads, it can also be used as a plow, augmenting the Town's snowplowing fleet.

Candidate Sharts goes on to say that "We have a highway crew with no proper training in handling equipment." Nothing could be further from the truth. All of our full-time highway employees have CDL licenses and extensive experience using highway equipment. They complete several training programs each year. Their experience and dedication to the job is second to none.

Contrary to what candidate Sharts said, "The truck wasn't inspected." All highway trucks are inspected. Our highway employees are out before, during, and after snowstorms and/or ice storms. They sand, salt, and plow 77 miles of Town roads. Working in these hazardous conditions, often in the dark of night, entails a high degree of skill. Occasionally, plow trucks do slide and sometimes there is damage. All incidents like this are reported to the Town Supervisor and the Town Board Highway Committee by the Town Highway Superintendent.

One thing candidate Sharts said in her falsehood-laden LTE, "Your vote does matter so get out and vote this Fall...." does ring true. Enough said.

Signed,

Greenwich Town Board Highway Committee:

Greenwich Town Councilman
Pat Donahue

Greenwich Town Councilman
Tom Graves



Stock photo of a solar farm

Solar farms in our region

Fields of Solar Panels Carbon Footprint

To the Editor:

As several local towns are reviewing or have approved acres of solar panels that emit a carbon footprint while destroying acres of carbon absorbing green fields, perhaps it's time to put a moratorium on such carbon emitting projects. The Town of Greenwich's Planning Board is now reviewing such a project.

Not only do solar panels emit a carbon footprint but the material and key elements needed to construct a solar panel leave a large carbon footprint as well. The mining, manufacturing and transportation costs to create Lithium batteries creates an enormous carbon footprint.

NYS recently became aware of the toxins that can be released into the air when smoke from a fire at a solar panel field required evacuations downwind from the solar panel fire. What were the toxins being emitted into the air? How long did the fire last? Was the ground beneath the solar panel array contaminated by toxins? Where did the water runoff go and was the water contaminated as well? Has a "brownfield" been created with surface contaminants or downwind fallout from smoke? Is the land owner responsible for any contamination cleanup? What are the concerns for the firefighters? Any special training or equipment? Several local volunteer Fire Departments received funding for special equipment to fight Lithium battery fires from EVs.

Recently a field of solar panels in Nebraska, consisting of many acres, was completely destroyed by a hail storm. Is it possible for our area to have storms with large hail? If it's possible, it can happen.

A recent survey conducted this past year in the Village and Town of Greenwich residents were asked how important was agriculture and open space. Responders felt farming (not solar farming), preserving the rural character and retaining the outlying areas in rural open space were important. Perhaps it's time to for the Greenwich Planning Board to halt its review of the planned acres of Solar Panels until the Town's Comprehensive Plan is adopted.

Louis J. Leone
Greenwich

Solar Farm Input Sought To the EditorL

In the July 22 issue, "Solar plan for Greenwich's Bald Mountain" discussed our plan for a 20 MW solar farm in the Town, how we plan to continue agricultural use of the site, and ways the Town will ensure the funding is set aside for decommissioning. We continue to seek input from residents as we finalize our site plan for the project. At a recent Town Planning Board Public Hearing, community members focused on what the project will look like, maintenance, and the processes for the end of the project's life.

As we finalize our site design, with panels placed appropriately for sheep grazing, we are also researching plant species that will not only help screen our project, but also create a habitat for native pollinators along the perimeter. Our panels will be 100 feet from the road, not 1,000 as indicated in the news article. Access roads will remain clear in all weather, and panels will be constantly monitored and replaced as necessary.

Solar farms are a reversible use of the land, and after operations cease, all materials will be removed from the site and recycled or reused. Decommissioning resources will be put aside, and continually assessed by the Town to ensure any associated costs will be covered.

As a developer, owner, and operator, we strive to be good neighbors and a meaningful part of the community for decades to come. We will update our project website www.boralex.com/projects/bald-mountain as we progress, and urge members of the community to contact our team with any questions.

David Lett
Project Manager, Bald Mountain Solar
Boralex

Seek parade vols

The Greater Greenwich Chamber of Commerce will hold the first meeting of the 2023 Tractor Parade Committee on Tuesday, August 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the Chamber office. The Chamber office is located in the Greenwich Village Hall on Academy Street. If you would like to volunteer, please join us. If you would like to volunteer but can't make this meeting please contact Chamber Director, Kelly Eustis: kelly@greenwichchamber.org. The Tractor Parade takes place this year on Saturday, November 18. Many hands make light work and insure another successful parade.

Turning Point Parade

Get ready for a weekend of wholesome fun, community spirit, and dazzling fireworks as Schuylerville gears up for its highly anticipated annual festival and parade on the first weekend of August. This year's event promises to capture the essence of Americana, creating an unforgettable experience for all who attend.

The 2023 Turning Point Parade and Festival will begin on Saturday, August 5 at 4 pm, with a lively festival that offers something for everyone. From local food vendors serving up delicious treats to captivating live performances by talented artists, the atmosphere will be electric with excitement. The festival will conclude with a fireworks display after dusk.

On Sunday, August 6 at 1 pm the festivities will continue with a vibrant procession through the heart of our picturesque town. Spectators can look forward to a display of enchanting floats, lively marching bands, classic cars, and commu-

nity groups that showcase the best of our region's creativity and community pride. The parade will be a celebration of the Champlain Canals and new Gateway Visitor Center, uniting residents, and visitors alike in a joyful display of patriotism.

The 2023 Turning Point Parade and Festival is made possible through the dedication of volunteers, local businesses, and community helpers. Their support and participation play a vital role in creating a memorable experience for all attendees. We are always looking for more volunteers email turningpointschuylerville@gmail.com for more information.



For more information on the 2023 Turning Point Parade and Festival, including vendor opportunities, and volunteer registration, please visit <https://turningpointparade.com>. Stay connected with the latest updates and announcements by following Turning Point Parade on Facebook.

Cambridge artist in Ticonderoga exhibit

Cambridge artist Terry Teitelbaum will be exhibiting her expressive abstract oil paintings at Ti Arts Downtown Gallery, 119 Montcalm St., Ticonderoga, NY, Aug. 2 - Aug. 26

Teitelbaum's colorful abstracts are an exploration of intricate textures and vibrant hues. Her love of the natural world - its constantly changing rhythms and patterns - is clearly evident in her art and explains why her paintings have been described as "landscape inspired abstractions."

Additionally, decades of working in design, handling thousands of yards of bright fabric has had its influence, accounting for a huge part of her visual inventory.

"My style reflects the natural flow I seek in life, each painting takes on a life of its own."

Terry's artwork has been shown widely throughout the Capital region and Vermont, including numerous solo shows.



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When traveling this summer, pack up the kids, the dog ... and the jerky

Greg Schwem

Special to Journal & Press

The luggage carrier perched atop the SUV in front of me on a Chicago interstate one recent July afternoon reminded me of two facts:

1. Never get behind a vehicle with a luggage carrier if you are trying to read upcoming road signs.

2. Summer vacation season is upon us.

As I peer into cars on our nation's highways and see everything from bare feet pressed against backseat windows to dogs with facial expressions I interpret to mean, "Is my owner EVER gonna stop for a bathroom break?", I can't help but rekindle fond memories of car trips encompassing my youth. I could relate to the feet, but not the dog. We were cat owners, and cats do not accompany their masters on family vacations; nor do they have the desire. When we returned from excursions, no matter the length, our cat always seemed disappointed.

Today my sister and I reminisce about those trips with a combination of nostalgia and horror. How, we wonder, are we still walking Earth's face when our car was piloted by parents who began each vacation day with cigarettes and had devoured at least one pack each by the time we pulled into a roadside motel with neon signs proclaiming VACANCY and POOL?

Our lone break from the haze, and the harmful chemicals contained therein, came when Dad found a shaded rest stop at the 250-mile marker, also known as

"halfway" on Schwem trips, and we commenced a picnic lunch. Often the fare was greasy fast food purchased just before the stop; on day one Mom probably packed sandwiches and threw in other items from the refrigerator that, if left unattended during our trip, would be a fine hue of green when we returned.

Although our vacations included plenty of heart healthy activities — tennis, golf and the occasional hike come to mind — it's a wonder we had the lung capacity to engage in any of those pursuits once we arrived at our destination. "Healthy vacation" was an oxymoron in my family.

However, in today's health-conscious world, that phrase is now chock-full of truth, right down to road trip snacks. While cheese balls, M&M's and oil-soaked potato chips may always have places in minivans, now you can also expect to see healthy alternatives vying for space, including homemade trail mix, yogurt in tubes and beef jerky.

Wait, what? Jerky? A food item that contains a silica gel packet? Absolutely, according to Kristyn Ristaino, managing director of Avalon Communications and PR director of Old Trapper beef jerky since 2019. The company recently celebrated its fourth consecutive year of double digit growth.

"Moms like it because it's not candy or chips," said Ristaino, who cites mom bloggers as her source. She added that moms feel confident in the snack not only because of its portability but also due to its clear packaging.



"You can see what you're actually getting," she said.

Jerky has also become a favorite snack among dudes, specifically those who leave the kids behind on annual hunting and fishing trips. While men gravitate (naturally) toward the hot and spicy variety, traditional beef jerky remains the company's biggest seller.

"(Jerky) is keto-friendly," adds Ristaino.

I chuckled at the idea of my father, in between puffs of Kent cigarettes, vowing to indulge only in ketogenic-friendly foods at rest stops. Although, who knows how many extra miles we may have been able to cover had he been familiar with the term "meal replacement"? Another favorable quality of jerky, Ristaino said.

While rising gas prices have caused travelers to pump the brakes on car trips in 2023, those

who do hit the highways will take their hunger pangs with them. Will those cars contain the sweet aroma of teriyaki or peppered beef jerky?

If the alternative is smelling bare feet from Ohio to Texas, I think I know the answer.

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



'Story Laurie' to enchant in Easton

Easton Library will be hosting storyteller, songwriter and singer Laurie McIntosh (aka Story Laurie) at Burton Hall on Monday, August 7th at 3 PM. 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.

Most recently, Laurie merged her love of story, song and home-grown goodness in "Groovin' in the Garden," her new CD. Produced by children's music guru Dean Jones (Dog on Fleas), "Groovin' in the Garden" glows with 16 super-sunny tracks. Besides the wonderfully offbeat interpretations of some reliable classics—a tuba-fueled take on "Shoo-Fly Pie and Apple Pan Dowdy" and a boo-

gie-in-your-socks romp through "The Hokey Pokey"—the disc brings a bushel full of Laurie's patently catchy and witty originals. Several of these, the clever sing-along title cut in particular, focus on a theme that brings folks of all walks together and helps everybody: community gardens.

For nearly two decades, Laurie has been the storyteller-of-choice throughout the Catskills and Hudson Valley. A passionate performer, Laurie also has an extensive career as a storytelling coach and workshop leader. She has received numerous grants for her work training children as storytellers, as well as for conducting community oral history projects in both Delaware and Ulster counties.

At turns hilarious and serious, Story Laurie magically glides from one character to the next, employing her exquisite vocal skills, gestures and

facial expressions. With the fluid, highly animated way Laurie inspires classes and audiences, it's no surprise she's won the praise of some of the greatest names in her field. Among them are folk legend Pete Seeger and acclaimed storyteller Jay O'Callahan, the latter calling Laurie "a vibrant, creative performer who moves with the beauty of a jazz note."

Whether via the contagious, lesson-filled tunes on Groovin' in the Garden or performing for, and with, students or families, Story Laurie makes learning, creating—and singing!—fun for all.

Burton Hall is located at 1071 State Route 40, Greenwich, NY. Please call the library with questions at 518-692-2253. This "All Together Now" summer reading program is funded in part, by the Stewart's Holiday Match Grant.

If it's cardboard and floats, you're in!

Calling all sailors: Join the fun with Hudson Crossing Park's 17th Annual Cardboard Boat Races! Held every year at Fort Hardy Park in Schuylerville, NY, the Cardboard Boat Race is a fun and creative community day on the Hudson River.

Join us on Saturday, August 12, 2023 at Fort Hardy Park beach on Route 29 in Schuylerville from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is free for spectators. On-site registration and cardboard boat construction are open from 8 to 11 a.m., and the first race launches at 1pm. Rules, registration forms and hints to get started with boat building are available at www.hudsoncrossingpark.org.

In celebration of the 200th anniversary of the completion of the Champlain Canal, participants are invited to design boats with this year's theme in mind: Magical History Tour! Racers may construct their boats ahead of time or on the morning of the event where materials will be available at the event site for a nominal fee. Let's see who wins one of the coveted awards: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place awards for speed, the Titanic Award, Most Enthusiastic Crew, Judges Bribe Award ("Bribes" are considered donations to Hudson Crossing Park), People's Choice, Overall Best in Show, and Most Sailors Left Afloat!

Enjoy the festivities with food, live music by the Zucchini Brothers, and lots of cardboard construction!



Environmental education activities, canal trivia, and terrific photo opportunities will round out a fun-filled day for all. Individuals, families, groups, businesses, and school teams are all encouraged to race. This event is sponsored by Stewart's Holiday Match Program, Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor, and Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce. In case of inclement weather or unsafe sailing conditions this event will not be held.

Hudson Crossing is a nonprofit, bi-county educational park centered on and near the Champlain Canal Lock 5 Island of the Hudson River. The park offers river and canal access, a floating dock, trails, picnic sites, fishing access, points of geological and historical significance, and an innovative play garden. Call Park Director Kate Morse at 518-350-PARK (7275) or e-mail info@hudsoncrossingpark.org for more information.

Museum tour

The Cambridge Historical Society & Museum will present its August Program at the Museum, 12 Broad St., Cambridge, NY on Wednesday, August 16th at 7:00 p.m. Free tours of the museum will be available from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Robert Wright will be the presenter. The Museum is handicap accessible. Free.

Zan & the Winter Folk's 'Upbeat on the Roof'

The Frances Young Tang Teaching Museum and Art Gallery at Skidmore College announces that Zan & The Winter Folk will perform as part of the Upbeat on the Roof concert series on Thursday, August 10. The music begins at 6 pm on the lawn outside the Tang, and kids can pick up a craft-making kit starting at 5:30 pm.

Zan & The Winter Folk is a Troy-based Americana/folk band. They create anthems for the revivalists, lullabies for the lonely, ballads for the hopeful. Paired with lead Zan Strumfeld's alluring vulnerability and soulful lyrics, The Winter Folk reveal a unique and captivating sound in both their recordings and live performances. The Winter Folk's first full-length album will be

released in the fall of 2023.

Note: The band had originally been scheduled to perform on August 3, but the concert was moved to August 10.

New this year: Tang Art Educators will offer craft kits for kids starting at 5:30 pm. This week's craft is Woven Shapes. Participants are invited to create their own string art using cardboard and string! All projects are suitable for children aged 5 and up, with adult supervision recommended. Materials will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.

Performances take place on the lawn outside the Tang and are free and open to the public. Visitors are invited to bring picnic blankets,

camping chairs, and their own food and drink to make it a night. Free parking is available off Perimeter Road, next to the museum. In case of rain, both the art-making activity and concert will move indoors.

The upcoming Upbeat on the Roof schedule:

- August 3: Fuego Sonoro (replacing previously announced Veena Chandra)
- August 10: Zan & The Winter Folk (was originally scheduled for August 3)



- August 17: Nathan Meltz and the House of Tomorrow

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Is the economy out of the woods?

Jill Schlesinger
Special to Journal & Press

Recently the government reported unambiguous good news for the economy: the rate of inflation has slowed significantly.

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) grew at an annual rate of 3 percent in June, the smallest increase since March 2021 and well off the recent peak rate of 9.1% seen in June 2022 (9.1% was the fastest annual rate since November 1981).

The core rate, which strips out the volatile categories of food and energy, increased by 4.8%, the lowest core inflation has been since October 2021 and a significant improvement from its recent peak level of 6.6% in October 2022.

A big contributor to the overall drop in CPI was energy, which has tumbled 16.7% since last year, led lower by a near 27% plunge in gas prices. (The energy component spiked primarily due to the war in Ukraine and pandemic-related supply chain issues, which caused the average price for a gallon of regular gas to soar to more than \$5 in June

2022.)

The combination of those issues receding, and the Fed's aggressive rate hike campaign, where the central bank increased short-term lending rates five full percentage points over the course of 15 months starting in March 2022, have made a big dent in the rate of inflation.

Despite the improvement, I continue to hear from people who say things like, "But everything is still so expensive!" Of course, some things cost a lot more than they did prior to the pandemic, like housing prices, childcare, and car insurance, not to mention some of the still sky-high prices on menus.

That said, even though we complain, surveys find that the drop in prices is making a difference in how we feel. The University of Michigan's Consumer Sentiment Index rose in July to its "most favorable reading since September 2021...The sharp rise in sentiment was largely attributable to the continued slowdown in inflation along with stability in labor markets."

The improvement in prices and

sentiment begs the question: Is the United States economy out of the woods?

We started the year with economists and analysts almost uniformly predicting that the economy would fall into a recession in 2023, but it most certainly has not done so yet.

Gross Domestic Product (GDP) expanded at an annualized pace of 2% in the first quarter of the year and estimates for the second quarter range from about 1 to 2.3% annualized growth. Those early recession calls presumed that the labor market would roll over, which it has not. Despite job losses in tech, banking and media, the resilient labor market has seen 30 consecutive months of job growth.

However, the Federal Reserve is concerned that further progress on inflation may not be forthcoming, as the year over year comparisons will be tougher in the second half of 2023. The central bank's view does not sync up with a likely improvement in the shelter component of the CPI, a major contributor to headline and core inflation rates, but fed officials are the deciders, and they have

indicated that another rate hike is probably coming, perhaps as soon as at the end of this month.

One or two more rate hikes, along with a general slowdown in economic data, could mean that a recession is still possible.

Analysts at Capital Economics warn: "June's soft U.S. CPI print seems to have given investors renewed hope that inflation could fall back to normal levels without the economy slowing too much, if at all. We continue to think that the chance of a more-significant economic slowdown is underappreciated."

So, is the economy out of the woods? Maybe...

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Interpersonal Edge

Diligence, not drama, breeds success

Daneen Skube
Special to Journal & Press

Q: *I hear stories about people with huge self-confidence and courage taking large risks to succeed. Do you think this is necessary to get ahead? I'm not timid, but I'm not excited to go jumping off professional cliffs! How do you advise your clients about what courage looks like at work?*

A: I discourage drama among my clients. I advise clients as Mary Anne Radmachery, a professional speaker, observed: "Courage doesn't always roar. Sometimes courage is a quiet voice at the end of the day saying, 'I'll try again tomorrow.'"

Yes, it's true that dramatic risk-taking captures the attention of the media and imagination of the public. The person building a cathedral quietly, putting one brick in a wall every day, doesn't get much press. However, when they finish their building, they also quietly sit back

and enjoy the fruits of their labors.

People with huge self-confidence and what looks like big courage will get tripped up by arrogance. Doing what makes you anxious can be motivational, but doing what terrifies you means you'll stop using your thinking brain.

Effective people don't seek out the limelight because it distracts them from getting stuff done. People in the glare of public attention, are often blinded from seeing how to solve the problems right in front of them.

Most long-term effective professionals focus more on getting good at the job they like than seeking parades that reflect their glory. Many people who make a splash in today's news, are the same failures who hit the back page shortly after.

It's hard to be good at any job if your ego is leading you around by your nose. The Buddhists have a saying that's excellent professional

advice: "Go in and be what the space you're in needs!" People with dramatic success often have egos so big it's tough to fit them into any room, much less see what anyone around them needs.

I use this column, my book, and my work to try to delete bad advice from people's brains. Be dramatic, go big or go home, and no fear is truly bad advice. There's a T-shirt I've seen that I enjoy. On the front side it boldly declares, "NO fear!" On the backside, it states, "REALLY Stupid!"

Fear is helpful in making us slow down, make a plan, and pack a parachute before we cliff jump. We don't prove anything, other than foolishness, by taking ill-considered risks.

An investment in the joy of the process, and satisfaction of building your own professional cathedral means you create sacred space for yourself and others. You create more value than those with big egos because you can see what the space needs...and provide it. Who do you think is more valuable to a company, Mr. or Ms. Big Ego, or the person who gets stuff done?

Toss out the bad advice of needing to prove how brave you are and be willing to quietly build steps in the direction you want your career to go.

Your results will be slowly burning, long after the fireworks of the dramatic risk takers have faded!

The last word(s)

Q: *What do you think the connection is between good work and a good life? Is there one mistake you see many people make?*

A: Yes, one mistake is going through the motions as if we have eternity to spend before we get truly engaged in life! As Idries Shah (1924-1996), an expert on Sufism from India, warned his students: "What's a fundamental mistake of man's? To think he's alive, when he's merely fallen asleep in life's waiting-room."

Daneen Skube, Ph.D., is an executive coach and appears on FOX's "Workplace Guru" each Monday morning.

You can contact Dr. Skube at www.interpersonaledge.com or 1420 NW Gilman Blvd., #2845, Issaquah, WA 98027. Sorry, no personal replies.



Writers read — hear them

A "Writers Reading" returns to the Greenwich Free Library community room on Tuesday, August 8 from 7-9PM. Writers wishing to read may claim their 15 minutes by phoning 518-320-0502 or emailing dionondehowa@yahoo.com. Those who wish to attend as listeners are very welcome. The Library is located at 148 Main St. Greenwich. This program is guided by Bonnie Hoag.

College bound Greenwich grads

The following Greenwich Senior High School Students receive scholarships and/or awards from regional colleges or universities:

St. Michael's College Book Award — This award recognizes the outstanding students who

demonstrate a commitment to volunteerism and leadership in their community service endeavors. Recipients must be inductees of the National Honor Society and must demonstrate concern for social justice issues. They may also be considered for a scholarship at St. Michael's College.

Esther Moore
Lily Nichols

Wells College Leadership Award — This award is presented in recognition of demonstrated academic performance, extracurricular activities and community service. It guarantees a \$10,000 scholarship at Wells College.

Allison McQueen
Oakley Waters

RPI Medalist Award — Given by Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. This award is given to a promising junior who has distinguished himself in mathematics and science. This \$30,000 per year merit scholarship is guaranteed for four years if he attends RPI.

Noah Davis

George Eastman Young Leaders Award — Given by the University of Rochester to a qualified junior who has outstanding academic achievement and leadership. This award makes him eligible for at least a \$5,000 per year scholarship at the University of Rochester if he applies and is accepted.

Evan Merrill

The Frederick Douglass and Susan B. Anthony Award — Given by the University of Rochester to a qualified junior who has outstand-



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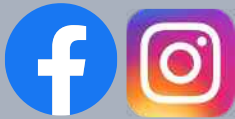
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ing academic achievement in the humanities and/or social sciences. This award makes him eligible for at least a \$5,000 per year scholarship at the University of Rochester if he applies and is accepted.

Seth Boddery

Clarkson University Achievement Award — Given by Clarkson University to a qualified junior in recognition of outstanding leadership qualities and academic promise. This is a scholarship of \$48,000 over four years.

Elizabeth Marci

Clarkson University Leadership Award — Given by Clarkson University to a qualified junior in recognition of outstanding leadership qualities and academic promise. This award is one of the highest honors at the University and includes a scholarship of \$60,000 over four years.

Caroline Kelly

Augsbury/North Country Scholarship — Given by St. Lawrence University to those juniors who demonstrate academic and extracurricular leadership. This scholarship includes a \$35,000 annual merit scholarship if they attend the University and maintain a 3.0 minimum GPA.

Kiley Allen

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Xerox Award for Innovation and Informa-

tion Technology — Given by The University of Rochester to a qualified junior for outstanding achievement in the pursuit of innovative approaches and an appreciation for the possibilities of technology. This award makes her eligible for at least a \$5,000 per year scholarship at the University of Rochester if she applies and is accepted.

Caroline Kelly

Bausch & Lomb Science Award — Given by the University of Rochester a medal is awarded by the Bausch & Lomb Company to a junior in recognition of outstanding academic achievement and superior intellectual promise in the field of science. This award makes her eligible for at least a \$5,000 per year scholarship at the University of Rochester.

Honora LaRock

Sage Award — Sage College honors these students who have the characteristics of academic excellence, student leadership and community involvement. This scholarship is worth at least \$16,000 per year, if they attend Sage College.

Kiley Allen

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Alfred University Scholars Award — This award is offered to a Junior who is taking a course

of study that is college preparatory in scope and has been nominated as being “outside of the ordinary”. This scholarship is renewable for each year of undergraduate study in the amount of \$30,000 per year depending on his chosen Alfred University major.

Seth Boddery

University of Vermont Citizen Scholar Award — This award from the University of Vermont was established to recognize exemplary students for demonstrating active citizenship and service to their communities. For students who have demonstrated both outstanding dedication to scholarship inside the classroom and impulsive duty to citizenship outside the classroom.

Molly Abate

Elmira College Key Award — To an individual student who completed their junior year. This is a minimum scholarship of \$20,000 per year if these students decide to attend Elmira College.

Sydney Baptie

Sophia Boice

Kylie Lundberg

The Unity Ticket in America

Lance Allen Wang
Journal & Press

When President George Washington left office, he didn't leave with a "warm fuzzy" feeling about political parties. In fact, he was downright discouraging about them in his Farewell Address in September 1796. He spoke of the "baneful effects of the spirit of party," and in particular he was concerned that parties were far more focused on the "strongest passions of the human mind," rather than reason. He was worried that parties would rapidly result in the "alternate domination of one faction over another, sharpened by the spirit of revenge..." eventually causing the "minds of men to seek security and repose in the absolute power of an individual." Indeed, President Washington was all but offered that absolute power, which he had the strength of character to decline. But he did not assume that all his successors would have that same sense of public responsibility. He warned that the spirit of party "agitates the Community with ill-founded jealousies and false alarms; kindles the animosity of one part against another, foments occasionally riot and insurrection."

With this as background, over the years there were various attempts to create unity tickets for high office. Abraham Lincoln, dealing with the ultimate manifestation of divisiveness, a Civil War, attempted to mend political factionalism within the Union by creating a unity ticket in 1864, running for President as a Republican, with a Democrat as his Vice-Presidential candidate, Andrew Johnson. Unfortunately, with the assassination of Abraham Lincoln, Radical Republicans steamrolled Johnson and created a far more punishing form of post-Civil War Reconstruction, resulting in legislative turmoil and derailing Lincoln's ambitious plan to heal the Union. Before all was said and done, Johnson became the first of our nation's four Presidential impeachments.

The second half of the 20th Century saw two presidential unity tickets.

In 1968, southern Democrat George Wallace teamed up with Republican and former United States Air Force General Curtis LeMay as the American Independent Party. George Wallace, who famously shouted, "Segregation today, segregation tomorrow, segregation forever!" as part of his 1963 inaugural speech as Governor of Alabama was not a candidate with national appeal. Running on an explicitly racist platform, Wallace and LeMay drew voters that were against the

Civil Rights Act of 1964, which Democrat candidate Hubert Humphrey championed, and were disappointed that Republican Richard Nixon wasn't more outspoken against civil rights. This unity ticket carried five Southern states in 1968 and earned 13.5 percent of the overall vote.

In 1980, moderate Republican John Anderson teamed with Democrat Patrick Lucey on a unity ticket to challenge Republican Ronald Reagan and Democrat incumbent President Jimmy Carter. They carried no states as Reagan won in a landslide, and the ticket earned 6.6 percent of the overall vote.

There have been no unity tickets at the national level since then, although Democrat John Kerry talked about one in the 2004 election, toying with the idea of what he called a "fusion ticket," with Republican John McCain as his Vice President candidate. In turn, McCain con-

'In 1980, moderate Republican John Anderson teamed with Democrat Patrick Lucey.'

sidered bringing independent Joe Lieberman into the 2008 campaign as his Vice President candidate.

The most successful example of a unity ticket in recent years was the 2014 Alaska election, in which Republican Bill Walker and Democrat Byron Mallott became the Governor and Lieutenant Governor respectively by unseating incumbent Republican Sean Parnell.

As we've seen, unity tickets are often built around the idea that the two-party system is not supporting the electorate on issues that are of concern to them. The Wallace/LeMay ticket was built around the lightning rod of the southern anti-Civil Rights movement. They received a significant portion of the vote and earned wins in five states, showing that they were tapping into a very valid concern, yet not one that gave them traction outside the south.

If a party finds itself catering to its fringes, it may find that its moderate, "mainstream" membership no longer

feels as though it is being represented. They may feel that they are forced to answer for extreme viewpoints that they personally don't hold. This results in different political movements, such as Veterans Campaign, which is a non-partisan training program for veterans who want to run for public office, and focuses on the ability to work across the aisle. There are numerous training programs, both partisan and non-partisan which reintroduce the idea of working across the aisle. But why?

According to a study by the University of Wyoming, "From a public policy standpoint, political polarization makes it more difficult for elected officials to effectively govern... As society has become increasingly polarized, politicians' objectives diverge and their animosity toward the opposition grows, thereby reducing opportunity for compromise. Partisan incivility is a major reason for failed dialogue: Uncivil exchanges result in disagreement and greater polarization regardless of the evidence presented."

It is my hope that cross-aisle communication initiatives, as well as the use of creative solutions like unity tickets, will help dig our politics out of the entrenched miasma of dysfunction and polarization they have turned into. It's not as though we were warned 227 years ago, is it?

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



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Greenwich super reflects on her first year

Samantha Simmons
Journal & Press

It's been just over a year since Dr. Jennifer Steimle took over as Greenwich Central School District's new superintendent. Over the last year, she has participated in dunking booths, cow milking competitions, and just about anything else she stumbled across.

She doesn't want to be seen only from the shadows, but as an interactive piece in the student's school day. She even said she happily participates in theatrical performances. She will remember this first year fondly.

"I said yes to everything," Steimle said.

She said it's even better than she had hoped for. Steimle, who previously served as the Assistant Elementary Principle from 2006-2009, said she has landed her dream job in a community where she understands the students, their families, and the community. Adding that the previous superintendent, Mark Fish, left the schools in working condition which made it an easy transition for her and afforded her the opportunity to get to know the kids and fellow staff without needing to

recreate the wheel.

In her first year, she said she wanted to make sure the students knew the importance of supporting others in the community. A news post on the school's website highlighted a former student's athletic achievement on a rival school's team.

"If it's not going to be us sitting at the state final, we should be rooting our home teams on."

Keeping an updated website is made possible by DJ Jeffords and Secretary Denise Smith who Steimle said make up a great PR team. The website highlights students, upcoming events, and keeps the community up to date on the smaller scale events in the district.

The 2022-23 school year was the district's first fully in-person year since COVID-19. Steimle said learning face-to-face is the best option for a majority of students. But she said generally, society is lost on how to communicate with each other, and she would like to explore more options to set students up to be more reasonable and thoughtful adults as she makes plans for the future.

This school year, by working with staff, they were able to point out gaps in intermediate grades where

kids maybe fell behind during COVID and are actively working to address it.

Last time this newspaper spoke with Dr. Steimle, she said culture building was a main focus going into her first year in this position. She wanted to know the students and for them to feel comfortable interaction with someone in an administrative position.

"I don't think they're intimidated by me. They know I like to be a part of their lives. I think that they know I'm their biggest fan."

She also said she pays attention to what the kids engage in outside of the classroom.

"I think our students are exceptional for sure but definitely outside the classroom. Our FFA is nationally ranked."

She has a date marked in her calendar for reflection of the first year. She said no long-term plans have been made for the district yet. The idea was to get through the first



Jennifer Steimle

year and "see what we have" before making major moves.

Steimle said Greenwich is where she started her administrative career and hopes this is her final destination.

"I feel like the luckiest woman in the world," Steimle said.

And she said she hopes to milk another cow this year.

Gillibrand to visit

Senator Kirsten Gillibrand will visit our area on Sunday, August 6 for events in support of Democratic Town and County candidates. Sunday August 6 at 2:00 PM, she will be at the Gazebo in Glens Falls City Park for a rally with candidates from Washington, Warren and Saratoga Counties. Washington County candidates are expected to include County Clerk, Stephanie Cronin, Greenwich Supervisor Jim Nolan, Town Councilman Pat Donahue, Council candidate Reed Anderson, Town Clerk Deborah Tjarks, White Creek Councilman and Supervisor candidate Lance Allen Wang, White Creek Councilwoman Tammy Tabor, Hepbron Councilwoman Jill Nadolski and many others. The Senator is expected to make brief remarks and then spend time talking with voters.



Schuylerville reunion

The Schuylerville Central School Alumni will be having their banquet on Saturday, August, 5 at 6 pm at the American

Legion Post 278, Clancy St., Schuylerville. Cost \$30 per person. Send money to PO Box 50, Schuylerville.

For Info Call Pat Temple, 518-338-2329 or email patty61349@yahoo.com

Apply for a grant

The Mary McClellan Foundation (MMF) is inviting grant applications from non-profit organizations that address health or wellness needs of residents previously served by the Mary McClellan Hospital in at least one of the following Southern Washington County townships: Cambridge, Easton, Greenwich, Jackson, Salem, or White Creek, and the Town of Hoosick in Rensselaer County. The MMF has awarded over \$2 million since its establishment as an independent foundation in 2007, and they anticipate another generous year of giving in 2023. Note that the deadline for 2023 applications is September 11. No applications will be accepted after the deadline. The 2023 Grant Application and grant report forms can be found on the website: marymcclellanfoundation.org.

Castles of New York

Old Saratoga Seniors are hosting a trip to the Castles of New York. This will be three days, 2 nights on October 4-6, 2023. The cost will be \$469 for members. For more information and to reserve a seat contact Peg Jennings or Pat Temple at 518-338-2329

BBB celebration

The Better Business Bureau of Upstate New York is kicking off its 100th Anniversary of promoting marketplace trust with a Centennial celebration in the Albany area. The event will take place at the Desmond Hotel Wednesday, August 9 at 12 pm where the Better Business Bureau of Upstate New York's community partners, accredited businesses and 2023 Torch Award winners will be in attendance.

This year's Torch Award Winners in the Albany area are Standard Heating and Cooling and Bestpass. Anyone who wishes to purchase tickets to the Albany luncheon can do so by visiting tinyurl.com/3sff7zu2.

Golf tournament

Nipper Knolls Equine Center, Inc. will host its fifth annual golf tournament on Saturday, August 5 at Airway Meadows Golf Club. Check in begins at 1:00 p.m. with the start at 2 p.m. All proceeds will benefit Nipper Knolls Equine Center, Inc.

This fundraiser is a four player scramble format. Participants have the chance to win a Ford vehicle courtesy of AutoSaver Ford in the hole-in-one contest. There will be additional fun competitions including a putting contest, closest to the line, most accurate drive, closest to the pin, and longest drive. The event will also feature a silent auction, 50/50 and more.

The registration fee is \$100 per player (\$400 per team) and includes the 18 holes of golf with a cart, and a buffet dinner of assorted wraps and chicken barbeque. Teams and individuals can register online by visiting www.nipperknolls.com under "Fundraising and Events" or by contacting 518-763-1976.

An 'abominable and iniquitous system'

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

180 Years Ago

August 3, 1843

Sporting — "Gents" are particularly recommended to put the powder into their guns before the shot, and to withdraw ramrods from barrels previously to firing. The first of these directions may be reversed when the "Gents" form a shooting party; which will be a sure way to avoid accidents. In this case, also, the removal of each other's percussion caps, or the pouring of beer into the flint locks, will be found excellent sport, and likewise conducive to safety. N.B. Geese, ducks and barn-door fowls may not be shot without special license from the proprietors.

170 Years Ago

August 11, 1853

We have heard it remarked, and our own eyes attest to the fact, that so many drunken men had not been seen in Union Village before in five years, as on the day of [the county fair]. ... In view of these facts, then, we ask how long shall the present abominable and iniquitous system prevail? Taking it for granted that a similar state of things prevail elsewhere, how long, we ask, shall it be before the People of this State will hurl the Rum King from his throne, and unite with their brethren of other States in PROHIBITING man from dealing out to his fellow man the drugged, maddening, damning draught?

160 Years Ago

August 13, 1863

The New York Evening Post gives the following account of the horrible depravity of a certain class of the youth of the great metropolis. It is truly awful to contemplate: The part acted by boys from eight to fourteen years of age in the late riots has given this class of our population an evil notoriety. They constituted a large wing of every division of the mob, and in many instances were pushed forward to make the first attack on the building, with the presumption that its defenders would not shoot children — a presumption that proved true in every instance. The gun factory on Second Avenue was assailed in this manner. The adult villains stood back under the opposite awnings and in the doorways, not raising a hand until the sashes were broken in, but joining in the shouts and yells of the little tigers as they sent their successive show of stones through the windows. In this way the rage of the mob was worked up. Older boys and men then took the lead and rushed to pilage for arms. But a retributive accident which they did not contemplate ended the career of some of them sooner than they expected. They were particularly interested in spreading the fire, and the floors being saturated with oil, the whole building was enveloped in flames before the pilage was over. ... The walls trembled at the same instant, and in a few seconds more the whole fell into ruins, burying several. ... In the western part of the city, in the vicinity of Hudson and Jay streets, a half-grown boy committed the first assault on a tottering old black man, laying the side of his head open with a club; and a crowd of younger ruffians, hooted on by women, and helped by a few men, gave chase to every negro who dared show himself. ... In all parts of the city similar activity was observed among this class. At the hanging of the negro in Clarkson Street was witnessed perhaps the most atrocious scene that was enacted during the riots. The body of the victim was stripped of all clothing except a flannel jacket, which did not reach as low as his hips, and the boys made sport for the surrounding crowd by lighting matches against it, and by shouting the most obscene words. ... These are the infant monsters that have just given us a foretaste of what they will be able to do some years hence, when their gristle becomes bone, and when their numbers are swelled by another and larger generation of the same material.

140 Years Ago

August 9, 1883

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Ads from 40 years ago

storm of last week, Tuesday he was at home and lightning struck a tree in front of his house, and it took the senses of his maternal relative, and he got the camphor bottle and held it to her nose and gave her some brandy that happened to be in the house. He also says the lightning lost him a brand new hat which was on the parlor table, and that he was up to the Episcopal church at the time it struck a tree.

100 Years Ago

August 1, 1923

A number of boys playing in a vacant lot in Mechanicville came upon a "real" find on Friday afternoon. Their attention was called to a bait fish apparatus that had been sunk in a brook which flowed through the field. Their curiosity became aroused and upon investigation found the bait box empty of fish but full of a jug labeled "Orange Crush" but found to contain moonshine whiskey, the alcoholic contents of which exceeded fifty percent. The find was turned over to the police.

80 Years Ago

August 11, 1943

Reported missing in action since June 25, Staff Sergeant Stanley W. MacArthur is a prisoner of the Germans, according to a telegram which his father, George MacArthur of Bald Mountain, received from the war department Sunday. ... Sergeant MacArthur was a bombardier, and it is probable that in taking part in the raids over Germany his ship was shot or forced down over enemy territory, and that he parachuted to safety but was taken prisoner. In a letter he wrote his father just two days before the date he was reported missing he said that he had seen some action and that he and the

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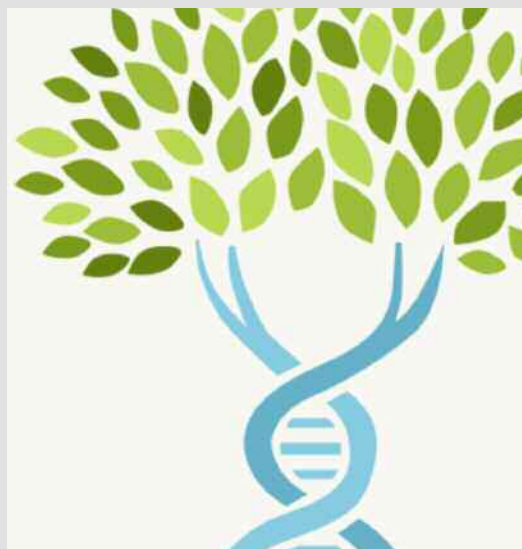
Geneology workshop

The Slate Valley Museum will welcome Capital Region genealogist Lisa Dougherty of Upstate NY Genealogy for a workshop on Thursday, August 3 from 6-8pm.

The program, "Family History Basics," will offer participants information on how to begin exploring their own personal genealogies. In addition to sharing basic, introductory research resources and approaches, Dougherty will help attendees consider

some real-life scenarios from their own family stories as practical examples of how to research and discover family history.

The cost to attend the workshop is \$40 per person. Pre-registration and pre-payment are required. To register, contact the museum at 518-642-1417.



Clay art exhibit in Schuylerville

Saratoga Clay Arts Center's Schacht Gallery presents DENATURED, a solo exhibition featuring the sculptural vessels of Texas artist Adam Knoche. This body of artwork is representational of nature, but it is not natural; the work is a simulacrum of natural objects through abstraction. DENATURED: Adam Knoche will run August 26 – September 30, 2023, with an opening reception on Saturday, August 26, 5-7pm. Light refreshments will be served. Admis-

sion is free.

Knoche states, "My visual language has developed over time through my experiences. I have a background as a machinist working with steel and graphite in an industrial setting. This experience juxtaposed with my affinity and curiosity for nature gives a unique aesthetic to my work. I tend to look at many sources for inspiration; derelict buildings and spaces, natural formations and the changing environment."

The Schacht Gallery is open Monday through Saturday from 10am – 4pm and by appointment. It's located at 167 Hayes Road, Schuylerville. Visit www.saratogaclayarts.org.



call 518-581-2529 or email info@saratogaclayarts.org for more information.

(cont.)

crew were resting at the time. Sergeant MacArthur, who entered the service in July 1942, trained in aerial gunnery at several bases in this country and was sent to the British Isles the latter part of May. [Editor's Note: *Our May 23, 1945, edition reports that Sergeant MacArthur was eventually liberated, by General Patton's third army, from a Nazi prison camp.*]

60 Years Ago August 1, 1963

Anyone going away on vacation and leaving his house unattended, should notify the Greenwich police department, Chief of Police Ernest Raemer recommends. "The police patrol will check the property each day and night, until you return, so that any damage, fire or other emergency can be handled with the utmost speed and efficiency," says the chief.

40 Years Ago August 4, 1983

Members of the Salem central school staff recently attended microcomputer workshops in Albany and Ithaca. Twelve staff members and one administrator attended a three-day workshop in Albany at the Radio Shack Computer room. The workshop introduced the teachers to BASIC, a beginner's language use with all computers when the operator wants to create his or her own program. Attending this workshop were Calvin Losee, Charles Perry, Althea Perry, Zoe Smith, Delores Phaneuf, Peg Culver,

Karen Riche, Pat Fairley, Rosemary Sheffield, Patricia Bebo, Kathy Rapp, Ann Lourie and Al Cormier. ... This training is part of an ongoing plan to train all Salem teachers in the use of microcomputers in the classroom. Teachers and students will have access to eight computers this September when school opens.

20 Years Ago August 14, 2003

Town of Easton Supervisor Dan Shaw reports that he was notified by the Washington County Department of Public Health on Tuesday that a dead crow found on Valley Falls Road tested positive for West Nile Virus. While this is the first instance of West Nile Virus reported locally this season, authorities expect the number to increase due to the extremely wet weather.

10 Years Ago August 8, 2013

It's nearly fair time, and the Washington County Fair is ushering in its 2013 edition with a new theme song. Entitled, "It's That Time of Year," the song makes its debut in the fair's new TV commercial, produced by Behan Communications of Glens Falls. ... The song's lyrics are as follows: "It's that time of year, the Fair is here, the Washington County Fair./What a perfect way to spend the day, the Washington County Fair./The laughter, the learning, the music, the magic./Bring your family, make new memories, the Washington County Fair."

3 Years Ago August 1, 2020

The question that reigns supreme in most parents' minds right now pertains to the model of schooling in the fall. New York State school districts are mandated to prepare for all possible scenarios, and Schuylerville is no exception. "Districts have been charged with creating comprehensive reopening plans for schedules that include in-person instruction, remote instruction, and hybrid instruction. Plans must be submitted to the New York State Education Department by Friday, July 31 for review." Looking at the statistics, most parents find Google Classroom, Zoom/virtual meetings and worksheet packets to be the most effective forms of remote instruction.

Just 1 Year Ago August 1, 2022

Along with state and congressional elections this November, on the ballot will be a special town-wide race in Greenwich for the three-year unexpired term for Highway Superintendent, after the position was vacated earlier this year by Jeff Derby, who had run unopposed on the Republican line in November 2021. On July 21, the town Democrats nominated Stan Mattison, Jr., an independent, for that race, and he accepted. The name may sound familiar; Stan Mattison, Sr., had been in the Highway Department for decades, leaving in 2020 after over a decade serving in the leadership role.

—Compiled by Darren Johnson

Still some summer left!

Shirley Renauld
Journal & Press

It's August already! Some people say that Summer is half over. So many things still to do:

Continuing to celebrate history in Schuylerville is the 28th year of the Turning Point Weekend on the 5th and 6th. Fort Hardy Park will be filled with rides and activities on Sat. The Parade is Sun when it is fitting that Joe Finan will be the Grand Marshall; he was the SNHP Superintendent for many years, remember?

Then on the 12th will be the Cardboard Boat races at Fort Hardy beach on the Hudson, this year called the Magical History Tour to honor the 200th of the Champlain Canal. You and friends plan your own boat, build and race it. If you go to watch the building and racing, it will be crowded and plan for traffic backups on the Rt 29 bridge.

Everybody is excited because this is the month of the Washington County Fair! We enjoy events on the grounds year-round, but it is also a business. There have to be changes for each usage during the year. Now the boats and campers that were stored in the buildings during the Winter are gone and pens and cages for farm animals are being assembled. Barns for large animals are being readied. We see tents being put up. Buildings with displays, as DEC and the Farm Museum, keep items there year round but are changed for every year's themes, right, Ginny?. Any building that will be used to store, prepare and serve food must be made ready to meet health codes and stocked with supplies. And the rides? Where are they? Their grounds must be worked and mowed. (Remember all the ruts we made driving through mud to see Holiday Lights last year?) We see the enlarged parking area being mowed. The First-Aid station must be readied. The fair store, the Commercial and County Bounty buildings are stocked. The grandstand is checked for safety. The track and the horse arena are graded. Is there enough sand? The Fair Office is a busy place: Lots of entries are coming in. Some families live at the fair so they are applying for camper spaces. We want to save money by getting advance-sale ride tickets and the wristbands that allow for getting into the Fair every day. Who does all this work? Yes, there are some year-round paid employees, some people are hired to work before, during and for clean-up after the fair, but much of the work is done by volunteers: The Board of Directors meets all during the year. So much planning to do — don't forget to schedule the carnival, rides, entertainers... Much work is done by 4-H and FFA members, their parents, leaders, alumni and other volunteers. CCE preps the Youth Building for a different theme each year. Benjamin Franklin is credited for starting volunteerism by starting the first volunteer fire company in Philadelphia. The need for volunteers continues to grow: for our local fire companies and emergency squads, community sports... JFK said, "Ask not what your country can do for you. Ask what you can do for your country." How can you volunteer? You will be serving and also learning.

You who are taking animals to the fair are getting them ready: Get the vet checks done. Work with animals daily, to train them for the shows. Groom them to look their best. Clean hoofs daily and farriers trim hooves. You are planning how to be able to take care of some of

your animals at the Fair as well as those back home.

Yes, we registered to enter objects in the fair, but are they done? True, some things like bakings, flower cuttings, vegetable picking must be done just before entering them. But other items?

Perhaps to enter it in the fair, now is a good time to make a nature weaving: Find a section of a tree that has several short branches. Perhaps it's a dead tree, or strip leaves off because they will only wilt and dry. Stabilize it in a pot of small stones. Strip leaves off viney plants to wind in, out and around the branches. Grapevine is the most common, Crown Vetch, even the stems of Snow Peas that have stopped producing, any plant that might cause you to trip--but not Poison Ivy: "leaves of three, let it be". Cattail leaves are flexible to weave.

Then find plants with stiff stems to weave down through the vines. Cut off the leaves, and blossoms of Daylilies, Queen Anne's Lace, Black-Eyed Susans, Daisies. Mint or Dill for scent. Can keep Cattail "flowers", Dill seed heads, Yarrow flowers. We know the prickly leaves of thistles, but we must get to beware of Nettle with its pointy, droopy leaves and Wild Parsley, that

'Can you use your Pizza Garden to make a meal yet?'

looks so much like Queen Anne's Lace. Don't try to get their stems, any part of the plant will give your skin prickly bumps for days.

Many weavings are made flat. Probably you first started weaving by making a placemat using paper with pre-cut slits to weave strips over and under them, the next row under and over. Thanks, Gr Barb for showing us how to make a Norwegian tree decoration this way on a heart shape. Maybe you made a pot holder by stringing jersey loops across the frame in one direction, then weaving others over and under across them. Now, with patience, you could weave a mat with cattail leaves in both directions. We read "The Goat in the Rug" and watch with Geraldine as her hair/wool is woven into a Navajo rug by Glenmae on a loom that she sets up outside her hogan. Aunt Chris makes scarves on her table-top loom. Pat donated her large floor loom to the Brookside Museum because she wasn't using it to weave large items like room-length rugs any more. The loom did have foot pedals to move the up-and-down strings to be able to just slide the over-and-under ones across--and it had a sitting bench, too. Does that make you think of an organ and music? The Wash Co Band plays in community parks this Summer, Salem on the 13th.

The Native Americans and the Shakers weave baskets with reeds and even thin strips of wood, perhaps soaking them in water long enough to make them pliable. That's why it's good to do much of the weaving outdoors. Workshops are held at the Shaker Heritage Museum for basket-making, as well as their other crafts.



Washington County Fair cows

Community lunch and activity programs are winding down. What are you do without them? You're on your own for lunch. Good time to see what your garden can offer: Can you use your Pizza Garden to make a meal yet? Are any tomatoes ripe for sandwiches? How are the root vegetables coming? Carrots for munching? Beets or potatoes? It's getting to be the time of the season that our confidence in a tiny seed is paying off like the boy in "The Carrot Seed". In fact, we're beginning to find food from "Over, Under, Around and Through".

As we work and play, we take for granted the simple machines that we use. A simple machine is so called because it makes our work easier like a machine, but the only power it has is our body power. Can you imagine not having wheels--and them connected with axles? Think of the toys you would not have. You'd be walking everywhere. With wheel edges notched you have gears to work together and to work chains, so you can bike. Add hooks and ropes to pulleys to lift objects. Got a rock you have to get out of the way? Stick one end of a lever. a pry bar, under it and put a smaller stone, a fulcrum, under it. Push down on the other end of the lever to gradually move it out. Think of the lever as the board of a see-saw and the small stone as a balance under the middle of the board so people can sit on the ends to ride each other up and down. An inclined plane, a ramp, helps us climb more gradually than steps or roll a heavy object easier than lifting it — and on the playground slide to have fun getting down. Then look at the cutting edge of a knife or blades of scissors to see how they are inclined planes, too. Put the flat sides of two inclined planes together and you have a wedge for splitting wood for your campfire. Look at the end of a screwdriver to see that it's a wedge to turn a screw. To see that a screw is also an inclined plane, follow its threads up from the point with your fingernail. Cut a paper right-angled triangle to wrap around a pencil. to follow its inclined plane/threads.

You'll be too busy having fun to notice, but these simple machines are the basis of what makes the fair rides work!

Salem students can paint like VanGogh



Lunch, Learn & Play art teacher, Gabi Moore, introduced her students to Vincent Van Gogh's style through his "Starry Night" painting. Gabi used this particular work of art to teach the kids about the methods of expression he used in his paintings. The children were given art materials to try their hands at different aspects of van Gogh's style in their own paintings. The young artists' works will be on display only (none of the artwork is for sale) in the Historic Salem Courthouse Great Hall Gallery from August 4–August 31. Also on display will be Agricultural Stewardship Association Farm Photography, and art created by grades 5 and 6 with artist Annie Daley. The Courthouse hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 10am-1pm, or by appointment.

Lunch, Learn & Play (LL&P) is

a five-week summer program offered for free each year to children in grades K-12. The children start each day at 11:30am with a nutritious lunch. This program gives parents a safe, healthy, and educational place for their children to enjoy for the day. LL&P takes place in the Youth Barn and on the Courthouse lawns. Offsite venues include field trips to local farms, Salem Art Works, Bancroft Library, Fort Salem Theater, and many community walks in town. LL&P serves over 170 area children each year.

The Shoppe Off Broadway is the largest supporter of Lunch, Learn & Play and also supports many other community programs such as Girls on the Run, Salem Central School, Fuel Fund, and so much more. It's a thrift shop that is located behind the Historic Salem Courthouse. The goal of the shop is to provide affordable clothing and supplies to people in the area and to give back to the Salem community with proceeds from their sales. Their hours of operation are Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 10am–12pm, as well as the first and third Saturdays of each month from 10am–12pm.

Gabi Moore is a teaching artist

residing in Cambridge, New York, where she lives with her family, cats, and chickens. She teaches art at Saratoga Independent School and pursues themes in her own work at her studio. A former professor at Fordham University, Gabi enjoys learning from her students and growing along with her community.

For more information about LL&P, the Shoppe Off Broadway, and other programs and events at the Historic Salem Courthouse, please take a look

at the Courthouse website: <https://salemcourthouse.org>.

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Wade Collins promoted

Major General Ray Shields, the adjutant general for the state of New York, announces the recent promotion of members of the New York Army National Guard in recognition of their capability for additional responsibility and leadership.

Wade Collins from Schuylerville, N.Y., and assigned to the 272nd Military Police Detachment, received a promotion March 10, 2023 to the rank of major.

Army National Guard promotions are based on a Soldier's overall performance, demonstrated leadership abilities, professionalism and future development potential.

These promotions recognize the best qualified Soldiers for a career in the New York Army National Guard.

Army National Guard Citizen Soldiers who serve our state and nation are eligible for monthly pay, educational benefits (from the state and federal government), travel across the globe, technical and leadership training, health and dental insurance and contributions towards retirement programs similar to a 401(k).

For more information about the New York Army National Guard, visit www.dmna.ny.gov or www.1800goguard.com

The New York National Guard (New York State Division of Military and Naval Affairs) is the state's executive agency responsible to the Governor for managing New York's Military Forces, which consists of nearly 20,000 members of the New York Army National Guard, the New York Air National Guard, the New York Naval Militia and the New York Guard.

Himalayan art at Skidmore

Skidmore College's Frances Young Tang Teaching Museum and Art Gallery announced the new exhibition "Forms of Awakening: Selections from the Jack Shear Collection of Himalayan Art," on view August 19 through December 10, 2023.

"Awakening" is a fundamental concept in Buddhist thought. It refers to the event in which one opens their consciousness to true knowledge and freedom. The word "buddha" itself is translated as "the awakened one." For centuries, Tibetan artists have used paintings,

called thangka, sculpture, divination mirrors, and initiation cards, or tsakli, as objects of veneration, guides for meditation, and tools for teaching and learning about awakening.

Traditional thangka generally use established imagery, such as the mountains and valleys of Himalaya, sacred architecture, and the bodies of buddhas.

For more information, call the Tang Visitor Services Desk at 518-580-8080 or visit tang.skidmore.edu.

RC Churches News

Mass at Holy Cross Catholic Church on Sunday is at 8:15AM and Tuesday at 9 AM. St. Patrick's celebrates on Sunday at 11:30 AM, (a children's liturgy is available at this Mass), and Wednesday at 9. Immaculate Conception in Hoosick Falls has Mass on Saturday at 4 PM and Sunday at 10 AM and Monday at 9. Enjoy the fellowship of coffee hours at Holy Cross, held the first Sunday of the month. Have a cup and enjoy your neighbors "sweet" or share your own.

Luke Pemrick of St. Joseph's will be attending World Youth Day 2023 in Lisbon, Portugal the first week of August. Wishing him well on his journey.

Explore Battenkill Catholic Lifelong Faith: The Eucharist. Two short videos; Sacraments 101 and Sacraments 201 introduce the sacraments and answers more questions about what Catholics believe. The Dominican Retreat & Conference center in Niskayuna offers retreats and workshops for women and men that can enhance spiritual life. More information can be found in the bulletin.

Sleep in Heavenly Peace Event is a national volunteer-driven nonprofit organization and the Mechanicville chapter has undertaken the mission to build 40 or more beds for children without them. The Centenary Church in Greenwich has taken on the cause. Contact St. Patrick's office at 677-2757 for more information on how to donate or help in build them together on Sept. 16.

More information on the above can be found on the website battenkill-catholic.org.

–Submitted by Rose Mary Sheffield

SUNY Adirondack partners with Sage

SUNY Adirondack announced its partnership with Russell Sage College to offer SUNY Adirondack Fine Arts graduates seamless transfer to Russell Sage's Art + Extended Media Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) program.

"We are excited to add this collaboration with Russell Sage to SUNY Adirondack's numerous articulation agreements with institutions throughout the Northeast, to create pathways for our students to complete a bachelor's degree," said Kristine D. Duffy, Ed.D., president

of SUNY Adirondack.

Under the agreement, Russell Sage will accept up to 66 credits earned by a Fine Arts student at SUNY Adirondack. The student must earn a C- or better to qualify; those who attain a grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 are automatically admitted into the BFA program.

Classes accepted within the agreement include general education requirements such as Introduction to College Writing and Natural Sciences, and Fine Arts-specific courses such as

Two-Dimensional Design, Western Art History and Painting.

"We welcome the opportunity for our art students to continue their education at Russell Sage College," said Renee O'Brien, Ph.D., professor of Photography and chair of the Arts, Media and Culture division at SUNY Adirondack.

This agreement begins in the Fall 2023 semester.

Live music at Saratoga History Center

Live music will be flowing from the porch and across the lawn at the Saratoga County History Center. The third annual Sounds of Summer concert series is co-sponsored by the Saratoga County History Center and the Saratoga Arts Community Arts Regrant Program, with the support of the American Federation of Musicians and the Music Performance Trust Fund.

The concerts are free, open to the public, and will be held at Brookside Museum, 21 Fairground Avenue, Ballston Spa.

Sunday, August 11: 3pm | Dennis returns

with his Jazz Band for another wonderful afternoon concert. Rain date: August 16.

History Center President, Field Horne, commented, "We are delighted to once again work with Saratoga Arts and the American Federation of Musicians to support and expand the production of live classical and jazz music in Saratoga County.

"Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy a wonderful afternoon of music!"

Saratoga Arts made this program possible through the Community Arts Regrant Pro-

gram, funded by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature.

Concerts are scheduled for the fall and winter as well, so be sure to save the dates. More information will be released in the future.

November 18: James Street Quartet

December 30: Lark Strings

Please visit the website (www.brooksidemuseum.org) and social media accounts (@SaratogaCoHistory) for news and announcements.

Local students excel at St. Lawrence

St. Lawrence University congratulates more than 670 students named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2023 semester.

Cody Belden of Greenwich has been named to St. Lawrence University's Dean's List for achieving academic excellence during the Spring 2023 semester.

Belden is a member of the Class of 2025 and is majoring in biology-physics. Belden attended Schuylerville Central School.

Silvia Escobar-Deleon of Salem has been named to St. Lawrence University's Dean's List for achieving academic excellence during the Spring 2023 semester.

Escobar-Deleon is a member of the Class of 2026. Escobar-Deleon attended Salem Central School.

Derek Sherrange of Salem has been named to St. Lawrence University's Dean's List for achieving academic excellence during the Spring 2023 semester.

Sherrange is a member of the Class of 2023 and is majoring in global studies and international economics-multi-languages. Sherrange attended Argyle Central School.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must have completed at least four courses and have an academic average of 3.6 based on a 4.0 scale for the semester.

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Jumble: GROUT PENNY REGRET FACADE

-- ENTRANCE

Kid's: JET MOTH HUNT WISH

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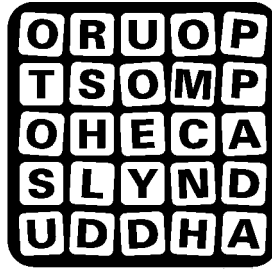
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Fun & Games

(solution below)

Boggle BrainBusters!

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



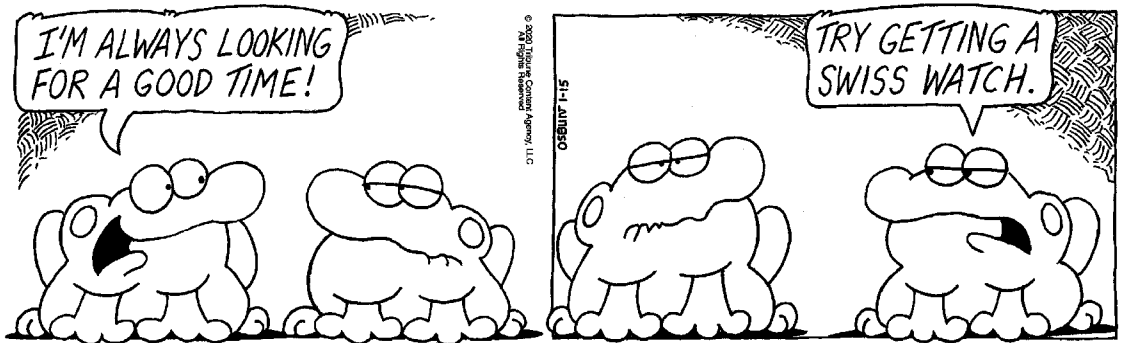
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 4 letters = 2 points
 5 letters = 3 points
 6 letters = 4 points
 7 letters = 6 points
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 Find AT LEAST EIGHT FIVE-LETTER MAMMALS in the grid of letters.

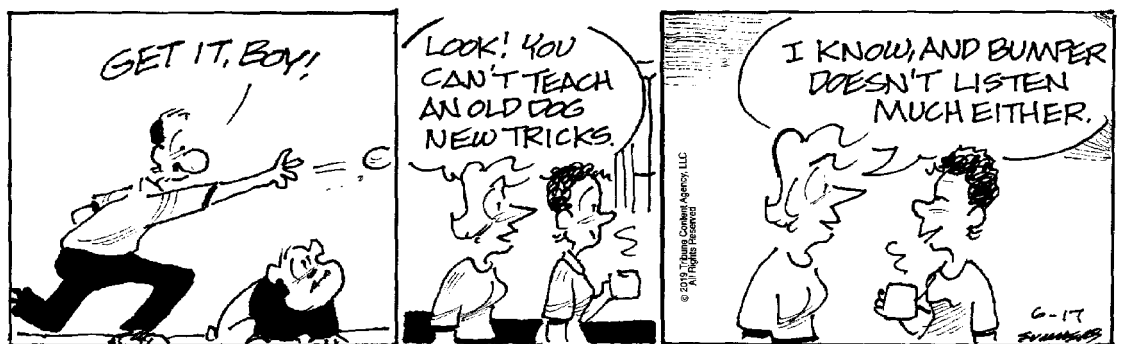
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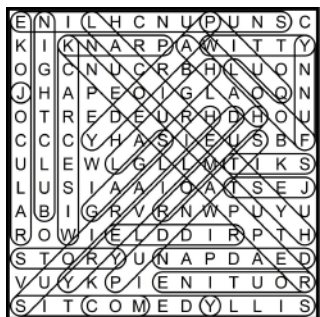
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