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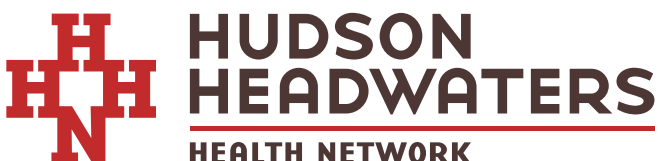
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Facin to lead Cambridge school district

The Cambridge Central School District Board of Education appointed Kenneth Facin the interim superintendent of schools at the Aug. 10 meeting. Mr. Facin will work with Dr. Silvernell to allow adequate time to transition into the role prior to Dr. Silvernell's Aug. 31 retirement.

The CCS Board of Education is excited to appoint Mr. Kenneth Facin the interim superintendent. Mr. Facin brings extensive teaching and administrative experience back to Cambridge, along with an energetic student-focused approach. The Board looks forward to working alongside Mr. Facin to support the students, parents, staff and entire school community during this transition.

Facin has been working in public education for more than 30 years, with the vast majority of his service taking place in rural schools. He taught at Granville and Cambridge prior to receiving his administrative certification from the University at Albany. While at Cambridge, he became the associate high school principal and was then appointed the elementary principal. In 2007, Facin was appointed the superintendent of the Hoosick Falls Central School District where he worked until he retired in 2019.

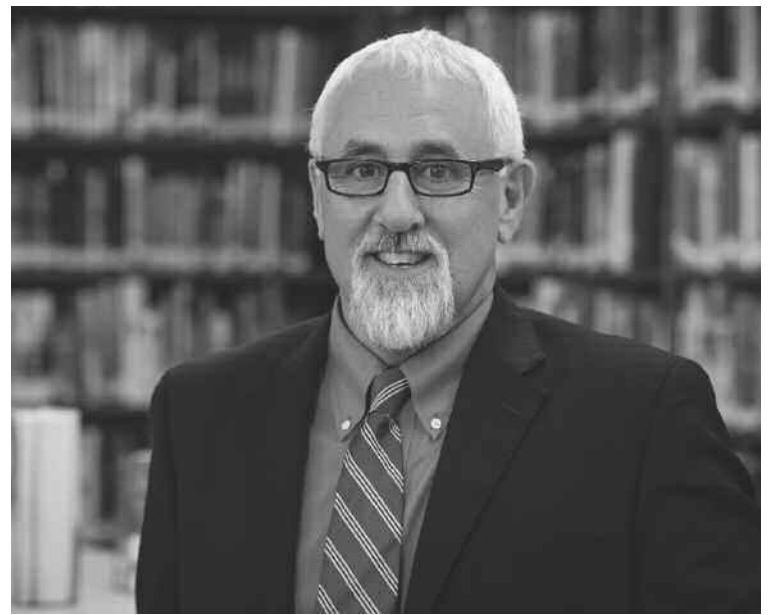
Since retiring in 2019, Facin worked for Educational Vistas where he developed and created innovative software solutions for schools while

also writing a monthly educational best practices article for the NYS Principals Association. He also worked for two years during COVID with teachers and administrators in the Troy City School District mentoring middle school principals and developing social emotional learning opportunities for students.

Facin has served on many local community nonprofit boards including Hubbard Hall, the Battenkill Conservancy, Hoosick Health Center and more. In his spare time, he is often fly fishing the Battenkill, hiking the local forests or skiing in southern Vermont.

"It is an honor and privilege to be selected as the interim superintendent of the Cambridge Central School District for the 2023-24 school year," said Mr. Facin. "Cambridge is very special to me and my family as my two daughters graduated from CCS and my wife, Kathleen, retired from CCS after 20 years of teaching Global History. Cambridge is a wonderful community with great students and supportive parents that make the school shine. I look forward to working with the faculty, staff, school leaders and Board of Education to make the upcoming school year a great success."

Facin will serve as interim superintendent



while the Board of Education conducts a search to find a permanent superintendent of schools. At the Sept. 14 Board meeting, the WSWHE BOCES District Superintendent, Dr. Turina Parker, will be presenting the superintendent search process to the Board. The meeting is open to the public and everyone is encouraged to attend to learn more about the process. The process will include involvement from a variety of stakeholders. Overall, the search for a new superintendent will be a thorough and deliberate process that may take a year or more to complete.

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Stop DWI initiative underway

Washington County Sheriff Jeff Murphy announced that the Washington County Sheriff's Office and Washington County police agencies will participate in special efforts to bring awareness to the dangers of impaired driving.

The statewide STOP-DWI High Visibility Engagement Campaign will start on August 18 and end on September 4, 2023. Labor Day / End of Summer is one of the busiest travel times of the year and marks the official end of summer. New York State Police, County Sheriffs, municipal law enforcement agencies and local STOP-DWI Programs will collaborate

across the state and will be out in force in this coordinated effort to reduce the number of impaired driving-related injuries and deaths.

The STOP-DWI Labor Day / End of Summer High Visibility Engagement Campaign is one of many statewide initiatives promoted by STOP-DWI NY and the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee. The Statewide STOP-DWI High Visibility Engagement Campaign also targets Memorial Day, July 4th, Halloween, Thanksgiving, Holiday Season, Super Bowl weekend and St. Patrick's Day.

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Blue Moon Bonfire

If you missed the August 1st full moon rising, you will have another opportunity thanks to the Battenkill Conservancy's ("BkC") Blue Moon Summer Bonfire event. The event takes place on August 31 in Jackson, NY. The not-for-profit all-volunteer land trust that focuses on preserving and enhancing the Battenkill watershed is known for its popular full moon cross country ski and snowshoe winter hikes. However, in response to community requests, BkC is taking advantage of the Blue Moon at the end of August and hosting its first summer bonfire event.

Astronomy enthusiasts are encouraged to bring a telescope and share their knowledge of the moon's surface and the summer sky's constellations. The event begins at 7:45 PM in Jackson, NY and ends at 9:45 PM. Light refreshments will be available including marshmallows for roasting. The event is



open to all BkC members and the general public. Your support and donations are always appreciated. Email us at bkc@battenkillconservancy.org to register and for the exact location.

For more information on BkC and its programs or how to become a member and help preserve and protect New York and Vermont's Battenkill watershed, go to www.battenkillconservancy.org

Local artist restores Good Shepherd

Darren Johnson
Journal & Press

Greenwich's Aaron Northrup, who owns a company called Custom Curiosities, was recently contracted to do a statue restoration in Glens Falls for a prominent local landmark: the statue of The Good Shepherd up on Glen Street in front of the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd. It's been there since 1959, was restored in 1983 and had been in further need of repairs recently. Pictured is the statue before Northrup's restoration work began.

Northrup is a sculptor and artist who provides custom fabrication, sculptural services, and life-casting services. He formed his own company four years ago to continue work flexibly while staying home to raise his daughter.

He has over a decade of experience in the entertainment-themed custom creation industry working for Adirondack Studios in Argyle and as a member of IATSE Local 524. There, Northrup was able to gain invaluable experience both as a fabricator and cost estimator working on projects for companies such as Disney and Universal Studios.

He holds an associate's degree in Specialized Business (Special Makeup Effects) from the Tom Savini Special Makeup Effects program and a Bachelor's of Science degree from SUNY Empire State where he double majored in Theater Arts and Interdisciplinary Art Studies.

In the local community, Northrup is also a member of the Greenwich Free Library's Board

of Trustees.

Here is our conversation:

DJ: How have you become known for statue restoration?

AN: *At this time I get all of my work through word of mouth and referrals. I'm actually not usually known for restoration but have done it in the past for various theme parks, usually restoring fiberglass scenery or sculptures. I've always been very interested in art restoration so it's very exciting to be able to now have enough experience in my career to be able to use my skills to break into that discipline a bit. I hope some time in the future to have the chance to use my skills with plaster to do some architectural restoration work as well. This piece I'm working on for the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd is a mix of materials and working on it has me feeling like a bit of an archaeologist, digging through the layers. It was originally built in 1959 and restored in 1983. When I extracted the damaged parts I found parts of the original underneath and all kinds of different materials folks have tried to use to repair it in the past. In that way it's really neat seeing the history of all the hands that have worked on it over the years.*

DJ: What are some previous projects you've done?

AN: *Most recently I completed some monster sculptures for Hershey Park's Halloween sea-*



sonal attractions and a large foam carving that covers a fireplace in the Lafayette Hotel in San Diego. My first sculpture project locally was with Adirondack Studios where I was brought

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Aerial bootlegging during Prohibition

Michael Levy
Journal & Press

On a sojourn to Saratoga Springs recently, I felt the energy of the season once again and the annual joy of something known as “track season”. The historic Saratoga Racecourse opened in 1864 and has always been the hotspot in town, drawing visitors from all over the world for a pleasant day at the track. Some come for the horses and others come to party hardy. But what struck me most on my latest visit were the increased number of folks that were “over-cocktailed”, inebriated, or dare I say, just plain drunk. Maybe it is a post pandemic thing but maybe this is the new normal.

And this “fun” will continue beyond track season. If you desire to witness this for yourself, just wonder down Caroline Street on any Saturday night from 11 PM to about 4 AM the next morning. Many years back and long before he retired, Joe Dalton of the Chamber of Commerce, proudly proclaimed that Saratoga Springs had more bar stools per capita than anywhere else within the United States, a dubious fact indeed. And if you have any doubt about how much alcohol gets consumed here on any given night, all you need to do is count the number of beer trucks from the local beverage distributors who begin their deliveries to the city around 7 AM the next day.

What would Saratoga Springs be like if the booze spigots were turned off? During the 1930s, Saratoga Springs, like many other places in the United States, experienced Prohibition, which was a nationwide ban on the production, sale, and distribution of alcoholic beverages. However, and from all accounts, the alcohol still flowed in the city during this period in history. But how was the booze even getting here?

The period from 1920 to 1933 marked the Prohibition era, and it led to the rise of illegal alcohol activities, including bootlegging. Bootleggers were individuals or groups that engaged in the illegal

production, distribution, and sale of alcoholic beverages, primarily liquor. In Saratoga Springs, as in other parts of the country, bootlegging became a prevalent and lucrative business during this time. The demand for alcohol remained high, and this demand created opportunities for enterprising individuals to capitalize on the black market.

Bootleggers would smuggle alcohol from areas where it was still legal, such as Canada, and transport it into Saratoga Springs. Smuggling operations were often complex and involved intricate networks to avoid law enforcement. The logistical challenges were many. Smugglers could float their illegal goods down the Champlain Canal presumably bribing every official involved. Bootleggers might have transported their goods down that portion of Interstate 87 known as the Adirondack Northway, but that highway was not built until about 30 or more years later. Perhaps they used NYS Route 22 instead? Even today Route 22 is still a mostly two-lane road, passing through numerous small villages and hamlets with nosey inhabitants that probably would have reported any illegal activity. Maybe they used railroads? I cannot imagine that they would not have been interdicted by the rail police at least occasionally.

So, what about using airplanes? Could bootleggers have used airplanes to bring their product to market? A flight from Canada southwards into Saratoga County is not that far in an airplane. Airplanes of this generation were not equipped with transponders meaning that there was no way to easily track them. With the invention of radar many years off in the future, these early aircraft could fly across the border with near impunity. Bootleggers would fly at night or in remote areas to avoid detection by law enforcement. They often landed in secluded locations, such as fields or remote airstrips, to unload the alcohol and then distribute it through their established networks.

Al Capone, the famed Chicago gangster, ran a complex air operation during Prohibition. It has been said that Capone had twenty aircraft in his fleet transporting illegal liquor. He had con-



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tractors, as well as many competitors, with similarly sized air smuggling operations. One report from the era stated that each aircraft could hold 25 or more cases of illegal whiskey during each cross-border trip.

The use of airplanes for transporting illegal alcohol was risky due to various factors such as poor weather conditions, the limitations of early aviation technology, and the pressure to evade law enforcement. Yes, there were several instances of airplane crashes associated with bootlegging operations during the Prohibition era. The combination of nighttime flights, unfamiliar or improvised landing sites, and the challenges of flying in less-than-ideal conditions contributed to the number of accidents. Additionally, the pressure to fly quickly and undetected could lead to pilots taking risks that they might not have otherwise taken.

These crashes attracted law enforcement attention, as well as media coverage that exposed the extent of illegal alcohol transportation and distribution. While airplane crashes were not a common occurrence in bootlegging operations, they did highlight the dangerous nature of this aspect of the illegal alcohol trade and the lengths to which some bootleggers were willing to go to continue their activities.

Were airplanes used to transport illegal beverages to Saratoga Springs?

On March 28, 1933, and after circling several times over Schuylerville and vicinity during a snow squall, a large Bellanca airplane headed north and flew very low. The aircraft then struck a tree north of Bacon Hill and crashed. The 26-year-old pilot from Gloversville was transported to Saratoga Hospital with bruises and a cut about the head. He was taken into custody.

Others arriving at the scene investigated the cargo, which proved to be about twenty cases of liquor, presumably “imported” from Canada. State police were notified and took charge of the plane and cargo pending the arrival of federal Prohibition officials.

An article published in this newspaper and dated the next day reads, “For a long time it has been generally reported that an extensive liquor smuggling traffic is carried airplane from Canada, and the planes engaged in this business are reported to have made regular landings at various points in Saratoga and Washington counties. These stories have been among the things that everybody knew but nobody was prepared to prove. Naturally, the planes had no particular difficulty in crossing the Canadian border, as the customs service has never undertaken to maintain pursuit planes. They could land at any suitable isolated place far from the border and transfer their cargoes to automobiles. The scheme on the whole is reported to have worked very successfully, and the mishap at Bacon Hill is the first serious one that has been reported to interfere with the profits of the business.”

The end of Prohibition in 1933 with the ratification of the 21st Amendment to the U.S. Constitution marked the legal re-entry of alcohol into the market, bringing an end to the era of bootlegging. My random thought for this issue is somewhat sobering- you can take an alcoholic beverage out of Saratoga Springs but there will always be a refill when you come back.

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Reading for fun; reading for glory

Sarah Murphy
Greenwich Free Library

I happen to live with someone who reads slowly. My husband, Jason, like many adults falls in and out of habitual reading depending on time, stress-level, location, mood, and some infinite number of other circumstances. When he finds the right book at the right time, he enjoys reading very much, but even then he notices that I've finished two or three books in the time it takes him to complete one. He comments upon this with some degree of annoyance, and it frustrates the heck of me. It's not a competition! I implore him to stop thinking of it that way. But my framing doesn't acknowledge all of the ways in which reading has been framed as competitive, not just throughout his life, but throughout the lifetime of the written word.

Historical decisions about who would be allowed access to literacy created hierarchy and gave a competitive edge to those who could read from the very beginning. There were incentives to keep the group of readers and writers small, and in our own society, if you were other than a wealthy white man, good luck to you. Even once literacy became more widespread, the access to reading for pleasure was—and remains—limited. Either leisure time or a lengthy commute on public transportation seems necessary in our modern world to really dig into a book. (Side note, now that I woefully live in a place with no public transportation, my own reading time has plummeted).

Then there are the summer reading programs happening here in Greenwich and all over the country. Readers of all ages are incentivized to read, announce how much they are reading, and win prizes for doing so. It's not a competition. Yeah right. In an attempt to reduce emphasis on contest, Greenwich Free Library's particular Summer Reading program is more a collaborative challenge than a winner-take-all game. Rather than reward individual readers for their accomplishments, we are counting pages read as a community. With only a few weeks left to go, 197 individuals have together read 172,459 pages as of this writing. We are competing of course, competing with last year's total (close to 200,000), and we seem to be on track to surpass it. But collaborative or no, by incentivizing participation with



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raffle tickets that might lead to prizes, we are playing into the system of winners and losers.

So how did this annual tradition, almost ubiquitous around our country, of incentivizing reading with prizes come to be? In the beginning, these programs were largely aimed at children and at bringing more children to the library in the summertime. The beginnings of the modern summer reading tradition probably started in the late 19th century and grew throughout the 20th century. In the 1990s, these programs were boosted by research that identified the summer learning loss problem, the "summer slide" in popular parlance. Armed with new evidence that reading over the summer could prevent a significant amount of learning loss, teachers and librarians successfully created positive and fun-focused reading programs, often with incentives like pizza parties, prize baskets, and the chance to boast that you're read more than your neighbor. In 1987 the Collaborative Summer Reading Program launched in Minnesota, and quickly spread throughout the country. This program enables small libraries like ours to harness the power of preexisting artwork, themes, templates, and activities, but individual decisions about how to celebrate reading, whether or not to use prize incentives, and what age groups to focus on are left to each library.

While summer slide research helped to push

and promote summer reading for children, there hasn't been an equivalent inciting incident for adult readers. Often left out of traditional programming and challenges, many adults assume that summer reading and pleasure reading in general are just kids' stuff. Not so! According to a 2021 Pew Research Center survey, 23% of American adults reported not having read a book in the previous year. The benefits of reading for adults are less studied than the benefits of reading for school-aged children, but most of us agree that those benefits exist. When adult patrons sail past our summer reading prize display, assuming it's not for them, I protest! Of course it's for them! Why wouldn't we wish to incentivize our adult population to read? For many of us, reading for pleasure reduces stress, increases empathy, asks us to reframe or rethink previously held beliefs, makes us laugh, cry, think, and hope, and just generally helps us navigate a world full of humans who don't think and behave exactly as we do.

At our library, adults have helped to contribute tens of thousands of our pages read this summer, and I'm counting on them to keep those pages coming. It's not too late to sign up, or to enter to win some pretty fabulous prizes geared towards adults, thanks to contributions from BetterBee, Bare Soul Massage, Battenkill Fibers, Coffee And, and Melo Moon Cider. Jason, if you're reading this, please know that you don't even have to finish a book to help us reach our goal! Just visit the library (or the library website), and let us know how many pages you've read. I may have said on many occasions that reading is not a competition, but I take that back. I am absolutely in competition with the Greenwich of summer 2022. If we don't crush our previous page record, I'll never live it down.

*Sarah
Murphy is
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SUNY Adirondack recruiting older students

Mike McGourty runs a successful business, has three great kids and a fiancée, but something was missing.

“After graduating high school, I went to ACC, and quit going three weeks after I enrolled,” McGourty admitted. “I was a young kid who didn’t take anything seriously.”

Now McGourty is just a few classes from graduating from SUNY Adirondack with a degree in Information Technology: Cybersecurity and already has received job offers in the field.

“For the longest time, not having a degree was one of those regrets,” he said. “I knew I shouldn’t have dropped out when I did as a kid.” Last week, more than 4,000 regional residents were offered the same opportunity as McGourty, as they receive acceptance letters to SUNY Adirondack in their mailboxes.

As part of a statewide effort to facilitate college admissions, State University of New York last month sent constituents in community college service areas “instant admission” letters, informing them they are accepted into their nearest college for the Fall 2023 semester.

Given the number of adult learners SUNY Adirondack welcomes each year — 18 percent of students are older than 25, with some well into their 60s and 70s — the college extended the offer to adult residents who earned a high school diploma or its equivalency.

“This is a great opportunity for people who have been thinking about trying college to dive right in,” said Jenny Postlethwaite, director of College Access and Student Services at SUNY Adirondack. “We have removed barriers to apply-

ing to college, and the vast majority of students are eligible to receive financial aid, further clearing the way to earning a degree.”

Statewide, nearly 100,000 residents qualify for free tuition at SUNY colleges. At SUNY Adirondack, 68 percent of 2021-22 graduates from Warren and Washington counties left debt free (79 percent in Warren and 60 percent in Washington), as did 61 percent of graduates from Saratoga County.

Those interested — whether they received a letter or not — can visit sunyacc.edu/apply and enter the code “ADMIT.”

“There is a place for every New Yorker at SUNY, and our community colleges like SUNY Adirondack are ready to deliver an affordable, first-class education close to home,” said SUNY Chancellor John B. King, Jr. “With financial aid and scholarships, 53% of all full-time SUNY students attend tuition free, and 65% of community college students graduate with no federal student loan debt. Better still, graduates go on to rewarding careers, transfer to four-year

programs, and start businesses. New York State’s public higher education is a great value proposition, and we encourage students to start their college journey with us this Fall.”

Those who attended SUNY Adirondack in the past and are interested in returning should visit connect.sunyacc.edu/register/returningstudent-form. Contact SUNY Adirondack’s Office of College Access at admission@sunyacc.edu or 518-743-2264 with any questions.

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My last column: 'World Balance'

Teresa M. King
Journal & Press

I write this last article in the Spirit of Gandhi, whose greatest teaching was to become the change you want to see in the world. In order to achieve World Balance, we must begin with ourselves. There are many ways to reach this goal. The process begins by observing our thoughts, feelings, patterns, reactions, behaviors and beliefs and then asking ourselves a number of questions. But I'm getting ahead of myself.

Because I was born under the sign of Libra and balance is one of the main components of it, I have a propensity for balance. I have woven this subject into yoga classes and workshops. One workshop in particular is called "Living with Balance." It begins with an exercise reflecting upon 10-12 activities you typically do during your week, listing them vertically on a sheet of paper.

The next step is to look at each one and ask yourself what part or aspect of yourself you are filling, while engaged in this activity. For instance, when one goes for a walk, it is a physical activity, but if you go with a friend and discuss world events, it becomes an intellectual activity, too. When I facilitate Spiritual circles, it fills me emotionally and on a soul level. You get the idea. Many activities fill us in more than one way.

Once you've completed this part, get another piece of paper and divide it into 4 sections, labeling them: "physical, intellectual, emotional and spiritual."

Then go through your list and see how many you have in each category. When you are done, take some time to reflect upon everything. What did you find? Were there any surprises? Do you tend to spend more time in one or two categories than the other categories?

The next part of this exercise is to ask yourself a few more questions: Do you engage in a lot of activities you do not enjoy? Identify the ones that drain you. Do you have activities on your list that fill you with joy?

When I do this exercise in a workshop, I invite people to periodically take a look at everything they do, perhaps at the beginning of the year or around their birthday, asking themselves 'which activities do I want to continue doing? Which ones do I want to let go of?' When we let go of being on a committee, we give someone else the opportunity to experience it and learn from it.

'Consider creating some unscheduled time for spontaneity, play and magic.'

Another good time to reassess everything is when asked to become part of a large project or when you will be entering a new phase of your life, such as retirement. When you consider adding something new, consider dropping two things, especially if you have a tendency to say yes, more than you say no.

Return to your lists and determine the area in your life where you need more balance. Give yourself an expanse of time to do this. Another part of this journey



is being able to set very clear boundaries with people, especially in the workplace. Corporate America seems to think that they own people's personal lives. They do not and they should not. They need to be re-educated about this.

There are many other questions to reflect upon that can help bring us and our lives into better balance. Do you have balance between work and play, between movement and stillness, between speaking and listening, between alone time and social time, between asking and receiving, between being in your head and coming from your heart, between giving to others and taking care of yourself?

If you usually have a full and tightly structured schedule, every once in a while consider creating some unscheduled time for spontaneity, play and magic.

If we apply these concepts to the world of business, we will reflect upon the balance between efficiency and fun, between home life and work life and between the bottom line and giving back to the community.

It has been said that if only

10% of the population changed the way they thought about something, it would be enough to create a paradigm shift. Individuals making personal changes to live a more balanced life is an example of the power we have as global citizens. These actions can help improve the health of Mother Earth. Gandhi was a very smart man, who was way ahead of his time. There is much to learn from this Sacred man.

I want to thank Darren Johnson for the opportunity to write for his newspaper. I have enjoyed every minute of it.

Teresa King is writing her first book, Missed Opportunities, Journeys to my Ancestors. She also facilitates Sacred Circles of Light at the Arlington Common in Arlington, VT. Her next circle, Opening to Hear Divine Guidance, will be held on Sun., Aug. 27 from 10:00-12:00. Details can be found under Events at <https://thelargerpicture.com>

Letters to the Editor

More on local ballot lines

To the Editor:

This response is meant to address what happened and correct the course of the ship. The Chair of the Democratic Committee, Mary Lou Stern, wasn't entirely accurate in her statement and showed a lack of professionalism in promoting their candidates with this matter. It is true that the Democratic Chair challenged the common-sense line petitions preamble. However, the Republican Committee Chair challenged the date for the certificate of acceptance when it reached the commissioner's office. This resulted in

both sides' Independent lines being invalid, as they both missed the deadline. This means both were successful when the petitions were challenged for their own reasons. This brings up the question: Why did both parties' respected committees miss the deadlines, and why was there this error? For an unbiased clarification on this matter, please reach out to the Washington County Commissioner's office.

The attempt in the letter by the Chair of the Democratic Committee was to sugarcoat what really happened. It is a manipulative

angle to make one side look bad when, in fact, both are guilty of errors. It is quintessential to be transparent and honest when it comes to this process. However, the last two elections haven't echoed honesty from the Democratic Committee's side. This is not a party issue; it is an issue of those in charge of the respected parties. Any desperate attempt by a committee chair should be called out and corrected.

With this said, the reason why both lines won't appear on the ballot this fall is because of the challenge originally issued by the

Democratic Chair. The missed deadlines were brought to attention due to that challenge. This resulted in other townships being denied their independent lines as well. Free and fair elections are essential to democracy. One would hope the Democratic Chair believes in that principle. The only "Fatal Flaw" here is the result of this challenge, being denied the right to choose.

Dawn O'Connor Sharts

Candidate for Greenwich Town Board

Audition notice

On August 29 at 7 p.m., Schuylerville Community Theater will hold auditions for an October 27-29th production of "A Bad Year for Tomatoes," a play written by John Patrick. This will be at the Saratoga Town Office Building, Spring Street, Schuylerville.

About the play: A disenchanted actress, Myra Marlow leases a cottage in the tiny New England

hamlet of Beaver Haven to hide away and write her autobiography. She has no problem turning away her long-time agent, determined to sign her for new roles, but turning away the nosy, omnipresent neighbors is a different matter. In an attempt to scare them off Myra fabricates a mad, homicidal sister, Sadie, locked in the upstairs bedroom.

Rehearsals will be on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, starting on September 5th. Show dates October 27-29th. Age ranges 30-60.

Auditions will be from the script (sides

A Bad Year for Tomatoes

by John Patrick

Tues., Aug 29, 2023 -- 7pm

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will be provided). No appointment necessary. Bring a list of conflicts from the rehearsal dates through performances. With the exception of tech week and performances, conflicts can be worked around if known about in advance. If unable to attend the appointed audition dates, contact Co-Producer Bonnie Thomas to set up an alternative date and time at (518) 260-0228.

Cambridge pizza party

The Cambridge Food Co-op is hosting a family-friendly End of Summer Pizza Party on Saturday, September 2, 2023 beginning at 4 p.m. (note, previously listed as 5 p.m.). The event is open to anyone in the community. Join together for a casual gathering to celebrate summer, fresh foods, and assist the Co-op with its annual fundraising goal. Event will be held on the Hubbard Hall lawn (in case of rain, the Freight Depot Building).

There will be wood-fired pizzas (made in the Hubbard Hall pizza oven) with local and fresh toppings, scrumptious salads, dessert, and

herbal iced tea.

Co-op fundraisers increase the Co-op's capacity to serve the community without increasing product prices, and often support the purchase of store equipment, staff training, or building improvements. Because the Co-op is a not-for-profit organization, ticket purchases are not tax-deductible.

Tickets are \$25 for an adult, \$12/children ages 5-13, and under age 5 are FREE. Tickets can be purchased in the store or online: www.cambridgefoodcoop.com Tickets are limited to 60 person seating capacity.



The Cambridge Food Co-op is a community-owned grocery store that sells local, natural, and organic produce and meat, bulk foods, wellness products, and more. It's been on Main Street in Cambridge for 45 years! The Co-op is located at 1 West Main Street, Cambridge, NY. www.cambridgefoodcoop.com

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Parents, where exactly is the ‘Circle of Trust’?

Greg Schwem

Special to Journal & Press

One of the greatest joys of having adult children is knowing I now have the freedom to criticize other parents and their disciplinary methods.

OK, maybe “criticize” is too harsh; “actively observe and silently disagree” might be a better phrase.

My children are 26 and 21, independent (more or less) and free to make their own decisions without my guidance. Which leaves me with plenty of free time to notice, in grocery stores, airports and other public facilities, millennial and Gen Z couples who have chosen to have children instead of dogs and now realize you can’t cage a child if it acts up. Like my parents, I find myself cringing at what this new breed of procreators consider to be acceptable punishment.

I don’t envy today’s parents and the challenges they face. Suffice it to say none of the other parents in my daughters’ kindergarten carpools would have marched into their schools and demanded their severely underpaid teachers stop reading “The Little Engine That Could” because it’s too “woke.” Well, come to think of it, a mother of seven who lived on my block and attended church several times a day may have if she’d been familiar with the word and its meaning.

Social media was a novelty in my daughters’ middle and high school years and certainly not the harmful behemoth that, today, is the gateway to bullying, ostracization and, in some cases, suicide. Yes, they both

had cellphones at young ages and there were moments I had to lecture them about proper phone etiquette. Was I too lenient in certain situations? My father certainly thought so and wasn’t shy about voicing his opinions, usually at holiday gatherings. I would fruitlessly explain that he may have a different view if cellphones had existed when I was under his tutelage.

So maybe I’m overstepping my bounds when I question today’s parents about their punishment tactics. But I am generally curious. At the very least, can somebody with children please answer the following three questions?

1. Have you ever actually gotten to “three”?

Time and again, I see children misbehaving, only to silently snicker as their mom or dad says, “Logan, I am going to count to three.” What follows is the slowest, most drawn out recitation of “one” and “two” that I have ever heard. If I were a professional boxer, got knocked down in the ring and had 10 seconds to get to my feet, I would want one of Logan’s parents to be the referee. The Logans of the world aren’t stupid; they know they still have at least 20 seconds to do whatever has drawn their parents’ ire before backing off.

2. What exactly are “privileges”?

Because I am always looking for future comedic material and column ideas, I recently started driving for Uber. While taking a couple and



their two children to the airport, I heard the dad telling his son if his behavior didn’t improve, he would lose all “privileges.” It’s not the first time I’ve heard that, and now this inquiring mind wants a definition. Maybe it’s because I don’t remember having any “privileges” when I was growing up. In my father’s eyes, being born was a privilege.

3. What, and where, is the “Circle of Trust”?

I first heard that phrase when Robert DeNiro famously uttered it to Ben Stiller in “Meet the Parents.” But that was a fictitious movie. When the Uber dad reminded his son that he was approaching a Circle of Trust violation, I wanted to stop my vehicle and ask if I could view the circle some time. Is it actually drawn somewhere in the house? What are the dimensions? These circles must exist somewhere, because I have heard multiple parents refer to them.

Parents of young children, if I receive the answers to these questions, perhaps I will no longer roll my eyes or mumble under my breath when your little darlings are throwing tantrums at the bank or the hardware store. Even though my father never understood my concept of parenting, I want to understand yours. So I eagerly await your replies.

Don’t make me count to three.

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.



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A day at the (cardboard boat) races

Samantha Simmons
Journal & Press

Boaters of all ages and hundreds of spectators gathered in Fort Hardy Park in Schuylerville to bring their best engineering and construction skills to the shore of the Hudson River for the 17th annual Cardboard Boat Races on Aug. 12 to raise money for Hudson Crossing Park, a non-profit organization.

Part of the celebration included honoring the 200th year of the Champlain Canal, a 60-mile waterway connecting part of the Hudson River to the south end Lake Champlain which lies between Plattsburgh, NY, and Burlington, VT. Brian Stratton, New York State Canal Corporation Director, shared some words before the races with the boaters.

Stratton said, “Boaters, remember, even if your opponent fares well you can win if you bribe your judges properly.”

Bribery at the races refers to a donation made to the park, which could lead to an award in the “Judges Bribe” category. The judges were dressed in nautically and whimsically, to show their support for the enchanting theme.

The winner for “Best in Show”, “Judges Bribe Award,” and the speed category was the Good family — who had two boats, one pre-made and one made on-site. For the pre-made boat, Isaac Good, 11, used cardboard tubes from his grandfather’s high-end fishing poles to create a skeleton for his shark themed boat.

The Goods have competed in the races for a handful of years now and said, “We’re going to destroy everybody. We’re going to win by a lot.” Which they successfully did race in their race.

Accepted materials for the races were plastic or wooden brooms, cardboard, caulk or glue, duct or paper tape, latex based paints, and flat canoe paddles (homemade or not).

Materials such as sharp objects, foam, oil-based paints, and laminated, waxed, or oiled surfaces were not allowed due to risk of polluting the waters.

The usual loop has racers start on the shores of Fort Hardy Park and paddle across to the wall opposite and return back to shore. Due to the waters current this year, the course suffered a minor change, having boaters paddle slightly north just off the shore, go around the buoy, and return.

Most boats held up for all six races, taking on and in water several times throughout the course of the afternoon.

Participants traveled from near and far to race to and from the buoy to win prizes like lock tours for up to six people. Several out of state participants built their boat on-site while others spent dozens of hours preparing in recent weeks.

Kate Morse is the Executive Director for Hudson Crossing Park. She said planning for the event requires year-round work. She said, “When I say they take it seriously, they take it seriously,” referring to those who begin planning months in advance for the event.

On the water, boaters could be heard from afar yelling phrases like “paddle harder on your side,” “You can do it, we’ve got this,” and, most often, “I’m sinking.”

The “Titanic Award,” which is given out each race to the first boater to sink, had almost every boater destined to be the first to sink.

Congressman Paul Tonko, a Democrat representing the 20th District, said, “We’re counting on you, sink that boat,” during a speech to the crowd.

Delia Rhodes, 13, up from Pennsylvania visiting family, said she was prepared to win the “Titanic Award.”

Rhodes said her plan was to sink, “The boat is called ‘whatever floats your boat,’ but I don’t think it’s going to float to be honest.”

While the boaters were competitive on the waters, they were eager to lend helping hands to others who needed a push to continue or make it off the shore.

First timer Scarlet Connelly, who raced with her mom, chose number one for the tag boaters were required to work into their design for contest purposes. She said she chose the number one, “So that we can sink first.” While they did not win the “Titanic Award,” they won “Most Enthusiastic” as her mother saluted her way underwater.

Additionally, all boaters were checked before each race to ensure proper safety gear before heading out on the cardboard boats. Rescue crews and kayaking volunteers stuck close to shore to help the boaters who could not quite get a handle on their boat.



The Good family — ss photos



Housing affordability still tough

Jill Schlesinger
Special to Journal & Press

If you want to see the effects of the Federal Reserve's interest policy over the past three years, look no further than the nation's residential real estate market.

In its effort to keep the economy afloat amid the pandemic, the central bank dropped interest rates to zero and purchased bonds. Accordingly, mortgage rates plummeted to all-time lows. As of the beginning of 2021, the average contract rate for a 30-year fixed rate mortgage tumbled to 2.65 percent.

Seeking refuge from crowded cities and untethered by physical workplaces, buyers flocked to the real estate market and prices jumped. The manic housing activity slowed throughout last year, as the Fed embarked on an aggressive rate hike campaign. As the central bank nears the end of its rate hike cycle and given the time of year, it's time to check in on the housing market.

Although activity may have bottomed, there are still problems that leave the residential market out of whack.

The first issue is affordability.

The Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta maintains the "Home Ownership Affordability Monitor," which tracks components of housing costs to determine affordability. The variables are median home price, median income, prevailing interest rate, median monthly principal and interest (P&I) payment, total median monthly payment (including P&I, taxes, insurance, and private mortgage insurance), and annual total payment share of median income.

A home is considered "affordable" when total housing costs for a median priced home account for less than 30% of median household income.

In January 2020, just before the pandemic hit, the total payment as a share of income stood at 28.4%, a level that was considered "affordable." Three years later in January 2023, that share jumped to 38.6%. The combination of higher prices (\$341,667 in 2023 vs \$264,000 in 2020) and rising interest rates (6.1% in 2023 vs. 3.6% in 2020) more than dwarfed income gains (\$74,718 in 2023 vs. \$65,947 in 2020).

Another issue weighing on the

market is a continued low level of inventory. A massive number of homeowners refinanced their loans in 2020 and 2021, which means that they are sitting on affordable monthly payments. The idea of giving up rock-bottom mortgage is tough to swallow for all but those who can afford to purchase their next home with cash.

If you are considering jumping into the housing fray, the numbers can work, especially if you are in a high cost of living area where rent is expensive. To reduce the cost of carrying a home, consider an adjustable-rate mortgage, which decreases the amount of interest for a fixed period. These loans can work for those who will likely sell or refinance by the end of the period. Borrowers can also lower their payments by paying points to lower the loan's interest rate, either permanently or temporarily.

If you are staying put and want to make improvements that will make your current home more livable, the National Association of Realtors has found that the projects that bring the most joy are: painting, refinishing floors, closet renovation, and upgrading kitchens, bathrooms and laundry

areas.

The interior projects that have the biggest bang for the buck are: refinishing hardwood floors, new wood flooring, and insulation upgrade. (Many expensive and popular projects like bathrooms and kitchens may bring you happiness, but owners rarely recoup their investments in them.)

For outdoor projects, the story is the same: the joy or an in-ground pool or landscape lighting do not necessarily pay off. "The least expensive project — standard lawn care service — had the highest cost recovery (217%), followed by landscape maintenance (104%), while the lowest cost recovery was for an in-ground pool (56%)."

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Interpersonal Edge

Do I need therapy?

Daneen Skube
Special to Journal & Press

Q: *I'm thinking of starting therapy to cope but have heard from friends that all therapists do is paraphrase them and ask how they feel. I want some tools, and solutions as I have no idea how I am going to problem solve what is happening. Is what I am seeking called life coaching, counseling, or psychiatry?*

A: Yes, counseling, like all services or products, has differing levels of quality and results. Psychiatry is a medical doctor specializing in brain chemistry. Life coaching is someone with no license or formal education that is inexpensive. An executive coach generally has a business degree and does not typically combine business and counseling. Counseling varies from counselors that see 40 people a week and paraphrase

to counselors that educate and help you create solutions and see a small number of clients.

As a counselor and executive coach (combining business expertise and a Ph.D. in counseling) I can see we have a mental health crisis brewing right now. You are not alone in feeling overwhelmed with issues about family, work, depression, anxiety and new conflicts. We have all heard the term, "unprecedented," to describe this time which merely means there are no road maps historically that can help us make a plan.

In ancient times when voyagers looked at the edge of the mapped world there was the warning, "There be dragons." The edge of our known world is always fraught with novel dangers. Now we find ourselves reluctant explorers thrust off our known maps and facing our own unique "dragons." Un-

fortunately, most of us keep solving problems in the same way we solved problems in the past.

My recommendation is to schedule appointments with various professionals. Apply what they tell you and see if their advice improves your situation. Be wary of people offering free introductory sessions. Consider this: If they don't value their time will they value yours? Ask questions like, "How many years of weekly therapy have you personally had?" You don't want a guide into inner space that has spent little time in their own inner world.

Be willing to talk to people around you. Unlike friends a therapist should be willing to make you mad and tell you what you need to hear, not just tell you what you want to hear.

Lastly, realize the stigma of "needing" therapy is no longer relevant. I am eternally grateful to all the wise counselors that changed my life with their tools, advice, and affection. There's courage, intelligence, and a lot of self-love involved in being willing to seek out a worthy teacher!

is a realist. I'm often more anxious than my co-workers. Is there a way to use my pessimism but not be so anxious?

A: Yes, James Cabell, a 20th-century American author of fantasy fiction, observed that the "optimist proclaims we live in the best of all possible worlds, while the pessimist fears this is true." Don't simply worry, but prepare for what you think could happen and your proactive pessimism will make you calmer and more effective.

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Audition notice

Auditions for "A Midsummer Night's Dream" will be held on Wednesday, August 23, from 7 PM to 10 PM at Fort Salem Theater. Callbacks, by invitation, will take place on Thursday, August 24, also from 7 PM to 10 PM. The performances for this enchanting classic are set for November 16-19, 2023, and the show will be directed by Sarah Murphy, with Siri Allison as Assistant Director, and produced by Kyle West. Lean more at www.FortSalem.com/auditions.

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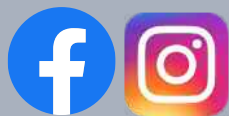
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Rockwell author to speak at Library

Greenwich Free Library will host an afternoon with Steve Haggarty, author of "Norman Rockwell's Models, In and Out of the Studio." Haggarty will present a peek into the book and its subjects, read from the text, and answer questions from the audience.

Haggarty has received enthusiastic reviews in publications like USA Today and Publisher's Weekly and was interviewed by Joe Donahue for NPR. Based on recollections and extensive interviews, it is the first book that details the personal relationships between the artist and his models, as well as their experiences posing in his studio. Steve spent entire summers at his family's farmhouse in the community of West Arlington, VT, where Rockwell's studio was located. Steve worked and socialized with many of them, including those who posed for such iconic works as Freedom of Speech, Breaking Home Ties, and Girl at the Mirror. Now a freelance writer, Steve served as an editor at McGraw-Hill Publications. His first book is "Cows in the Fog and Other Poems and Stories."

In 1940, America's favorite illustrator Norman Rockwell, his wife Mary, and their three sons moved to the picturesque rural village of West Arlington, Vermont. The artist discovered a treasure trove of models.

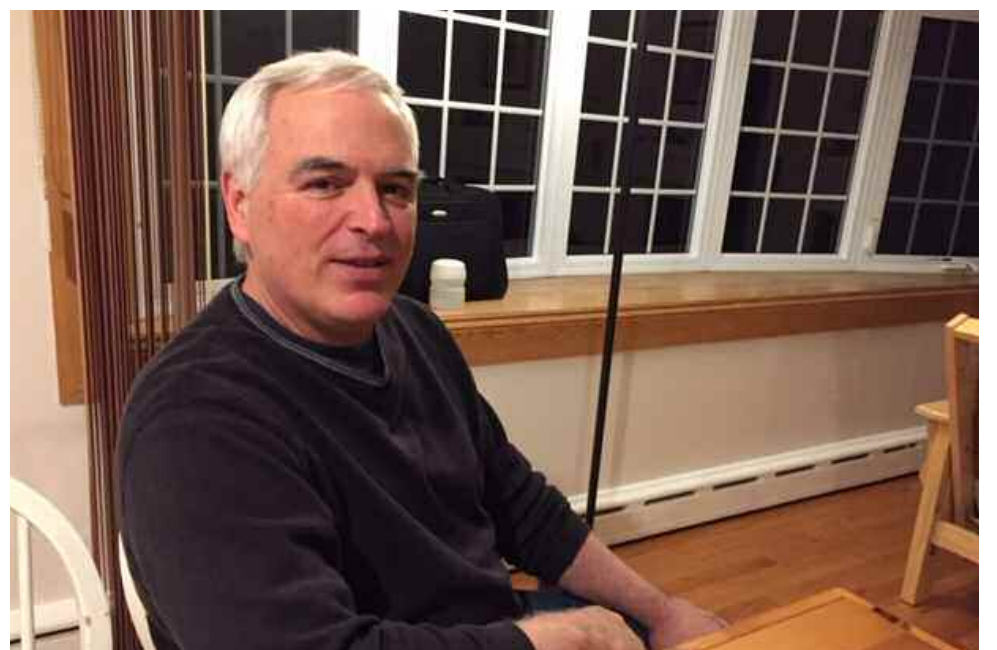
"Norman Rockwell's Models, In and out of the Studio" details these models' lives, friendships with the artist, and experiences in his studio. Readers will be intrigued by the lively sessions Rockwell conducted with his models and charmed by the lives of the models and the stories of good times enjoyed with the

man who insisted, "Call me 'Norman.'"

Publisher's Weekly says, "This peek into the workshop of an icon of Americana will delight Rockwell's fans."

Sunday August 20 at 2:00 PM in the Community Room at Greenwich Free Library

This is a free event, and all are welcome. Those interested can register at greenwich-freeibrary.org.



Bed build at Mowry Park

Multiple churches and local organizations in the Greenwich area will be working with the Mechanicville Chapter of Sleep in Heavenly Peace by holding a bed build on Saturday, September 16, 2023 at Mowry Park, Main Street, Greenwich starting at 9:00 AM. They plan to build 50+ beds to go to local children, ages 3-17, who might need one in or around the Greenwich area.

When SHP delivers a bed it is a new hand-made bed, mattress, comforter, sheets, and pillows; everything needed for a good night's sleep. This can all be done for \$250 a bed. If you would like to donate new twin size bedding and/or pillows, please bring them to the park that day and help fill their truck! If you would like to make a monetary donation, please write a check out to Sleep in Heavenly Peace and mail it to P.O Box 664, Mechanicville, NY 12118. If you need a bed, or know of a child who needs one, please go to shpbeds.org. As the build gets closer, the group will put out another notice for you to possibly volunteer to assist with the build.

From White Creek to the Pacific Northwest

Lance Allen Wang
Journal & Press

The annals of historic communities are inevitably draped with the lives of many people, some who live their lives quietly and without remark, and others who make a more distinct impression on the world, often far from the lush green hills that they may have once called home. White Creek, New York, is one of those historic communities. I've written before about Major General John Wilson Sprague (1817-1893), born in White Creek and who went on to co-found Tacoma, Washington. His exploits during the Civil War resulted in his award of the Medal of Honor, and more recently, our Town naming its hall after him. Another local who made his mark after leaving White Creek was Henry W. Corbett (1827-1903), and like General Sprague before him, was very significant in opening the Pacific Northwest.

Henry Corbett was born in Westboro, Massachusetts, but his family soon moved to White Creek, New York. His father, Elijah Corbett, who had established a business crafting edged tools, switched to the hotel business and farming once in White Creek. Henry went to school at the Cambridge Academy and started working in a store up the road in Cambridge at the age of 13. He then went to work at a shop in Salem, just up the road from Cambridge. After a year in Salem, Henry took a job in New York City, working for the dry goods store William, Bradford, and Company.

By all accounts, Henry was a quick study, able, honest, and reliable. He worked there seven years, and in 1851 he was entrusted with the transport of a load of dry goods to the small settlement of Portland, Oregon, at the time consisting of approximately 400 people and a handful of stores. Accompanying the transport was no minor undertaking. He departed on the East River on what was likely a four-mast sailing ship called a "bark," the Francis and Louise, sailing to the isthmus of Panama, crossing to the Pacific, and then sailing up the West Coast to Portland. Setting up shop in the second floor of a building, where he also "slept on a bed under the counter," and pulled up the stairs at night for security, Corbett found that bringing much-needed goods to a remote, growing community was a profitable business. Within 14 months, he had sold the shipload of goods, netting a profit of \$20,000. He established partners in Portland and returned to New York to continue shipping goods. However, his goal was to return to Portland and settle there, which he did. He merged with another mercantile

house, establishing Corbett, Failing, and Company, which became a significant importer of goods for the Northwest.

Like Sprague, his fellow White Creeker, Henry Corbett also understood the role that railroads were playing in the expansion of the Northwest. Just as General Sprague became a general manager on the Northern Pacific Railroad, which led to the expansion of Washington, Corbett became director on the Oregon Railroad and Navigation Company, as well as securing the contract to carry mail the 640 miles from San Francisco to Oregon. Also like Sprague, Corbett also had a hand in establishing financial institutions in his growing city. Corbett bought a controlling interest in the relatively new National Bank of Portland, increasing its financial resources a hundredfold and providing solid financial bedrock for growth in the area.

Early on, Henry was a member of the Whig Party, but became one of the earliest Republicans in 1854. As the nation was torn by Civil War, was outspoken in defense of the Union, stating in 1862, "It is my conviction that the war should be prosecuted with the utmost vigor to coerce the States that have placed themselves in open hostility to the government." He was elected to the United States Senate from Oregon in 1867 (eight years after Oregon became a state), and served one term, until 1873. He was involved in many of the issues facing the United States at that time, including Reconstruction in the postwar South, the impeachment of Andrew Johnson (of which he voted in favor of conviction), and America dealing with a post-war debt crisis. There were arguments in the Senate about unilaterally not honoring our heavy post-war debt obligations, to which Senator Corbett was angrily opposed. He said, in the formal and somewhat melodramatic language of the time,

"I need not the example of other nations to tell me what is right between man and man or between nation and nation; it needs not the shrewd argument of a lawyer to tell me what is due to my creditor — if there is any one thing that I regard more sacred in life, after my duty to my God, it is to fulfill all my engage-



Henry Corbett

ments, both written and implied, and nothing shall drive me from this position!"

His position did hold, and America achieved a negotiated restructuring to honor its debt.

When Corbett passed away, on March 31, 1903 at the age of 76, the *Daily Oregon Statesman* reported as its lead story on the front page:

GRAND OLD MAN OF OREGON DEAD - Hon. Henry W. Corbett Ex-United States Senator Expires in Portland - Was One of Oregon's Most Honoured Citizens and His Death Will Cause a Vacancy Which Will Be Most Difficult to Fulfill—Was One of the Principal Builders of State and Portland—Prominent in Politics.

Lastly, like General Sprague, among his honors was the naming of a town after him. Corbett, Oregon, was founded in 1880. What's more, during World War II, an Oregon shipbuilder produced the SS Henry W. Corbett, "Liberty ship" number 1616, built in literally 20 days. The ship was later lent to the Russians and was renamed the Alexander Nevsky.

We can see, then, that from humble roots in White Creek, two of the five largest cities in the Pacific Northwest, Tacoma and Portland, can claim at least a portion of their heritage. I'd be very surprised if there is any other community of our size which can point to leaving so outsized a mark during America's industrial expansion.

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.



Portland, 1852

Salem holds alumni event

The Salem Washington Academy (SWA) Alumni Association held its 38th Annual banquet on July 15 at the Salem Volunteer Fire Department. Classmates came from as early as 1939 through 2003 with class years ending in “3” and “8” having the most in attendance. Some alums traveled a substantial distance from as far away as the Carolinas, Florida, Texas and Hawaii.

In addition to the banquet, the SWA Alumni Association provides two, four-year scholarships (\$1,000/year) to Salem graduates planning to attend a four-year college. The 2023 recipients were Lexus Marquis and Alma Escobar-De Leon. These scholarships are funded through annual donations from previous graduates and friends of SWA.

It was a great evening to celebrate and reconnect. Join them next year when the banquet will be held on July 13, 2024.

Pictured:

1939-52 grads

'52 - Dianne Roberson Bernas

'46 - Arthur Lourte

'52 - Anne Jolly Lourie

'48 - Shirley Foster Hine

'47 - Robert Hunter

'47 - Marion Lourie Sheldon

'49 - Harold Sheldon

'39 - Richard McGuire

'46 - Jane Clark Salisbury

'47 - Joyce Jolley-Nichols

Fred Cary Jr.

'51 - Barbara Carrolan Parrish

'50 - Marilyn Fisher Crofut

'46 - Robert Crofut

1953 - 70 years

Marjorie McMorris Brueder

Lawrence McCauley

James Carrolan

1958 - 65 years

Front row - Patricia Watrous
Walcott

Dorothy Chambers Worthington

Jean Peck Juckett

Janet McCauley Record-Ryan

Back Row - Randle Kinne

Olavi Wirkki

Carl McDonough

Tauno Wirkki

1963 - 60 years

Carol Watrous (not pictured)

1973 - 50 years

Lynn Douglas

Lynn Morse

Susana Prada Garron

Diane Dunham Dundon

Judy Hamilton Sheldon

Debi Craig

Cathi Jackson

Back Row - Tom Eaton

Mark Griffin

Russell Justin

Jeff Lourie

Peter Jansson

Cole Hickland

William Sheldon

Ronald Keys

Daryl Tobin

1978 - 45 years

William Shaw

Betsy Ashton

1983 - 40 years



Front row - Denise
Ross Firlik

John Korzenieki II

Kim Skellie

Jack McCauley

Jon Braymer

Robin Bentley

Back row - Lisa Cark

Leslie Wever Burns

Dena Saunders
Cristaldi

Suanne Linendoll McLenithan

Kathi Tomlinson Guadreau

Jackie Filer Hendersen

Laurie Dunn Wilson

Front row - Margaret Getty Keys
Elmer Cary

2003 - 20 years

Back row - John Korzenieki III

1988 - 35 years



Summer's end and the passage of time

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

120 Years Ago August 19, 1903

The Battenkill Railroad Company went out of existence last Wednesday after a career of a few months. It is now a component part of the Greenwich and Johnsonville railway company. The Battenkill company was never separate from the other company except in name and legal form.

100 Years Ago August 22, 1923

Shortly after six o'clock Thursday evening as Warren Woodbury was the driving his Chevrolet sedan from Mowry avenue onto Elm avenue, a Buick sedan bearing a Connecticut license and driven by James C. Fox of New York, struck the left side of his car. The Buick, which according reports was going at a high rate of speed, caught Mr. Woodbury's car on the left front corner and swung it around so that both front and rear fenders and the running board on that side were smashed.

Otherwise it was but little damaged. When he saw the other car coming, Mr. Woodbury swung north on Elm avenue but was unable to avoid the crash.

In order to avoid hitting the Chevrolet full force, the driver of the Buick swung to the left on Corliss avenue and jumped the curb, barely or missing a big tree and running

square over the mailbox near the Linen Underwear mill where it came to a stop. Mr. Fox and a lady in the car with him escaped without injury, but the car was badly damaged.

It was taken to Carnohan's garage. Neither Mr. Woodbury nor his son, who was in the car with him, was injured.

80 Years Ago August 25, 1943

Held as Draft Dodger — Alden R. Travali, 25, of Berne, was arrested Monday by FBI agents for alleged failure to notify his Delmar draft board of his whereabouts since early in 1942 and for alleged failure to respond to instructions.

After arraignment he was committed to Albany county jail in default of \$1,500 bail.

60 Years Ago August 29, 1963

There is nothing we can do about the progress of time, but, with a backward glance remark on how soon the summer is gone. It seems only a week ago that it was graduation, and here it is time for school to begin again.

It seems but a short time ago that the winter clothes were stored in moth crystals in the attic, and we're now thinking about them again.

With good fortune we have two months of wonderful weather ahead of us.

Autumn isn't as hectic as summer. We can enjoy it with greater composure. Let's cherish each day until the first snowfall.

40 Years Ago August 18, 1983

Greenwich Elks Lodge 2223 will be celebrating its

mortgage burning ceremony Saturday, August 20. For this special occasion, newly elected State President Edward R. Smaldon from Rome Lodge 96, will be the guest of honor and light the torch. Master of Ceremonies will be Vincent DeSantis, past district deputy grand exalted ruler of the northeast district and currently grand trustee, New York state association. ... Greenwich Lodge 2223 was instituted on June 18, 1961. They occupied their new building on Route 40 south Greenwich in June 1980 and the lodge was dedicated November 15, 1980.

—Compiled by Darren Johnson

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An ad from 40 years ago

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An ad from 40 years ago

Vet banners for Cambridge

At the most recent meeting of Cambridge's American Legion Capt. Maxson Post 634, Post Commander Jack Haskell announced that Mayor Carman Bogle at the Village of Cambridge stated that the village was willing to team with the post for banners to salute local veterans. "It has been a very popular program elsewhere, and I always get asked about when we're going to put up banners, so I'm glad that our local American Legion is running with the ball!" said Bogle. Legionnaire and Army veteran Marianne Parker is running the program, assisted by the post Sergeant-at-Arms Lance Allen Wang, also an Army veteran, and they are currently developing the literature and sales packages. Said Wang, "The custom banners, along with the associated brackets, will go for approximately \$175. The plan is to begin sales no later than Veterans Day, with the goal of having them all up by Memorial Day." He also mentioned there needed to be a minimum of 10 ordered for the program to work, "But between families that want to honor their veterans, and even clubs and organizations that want to honor specific veterans, I'll be surprised if we don't move quite a few more." There will be more information to follow over the coming months!

Remembering the unforgettable

MaryAnne Brown
Journal & Press

The county fairgrounds are coming alive again and soon we will see amusement rides taking shape, vendors and exhibitors arriving, and a variety of Washington County friendly beasts getting settled into their “summer cabins” for the week. Workers, animal owners, ride operators, scouts, food booth volunteers, and others form community as they get reacquainted and meet new chums who will be in the neighborhood for the week-long events. Because the county fair comes along once a year, it could be considered a young cousin to the musical, “Brigadoon”, the village that emerges for only one day every 100 years.

You may ask why I am writing about the

county fair, given this is a column about faith and spirituality. In an earlier article I spoke of our wellbeing as balancing on a 3-legged milk stool at the Washington County Fair. The legs symbolize the physical, mental, and spiritual parts of our wellness and health. If one of these legs is weak, uneven, or broken, it is never good for the milker and probably not very easy on the cow! Here we are! It’s fair time! How strong is your milk stool? Are any of its legs a bit wobbly?

Be not afraid for it is never too late to revive the soul. At the fair, we can strengthen our three legged wellness model by eating a bit of fair food, walking the grounds, taking in the sights and sounds, and enjoying each other’s company. We’ll feel the excitement, thrills, joy, happiness as our senses absorb all that the fair can deliver. Being with others creates community; listening to oth-

ers becomes communion; observing with compassion opens us to a more peaceful and balanced life.

Although this “wild church” experience is only open one week each year, we can continue regular faith experiences in our local faith communities whose welcome mats are always out, and genuine people of God will help you feel at home. We are never alone. Enjoy the fair!

MaryAnne Brown, RN, BSN, MA is a music minister at St. Joseph’s Church and has a special interest in spirituality and health. She serves as the current President of Greenwich Interfaith Fellowship, Inc.

News from local churches

THE BOTTSKILL BAPTIST CHURCH

26 Church Street, Greenwich, NY

www.bottskillbaptist.org or Facebook

The regular Sunday Services will be held at the Bottskill Baptist Church at 26 Church Street, Greenwich, starting at 9:15. Sunday School Classes are held during worship time with good fellowship and refreshment to follow each service. Everyone is welcome to join on Sunday Morning! Also, you can see the service on Facebook at the “Bottskill Baptist and Lakeville Churches” site.

In the near future Worship Services will be led by the following; August 20 - Vince Spiezio, August 22- Rev Ray Lloyd, September 3- Rev Bruce Johnson, September 10 - Rev Bruce Johnson.

On September 10 the church will celebrate the Baptism of several individuals, with a special and meaningful service, The Baptism Service will be led by spiritual leader Vince Spiezio starting at 3:00. A reception for those baptized will be held after the service in the church Fellowship Hall. The general public is welcome to join at this Affirmation of Faith Service.

Sept 16 - Annual Mum Sales with Bake Sale.

CENTENARY METHODIST CHURCH

1 Gray Avenue, Greenwich, NY

<http://facebook.com/umcgreenwich>

www.centenaryumcgreenwich.org

Email: centenaryumngreenwich@gmail.org

Sunday Service at 9:30 am in person or online via Facebook

Led by Pastor Melissa Weatherwax, a native of Greenwich.

First Tuesday of the month at 1 pm – Women’s Fellowship - women are invited to gather for food, fellowship, and faith.

Future scheduled plans include:

Now until Aug. 21-27 - preparing for the Fritter City Booth at the Washington County Fair, September 16 - “Build a Bed” event in Mowry

Park. We will be building beds and providing bedding for many needy children in the area.

EASTON FRIENDS MEETING

Contact Robert (Sunfire) Kazmayer

518-677-8934

www.quakercloud.org/could/easton-friends-meeting

North Meetinghouse (mid-September to June 23)

1778 State Route 40, Greenwich, NY

South Meetinghouse (June 30 to mid-September)

227 Meeting House Road, Easton, NY

Meeting Times:

Sunday at 11:00 AM

ST. JOSEPH’S CHURCH

35 Hill Street, Greenwich, NY

518-692-2159

New Website coming

Pastor Rev. James Ebert

Sunday Mass – 10 am

In early July Fr. Jim O’Rourke began his ministry as Parochial Vicar serving our Holy Family Network of Parishes, which includes Notre Dame Visitation Church in Schuylerville, St. Joseph’s in Greenwich and St. Clement’s in Saratoga Springs. Fr. Jim introduced himself to St. Joseph’s Parish in early July and the parishioners and community are pleased to welcome Fr. Jim.

Pastor of St. Joseph’s, Fr. James has appointed Sabrina Stutzman of Greenwich as the new Faith Formation coordinator for St. Joseph’s Church. Sabrina is busy preparing to lead the parish youth Faith Formation which will be in-person this fall. Registration forms are available at the church or by phoning Sabrina at the parish rectory.

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

37 Salem St, Greenwich, NY

518-692-7746

facebook.com/unitedchurchofgreenwich/

Sunday Service – 10 am

ST. PAUL’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

147 Main Street, Greenwich, NY

518-692-7492

www.stpaulsgreenwich.org

stpauls.greenwich@gmail.com

Rector Rev. Meaghan Keegan

Sunday Holy Communion – 10 am

Offers Youth Ministry, Men’s Ministry, Women’s Bible Study, Baskets of Blessing for victims of domestic violence. See website for more details.

SPALDING ORDAINED

On Sunday, August 13th, now retired Reverend Sandra Spaulding was ordained with the Lakeville Baptist Church of Cossayuna and Bottskill Baptist Church of Greenwich.



This was a momentous occasion celebrating Reverend Spaulding’s hard work and dedication to her local churches, regional communities, global missions, and endless passion for spreading the word of God. The ordination service, held at the Bottskill Church, was attended by both church congregations, community members, and clergy from around the region and NYS.

In addition to several speakers, Reverend Spaulding shared a message and asked all to remember the following :

“If I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.” 1 Corinthians 13.

Reverend Sandra Spaulding is married to Guy Spaulding and has two children Cameron Spaulding and Heidi Clements.

The ordination ceremony, including Reverend Spaulding’s message, can be watched at BottskillBaptist.com

–Compiled by MaryAnne Brown

It's fair season!

Shirley Renauld
Journal & Press

Until 1811 there had been no country fairs. Farmers just took their products to sell at the nearest farmers' markets (Remember "The Ox-cart Man"?). But in 1811, the Berkshire Agricultural Society held the first country fair in Berkshire County, MA. It was so popular that other counties across the country started to organize their own.

They were so much like our Washington County Fair. "Their main purpose is to provide a chance for communities to get together and to admire the best of their local crops, animals and handwork." There were showings of farm animals. Will you be showing some of your rabbits or poultry, sheep or goats, pigs, ponies or horses, dairy or beef animals, either as 4-H projects or in Open Class? Or as you visit them at the fair, will you become interested in having your own? People brought samples of the very best produce they had grown to display, be judged and hopefully get ribbons. Do you remember what Almanzo took to his "County Fair" and did he get a ribbon? Will you enter some of yours in the Youth Building? What color ribbon will you get? There were demonstrations of farm machinery. Do you like to climb on equipment and "drive" the tractors on display by area dealerships? There were displays of women's domestic work and everyone looked for ribbons that they were awarded for their handwork, preserves, pickles and bakings, like Kristin's Cinnamon Rolls that got the purple ribbon last year! Of course you hope there are some left at home to eat, too. There was fiddle and banjo playing. Does that make you think of the entertainment now? Which is your favorite? Even "Jean-Marie at the Fair" did some of these same things.

Some things were different: Everyone got dressed up in their best clothes. What do you wear? There was no fair food (What are your favorites?), but there was a big dinner prepared by the church ladies. Yes, there were contests of running and throwing, carnival games, but no rides. There were horse races, oxen and draft horse pulls but no tractor pulls, not even pedal tractor pulls, no demolition derbies!

With inventions in the late 1800s, there began to be rides at fairs. Wood carvers had carved life-size animals, including jungle animals, and some were made for riding on in carousels/merry-go-rounds. When you ride on the one at the fair, practice your horsemanship skills as you mount the horses on their LEFT side. As you ride to the organ music, can you feel that the whole merry-go-round is turning counter-clockwise?

For the 1893 World's Fair in Chicago, an engineer named George Ferris invented the ride named for him. It was left there for use after the Fair, like Olympic items have been, such as the ski jump at Lake Placid. How does it feel riding backwards as the Wheel turns clockwise? You do gradually get to view the whole fairgrounds. Does it feel different as you go forward to ground level—make sure your seatbelt is fastened!

Both rides were so popular that various sizes were built for parks and county fairs and other rides were created. Which ones will you use your ride tickets for? It is interesting to watch as the rides are assembled and then taken apart to move to another fair.

In the early 1900s 4-H was started as an extension of rural children's education with the theme of "learning by doing." (Do the Walk-a-thon for the Saratoga County new Training Center on the 26.) When Congress enacted the Cooperative Extension Service, 4-H became part of it. About the

same time, FFA was started by young farmers and their advisors at schools. Now FFA includes students with interests other than farming, too.

We get to see "life inside the fair" as we walk around it when it's just waking up. We see owners of the animals getting them ready for the day: cleaning up their area to go for compost, leveling clean bedding, giving them food and water. Watch the dairy cows as they are taken to the Ag Center to be milked — and as they get their morning shower. Watch the dairy goats being hand-milked on their stands. Stop to listen as small animals are already being shown and judged. Come into the center entry gate and you could watch the oxen or draft horses pulling weights as practice to complete. See riding horses being groomed (Can you help braid manes or tails?) and some already in the show ring. See that some owners are ready for a morning nap with their heads on their resting animals. You realize you're ready for a rest, too, so you go to County Bounty for maple milkshakes and drink them outside, sitting on the bench dedicated to Harry and JoAnne for all their years of service to the Fair.

The Farm Museum complex at the local Fair shows us much of what life was like when county fairs were started. As you look in the schoolhouse and think of yours, many questions come to mind: Only one room?! Where's the gym? Oh, on the wall is a picture of this school when it was in Perkins Hollow near Salem where there's plenty of outdoor space to run around. Where's the

'The smells of fair food, the music, the sky best of all when it's clear.'

lunchroom? There are tin pails, with food from home, some by the stove in Winter to keep soup or a potato warm. Where's the bathroom? Behind the school is a building with rooms, one for girls and one for boys, with holes in the seat. Between the rooms is firewood. Need help bringing some inside? Part of the wall behind the teacher's desk is painted black — no Smart Board? Near it are rolled-up letters and parts of words. Could they be for learning to read? Between the two windows is a wooden octagon frame with a circle of letters, not numerals, and two hands: the schoolhouse clock! Could we watch someone take it off the wall and open the back to see a loose spring, then open the glass front, wind with a key to tighten the spring and make the pendulum swing, the hands move and the spring begins to loosen again? How do you tell the time in your school? No battery, no digital, no electricity here at all. So what do they use for light? Keep the shutters open and hope for sun. Need more? There's a lantern hanging from the ceiling — smell the kerosene? Under the clock is a recitation bench for grades to meet with the teacher. On the opposite wall is a picture of our president. We see low bench-seats starting three rows of increasing heights with desks in front of them, shortest for the 5-year-olds, the bench along the back wall for eighth-graders, all made by a local carpenter. Who would be your seatmate? But no whispering to each other during worktime! It looks like a map of the USA on the back wall but where's the Western part of our country? On the desks are wooden frames with smooth stone inside, and chalk. No computers? No tablets? So they used slates. Where are the students? Must be recess. If it were raining they'd be playing inside: Tic,



Tac, Toe with a partner on their slates—maybe the circle version with initials in the "slices of the pie", closing their eyes and chanting, "Tic, tac, toe, around I go. If I miss, I land on this." and scribble over the initial. We'll see who has more initials left when the game ends. Want to play checkers? Let's take turns with the Jacob's Ladder while we sing together: "We are climbing Jacob's Ladder..." and with the Ball-in-the-Cup. There are several yo-yos and tops, strings for Cat's Cradle and some with a big button for "Wind, Wind, Wind a Bobbin" and pull to make it hum

We started the day with the Pledge how many stars on the flag?) Teacher gave us a Thought-for-the-Day; now she's ringing the bell for back-to-work and she'll ask us to recite it again.

Oh, it's starting to get dark. The fair is magical — the smells of fair food, the music, the sky best of all when it's clear, the stars in their constellations (How many can you find?). There should be lots of moonlight because this is a Blue Moon month. You've heard the expression, "... happens only once in a Blue Moon" because it doesn't happen very often, just like the actual Blue Moon that happens only when there are two full moons in the same month. This Aug watch for a full moon on both the first and the 31st. All the light should help you find your car in the now bigger parking lot with three exits. Sorry that the college students in your family miss the end of the fair. Family life will be different without them, but we are so proud of them and wish them our best.

If you haven't had enough fair yet or family vacation meant you missed some: The Schaghticoke Fair goes on until Sept 5. The NYS Fair goes through the 4th where your exhibit is for display if you got a purple ribbon at the county level. When it comes back, make sure you pick it up to display at home and save it for the future.

Now only a week for you to get ready for another school year. GCS district students, including homeschoolers, pick up the school supplies from Interfaith on the 18 that you registered for by the 13th. By registering, you know that everyone shares fairly. Are there offers in other school districts? Next there'll be the backpack giveaways; pass the word so everyone who needs one, gets one. Shop smartly for the NEED supplies so your budget will allow you to get some WANT items, too, such as craft supplies. Listen when "My Crayons Talk" or there will be "The Day the Crayons Quit," even "Scissors (Go) on Strike." Then it's the clothes' budget. Your friends talk about what to get. Check out The Way in Schuylerville. Save part of the budget for when the weather changes. Remember your med visits. Do you need to get back into a school routine? Remember that Ben Franklin said: "Early to bed, early to rise, makes (us) healthy, wealthy and wise.". The shortening daylight should help.

Best wishes for another year of learning!

Help never came

Avery McReynolds
Special to Journal & Press

There is no easy way for me to accept that, yet again, I foolishly convinced myself of a genuine consideration for the well-being of my family and me, or – perhaps more accurately – virtually everyone in a similar predicament.

Virtually everyone has received advice in some form or other. There are said to be programs that help people in need. These programs, you understand, ironically know very little of their applicants' needs yet demand invasively information you typically wouldn't volunteer. Arguably the most erroneous aspect of the application process is the focus on "gross income," seeing as this doesn't make notice of the following: mortgage payments, monthly expenses, groceries, gas money, and miscellaneous expenses such as vehicle repairs, insurance, medical bills, et cetera. Things that they ought to be aware of as citizens of an over-taxed society and a failed, fragile system.

Telling myself things will be okay no longer offers comfort; if anything, I feel like I'm casually slipping into a state of denial. I've long ago realized I'm not fixable, so I found a sense of purpose in striving to fix things for others. Before anyone else suggests, "Go to therapy," I have gone to many therapists, none of whom were pleasant. My several attempts amounted to years of clinical expressions, clichéd lines of questioning, cynicism, adolescent condescension, and abuse. Up until a couple of years ago, I vehemently disrelished prescription medication. The lengthy list of side effects, coupled with the likelihood of increasing suicidal thoughts, was enough to keep me disinterested. Despite conflicting feelings, I eventually agreed to a prescription after an especially rough evening. In case you're wondering, they increased the dosage. It still doesn't work much.

The one thing that got me through my formative years was writing. Wanting to make a career out of it, I have continued to write into early adulthood. Unfortunately (other than this article), I haven't written anything in a few months. It's the longest I've gone without writing since 6th grade. My focus has turned to a GoFundMe campaign I created in an ostensibly last-ditch effort to help my loved ones with much-needed repairs to the family home. Promoting it has proven to be exhausting, humiliating, and stressful. Over 10,000 people have seen it on Twitter alone, but much fewer have

done so much as share the link. Messages are read but not responded to. I have been unfollowed, unfriended, blocked, and insulted. Sending inquiries, leaving voicemails, researching grants and programs, and brainstorming ideas lead to dead ends.

More recently, with HEAP and Rebuilding Together Saratoga. Despite at least one individual in the household with a disability and barely having enough for dinner most nights, neither organization accepted our application or pleas. The latter rejected us without so much as assessing the damage. HEAP claimed the household income is "just a little bit" too much. As I mentioned earlier, gross income. It would seem we've exhausted every conceivable option with the same results. I collect disability, which isn't much and is once a month. My brother, who has asthma and may eventually have to try to apply for disability in the future, has a fluctuating work schedule; sometimes labor is too high, sometimes they have hour cuts, and sometimes asthma, which my brother has been hospitalized several times for, affects his ability to perform his job. My parents each have their medical struggles. Mom has neurofibromatosis, may require surgery on her hands, and struggles with mental health like me. She had a stroke earlier this year, and the stress of losing an older sister a few months back has done her health no favors. Dad doesn't make it to work as often as he'd like. He has FMLA due to severe migraines. Mom is his caregiver and misses time with him. Dad has virtually no immune system. He has prescriptions for several other personal health struggles. All of this is even though no one in the house drinks, smokes, uses drugs, or engages in any dangerous activity.

It is utterly disheartening and cruel that a family of down-on-their-luck, hardworking citizens can't catch a break (beyond, of course, something like our furnace breaking), yet these programs make it all seem so manageable; that once somebody works up the courage to ask for help and answers every perplexingly invasive question, they would be in good hands. I know now, for all time, such is not the case. I'm of the firm belief everyone needs help sometimes. Unfortunately, assistance is often refused or de-



Avery McReynolds

nied, typically because of ignorant questions on a form or outdated policies established decades ago. My parents are not likely going to be able to retire. It's difficult enough to exist that we often forget to live.

With a few deaths in the family and several failed friendships, my family and I are physically and emotionally drained. 2023 has had more downs than ups. My loved ones are hurting, and there's seemingly nothing I can do to fix that. My parents couldn't even celebrate their 36th anniversary on August 1st. All of this is how I know 'karma' isn't real. We've done nothing to deserve our plight. Doing whatever we can ourselves to better our situation hasn't gone well. Seeking help has been an exercise in futility. Home repairs and a new furnace will likely not come before winter. Something tells me it's going to be a long one.

Avery McReynolds is a resident of Greenwich.



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Endless Summer Party

Greenwich Free Library's annual Endless Summer Party is back on Wednesday, August 30 from 4:00 to 6:00pm, to be held outdoors behind the library. Chelsie Henderson of Rural Soul will be on hand to lead an all-ages drum circle, and there will be kids' activities, lawn games for all, and giveaways. Winners of the Summer Reading raffles will be announced and patrons are invited to spin the prize wheel to win a variety of prizes. The Mr. Ding-a-Ling truck will be serving ice cream treats promptly at 4:00 PM, and Comfort Food Community will host Edible Education featuring produce from local farms. The Greenwich Youth Center will join the party, offering free haircuts to kids and collecting school supply donations.



and tunes from the 60s. Casa Reyes will be back serving tacos and refreshments.

Greenwich Free Library's Summer Reading program is sponsored in part by Stewart's Shops Holiday Match. The Music at the Library series is made possible with funds from the Statewide Community Regrant Program, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature.

The outdoor summer celebration continues in Mowry Park from 6:00 to 8:00pm with live music in the gazebo from the Roadside Blues Band. Roadside Blues Band plays a mix of folk, blues, Motown,

Be a prepared citizen!

Washington County Public Safety will present Citizen Preparedness training at the Washington County Fair. They'll be holding two sessions:

Thurs., 8/24 at 12PM — register here: bit.ly/WCitzPrep824.

Fri., 8/25 from at 2PM - Register here: bit.ly/WCitzPrep825.

An Artist's Take

Political Cartoon of the Week by Dana Summers



JUMBLE

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

VOLNE
 EOGGU
 WHOGTR
 RIDHOA

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

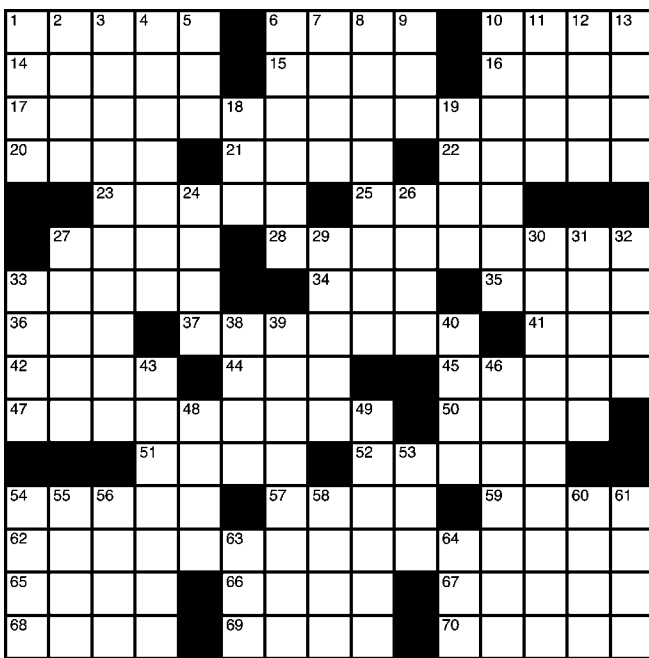


Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

"O O O O O" O O O O O O O O O

Coila Crossword

(solution page 22)



Across

- 1 Correct
- 6 Dr.'s visit
- 10 "No ___": "Piece of cake"
- 14 Farewell that's bid
- 15 Societal woes
- 16 Weapon in Clue
- 17 It's "down at the end of Lonely Street," in an Elvis hit
- 20 Horse hair
- 21 Online marketplace
- 22 City in upstate New York
- 23 Business baron
- 25 Liver secretion
- 27 Practice boxing
- 28 Oil well output, in slang
- 33 Hindu teacher
- 34 Fútbol fan's cry
- 35 Fencing weapon
- 36 Malleable metal
- 37 Historic events at Gettysburg and Vicksburg
- 41 Sister of Zsa Zsa
- 42 Ye ___ Shoppe
- 44 Spoil
- 45 Word with circle or tube
- 47 Miracle-Gro, e.g.

- 50 Flower usually sold by the dozen
- 51 Ivory source
- 52 Upper crust
- 54 NFL Hall of Famer Bart
- 57 Dreaded high school spots?
- 59 Baker's amts.
- 62 Part of an Aretha Franklin refrain about fools ... and a hint to the ends of 17-, 28- and 47-Across
- 65 Swiss river
- 66 Congressional confidante
- 67 Florida city on the Gulf Coast
- 68 Waitstaff rewards
- 69 Post-combat affliction, briefly
- 70 Sharply inclined

- 8 Ump's cry before the first pitch
- 9 "For shame!"
- 10 Mentored person
- 11 Roast, in Dijon
- 12 Oil cartel acronym
- 13 Actor Lugosi
- 18 Arthur of "Maude"
- 19 "Incredible" superhero
- 24 Chicago daily, familiarly
- 26 Frozen drink brand
- 27 Sty supper
- 29 Keno kin
- 30 Alj Baba's magic words
- 31 "Drove my Chevy to the ___": "American Pie" lyric
- 32 Luv
- 33 "Knock it off!"
- 38 Kennel cacophony

- 39 Suffered financially
- 40 iPhone's voice-activated app
- 43 Postings in ledgers
- 46 "Please, anything else!"
- 48 Right or left, while driving
- 49 Didn't admit
- 53 Sportscaster Berman
- 54 Ella's expertise
- 55 Spicy Asian cuisine
- 56 Boomers' lobbying group
- 58 Scoundrels
- 60 Water carrier
- 61 "Just like that!" fingers sound
- 63 Put a limit on
- 64 Dol.'s 100

Down

- 1 Chicago mayor Emanuel
- 2 Thought
- 3 Big bamboo muncher
- 4 "Peekaboo!"
- 5 Boy king
- 6 Online service for booking rooms with local hosts
- 7 Guilty, for one

Argyle Acrostic

By Frank J. D'Agostino (solution page 22)

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| Find these words that are associated with summer. | Burgers
Cherry Bomb
Fair
Fireworks
Flags
Fourth
Holiday
Hotdog | Ice Cream
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9 to 5 by Harley Schwadron



Aaron Northrup and his art (cont.)

on to help the team carve a shipwreck for Disney's Little Mermaid ride. The last project I was working on before I left the production floor was three large scale foam statues for the How to Train Your Dragon roller coaster at Motiongate Dubai.

DJ: I've heard you've wanted to start a local business, or collective, with local sculptors. Could you tell me more about that? How is the idea progressing?

AN: I do hope to do so within the next few years. Making the plan has become kind of a side project as of late, making a list of the right suppliers, and searching for the right location etc. I'm currently a solo operation, and sculpting is what I love, so that's still the primary focus but I really think the Greenwich area (and the Capital Region for that matter) would greatly benefit from a place that provides art and hobby materials that aren't readily available locally. I also am a lifecaster and I think that lifecasting is a really interesting and unique discipline. It's a fairly under the radar skill that not a lot of people have. Lifecasts can make amazing gifts and I think having a space to showcase that and possibly have workshops would be a wonderful thing. Every once in a while you get a viral video that hits the internet that shows a life-casting and people go "wow that's awesome" and then never think about it again. I think it would make a really unique

thing to have a space locally for it. My wife Susanna is also an extremely talented artist who I met going to school for special effects makeup. I was lucky enough to work alongside her at Adirondack Studios for years as well. She can do everything I can do and I'd love for her to be able to get to work alongside her again. She's my muse and top advisor for sure, any time I'm unsure of something I'm doing I call her out in the shop to get her eyes on it. Having that partnership and our combined experience I think would be a really strong foundation for sharing knowledge and building a space that would be great for the local art community.

DJ: Tell me about some of your original works?

AN: I have about 15 years under my belt of building things for other people and feel like I've rarely had an opportunity since college to do many original pieces. I definitely need to explore myself as an artist more. I have so many ideas I want to come to fruition but balance is always a struggle. Really the only original piece I've done recently was for Artful Albany where they called on artists to do winter window displays. I did a sculpture of my wife as a "Spirit of Winter" that was in the window of a beauty salon but unfortunately the turnaround was so fast that it wasn't built to last.



DJ: Is this your full-time job?

AN: Kind of? I certainly want it to be. I'd say being a dad is my full time job and has been for the past 4 to 5 years. One of the big reasons I formed The Custom Curiosities Company was so that I could be more flexible with my work and raise my daughter full-time. I really haven't advertised my services because she's still the top priority and what I've been getting through word of mouth has been enough to pay the bills while still allowing me to take care of her. Now that she's in school and getting older though I can start to grow the business more and put myself out there.

Seeking playwrights

The Salem NY Area Chamber of Commerce announced an opportunity for budding playwrights, courtesy of the Salem NY Chamber of Commerce in collaboration with the Fort Salem Theater and numerous community supporters. In honor of the late Al Budde, a

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Boggle: WIND COLD HAZE FAIR RAIN
SNOW WARM GUST

Jumble: NOVEL GOUGE GROWTH HAIRDO

Final Jumble:

"WEIGH" TOO LONG

Kids: JET MOTH HUNT WISH - NUTS FOR THEM

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Fun & Games

(solution below)

Boggle BrainBusters!
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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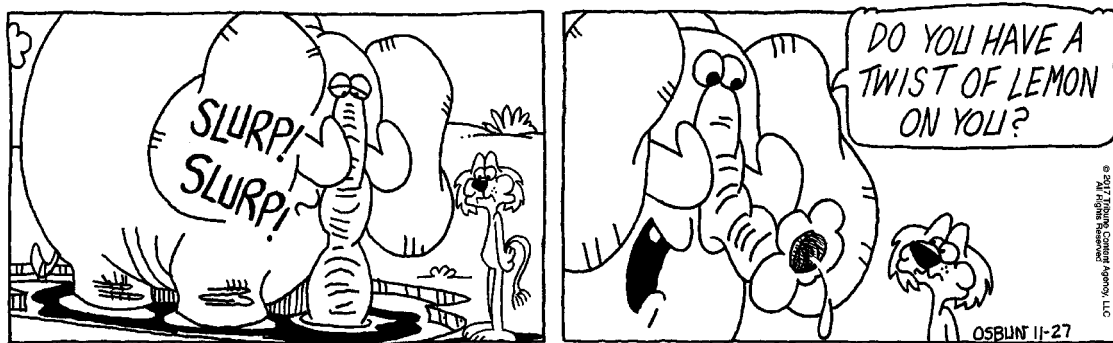
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Salem Sudoku

(solution below)

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Animal Crackers by Fred Wagner



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District Clerk

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Frank Pascarella
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Tomarra McCall
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