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## An historic unpairing

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We're going to be two  
papers again soon

**A note to readers:** Starting with our Sept. 1 issue, as mentioned in previous issues of this paper and in our daily Sub-stack newsletter, we're going to separate out The Greenwich Journal from The Salem Press. The two papers had merged in 1969, and it never happens in the newspaper industry that papers unpair like this. We look forward to this new endeavor. Paid subscriptions will continue.

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# Village of Greenwich meeting notes

**Darren Johnson**  
*Journal & Press*

The Village of Greenwich Trustees met on Aug. 12.

Here are our notes from listening to an audio recording of the meeting. We'll add more via our Substack – visit [JournalandPress.com](https://journalandpress.com) to get our daily newsletter.

- The Village DPW building will be dedicated in honor of longtime chief Leo Flynn, who passed away earlier this year. An official dedication may take place September 23rd.
- Cambridge-Greenwich Village Police issued 12 tickets so far this year in Greenwich and Acting Chief Austin Gauthier offered kudos to officers who assisted a 23-year-old at-risk male who went missing on July 31st. “A lot of agencies responded,” Gauthier said. “We had a lot of help from a lot of people. But they did a great job of coordinating that and getting a hold of the right people we had canine from the county and from Albany County we had a drone coming down we had rangers, troopers, sheriffs, fire, EMS — we had a lot of people involved the gentleman ended up returning home but you know something like that could go pretty poorly quickly if not for the response.”
- Fire Chief Corey Hopkins offered kudos to James Alheim from the Greenwich Fire Department, who was re-

cently named Fire Educator of the Year by the state Firefighter’s Association. Hopkins recently helped swear in junior firefighters at a ceremony.

The main topic of the night was Animal Control, but there also was a discussion of price increases coming for village water usage, a neighborgood dispute involving surveillance cameras and more.

Some of the issues require more digging, which wasn’t doable by press time, so, again, subscribe to our newsletter for these topics to be dissected.

As for Animal Control, which was the topic advertised before the meeting, the discussion included:

The main animals mentioned were chickens and cats.

It is believed that the number of feral cats is in the rise. A person sent the village an email suggestion they should look at giving families vouchers to have their cats neutered. But that option was viewed as costly.

The email suggested the sterilization could cost \$120-180 per cat, and that the cats would then be released back into the village to control any rat population.

People will start making the village a drop off point for feral cats, it was feared. “They will be driving their excess cats here and dropping them off because the village will just give somebody a voucher to go get them fixed,” Shannon Celeste-Hahn, ani-

mal control officer, said.

“And then we will have cats digging in people’s flower gardens and using them as litter boxes, and we will become overrun with cats.”

In the State of New York, cats are considered free roaming animals. Any domesticated cat kept as a pet and allowed outdoors must be wearing visible ID with its home information and must be spayed or neutered, it was noted.

The Village also has a limit of five dogs, with an exception for one litter.

Dogs barking for multiple hours is also a common complaint. Currently, the village doesn’t have a time limit but other municipalities may only allow 15 minutes in an hour.

The village would also consider a 500 feet setback for farm animals.

As for chickens, it was discussed that perhaps the law could allow for hens to be limited to 1 per 100 square feet, though Celeste-Hahn felt that may be too strict. She is suggesting no permit needed for chickens, but they must be contained.

Not just the noise created by animals in the Village was discussed, but also the smell. New policy may address how people with animals contain that.

The village will continue to accept feedback regarding animal control and shape policy starting this fall.

## Contact us with questions

Not everyone is paying attention to our online efforts, and that’s fine, but we’ve been detailing our un-pairing of The Journal from The Press – an historic effort to turn a hyphenated newspaper back into two.

You can see on our cover The Greenwich Journal will use a green color scheme and The Salem Press a purple one.

The Journal will continue to be a paid circulation paper that you can buy in stores or subscribe to for \$42/year. Do that via [JPsubs.com](https://JPsubs.com).

The Press will be freely available in Salem and neighboring towns with unique coverage for that area. We also will offer first-class subscriptions for \$50/year.

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The best way to reach us is email – [editor@journalandpress.com](mailto:editor@journalandpress.com), but you could text or leave a message at 518-879-0965.

*Thank you for your loyalty to our papers!*

# How to win a cardboard boat race

**Darren Johnson**  
*Campus News*

Hudson Crossing Park's annual Cardboard Boat Race was cancelled this past weekend due to weather, but they expect to do it again next year and are fundraising for it via [hudsoncrossingpark.org](http://hudsoncrossingpark.org),

Before this year's event was cancelled, I sat down with the Good family – Silas, 14, Isaac 12, and their mother, Kara, at the boat launch site in Fort Hardy Park– and father Richard will be at the race. They are from Saratoga Springs.

The Goods have been competing in the contest for a decade – there was a break during the pandemic when the race didn't run – and they often win, either outright or one of the contest's fun awards, like the Titanic Award, where a prize is given to the most catastrophic sinking, or the Judges Bribes Award, where one can offer donations to Hudson Crossing Park to get a more favorable score.

But the Goods have also gotten some outright 1st Place honors for speed.

Sailors will also compete to see who wins 2nd and 3rd place awards for speed, Most Enthusiastic Crew, People's Choice, Overall Best in Show and Most Sailors Left Afloat.

The Goods have taken or at least competed for all of these honors in the past decade.

Here is our conversation:

**Darren:** So the race is in its 18th year, and you've participated in 10? And have you ever won?

**Silas:** Yes, last year was the best. Our boat was way stronger than previous years.

**Darren:** And how much did you win by last year? A good deal?

**Silas:** Yes, I think we lapped some boats.

**Darren:** You also won the Titanic Award?

**Kara:** The idea on that last race is you put in as many sailors as you can. The goal being that if you sink it, you're just done with it, right? And then there's a big dump-

ster on site and you put your boat in the dumpster.

**Darren:** What's the secret to creating a good boat?

**Silas:** Well, it's going over the top on structure, making it overly durable, and cardboard layers, and not really caring about speed.

*We did a couple of years with a canoe design. We did really good two years with it. And then, in our third year, we got in on top of the side, and some water just flooded in. So getting in is a big part of the race.*

**Isaac:** Also, if you put a lot of Duck Tape on it, then, because you always get water in it — like when you get in, because you splash it in — and then when you're paddling, you just get water in it, so you have to have lots of layers of cardboard on it.

*And also to put Duck Tape in the inside, so that it doesn't soak down into the cardboard.*

**Silas:** And have a design that forces water to the side of the boat.

Darren: I see you brought some models with you.

**Silas (showing the models):** This, we won two years with, and then the third year, we got in on the side, and it immediately sunk. But, to this boat, you have to be really careful getting in. This is the best. This is the best design. But it takes a long time to build.

**Isaac:** We spent like four hours.

**Silas:** A lot more.

**Darren:** How much Duck Tape can you use? Is there a limit?



**Silas:** No, there's not.

**Kara:** The prices are the limit.

**Darren:** So some people might just make a boat that's pretty much all Duck Tape?

**Silas:** Yeah, we use like \$50, \$60 worth of Duck Tape.

**Kara:** We used 16 rolls on one float, I think.

**Darren:** Think there will be a lot of entries this year?

**Kara:** Yes, but we're also really surprised that more people don't come and enter. It's just so much fun.

**Silas:** There's so many people here, but there are not so many boats.

**Kara:** There are curious people. But the boat entries are quite small.

**Darren:** How many people can go in a boat?

**Silas:** Anywhere from one to whatever you want.

**Darren:** You seem like an expert in this.

**Please read more on the next page**

# (cont.)

Are you strong in STEM subjects in school?

**Silas:** *I'm on the robotics team. I know CAD, computer design.*

**Darren:** So that helps. Maybe you can make a more efficient boat.

**Isaac:** *I mean the aerodynamics do add a little bit, but basically if you don't sink, and you're strong paddlers, you can win.*

**Silas:** *If you have like a flimsy, really aerodynamic boat, that's worse than having a stronger square boat.*

**Isaac:** *And also a big factor is some people, like they had a good strong boat, but then they made the sides like a foot and a half, two feet tall. So you can't paddle comfortably. And you can't get leverage on the paddle.*

*You want to hold the paddle with your base hand near the actual paddle. If you have to hold it near the top, you can't get not even close to as much leverage,*

**Silas:** *A lot of it is getting in though. And also how to get momentum when getting in.*

**Darren:** What can you use besides cardboard and Duck Tape?

**Isaac:** *You're allowed to use packing tape, certain paints that don't pollute the river.*

**Darren:** So the key is having a seaworthy boat, and it's pretty safe out there.

**Kara:** *Well, because we have the fire department present. We have all these safety boats out here. They're wearing life vests. We feel like it's very safe; you want people to be comfortable.*

**Darren:** You're on the cardboard boat race committee and all the planning that goes with it.

**Kara:** *There's a lot of planning. Sponsors and planning are a big part of it.*

**Darren:** What types of prizes can you win?

**Silas:** *You go up in the pavilion and they have just different assorted stuff. T-shirts, water bottles, fishing poles, gift cards, fishing gear, a baseball glove. Whatever they can get donated.*

**Darren:** Say someone isn't in the race. What can they do? What else is there to do at the event?

**Kara:** *There's food. You can watch the races, enjoy the races, walking around and talking with people and looking at boats.*

**Darren:** It sounds like this race has become a tradition for you. Best of luck in the races.

**The Goods:** *Thank you.*



**SALE, SALE, SALE**  
Annual Overstock and  
Seconds Sale  
**August 17 & 18th**  
**10:00-5:00**

**Valley Artisans Market**  
25 East Main St, Cambridge, NY 12816  
518-677-2765 Monday - Sunday, 10:00-5:00

The complex block is a promotional poster for a sale. It features a central text area with the words "SALE, SALE, SALE" in large, bold, red letters. Below that, it says "Annual Overstock and Seconds Sale" in blue, "August 17 & 18th" in red, and "10:00-5:00" in red. There are several small images of handmade pottery items: a white vase with a green plant, a purple flower, a green pitcher, a green teapot, a yellow and green patterned square, a brown vase, a green and white patterned pitcher, a blue bowl, and a blue and white patterned bowl. At the bottom, it says "Valley Artisans Market" in a red script font, followed by the address "25 East Main St, Cambridge, NY 12816" and the phone number "518-677-2765 Monday - Sunday, 10:00-5:00".

## New truck for pantry

The Cambridge Food Pantry received a \$10,000 donation from the Glens Falls Foundation. It was used toward the purchase cost of the new pantry panel truck (pictured). In July 2024, the pantry served 556 families in the Cambridge area and moved 28,851 lbs. of food. The new truck is an essential part of that operation. They have about 70 volunteers that make it all happen. Donors like the Glens Falls Foun-

dation make our community a better place to live as they help the pantry address the challenge of food insecurity.

Since 1939, the Glens Falls Foundation's primary purpose has been to improve the quality of life for the people of the Greater Glens Falls area by providing financial support to organizations that address the community's human, social,



cultural, and educational needs.

Check out the Cambridge Food Pantry at [cambridgefoodpantry.com](http://cambridgefoodpantry.com).

# Greenwich student wins Character Award

The Character Award, created by Reid and Breanna Lundy, was awarded to Keegan Clayton.

According to the award criteria: “Based on attributes that exemplify great character, one Greenwich Central School student is awarded this honor every year. A student’s character can shine through in the classroom, on the court, in the hallway, on the field, in the community, and everywhere! Youth who embrace great character are trustworthy, honest, respectful, responsible, ambitious, open-minded, compassionate, and committed to making a positive difference in their school and community.”

In order to encourage these qualities, each winner will earn \$1,000, with the stipulation that half of the funds will be used towards funding their proposed project.

Keegan’s proposed project is to create Hospital Hope Kits. These kits are to help kids going through tough times at the hospital. They include stickers, chapstick, hand sanitizer, crayons, coloring book, lotion, small stuffed animal, ginger chews, life savers, tissues, fidget spinners, and a playing card

game. Each item included has a purpose, whether it’s for entertainment, comfort, or self-care products that the hospital may not provide. Keegan calculated the cost of the hope kits to be just under \$20 each to make. His goal is to make about 25 hope kits to donate to the Ronald McDonald House near Albany Medical Center.

“While academics are extremely important and athletic ability is impressive, a student’s character could be the most important of all for success in life. I believe young people must be rewarded, not only for their unique talents, but also for attributes of great character,” Breanna Lundy said. “This project hits close to home for me. Reid and I stayed in the Ronald McDonald House for 5 weeks while our son was in the NICU and it felt like our home away from home. They treated us like family and it would have been so much harder without them. Keegan will certainly be making a positive impact on these 25 children and their families this year.”

Committee member, Amanda Waite stated: “Keegan’s project was incredibly thoughtful and moving. It seems that he was able to dig deep and provide us with a beautifully



written explanation for why he chose this project, in addition to providing a sample. The care packages are going to have such a profound impact on its recipients, something to find comfort in in an otherwise scary situation. We appreciate the time and energy that he put into his project.”

## New elementary principal

The Greenwich Central School District announced the appointment of Cheryl Record as the new Principal of Greenwich Elementary School.

According to a press release sent out by the district, Record is “a dedicated and passionate educator with 27 years of experience, Record brings a wealth of knowledge and a proven track record of leadership and student advocacy to this role.”

Record has served the Greenwich Central School District as the Elementary Assistant Principal for the past decade, from 2013 to 2023. During this time, she “cultivated a positive school climate, facilitated continuous improvement in elementary programming, led data-driven instructional improvements, and supported the implementation of Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS).”

In her most recent role as Principal at Salem Elementary School, Record led academic and operational leadership, conducted comprehensive staff evaluations, and coordinated support services for English Language Learners, among other accomplishments. She also served as the 504 Coordinator and chaired the Child Study Team, demonstrating a commitment to ensuring that all students receive the support they need to succeed.

Record holds a Certificate of Advanced Study in Educational Administration from the State University of New York College at Plattsburgh, a Master’s degree in Education for Students with Special Needs (N-9) from the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts, and a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from the State University of New York College at Fredonia.

“I am honored and excited to step into the role of Principal at Greenwich Elementary School,” Record said. “My goal is to foster an environment where every student has the opportunity to reach their full potential, while also building strong relationships with the community. I look forward to working with the dedicated staff, supportive parents, and most importantly, our amazing students to achieve great things.”



# B'way stars to visit 'Stars'

Fort Salem Theater announced its upcoming fundraiser event, *Salem Under the Stars*, an enchanting open-air concert that will bring Broadway magic to the picturesque raspberry fields of Gardenworks Farm. The event will take place on Friday, September 13th at Gardenworks in Salem, featuring Broadway stars Brennyn Lark ("Six," "Les Misérables," London's "Dreamgirls"), Nathan Lucrezio ("Cinderella," "Aladdin," "The Who's Tommy," "Diana: The Musical"), and FST Guest Artist Rebecca Paige, plus local talents Courtnie Harrington, and Ryan Curn, with accompaniment by Dan Galliher on piano.

*Salem Under the Stars* is a celebration of the arts in Washington County, supporting the continued mission of Fort Salem Theater to provide entertainment, education, and inspiration to Salem and neighboring communities through high-quality, engaging, and diverse stage productions. The event promises an unforgettable evening of live entertainment, fine wine, and artisanal cheese boards, with guests seated at tables scattered throughout the farm's iconic fields.

Limited seating is available, and tickets, priced at \$75 each, will go on sale starting Wednesday, August 21. Each ticket includes a custom cheese board and a half bottle of wine or a non-alcoholic beverage.

Sponsorship opportunities are now available, offering a range of options for individuals and businesses to support this unique event and Fort Salem Theater's mission.

*Salem Under the Stars* is hosted and spon-

sored by Gardenworks Farm and co-chaired by Susi Thomas, Meg Southerland, and Kyle West.

## About the Headliners

Brennyn Lark recently made headlines on Broadway with her performance in the smash hit musical "SIX," captivating audiences as Catherine Parr with her powerful rendition of "I Don't Need Your Love." Her Broadway debut in 2015 as the iconic Éponine in "LES MISÉRABLES" launched her career straight out of college. Since then, Brennyn has headlined international stages, most notably starring as Deena Jones in London's beloved "DREAMGIRLS," directed by Fort Salem Theater alumnus Casey Nicholaw.

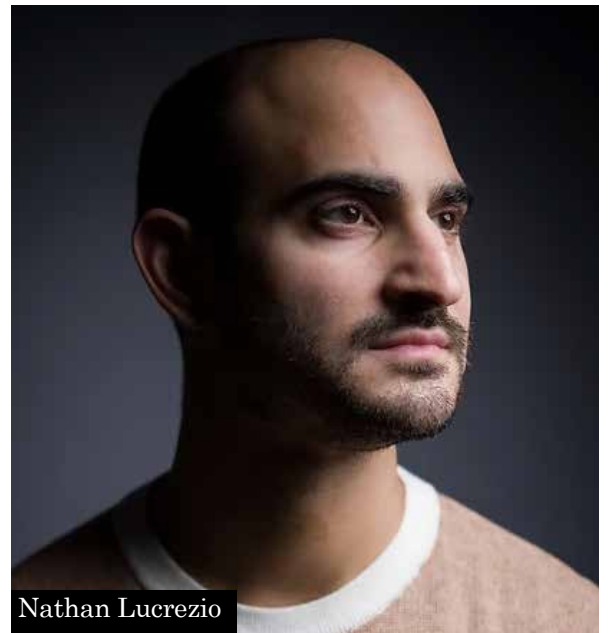
Nathan Lucrezio is a distinguished Broadway performer with four major credits to his name, including roles in "CINDERELLA," "ALADDIN," "THE WHO'S TOMMY," and "DIANA: THE MUSICAL." His acclaimed performance as Andrew Morton in "DIANA: THE MUSICAL" was not only broadcast globally on Netflix, but also preserved on the Original Cast Recording, with his powerful rendition of "The Words Came Pouring Out."

A Cambridge native, Nathan returns to Fort Salem Theater after creating "THE BEST OF BROADWAY" in 2008 and his dynamic solo cabaret performance in 2009.

Learn more at [FortSalem.com](http://FortSalem.com).



Brennyn Lark



Nathan Lucrezio

## The history of a local bookstore

The Cambridge Historical Society and Museum invite everyone who loves a good story to come and learn about the history of the town's very own Battenkill Books. This event takes place on Wednesday, August 21, at 7:00 pm.

Heather Ferguson Boyd will share a history of the building at 15 East Main

Street that currently houses Battenkill Books. Also, we will hear from previous book store owner Margaret Waterson and current owner Connie Brooks. Together they will discuss their roles in owning and running Battenkill Books—one of the area's best independent bookstores.

This program is free but a small dona-

tion is appreciated.

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

# Nipper Knolls to host cornhole tourney

Nipper Knolls Equine Center, Inc. will host its second annual cornhole tournament on Saturday, September 14, starting at 1 p.m., at Gladrags Saloon located at 29 Holmes Road, Porters Corners, NY. All proceeds will benefit Nipper Knolls Equine Center, Inc. and the Alfred Z. Solomon Veterans Program.

Registration for this charity tournament is \$40 per team (2 players) with prizes for teams finishing first through third place. Refreshments are included and a cash bar will be available. There will also be basket raffles; community members are invited to partake in, along with the tournament players.

Teams can register online by visiting

[www.nipperknolls.com](http://www.nipperknolls.com) under “Fundraising and Events” or by calling 518-338-8016. Walk-ins the day of the event will be welcome.

The Nipper Knolls Equine Center, Inc. is a 501(c) 3 providing people of different abilities the opportunity to experience the benefits and joys of horsemanship. It is also home to the Alfred Z. Solomon Veterans Program; a free 8-week program for veterans in a peer-to-peer setting. Veterans learn basic horsemanship, horse training, and wagon driving. There are no administrative costs or salaries paid. This is a 100% volunteer organization. To learn more about the program visit [www.nipperknolls.com](http://www.nipperknolls.com) or [www.facebook.com/nipperknolls](http://www.facebook.com/nipperknolls).



# Ky McClinton Band to play gazebo

All are invited to the third installment of this summer’s Music at the Library monthly summer music series, featuring the Ky McClinton Band at the Mowry Park gazebo across from the Greenwich Free Library on Monday June 26 from 6:00 - 8:00pm. Mexican restaurant Casa Reyes will once again be on hand for dinner and snacks.

The Ky McClinton Band is a six-piece band out of upstate New York. The band plays a bit of everything, from soul and blues to country, and maybe a little soft rock. They play a mix of covers and originals, and have been playing regionally around Albany and Schenectady as well as at nearby Bound by

Fate Brewing.

In addition to great food and music, the event features free children’s books for attendees wishing to participate in the library’s Summer Reading program. This series is made possible with funds from the Statewide Community Regrant Program, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature and administered by the Lower Adirondack Regional Arts Council.

This is the penultimate Music at the Library concert this season. The final concert



## Bancroft Library events

Salem’s Bancroft Public Library invites members of the community to come together for programs for adults and kids alike.

On Saturday, August 17 at 10:30am, local author Dani Martindale will read two of her new children’s books at the Gazebo

in Salem for a special story time (Route 22 directly across from Salem Hardware). Her stories feature farm animals that face adversity and overcome stereotypes and prejudices. She will have books for sale, or feel free to check out a copy from the library! The story time will take place during Salem’s farmers market.

And, there will be a Beginner Birding workshop hosted by Southern Adirondack Audubon Society on Thursday, August 22 at 6:00 pm. Join Southern Adirondack Audubon board members Mark Silo and John Loz as they present a program that will focus on how to use binoculars properly, recommend the best field guides and birding phone apps, and show registrants how to identify different bird species.



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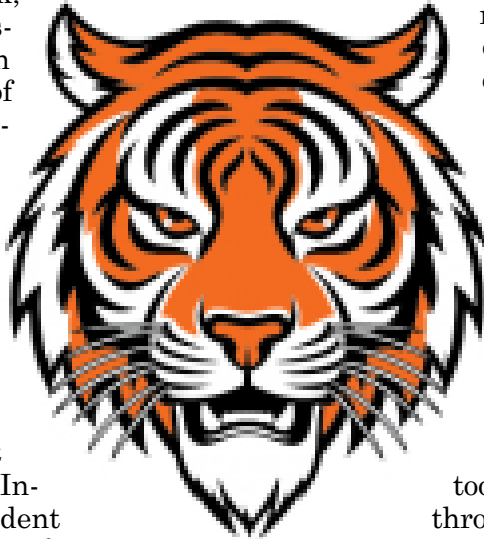
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# Cambridge's new branding

During its regular meeting on Thursday, Aug. 8, the Cambridge CSD Board of Education adopted the new branding elements associated with the Tigers mascot. The elements will be implemented in the coming days and weeks and throughout the school year.

Additionally, on Monday, June 17, David Frank, Assistant Commissioner of Education Policy and Chief of Staff to Commissioner Rosa, along with Cambridge Central School District Board of Education President, Shay Price, BOE member Dillon Honyoust and resident Duane Honyoust joined Cambridge Interim Superintendent of Schools Ken Facin for a reconciliation meeting.

"Cambridge is a very unique community



and the community has tremendous respect, honor and appreciation for the Native American culture in our region," said Dillon Honyoust, Board member. "It was important that NYSED agreed to meet and listen to better understand our local history of indigenous culture and the deep roots that will live on in the Cambridge community forever."

The meeting was convened to bring the school district and NYS Education Department together for a conversation about the school's original mascot issue, litigation and subsequent state-wide indigenous mascot ban. The conversations and dialogue provided a venue for Cambridge officials to discuss the events that took place and convey how they felt throughout the process.

"This was a great opportunity to convey strong Board and community sentiment that Cambridge was not fairly rep-



resented by the state in this process," said Shay Price, Board President.

"It was encouraging to hear from Mr. Frank how the state could have handled the process differently. I appreciate Mr. Frank taking the time to visit us and hear our concerns."

"The reconciliation meeting was a great opportunity for us to sit down and speak with a representative from the state," said Ken Facin, interim superintendent of schools. "The conversation was open and honest and provided us with an opportunity to share our thoughts about the mascot process. We thank David for visiting Cambridge and speaking with us and we look forward to implementing a robust Native American curriculum for our students."

## Saratoga plans rockin' New Year's Eve

While most Saratogians are busy enjoying popular summer entertainment options like SPAC and the track, some event organizers are focused on one of the Spa City's most popular winter events.

Saratoga New Year's Eve, originally called First Night and for a short time Saratoga New Year's Fest, will offer residents and visitors a fun way to ring in the new year in downtown Saratoga Springs. The two-day event will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2024, and Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2025.

New this year, Proctors Collaborative will partner with the Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce, Discover Saratoga, the Saratoga Springs City Center, and the City of Saratoga Springs to present Saratoga New Year's Eve. Proctors Collaborative will assist in securing entertainment acts to be featured at its Saratoga Springs venue Universal Preservation Hall as well as the Saratoga Springs City Center on New Year's Eve.

"We are thrilled to partner with the Saratoga County Chamber, Discover Saratoga and the Saratoga Springs City Center and deepen our connection with the vibrant community of downtown Saratoga Springs," said Teddy Foster, director of Universal Preservation Hall. "This collaboration not only enhances our cultural offerings but also integrates us further into the fabric of this wonderful city. We look forward to many exciting events and opportunities together."

Local company Death Wish Coffee is once again a presenting sponsor of Saratoga New Year's Eve.

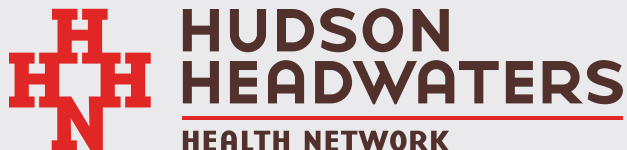
The celebration will kick off with a free outdoor concert on Ellsworth Jones Place, located just outside of the Saratoga Springs City Center, along with a spectacular fireworks display launched from the top level of the City Center's parking garage. This portion of the event, held from 5 to 6:30 p.m. on New Year's Eve, is designed to offer a family-friendly option available to the public at no cost.

Available weekly in Salem and Whitehall!



# Mobile Health For Everyone.

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

# Lobbying for US-based flagmaking

Saratoga Flag Company spent National Flag Week leading an ad-hoc, grass-roots, bi-partisan group of volunteers from the Domestic U.S. Flag industry to Washington DC to advocate for American-made U.S.A. Flags, small business and it's workforce.

The message to lawmakers on Capitol Hill: "Our domestic U.S. Flag Industry is being decimated & American consumers are being deceived."

Twenty-one members of N.I.F.D.A. (The National Independent Flag Dealers

Association), representing thirteen family businesses traveled to Washington DC from all corners of the country, seeking swift solutions to the rise of threats created by imported Chinese-made U.S.A. flags flooding

the online marketplace, at an alarming increase, putting the domestic American Flag industry at risk of extinction.

This delegation of passionate flagmakers walked hundreds of miles, knocking on more than 100 doors of lawmakers in the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives.

The mission was to bring awareness to the industry projections of factory closures if the Federal government does not act immediately to address the imminent threats to our domestic workforce responsible for keeping Old Glory American-made.

Senators and Congressmen were asked to support and co-sponsor The Make American Flags in America Act (H.R. 4137 in the House & S.2001 in the Senate).



## Motherhood, centuries ago

A day titled "Motherhood in the 18th Century" takes place Saturday, August 24, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Saratoga National Historical Park, Neilson House, Tour Stop 2. Living Historian Anne Clothier will help you explore motherhood in the 18th century. Discover how the experiences of mothers have changed and how it has remained the same throughout the past 250 years. Examine original artifacts and quality replicas as you hear about how women approached pregnancy and childbirth and cared for their

children through daunting illnesses. Learn how attitudes toward children evolved through the last half of the eighteenth century and discover the ways in which women's roles changed.

For more information about Saratoga National Historical Park, please call the Visitor Center at (518) 670-2985, visit [www.nps.gov/sara](http://www.nps.gov/sara) or find the park on Facebook or Twitter @SaratogaNHP.

## Endless Summer Party

Greenwich Free Library will host its third annual Endless Summer Party on Wednesday, August 28 from 4:00 to 7:00pm, to be held outdoors behind the library. The community is invited to enjoy kids' activities, lawn games for all, surprise giveaways, and drumming with local musician Larry Levine. Winners of the Summer Reading raffles will be announced, and the Ben & Jerry's cart will be on hand serving ice cream. All are welcome.

## Bottskill news; pumpkins and mums sale; school supplies

All are welcome to the Bottskill Baptist Church Sunday Services starting at 9:15 and the Lakeville Baptist Church starting at 11:00. You are invited to join us as we celebrate our Christian faith led by Pastor Lydia Widbin. Sunday School Classes will begin at Bottskill in September with exciting new Curriculum and activities. The Lakeville Church is located at 625 Co Rte 49, Cossayuna, NY and Bottskill's location is at 26 Church Street, Greenwich, NY.

The Events Committee has announced Bottskill's Annual Mum and Pumpkin Sale will be held the 6th and 7th of September. Mums and Pumpkins can be purchased each day with pre-orders picked-up on the 6th. Prices for the mums are: 9" pots \$10, 6 1/2" pots \$8, Baskets \$36. Contact Eileen Dinisio at 518-937-1838, or [edinisio1@gmail.com](mailto:edinisio1@gmail.com).

The Interfaith Sponsored "Back to School Supplies Give Away" will be held at the Bottskill Church on August 18th from 4 to 6pm. Pre-request for supplies will be needed.

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

District Clerk

BOND RESOLUTION DATED AUGUST 12, 2024 OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE GREENWICH CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$162,222 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF

SERIAL GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND THE EXPENDITURE OF \$133,618 FROM THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND TO FINANCE THE COST OF THE ACQUISITION OF SCHOOL BUSES AND A TRANSPORTATION VEHICLE AT AN ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST OF \$295,840, THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH SUMS FOR SUCH PURPOSE, LEVY OF TAX IN ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS IN PAYMENT THEREOF, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT STATE AID RECEIVED, AND DETERMINING OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

Class of objects or purposes:	Acquisition of school buses and a transportation vehicle
Maximum Estimated Cost:	\$295,840
Period of probable usefulness:	Five (5) years
Amount of obligations to be issued:	\$162,222
	Expenditure from Capital
Reserve Fund:	\$133,618

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# Sabbath keeping

**MaryAnne Brown**

*Journal & Press*

This year began at a feverish pitch for me, and the activities, obligations and self-imposed expectations have never let up. As I have peddled faster to meet the many goals and objectives of work and life, I have longed for a span of time when I can relax, reflect and restore my weary body, mind and soul. Thankfully, this time has arrived. Each year we take our summer vacation in mid-August by renting a small cottage on the northern shores of Lake Champlain. As I sit lakeside, listening to the water gently kiss the shore and watch a pair of loons glide along the still water, I can hear the Gershwin song playing in my head, “Summertime and the livin’ is easy.” At last, I can agree with its restful tempo that matches the rhythm of a much-needed summer break.

Perhaps you can relate to a schedule that is packed too tightly. Have you ever answered the simple question - “How are you?” with “I’m crazy busy.” That may be code for, “I’m overdoing, oversubscribed, and overwhelmed and need to get back into balance.” There were some recent clues that I was not alone in this culture of overwork. I ordered a 12-month 2-page a week day pocket calendar and I received the wrong product. When I chatted online with the company representative, they assured me they would correct the problem, and proceeded to send me 2 copies of the correct calendar product - 2 copies! Those worker bees need to speak to their queen bee for some time off. However, I then discovered that I already had a copy of the calendar in my office supplies that I apparently ordered earlier. Sheesh! I truly needed a “time out!” Even my email server sent me an urgent high water notification last week!

In a 2015 edition of Nurse Economics, author Kim Richards, RN, calls this “state of perpetual crazy busyness the Busyness Disease.” Although we have time-saving technology, it has actually propelled many of us to be busier. Our social media compresses our exchanges with one another so that meaningful

human face-to-face connection is left behind which causes more stress and anxiety in a fast-paced environment. Lily Tomlin noted that “The trouble with being in the rat race is that even if we win, we’re still a rat.” Well, who wants that? Instead, Roman poet, Ovid (43 BCE – 17 CE) reminds us to “Take rest, a field that has rested gives a beautiful crop.”

A practice of rest is captured lovingly in the concept of Sabbath that took root centuries ago. Based on early Hebrew scripture, that on the seventh day, God rested and the commandment to “keep holy the Lord’s day”, the Sabbath was a time for reflection, rest and renewal. Jews honor Saturday as God’s rest on the seventh day; Christians honor Sunday as Jesus’ resurrection morning. Jesus warned followers that the Sabbath was made as a blessing rather than a burden for us. Believers and non-believers can benefit from some “Sabbath Sense” that serves as “A Spiritual Antidote for the Overworked,” a book written by Donna Schaper.

Sabbath has evolved over the years and weekend Sabbath days of prayer, reflecting on the holy and restoring our energies are often replaced by shopping, sports practices and catching up on work from the prior week. Yet because of the demands of modern life and the culture of busyness, our need for Sabbath time has become indispensable.

During the remaining weeks of summer, I hope you, dear readers, will join me in taking a serious break to look at the big picture of how to bring lasting balance back into life. How will we honor our physical, emotional and spiritual health needs that will put the brakes on stress and anxiety and give us a chance to restore and heal and comfort. How could we slow down this summer and then choose times in the future for living mini-Sabbaths that will steady us during rough seas? What could our intentions and goals be for Sabbath going forward and how could we involve family and friends to make it a communal experience?

Nature therapy such as hiking, picnics and



After the rain on Lake Champlain

beach days may be part of a Sabbath plan. Perhaps we will paint, write or craft during the rainy days. Relaxation techniques such as meditation, yoga, and reading offer special relief from Busyness Disease. Go for a digital detox! Unplugging from technology prevents us from being dragged down by negativity often served by the 24-hour news cycle. Of course, uplifting music can bring inner peace that restores the soul.

Yesterday, we went to a local church service where a few adults with developmental disabilities were sitting in front of us. I could tell one fellow especially loved the music. At one point, we were getting ready to sing a short antiphon of “Alleluia” and he began enthusiastically leading us all and ended with a couple extra of his own sung phrases of “Alleluia”. I was smiling and enjoying this delightful experience of Sabbath and thought how God loved this man’s spark of faith and excitement. Without the weight of overwork, I was free to witness this refreshing and holy phenomenon, and I knew then that I must design a Sabbath Plan to treat my Busyness Disease. Let’s plan for a “livin’ easy” summer. “Shabbat Shalom!” Good Sabbath!

*MaryAnne Brown, RN, BSN, MA is a music minister at St. Joseph’s Church and has a special interest in spirituality and health. She serves on the Retreat Team at Dominican Retreat and Conference Center in Niskayuna and provides grantwriting services.*





# Greenwich town board meeting notes

**Darren Johnson**  
*Journal & Press*

This reporter Zoomed into the Greenwich Town Board meeting on Aug. 13. There were no other online audience members and it looked as if just a few members of the public attended this meeting.

Cossayuna Fire Department chief John Stewart led off with a presentation.

The Zoom didn't start right away, so this reporter only caught the tail end of this. Basically, Mr. Stewart alerted the Town Board that they have to replace the springs on one of their trucks because they broke going over the speed humps on East Lake Road. The cost to the fire department is \$6,000.

Also, the Easton-Greenwich Rescue Squad presented their financials for the last several years showing expenses have increased more than revenues. They asked if the Town would consider raising its contribution to the department.

Supervisor Jim Nolan said the budget process begins later this year, and they will look into any extra availability of funds.

## ZBA Meeting Minutes

Zoning Board of Appeals chair Dawn Sharts was in attendance but the latest minutes, from their July 10 meeting, had yet to be posted to the town's website, to her surprise. Sharts said that meeting had some contention, as she feels town code officer Andrew Mollica is selectively enforcing a 10-year-old law that limits sign heights. Mostly locally owned businesses are in compliance, she said, but chain outlets in the area, like the bigger car dealers, McDonald's and Dunkin' Donuts, are not in compliance. "[Mollica] said he 'picks his battles.' I'm not saying you should fire him, but it's not fair to the businesses that are in compliance," she said.

## Supervisor's Report

You may have seen an ad in this newspa-

per when the town and village are seeking input for bike/pedestrian path options in Greenwich and will seek more input soon.. Supervisor Nolan said that they've gotten a lot of great responses so far.

Learn more here: <https://wikimapping.com/greenwich-ny.html>.

The supervisor also said the town should hear about finally getting its \$100,000 in state funding from DASNY for improvements to Hudson Riverside Park, which I have written about a good deal previously.

**PROJECT LAUNCH!**  
**Greenwich Bike and Pedestrian Connectivity Improvements**

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

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

**PROJECT GOALS**

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

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

**Project Contact**  
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Then the park can start to move forward with razing some structures there, building a fence, signage, a possible pavilion and more.

On the other end of town, Battenkill Riverside Park (informally, Greenwich Beach) will be getting a new swing set to replace the current one.

It was also reported that this past summer's Youth Program was a success, with 121 kids participating. They ended with a day of water sliding and a trip to Lake Lauderdale.

## Applying for Grants

Our Jan. 1 cover story led with a photo of Schuylerville officials with a huge \$4.5M check from the state's New York Forward program for Downtown Revitalization Initiatives (DRI).

Find that story in our archives on [journalandpress.com](http://journalandpress.com).

Nolan said that the town and village of Greenwich will pony up \$5000 each so that LaBella Associates can apply for a similar grant — and potentially reap \$4.5M or even \$10M. The board approved the expenditure.

So what could a DRI grant fund? One idea discussed:

Gibraltar, the company the owns Big Lots Plaza, may want to erect senior housing between the box store and the cemetery. Whether Route 29 was part of the downtown and how would it get water, considering the plan to extend the waterline to the Route 29 traffic circle hasn't been implemented yet, were also discussed. Currently, municipal water only goes as far as Warren Tire.

## Solar Farm Moratorium

The town also discussed a possible moratorium on solar farms in our area, to give it time to assess local laws and limits and protections the town can place on prospective environmental entrepreneurs, but this topic was tabled for future discussion. Nolan said it would be good to have a public hearing on the topic, and publicize it in a way to get better attendance than previous such hearings.

## Middle Falls or Schuylerville FD?

There's also a concern that parts of town near Bald Mountain may be being served by the wrong fire department. Some fact-finding will take place to determine protection maps but people in these districts need not worry as both departments are rather equidistant with similar response times and the current maps ensure coverage.

# ‘His Fraudulency’

Lance Allen Wang  
*Journal & Press*

There is still a measurable percentage of Americans who still believe Donald Trump won the 2020 election. As chilling a thought as this is, the top-down tsunami of un-hinged election-denying claptrap claiming that the 2020 election was stolen fueled the assault on the Capitol and its thin blue line of protectors on January 6, 2021. This, as the country watched in real-time, was to prevent the lawful transition of power to President-elect Joseph Biden.

With that in mind, I have decided to take a trip down memory lane, to the only American election that can arguably be lamented as “stolen.” Former generals and other colorful characters abound, backroom deals surround us, and integrity is as rigid as a rubber band as we return to sepia-toned memories of 1876...

### BACKGROUND

New York Governor Samuel Tilden (1814-1886), or “Honest Sam” as his supporters fashioned him, has an interesting distinction. From New Lebanon, New York, he was a young protégé of local political figure Martin Van Buren, who would later serve as our nation’s eighth President. He was also the Democratic candidate for President in 1876, facing off against Republican candidate, Ohio Governor and former General Rutherford B. Hayes. “Honest” Sam, however, found himself on the wrong side of what some called a “corrupt bargain,” known as the Compromise of 1877 or Wormley Agreement. The result found Hayes as the new occupant of the Oval Office despite Tilden having received an absolute majority of the popular vote for President. While five have lost the election for President despite having won the popular vote, Tilden remains the only to lose despite an absolute majority of the popular vote.

We were a tense nation approaching its 100th birthday. There was a legitimate threat of a shooting war breaking out again in the American south. Reconstruction, the

series of social, legal, and legislative gates that former Confederate states needed to pass through to fully return to the Republic, was a particularly despised policy in the south. What was seen as northern “interference” in Mississippi resulted in the election of our first African-American Senator in 1870.

President Ulysses Grant had taken a sputtering Reconstruction program, one which had been marked by unchallenged violence from the Ku Klux Klan against black citizens and their northern supporters and gave it new emphasis. He used force when necessary and had mostly subdued the Klan by 1871. Reconstruction programs were more successful after that, but as the 1876 election approached, anger from Southern Democrats was palpable. They were deeply concerned that Republicans would continue the detested programs. Or worse – President Grant would pursue a third term.

The South needn’t have worried. At the Republican Convention, Grant did not seek a third term. Democrats had made major gains in the 1874 mid-term elections, as corruption scandals and a financial downturn hurt the President. The Chief Executive no longer carried the political weight he once did.

Instead, another former General, Rutherford B. Hayes, Ohio’s governor, was the Republican candidate. Another New Yorker, Representative William Wheeler from Malone in Franklin County, got the nod for Vice President.

### AN UNDECIDED ELECTION

As the sun set on Election Day in 1876, there was no clear winner. Three states’ returns, those of South Carolina, Florida, and Louisiana, were still a mess. Republican-controlled “Returning Boards” were charged



Samuel Tilden

with determining the official counts and had authority to throw out votes deemed fraudulent. Democratic protests led to multiple sets of electors for each of these states, each claiming their candidate had won.

In the meantime, there was some maneuvering afoot in Oregon. The Governor of Oregon, a Democrat, noted that one of the Republican electors was a postmaster – a federal officeholder. Disqualifying the Republican elector, the Governor appointed a Tilden elector, despite the state having already been won by Hayes.

How did the Returning Boards do in the three contested states?

Historian C. W. Goodyear paints a depressing picture:

“[In Louisiana, Florida, and South Carolina] Republican-packed Returning Boards revised returns to favor Hayes. Their excuses for doing so raised bi-partisan eyebrows. Florida’s Board threw out votes from Democratic precincts because clerks took a dinner break while counting ballots, allowing the Board to declare Hayes the state’s winner by only 926 votes. Three of South Carolina’s election officials were Repub-

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lican candidates in the elections they had been charged with policing. Even more distasteful activity occurred behind the scenes in Louisiana, when the chair of the Returning Board surreptitiously offered the state to Tilden for a million dollars.”

This made for a messy day at the various state capitals on December 6, 1876 when the electors were supposed to cast their ballots for the Electoral College. There were 20 electoral votes in dispute – the votes from the three states that required “Returning Boards,” plus the one from Oregon.

At the end of the day, Tilden had 184 electoral votes, and Hayes had 165. But there were still 20 votes up for grab and the count was at a deadlock.

## A NOVEL – AND QUESTIONABLE – SOLUTION

Constitutionally, the next thing that was supposed to happen was that the entire proceedings were to be turned over to the President of the Senate, Michigan Republican Thomas W. Ferry, for resolution.

## Help Wanted

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Democrats disagreed, believing that the power was in the Congress. Discussions got heated. A journalist overheard a Democratic leader say to former General and later President James Garfield that with this situation unchecked he believed “more firmly now than ever” that “people would be cutting each other’s throats within a hundred days.”

This was not just idle chatter. A slogan adopted by Tilden’s Southern supporters was simply “Tilden or Blood.” This impasse continued for weeks.

In January, 1877, a committee was formed of five Senators from the Republican-controlled Senate, five Representatives from the Democrat-controlled House, and five Supreme Court Justices. There was an even mix of Democrats, Republicans, alongside one Independent Supreme Court Justice. However, the Independent refused to serve (apparently after being offered a Senate seat) and was replaced by a Republican. The deck was now stacked.

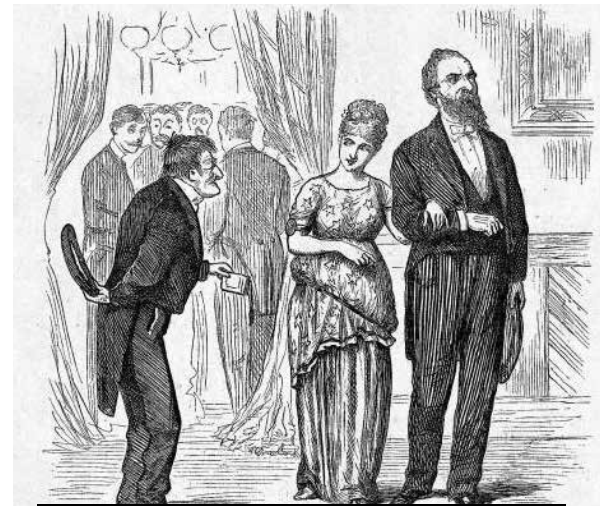
While work was taking place within the committee, a lot of backroom discussion was taking place among party leadership as well. Southern Democrats were intrigued by General Hayes’ promises to bring self-government back to the south, along with the removal of Federal troops. Hayes appeared to be a different stripe of Republican than Grant. Hayes counted himself among those northerners more concerned about the cost of continuing to occupy southern states than getting Reconstruction completed.

The final verdict of the committee was the “Compromise of 1877” – Republicans agreed Hayes would cede control of the southern states to their state governments and recall Federal troops. In turn, Democrats agreed to not dispute Hayes’ election, and “respect the rights of black citizens.” The electoral college vote, following the deal for the 20 disputed electoral votes, was Hayes 185, and Tilden, 184.

The Reconstruction of the former confederacy, which Ulysses Grant attempted to enforce in both letter and spirit ended quietly, without fanfare, in a back room in Washington.

### POSTSCRIPT

Upon ascending to the Presidency, Hayes followed through on his promises, removing



A political cartoon from the era reads: “Thanks, Mr. Tilden. I have promised to dance this set with Mr. Hayes.”

troops which were protecting Republican governments in the south. He would carry a stain for the way by which he entered the White House, finding himself sniped at by opponents as “His Fraudulency” and “Rutherfordraud.”

Once the Southern Democrats were back in power, the rights of black citizens were not respected. The rise of Jim Crow laws, anti-black violence, and eventually a second incarnation of the Klan followed. Legal discrimination would continue until the Civil Rights Act of 1964 – 102 years after the Emancipation Proclamation.

As for Governor Tilden, following his loss being made official, he would write: “I can retire to private life with the consciousness that I shall receive from posterity the credit of having been elected to the highest position... without any of the cares and responsibilities of the office.”

President Theodore Roosevelt would say in 1901, “We cannot afford to differ on the question of honesty if we expect our republic permanently to endure... Unless a man is honest, we have no right to keep him in public life...” His finding was 24 years too late to help “Honest Sam.”

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



# Pass your phone to the ballpark vendor

**Greg Schwem**  
*Tribune Content Agency*  
*Special to This Newspaper*

I celebrated our nation's birthday by taking in a ballgame at Wrigley Field, a park known for its rich history, neighborhood location and, with the exception of 2016, long-suffering Chicago Cubs fans.

Also, its silence.

Oh, sure, Ian Happ brought the Cubs faithful to their feet on July 4 by going four for four and driving in six runs thanks to a pair of three-run dingers. The Cubs even managed to hang on for a victory, eliciting a "Go, Cubs, Go" chorus from the faithful who stayed for the post-game player fist bumps.

No, I'm talking about the lost arts of ordering and paying for ballpark food.

I didn't see, or hear, one vendor slamming the lid of the metal crate worn around his neck, signaling not only late-in-life chronic back issues but also that hot dogs were nearby. Instead, those same vendors gazed, with uncertainty, at the patrons, searching for hungry fans who hadn't already pre-ordered their concessions.

Pre-ordered? As in order ahead of time? I didn't even decide to attend the game until that morning. OK, it helps to live walking distance from Wrigley, enabling me to stroll over to the ticket window while most fans are packing their cars and fretting about what it will cost to park in an alley under-

neath public transit "L" tracks, which is where most Cubs fans park.

Now we use our phones to order our dogs, nachos and beer and head to the pre-order line to retrieve them or, in some cases, wait for the food to be DELIVERED to our seats.

I refuse to take part in the food delivery option. What happens if my order is incorrect? Do I pass my iPhone down the row, until it eventually reaches the hands of my "server" so he can see I ordered two Bud Lights as opposed to one? I will gladly pass currency to strangers but not my phone.

On that note, the "money passing" ritual has also disappeared, now that most ballparks have gone cashless. In a country where we've grown accustomed to lying and cheating, mostly courtesy of our politicians, it was the most direct display of honesty one could witness. It went like this: Pass a \$20 bill to the stranger on your left, who repeated the motion with his neighbor and so on. Eventually the bill reached the vendor. During its journey that \$20 was handled by moms, toddlers, grandmas and possibly guys with burglary convictions on their records. But if the total was \$16.71, I knew

the entire row would ensure I received my \$3.29 in change. Along with my food. Not one fan, even one wearing the rival team's jersey, would even consider pocketing a quarter, a dollar bill or a french fry.

In the fifth inning, I begrudgingly passed my Visa card down the row. Four days later, I'm still checking my credit card statement hourly, convinced some-



body, probably the toddler, handled it long enough to memorize my card number, expiration date and security code. Cybersecurity firms should add the following exception to their standard warnings of never sharing your personal information with anyone:

If you are hungry, or thirsty, at a ballpark, then it's OK.

The Cubs' season is approaching the halfway point. Hopefully they right their teetering ship, get hot and make the playoffs. I plan to attend several more games, because I still believe, as broadcasting legend Harry Caray often said, "You can't beat fun at the old ballpark." However, I will use my phone as little as possible, even if it means standing in a lengthy concession line.

Unless of course I can use it to request some more runs. Does anybody have Ian Happ's cell number?

*Greg Schwem is a corporate 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 Road To Success Goes Through the Salad Bar: A Pile of BS From a Corporate Comedian," available on Amazon.com. Visit Greg on the web at [www.gregschwem.com](http://www.gregschwem.com).*



## LEGAL NOTICE

### NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)

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

## Challenging, but worth the visit

**Gerry Cuite**

*Special to Journal & Press*

Beware! The doors of the Great Hall Gallery at the Historic Salem Courthouse are opened. The artists of the Lunch, Learn and Play Program exhibit their work Influenced by Calder (American) and Xu Bing (Chinese). The exhibit is filled with mobiles of creatures and abstract painting. The pieces are confident, joyful and original.

Gabi Moore has led art classes at the Program for over a decade. As a teacher, it is clear that she gave her students a solid point of departure and then let them find their creative voices.

Abigail and Cora designed creatures flying above a landscape displayed on a plinth below their mobile. Holden's graceful winged creature is painted with a metallic finish. Natalie settles her vertical mobile with a silver lantern, carefully cut to allow light through the openings. Avery's dragonfly above waterlilies is made of cardboard, glitter, and paint. Ruth executed a cardboard mobile with opposing hands, green wire, springs and washers. Allison's festive mobile rises from a green base. Other mobiles are by Addy, Brady, Vera, Hunter, William and Damian whose bent wire culminates in an insect. Emily's complex elements on a vertical mobile include a cut silver cylinder. Dominic, Natalie and Lucas, contribute to the mobiles as do Barry, Brady, Zach, Kendall, Olivia, Autumn and Ethan.

Two dimensional work includes Brady's hydro dipped work in orange, Winter's painted circles and his green verticals. Aria's wide brushed blue with drips, Holden's and Max's abstracted landscapes, and Riley's dripped tempera on drawing paper suggest the environs. Brynleigh and Anna offer two celestial views of the world. Tenleigh's is grounded in botany with blooming cactus-like vegetation.

Three dimensional work offers a red dragon by Jenna, Max's dragon aloft and a triptych by Landry. Dan's helicopter with exaggerated propeller, Harper and Lane's symmetrical squares including wasp and aluminum wire, share a single plinth with Holden's interactive work: red creature in cave, found on the left wall of the Gallery. Dan made a gold column with emerging hand, also interactive. Hector's winged sculpture is made of cardboard, duct tape and paint. Sculpture is completed by Winter's gold artifact, Ben's wheeled vehicle



and a barn with animals, trough and food rendered by Lily, Jane and Aria.

Annie Daley taught one day a week. The 3D sculptures of her students are diverse, particularly in their range of materials and subject. The sculptures are presented in a congested row leaning on the back of a bench.

The show is a challenge and worth the visitor's investment in time to appreciate the pieces and smile.

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# Keeping our village green: A heads-up on upcoming tree removal

**Amanda Hurley**  
*Mayor of Greenwich*  
*Special to Journal & Press*

Greenwich residents, I wanted to share some important news about changes coming to Main Street between Dorr Park and Big Lots in the next few weeks. As part of our ongoing water improvement project, some of the trees along State Route 29 will need to come down.

I know it's tough to see these trees go, but this is a necessary step to ensure our village's infrastructure is up to date. The trees being removed have root systems that are simply too large to coexist with the new water pipes we need to install. Their rootballs could potentially damage the pipes or be compromised by the construction, making it impossible for these trees to survive in their current locations.

We've been working closely with the project teams, walking the stretch of Main Street multiple times to evaluate, plan, and develop the best course of action to ensure this project is successful. This careful planning is critical to balancing our infrastructure needs with our community's values.

In addition to the trees, some of the slate by Dorr Park will also need to be removed.

The good news is that we're planning to store this slate and repurpose it in parks and other areas throughout the village. This way, we can preserve a piece of our village's character and give it new life in other community spaces.

On the bright side, this work will also bring new sidewalks to Main Street, and they'll be more accessible, providing smoother, safer paths for everyone in our community to enjoy. While not all the trees that are removed will be replaced, we're actively looking into tree species that can thrive in the verge without causing issues for our infrastructure. This is part of our larger effort to keep Greenwich green and beautiful.

We're also working toward becoming a Tree City USA, a designation that reflects our commitment to planting and nurturing trees. We're exploring long-term solutions



Assessing green space

to reintroduce trees to our streets in a way that complements our infrastructure needs. It's a balancing act, but one we're committed to achieving for the benefit of the entire community.

Together, we will make Greenwich even stronger and greener for the future.

*Amanda Hurley is Mayor of the Village of Greenwich, NY.*



## Adopt this dog!

A message from Our Best Friends Rescue: Meet Pita — She is an American English Coonhound, 14 months old, spayed, vaccinated and ready for her forever home. She is a quiet sweet girl who came in as a stray. She is excellent on a leash, and loves to fetch tennis balls. She is a little timid around grown-ups, but loves the kids she's

met so far.

Good with all livestock she has encountered — chickens, geese, goats, minidonks, pigs, turkeys and even cats. Does fine with proper intros with other dogs.

Visit [www.ourbestfriendsrescue.org](http://www.ourbestfriendsrescue.org), email [ourbestfriendsrescue@gmail.com](mailto:ourbestfriendsrescue@gmail.com) or



text/call 518-900-2744 for more info.

# Thinking outside the genre

For this week's column, we asked library staff and volunteers to read beyond their usual genre or style preferences and to report back.

### **KC Scott, Library staff:**

Sci-fi is really not my genre, but tolerable compared to horror (hands off!). I listened to "Wool" by Hugh Howey (available via the Libby app) not having a clue what it was about. I had seen the cover once upon a time and it looked interesting. A dystopian tale, set in what we find out at is the remnants of the US. We don't really know what cataclysm resulted in the devastation. That is really beside the point as science doesn't play a big part in the story. It's about the people who live in a "silo." There are power plays (that part of humanity has not changed), and there is a strict control apparatus in place to keep people from communicating easily. All communications are by porters, a class unto themselves, who run up and down huge stairways to deliver messages, and there is no elevator servicing the hundred or so enormous levels. People are expelled to "clean" the portals that show the surrounding countryside as punishment for transgressions which include taboo subjects such as the power structure. Special suits are worn promising protection from the toxic atmosphere, but no one returns. The main character, Juliet, discovers that the suits are defective on purpose and when she reveals this flaw and who is behind it, she is expelled. This is a compelling story, and I'm inclined to listen to the others in the series, and at one light bulb moment, the wool of the title makes sense. Plus, the audiobook reader is terrific.

### **Marge Maxwell, Library staff:**

I stepped out of my comfort zone into the genre of Science Fiction to read "The Power" by Naomi Alderman. Imagine you had a "skein" under your skin, across your collarbone that enables you to shoot electric jolts

through your fingers, causing great pain, even death. In this story, that is the Power the teenage girls possess. Older females may also have latent powers that can be awakened by the young girls.

The book follows Roxy from London who discovers her Power after her mother's violent death and emerges as a leader; Tunde, a young man from Lagos, who videos instances of zappings and makes them public; a US politician, Margot, who keeps her Power secret to be able to climb the political ladder, and starts a camp to teach girls to control their Power; and Allie, a foster child who flees to a convent in South Carolina and nurtures her Power to great strength. Eventually, Roxy and Allie join forces and the movement grows.

Over a period of 10 years, women gain and spread the Power, eventually treating men in ways of oppression that were once forced on females. Male extremists, accustomed to oppressing, suppressing and sexualizing women are threatened with the reversal of power and revolt in every means at their disposal. Opposition factions become more violent, leading to a devastating war known as the Cataclysm.

If you enjoy violence, betrayal, and intrigue, this story of an alternative reality is a well-written, cautionary tale of the addictive nature of Power.

### **Valorie Nichols-DeVita, Library volunteer:**

"Bookshops and Bonedust," a prequel to Travis Baldree's "Legends and Lattes," introduced me to the genre of cozy fantasy. The wholesome fantasy adventure follows Viv, an orc mercenary, who's forced to live in a quiet fishing town as she mends from a damaged leg she got on the job. There, she discovers a bookstore and bakery that enrich her life in unexpected ways. As she connects with the hero in the book she was given, it becomes clear that this story is a love letter to book readers everywhere, complete with mystery book sales, prolific elven author

events, a light Sapphic romance, and the concept of 'the story beyond the story.' If you could rewrite an ending of one of your favorite stories, what would it be? And, in turn, if you could rewrite your own story? While on the lookout for a notorious necromancer, Viv explores these concepts and more with her bookselling friend, Fern. A delightful, quick read for anyone who's looking for a more wholesome fantasy story.

### **Sarah Murphy, Library Director:**

Although I enjoy some mysteries and thrillers, I tend to avoid what I think of as "subway ad books," i.e., those by authors prolific, popular, and well-earning enough to warrant mass market advertising campaigns. How many books and how many different series is it reasonable for one person to write?! But a recent WAMC interview between Joe Donahue and author Harlan Coben, who has published 35 books and sold over 60 million copies worldwide, convinced me to give "The Boy from the Woods" a try. I chose this title because it's the first of a two-part series, had strong reviews, and features a protagonist (a 40-ish ex-military loner who goes only by Wilde and was found as a child living, presumably, on his own in the woods) and setting (the North Jersey suburbs, including the Ramapo Mountain area) I find compelling. Coben imbues several characters with narrative power, but it is Wilde who the reader is likely to care about. He is drawn by his godson into the mystery of a missing classmate. What seems like a simple and solved case leads eventually to something more sinister involving a teenage bully, a populist presidential candidate, and a decades-old murder cover up. Coben's prose is solid, and his characters are thankfully full of dimension. The plot was tied up a bit too rapidly, and the main mystery was far less interesting to me than the underlying one: who exactly is this Wilde guy, and how wild was his childhood really? In typical bestselling author fashion, Coben seems to ask us to read the next book in the series to find out.



# The Fair's sights, sounds and tastes

**Shirley Renauld**  
*Journal & Press*

It's finally time for the Washington County Fair!

The first fairs were started in the 1840s to highlight county products: potatoes, wool, horses, cattle, the first steel-pointed plow in one big tent for only one day in a different town each year. In the 1860s, Salem built permanent structures to hold three-day fairs. Then Cambridge for four days. In 1961 the Fair came to its permanent location in Easton, and we can enjoy a whole week of activities: carnival and rides, entertainment (newest this year is Dock Diving Dogs), shows, bike and other giveaways, tastings, displays, demonstrations, classes, climbing on farm equipment, pedal and big tractor pulls, demolition derbies... and it's all free admission for those 13 and under.

For 4-H and FFA members and families, the time before the fair is like getting ready for a new school year twice: Animals going to the Fair must have health checks and vaccinations. Members attend fitting and showmanship clinics, then fit their own entries by cleaning and trimming fur and hooves, teaching them to lead and stand for show. They need supplies: animals need food, water and bedding; members need white shirts and pants for showing animals and clothing for the rainy, cool days. Plans must be made for care of animals staying home.

The fair couldn't operate without the work of all the volunteers. Many have already been setting up displays: In the Youth Building, 4-Hers have taken their entries to be judged face-to-face with a judge familiar with the category, then arranged in displays with their evaluation sheets and ribbons. Items chosen to go to State Fair are displayed on the back wall.

They have cleaned the Farm Museum and set up new displays: the Flax Industry in Washington County and the Eddy Plow\* Works Co.: Flax is grown for its seeds that we eat in breads and muffins and is pressed

for its oil. Its stems have fibers for weaving linen cloth, but they grow inside a hard covering that must be broken and removed. On display are the tools (brakes, ripples, hackles) used to break that coating by hand before there were local mills to do it. Ask about what clothing items, kitchen towels or tablecloths (perhaps with hand embroidery) your family has.

The Eddy Plow\* Works Co display contains early plows first made in 1832 at the building with its name in bold letters on the front, at the beginning of Eddy St./Easton, east out of Greenwich, along the Battenkill that was used for waterpower. With the metal point on the plow, it was now possible to turn over a continuous line of soil, a furrow, as Pa did at the Little House. Native Americans had only wooden hand tools to turn over a shovelful at a time.

We thank the local emergency squads who staff the first aid station, fire company members, also the Sheriffs and State Police who are available for our safety: Get ID cards as you enter the fair, register for bike giveaways, pick up coloring books, learn about uniforms and vehicles.

What do you think of as Fair food? Corn-dogs and slushies? If it's cotton candy, watch it swirled out of the farms' own maple syrup. Food at the 4-H Food Booth is made by parents and leaders of club members. (Dad Dave got an interest in grilling at home by flipping burgers here.) Clubs sign up for shifts. With 4-H hats and aprons on, members take orders, serve and make change for customers, getting math experience – and some tips, too. They peel potatoes for the salad. At the Leaders' Ice Cream Booth, watch them make the milkshakes and cones you order. Watch Marlene and family make donuts.

Watch workers at the churches' fund-raising booths, so after enjoying theirs, you can make your own at home:

For Fritters: Cut local sweet corn now in season off the cob or grate zucchini that your garden is now producing. Mince in

some of your growing onion, garlic or dill if you wish. Season with salt and pepper and sprinkle with flour to hold it together to form patties. Coat both sides with cornmeal or breadcrumbs and fry in an oiled/buttered pan.

(Does this make you think of the potato latkes that you make especially for Hanukkah?)

For Fried Dough, use the County Fair Fried Dough recipe (which is also like Native American Frybread):

Combine 2 cups of flour, 2 teaspoons baking powder, with 1/2 teaspoon salt. Mix in 2 tablespoons soft butter and 3/4 cup warm water. Divide the dough into 8 pieces and flatten each to fry until light brown on both sides in an oiled pan. Drain on paper towel and eat with your favorite toppings of powdered or cinnamon sugar, pieces of fruit (like the blueberries you picked recently) or dip pieces in maple syrup.

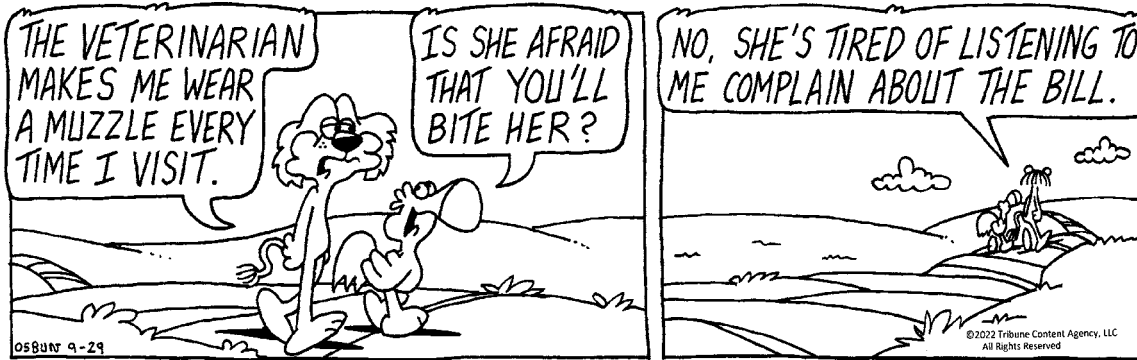
Funnel Cakes are so-called because you put enough of your favorite pancake batter into a small funnel and drizzle it on oil to fry both sides. What creative designs can you make?

The smells, lights and sounds of the Fair are special, and especially after dark. With full moonlight and stars on Monday, it will be extra special. Enjoy!

The Summer Olympics was an example for us of world peace and the Closing Ceremony taught us global language. May both continue as athletes return home. But all Olympics aren't over. We can attend the Farmer Olympics in person on Saturday of the Fair when both youth and adults compete in skills they need at the farm to work/play with hay bales and heavy items. We watch the Paralympics begin on the 28th, using the facilities in Paris. We watched some of their athletes included in the Torch Relay to light the cauldron during the Opening Ceremony.

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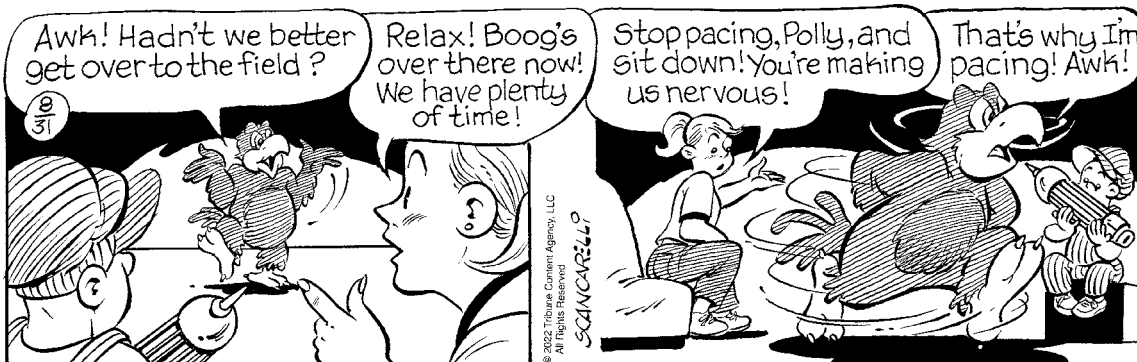
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## Broom Hilda by Russell Myers



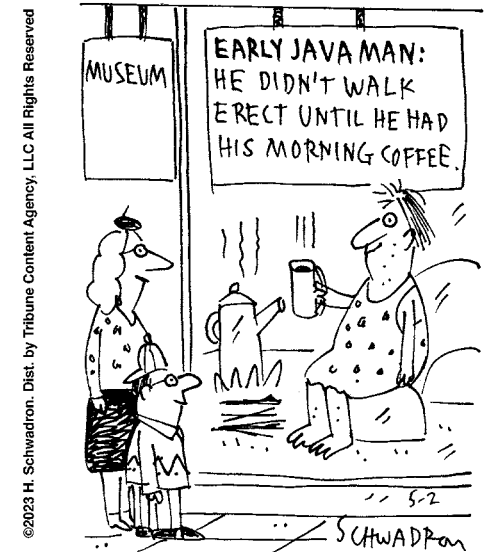
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## 9 to 5 by Harley Schwadron



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### JUMBLE

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

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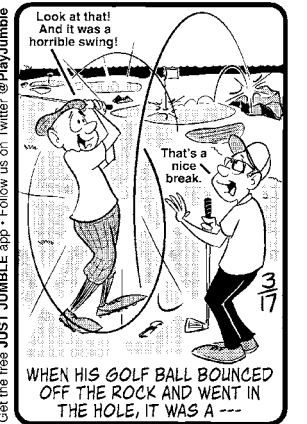
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### THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



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

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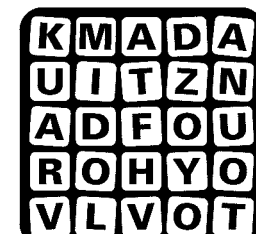
## Boggle BrainBusters!

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

**BOGGLE POINT SCALE**  
 3 letters = 1 point  
 4 letters = 2 points  
 5 letters = 3 points  
 6 letters = 4 points  
 7 letters = 5 points  
 8 letters = 10 points  
 8+ letters = 15 points

**YOUR BOGGLE RATING**  
 151+ = Champ  
 101-150 = Expert  
 61-100 = Pro  
 31-60 = Garner  
 21-30 = Rookie  
 11-20 = Amateur  
 0-10 = Try again

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



**Boggle BrainBusters Bonus**  
 We put special brain-busting words into the puzzle grid. Can you find them?

Find AT LEAST NINE AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS in the grid of letters.

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Answers to Last Sunday's Boggle BrainBusters:  
 CONDOR FALCON MAGNIFIC BIRDLE PIGEON TOUCAN

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**SCRABBLE** G<sub>2</sub> R<sub>1</sub> A<sub>1</sub> M<sub>3</sub> S<sub>1</sub>

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A<sub>1</sub> I<sub>1</sub> T<sub>1</sub> G<sub>2</sub> R<sub>1</sub> L<sub>1</sub> H<sub>4</sub> RACK 1

A<sub>1</sub> U<sub>1</sub> L<sub>1</sub> F<sub>4</sub> M<sub>3</sub> L<sub>1</sub> P<sub>3</sub> Triple Word Score RACK 2

O<sub>1</sub> O<sub>1</sub> Y<sub>4</sub> N<sub>1</sub> T<sub>1</sub> C<sub>3</sub> T<sub>1</sub> RACK 3

E<sub>1</sub> I<sub>1</sub> I<sub>1</sub> R<sub>1</sub> T<sub>1</sub> N<sub>1</sub> C<sub>3</sub> 3rd Letter Triple RACK 4

E<sub>1</sub> E<sub>1</sub> I<sub>1</sub> T<sub>1</sub> D<sub>2</sub> N<sub>1</sub> T<sub>1</sub> RACK 5

PAR SCORE 255-265  
BEST SCORE 338

FIVE RACK TOTAL  
TIME LIMIT: 25 MIN

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

## Word Find By Frank J. D'Agostino

Find these words associated with marching bands (and find Frank's word find books on Amazon):

Band	Field	Parade
Baton	Fife	Perform
Beat	Flag	Sing
Bells	Flute	Slide
Buses	Horn	Team
Chimes	Jacket	Timpani
Clarinet	Kilt	Trumpet
Cornet	March	Tuba
Drills	Music	Uniform
Drums	Pants	Vests

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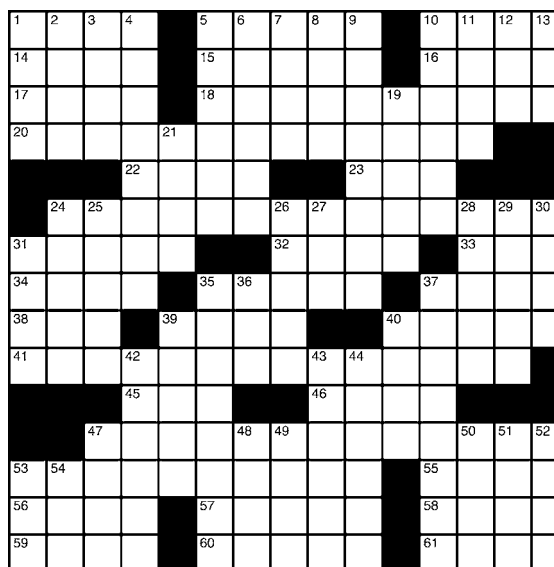


## Political Cartoon of the Month by Joel Pett



## Tribune Crossword

Across  
1 Use a swizzle stick  
5 Soothers to sleep  
10 Poker pot starter  
14 Skin opening  
15 Starting lineup  
16 Read, as a QR code  
17 Wide-eyed with anticipation  
18 Hollywood headliners  
20 Wild "adios"?  
22 "Comflake Girl" singer Amos  
23 Dodge pickup truck  
24 Wild "good-bye"?  
31 All-important  
32 + or - particles  
33 "Real Sports With Bryant Gumbel" cable network  
34 Targets of Terror bait traps  
35 Popovich who is the winningest coach in NBA history  
37 Track competition  
38 Emulate Eileen Gu and Lindsey Vonn  
39 and rave  
40 Hunts, with "on"



41 Wild "auf wiedersehen"?  
45 "Big Blue" on the Big Board  
46 Fill a position  
47 Wild "au revoir"?  
53 Sign of stress?  
55 French Quarter city, informally  
56 Skinny tropical tree  
57 Take place next

hideout  
9 Using questionable campaign tactics  
10 Inhaler user's malady  
11 Campus sports gp.  
12 Road goo  
13 USN rank

## Sudoku

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

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58 Bryce Canyon state  
59 "Good point"  
60 Cook in the oven  
61 Pad thai protein option

Down  
1 Canned meat used in Hawaiian cuisine  
2 "Julius Caesar" costume  
3 Multivitamin ingredient  
4 Meets on the river?  
5 Actress Hedy in the National Inventors Hall of Fame  
6 Paradise  
7 Jeans maker Strauss  
8 Villain's

19 Unexpected hiccups  
21 Yuletide song  
24 Clickable connections  
25 High point of a home tour?  
26 Deliberately deceive  
27 Ship captain's journal  
28 Org. exited in Brexit  
29 Minds  
30 Turns rancid  
31 Seemingly limitless  
35 Utility gauge  
36 Many ICU professionals  
37 Snack food mascot with a monocle  
39 Apply by massaging, as barbecue spices  
40 Politically motivated spending  
42 Fugitive's plea  
43 Repeated song part  
44 Unwelcome windshield item  
47 Rights advocacy gp.  
48 "Let's... never do that"  
49 The Madrigal family home in "Encanto," e.g.  
50 Dog in Oz  
51 Norwegian saint  
52 Pearl Harbor site  
53 Well-put  
54 Catmobile, e.g.

# Talk to your family about wealth transfer

**Breanna Lundy**  
*Journal & Press*

With vacations and summer school break, families tend to get together more often this time of year. While Estate Planning may not be at the top of the list for discussion, maybe it should be. I often hear the older generation say they will be leaving “something” to their family but the specifics aren’t discussed and this can be a detriment to all involved or possibly create problems later on.

Are you anticipating an inheritance someday? If so, you may want to discuss it with your parents or other family members who may be leaving you the assets — because early, open communication will benefit everyone involved.

However, many people are reluctant to have these conversations. More than a third of Americans do not plan on discussing a transfer of wealth with their families, according to a recent study by Edward Jones in partnership with NEXT 360 Partners and Morning Consult. And the same study found that only about a quarter of Americans have actually discussed generational wealth transfer with their families.

Perhaps this low level of communication is not surprising — clearly, talking about wealth transfer and estate plans can be emotional. But having these discussions is important, for several reasons:

- **Strengthening family bonds** — Generational wealth transfer shouldn’t be seen simply as a transactional event. By discussing your parents’ plans and wishes, and your own expectations, you can build a sense of unity and shared purpose. And you can develop a common philosophy about how your family’s legacy goals will be carried forward through the succeeding generations.

- **Avoiding unpleasant surprises** — If you or other family members are expecting a certain inheritance and things turn out differently, disappointment and bad feelings

may occur. But this can be avoided by having a discussion beforehand that clearly outlines your parents’ intentions. You still may not agree with them, but at least you’ll know what to expect — and you won’t make the mistake of acting in advance on any assumptions about what you’ll inherit.

- **Developing appropriate strategies** — Passing on wealth to a new generation as part of an overall estate plan can be more complex than you might think. Are your parents using tax-smart strategies? Would they benefit from establishing a living trust? Are the beneficiary designations on their retirement accounts and life insurance policies accurate and up to date? If you suspect your parents may not have properly addressed these issues, you may want to bring up the benefits of working with an estate-planning attorney and a tax advisor.

- **Protecting against incapacitation** — Many people go through their senior years with few, if any, physical or mental impairments. But there are no guarantees. If one or both of your parents were to become incapacitated and unable to handle their financial affairs, it could cause serious problems with their wealth transfer and estate-planning goals. But if you can discuss your parents’ plans with them while they are healthy and alert, you can encourage them to take the proper steps, such as reviewing outdated estate-planning documents and designating you or another family member as power of attorney to make health care and financial decisions on their behalf should they become incapacitated.

While the benefits of having wealth-transfer and estate-planning discussions are clear, starting the conversations can be tricky. You need to show that you want to initiate these talks because you’re concerned that proper plans need to be in place and understood by everyone involved. If you have a good relationship with your parents, you should be able to start these conversa-



tions, but you’ll still need to be sensitive when bringing up the subject.

One final word: Estate plans can take some time to develop — so, the sooner you have these discussions, the better.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

# Greenwich Town Justice Race

### To the Editor:

With the unprecedented tsunami of news washing over us at the federal level, it's easy to lose sight of the fact that we have a very important local election on our ballot this November. The position of Greenwich Town Justice will be decided, a term of four years. Judge Rachel Clothier is the endorsed candidate to run on the Democratic line, and also the Greenwich Public Service line.

In many ways, our local governments have a greater impact on our day-to-day lives. This is especially true if you must appear before a Town Justice. Most of us are aware that this is where you go for speeding tickets and other traffic violations, like driving under the influence. In addition, small claims, and landlord-tenant proceedings and misdemeanors, things that can happen to us in our everyday lives, are brought before a Town Justice.

However, Town Justices also preside over the arraignments of defendants charged with most felonies. They can set bail, and issue or deny orders of protection. This is a very heavy responsibility and should only be addressed by an individual with legal experience.

Judge Rachel Clothier has eight years of experience employed in the legal justice field as a Legal Assistant in the NYS Office of the Attorney General. She has been adjudicating in the Village and now the Town of Greenwich since 2021. She is experienced and well-respected in the judicial community.

Please consider the mistakes an inexperienced Justice could make during a felony arraignment, resulting in a serious case being thrown out. Instead of someone with no legal background being at the mercy of arguing attorneys, Judge Rachel Clothier already has the ability to understand the elements of a case, reference a case, recognize implicit bias, and the confidence to make a judgment based on the US Constitution, NYS Statutes, local law, and case law.

Judge Rachel Clothier is the only candidate for Greenwich Town Judge with the necessary experience, background, and passion to be an unbiased and fair adjudicator. Greenwich deserves Judge Clothier, and Judge Clothier deserves your support.

**Jennifer Braucher**

Greenwich

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## OBITUARIES

# Suzanne MacEachron Dollard, 85

Suzanne MacEachron Dollard, 85, a longtime resident of Salem, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, July 31st, 2024, in Tampa, Florida. Born on October 29th, 1938, in Albany, NY, Suzanne was a deeply caring individual whose warmth touched many lives both personally and professionally. She was predeceased by her beloved husband, Michael J. Dollard, and her parents, Harold and Doris (Holden) MacEachron.

Suzanne's life was a testament to her dedication and compassion. As a special educator and home health aide, she devoted her career to helping others, embodying the very essence of kindness and care. Her personal passions included knitting, reading, and solving puzzles, with a particular fondness for British murder mysteries. Suzanne was also a rabid Red Sox fan, whose enthusiasm for the game was infectious.



Suzanne is survived by her children: Norin Dollard, Sean Dollard and his wife Marsha, Mary Anne Evans and her husband David, and Kieran Dollard and his wife Christy. Her legacy also includes her cherished grandchildren: Nicholas O'Connor and his wife Danielle Vermilyea, Moira Dollard, Morgan Dollard, Natacia Dollard, Kaitlyn Deleon and her husband Aries, An-Marie Wheelbarger and her husband Seth, Donovan Evans, Liam Dollard, and Fallon Dollard.

Suzanne's memory will forever be cherished by all who knew her, and her legacy of love and dedication will continue to inspire those who were fortunate to have been touched by her life.

A calling hour will be held from 10 – 11am on Saturday, August 17th, 2024, at Salem United Methodist Church, 29 W. Broadway, Salem. The funeral service will follow at 11am, with Rev. Debbie Earthrohl officiating.

Suzanne will be laid to rest at Evergreen Cemetery in Salem. Following the services, her family invites all to join them at the church's fellowship hall to share memories and celebrate Suzanne's life.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Salem United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 412, Salem, NY 12865, or to the Salem Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 360, Salem, NY 12865.

To share a memory or offer condolences, please visit [www.gariepyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.gariepyfuneralhomes.com).

## Can you sing?

Annually 40 voice choir rehearses for a concert to raise money for Operation Santa Claus. This year practices start Monday, September 9, at 8 pm at the Presbyterian Church on Main St, Argyle for the Nov. 3 concert. If you love to sing, including high school students, join Joyce Durkee, director, and Lydia Black, accompanist, for fun-filled rehearsals as you also help at-risk children. Info: [naacs.30@gmail.com](mailto:naacs.30@gmail.com)

## LEGAL NOTICE

### SCHOOL TAX COLLECTOR'S NOTICE GREENWICH CENTRAL SCHOOL

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Owners of real property located in that portion of the Greenwich Central School District, County of Washington, New York, take notice that taxes will be received from September 3, 2024 through November 4, 2024.

Taxes may be paid in person via our dropbox or by mail to Greenwich Central School District, District Office, 10 Gray Ave., Greenwich, NY 12834, between

the hours of 8 am and 4 pm, Monday through Friday. Please present your tax bill with payment. From September 3 through October 4, 2024, NO PENALTY will be charged.

A two percent (2%) penalty will be added from October 5, 2024, through November 4, 2024. All unpaid taxes will be turned over to the Washington County Treasurer by November 11, 2024.

Tomarra McCall  
Tax Collector

# Lance Orton Spallholz, 76

Lance Orton Spallholz age 76 passed away peacefully on Tuesday July 16, 2024 surrounded by his family.

Lance was born in Boston, MA, but grew up predominantly in the Washington County town of Salem, NY.

While a high school student at Salem Washington Academy ('65), Lance was a member of the SWA basketball team, which achieved championship status in his junior year. Lance also excelled as a pitcher on the baseball team of SWA.

Lance continued his education at Union College ('69), earning his Bachelor of Science degree. After he and his wife Norma married in 1969, they attended the College of Saint Rose and they both earned their Master's degrees in Education. In 1985 Lance earned a second Master's degree in Computer Science from Union College.

Lance was a lifelong educator, beginning his career as a teacher at Catholic Central High School in Troy, NY, and at Waterford High School in Waterford, NY, where he taught courses in Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and Photography. He then went on to achieve and enjoy a 27-year career as a faculty member in the Computer Science department at Union College.

The significance of Union College in Lance's life is not limited, though, to his academic and professional achievements there, because the college campus is where he met his wife Norma. She was a student at then all-female Russell Sage College, and Lance was a student at then all-male Union. The colleges arranged a "mixer" on Union's campus, and – as legend has it – Lance saw Norma in the College Rathskellar and knew immediately that she was the girl he would someday marry. They went on to celebrate their 55th anniversary this past June.

Lance's daughter Julianna and son Drue are also alumni of Union College.

Lance and Norma were introduced to Round Lake, NY, in 1973. They moved into their first house in the village on Wesley

Avenue and quickly became involved with the village community, serving on numerous committees and projects. Norma and Lance were members of the Historical Society and helped to organize many activities in and associated with the village Auditorium. During this time, they together created a Round Lake coloring book, which includes drawn images of Round Lake houses and people in an historical setting, honoring the village's rich past.

For nearly four decades, Lance served on the Round Lake Village Planning Board, much of this time as the Board's Chair. He also served as a member of WRLIS (Women's Round Lake Improvement Society), and on the Library Board of Trustees, being named its Vice President in 2015.

In 2014, Lance was selected as Round Lake's Honoree in recognition of his contributions to the village, and he was named Historian in 2023. During his too-short time in this role, he gave many lectures about village history, and in the summer of 2023 led a walking tour of the village, sponsored by the Saratoga County History Center. A recording of this tour can be viewed online. Lance also created a Google maps self-led walking tour (accessible by QR code) that provides walking directions and the opportunity to see historic pictures and read about the importance of sites in the village.

Lance has co-authored with his brother Julian and Arthur Vaughan of Maine, a book called *Auto Touring America's National Parks: The Photography of H.A. Spallholz*. This book features the photography and story of Lance and Julian's paternal family who took a trip by car across the United States in 1919, documenting the American landscape of that time. The book – published by Texas Tech University Press – is set to launch in Fall of 2024. While Lance did not live to see the publication of this forthcoming book, he was proud of it, and enjoyed telling folks the story of its origin.

Lance was curious, passionate, and deep-



ly devoted to the many things that were important to him. He amassed a large collection of antique and vintage postcards depicting Round Lake, Union College, and Salem, NY. Each fall and winter he could be heard cheering from the bleachers at Union College hockey games. He adored kayaking with Norma and with friends and neighbors on Round Lake (and even crafted "fire island" – a floating campfire to be used on evening paddles). He and Norma frequently traveled to Cape Cod, and made many trips to take up residence in the lighthouses of the northeastern United States, and in Quebec. He was a talented photographer, specializing in vibrant beach sunsets. He was known for his quick wit and penchant for puns, eliciting both laughter and eye rolls from his family and friends. His enthusiasm for all sports – in combination for his love for his children and grandson – led him to coach his son Drue's youth baseball and basketball teams, and to coach his grandson Phineas's first baseball team.

Most of all, though, Lance loved being with his wife and best friend Norma and was happiest sitting next to her in the evening on their beautiful porch, at home in Round Lake.

The family is planning a memorial gathering in the village of Round Lake on September 28th. More details will be made available.

Family and friends are invited to share on-line condolences and memories at [CatricalaFuneralHome.com](http://CatricalaFuneralHome.com).

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