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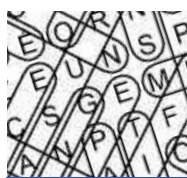
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We interview Greenwich CSD's new leader, Dr. Jennifer Steimle

As local schools start up again, we talk to new Greenwich Central School District superintendent Dr. Jennifer Steimle about her job and what students and parents can expect to start the 2022-23 academic year. "My vision is to focus on students and learning first and foremost" she said.

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Sustainable thrifting

We opine about the lack of office and electronics stores in the region, and then hit up a local thrift store and find everything we need. Second Hand Rose kicks back lots of its proceeds to local fire departments and a local food pantry.

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The perils of country living

Kate Sausville
Journal & Press

Frequently I talk about all the positive and great things that come from living in the country. The fresh air, the space, knowing your neighbors, and being a part of a community. All of it is true, and although I love to visit cities and other lands, I am always relieved to get home. But there are some things about country living that take some getting used to, especially if you are squeamish. I'm not talking about the smell of manure or getting behind a tractor on route 29 or 40, those things should just be expected. I am referring to...the dark side of country living.

Surrounded by countryside, you get used to seeing a lot of animals. Deer, fox, the occasional coyote, or bear. They tend to avoid humans so there is always a good distance between us. But smaller animals, it seems, do not get that message. It does not help that I am terrified of mice. Extreme, for sure, but there it is. Living in the country surrounded by fields and woods, it's inevitable that we get an occasional field mouse inside, but usually they stick to the outside wood pile. Last year we adopted a dog, one of the many pandemic pups. Unfortunately for the mice, she thinks they are her toys. The other day she wanted to come inside, but the little tail hanging out of her mouth said that was not a good idea. We stood in silent impasse sepa-

rated by the sliding glass door for several minutes until she decided that she was done with her playmate. I tried not to have a heart attack as a baby mouse skittered away.

A few months ago I was outside with the dog, when I noticed what looked like a large paper bag or box in the neighbors field. The dog seemed suspicious of it, which I thought was odd. I meant to pick it up for them, but got busy and forgot. This was one time I was grateful for my short attention span. It turned out it was NOT a paper bag. It was a severed pig's head. The mouth was frozen in a wide grimace which made it look as though the pig had died screaming. My husband so kindly captured a photo so we can always be terrified if we feel the need. Thanks, dear.



thing like it was the Olympics, sprinting off faster than Usain Bolt. I couldn't help but think that would not have happened if I was running in the city.

A new horror that happened recently was when a dead squirrel dropped from the sky and plopped right in the backyard, just a few feet from my daughter. We could see a large bird circling around, so we waited for a pick up. After a few hours I realized the bird was not going to clean up its mess, so I would have to get rid of the squirrel. Unfortunately, I view squirrels up close the same way I view mice, so after 30 minutes of circling the carcass with a shovel, I saw my neighbor outside and sheepishly asked if he could get rid of it. I have great neighbors, and the day was saved. Thanks, Phil!

While living in the country does come with some challenges, the many positives outweigh them. Living in the city might mean I wouldn't have squirrels dropped into my yard, but it also would be likely that I would not know or feel comfortable enough to ask my neighbor for help. The benefit of being a part of a community is that we can lessen each other's trials and tribulations (even if that trial is a dead squirrel) and celebrate wins together. If that means dealing with the occasional mouse, I'll take it.

Kate Sausville is a resident of Greenwich.



'It was the largest snake I have ever seen outside of a zoo.'

Once when I went out for a jog, I was coming up to what I thought was a fallen tree branch. As I got nearly on top of it, I realized it was the largest snake I have ever seen outside of a zoo. Now, I have never been confused for an athlete as I have the grace and speed of a sloth. But the moment I realized it was a snake, I screamed and hurdled that

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A Schuylerville Community Conversation

Samantha Simmons
Journal & Press

Community members and owners of small businesses filled St. Stephen's Episcopal Church's meeting hall to discuss events coming up within the community and more.

Helene Patterson kicked the meeting off by sharing that the Fort Hardy Park plan is moving along once again. In the last few months planning had slowed as the Village was working on how they would receive funding for the project. Patterson also said that with funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and the help of town clerk, Corey Heyman, the firehouse and village office will be getting new sidewalks and a marquee sign out front.

The DPW is looking for a full-time laborer. This position includes benefits and retirement. If you are interested in this position or have any questions, please contact the DPW garage at (518)-695-3675 or the Village office at (518)-695-3881.

Kate Morse, executive director of Hudson Crossing Park was excited to share that the Hudson Crossing Triathlon that was held in the beginning of June went well and the Albany Symphony Orchestra event had over 2300 people in attendance. The Village is looking to host the Symphony again next year.

Over the weekend of August 7th, the cardboard boat race occurred. Coverage of the event could be found in person or from a few Facebook Lives that were broadcasted from Fort Hardy Park.

The visitor's center is now open. From Wednesday to Sunday's 10 am- 3pm. Morse said the visitor's center is meant to serve as a place in the community where visitors and community members can "come in and go out." It's a point where people can "look at what is going on in the community and then go to those places."

On Saturday October 1 from 3 to 6 pm, there will be a wine tasting with the Lions Club. Tickets will be \$40 pre-sale and \$50 at the door. Proceeds from the event will go mostly to the Lions Club and some to the park. Scan the QR code above to purchase tickets.

Co-owner, Pam Pradachith-Delmer, of Bound by Fate brewing shared that as the business has started to settle into the community, they will be introducing a new menu. The changes made are to make the menu more accessible by toning down some of the spice and having more flexible options. New hours are also being introduced. Thursday through Monday the business will be open 4 to 9pm, 12 to 9 on Saturdays and Sundays with live music



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tainment.

Lori Schultz will be opening her new business, Loretta's Tomes and Tea Leaves in the new year with more details to come in the Fall. At the Schuylerville Public Library, Lori said that they are running a quilt raffle at \$5 per ticket. Tickets can be purchased at the library and proceeds go towards library expansion plans.

Leslie Morlock of the Schuyler House said the Schuyler House is now open for tours Friday through Sunday 10 am to 4 pm. They will be participating in I Love NY's Path Through History Weekend, October 8th and 9th with a reenactment camp of historical troops at Victory Woods.

Chelsie Henderson, the organizer of the community conversation meetings, shared updates on a wide range of events she is involved in within the community. She said this year she would like to have the scavenger hunt for children they have done previously. This event consists of children finding a hidden emblem at different restaurants, shops, and other locations in the community. The starting and end point would be at the Schuylerville Public Library on Ferry St.

"It's an easy way to get the small businesses working together," Henderson said.

There was a brief talk about holding the Fall Festival this year but when discussing with other small business owners about the timeline for the event, they group was

stumped. Usually planning would have begun a few months ago for this event. There is talk about the event becoming Celebrate Fall and will be coordinated with the reenactment camp mentioned above.

Henderson is the owner of Rural Soul Music Studio on Broad St. She was excited to share that she has begun holding classes in the front room of the studio for the first time since March 2020. Currently, Henderson is holding weekly drumming sessions for young girls at a local therapeutic center.

The local Climate Smart group will be meeting on the second Monday in September at 9 a.m. at Rural Soul.

September 21 is the UN International Day of Peace. At 7 p.m. at the town hall there will be a meeting with a diverse panel looking at the situation for Ukrainian and Afghan refugees.

Sara Thornton of the Saratoga County Chamber said that July and August are more quiet months which allows for the planning of events in September and beyond. They are currently in the midst of planning a pumpkin fest by the city center to be sponsored by Sunnyside Gardens. There will be large pumpkins for viewing and other small events taking place. The event is aimed to bring the community together and embrace the spirit of the fall.

The city center will also be holding a business show on October 6, for an opportunity to network with other local businesses. You are encouraged to bring business cards.

The next community conversation meeting will be held on Wed., September 7, at 9 a.m. at the new Schuylerville visitors center.

Small road in Greenwich paved by mistake

Darren Johnson
Journal & Press

At August's Greenwich Town Board meeting, during the Highway report, interim superintendent Ken McPhail said that a road that hadn't been on the list presented to the town board to be approved for paving was paved anyway, costing approximately \$20,000 for the outside contractor who did the work.

McPhail is serving through the year, after previously elected superintendent Jeff Derby stepped down earlier this year. There will be a special election for the remaining three years on the term in November.

The road is Boehringer Road deep in the eastern part of town, off of Route 29. It is less than the length of a football field and only has a single residence on it. The owner isn't particularly involved with local politics and works outside the region, and did not request the paving. There was no preferential treatment.

Town Supervisor Jim Nolan said that McPhail apologized profusely for the mistake, even offering a resignation, but that wasn't accepted. Nolan said there still is money left in the paving fund to handle Mahaffey Road, which was the topic of a well-attended meeting earlier in the year when local residents said the sloping dirt road was dangerous.

"The final road to have some paving work done on is Mahaffey Road," Nolan said via email. "The initial estimate from the paving company was \$36,000. The price probably has gone up some since then. We have \$59,000 left in the paving budget so we are confident we can

do all the work planned for on Mahaffey Road and may be in a position to do additional work."

Former town supervisor Don Ward, who is current town GOP chair, said in a letter to this paper: "The acting Highway Superintendent openly and decently admitted his mistake for which he is to be commended. However, there is another issue that needs addressing, namely, where is the oversight, monitoring or management by the Town Supervisor or the Town Council's Highway Committee of the progress of the paving schedule agreed to annually between the Town Council and the Highway Superintendent? This is a schedule required by law and is the authority for the Highway Superintendent's spending on the Town's highways."

The letter goes on to take issue with the previous knock on Ward; that he had "micro-managed" the highway department: "Monitoring of the Highway Department's operations is certainly within the management responsibilities of the Supervisor and the Town Council's Highway Committee. IT'S NOT MICROMANAGING! They are after all, responsible for the way taxpayer monies are spent. There is a difference between micro-management and under-management."

Nolan said, while McPhail made an error, it was understandable: "At the monthly meeting, Ken admitted his mistake and said it was his fault. Ken was asked why he initially placed Boehringer Road on the list of roads to be



paved. He said because the road is difficult to plow as well as enter and exit route 29 with a large plow truck. Therefore they use the smaller plow truck. The rocks in the road frequently get stuck behind the plow blade so the driver has to stop the truck and use a metal bar to extricate the rocks. The general sense on the Town Board was we would have approved paving Boehringer Road had it been included in the list for our approval."



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Rare artist legacy sale at Courthouse

Rare Artist's Legacy Estate Sale September 10 & 11, 17 & 18, 2022 from 10am – 4pm at the Historic Salem Courthouse

Your chance to own unique, painterly & compelling creations. From grand to small sizes. Inspired expressions in fabric, plaster 3-D, prints on paper, oil paintings both framed & gallery frames. Purchase consequential & meaningful art at incredibly affordable prices.

Joan Duff Bohrer has created a vast & varied collection of works

during her 30 summers in Salem, NY, which she is offering in a sale over two weekends in September to benefit the Historic Salem Courthouse free Lunch, Learn + Play summer program.

Raised in New Jersey, she earned her undergraduate degree at Bucknell University and Master's degree from Rutgers University followed by independent study at Skidmore College. She is relinquishing her summer home and studio in Salem, NY to continue her creative endeavors exclusively

in Dunedin, FL

She exhibits at Gasparilla Art Show in Tampa, Main-sail in St. Petersburg and at Dunedin Fine Art Center where she also teaches in the winter sessions.

She is represented privately in Florida by Alison West Brown in Clearwater.

The artist is intent on the resulting painting having suggestions of human relationships, choice, freedom and security.





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Antique road show

Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 10, from 9 am to 2 pm when the Cambridge Historical Society and Museum presents its own version of the popular TV Antiques Road Show. Jon and Nancy Lee, who have over 45 years' experience in antiques and collectibles, will be there to appraise your family heirloom or the odd, quirky piece you always wanted to know about. Each appraised item will be \$5 which will be donated to the Museum. Jon has been an antiques dealer and appraiser since 1973 and an auctioneer since 1987. He holds a BA from SUNY Plattsburgh,



was a Navy journalist and is a Vietnam War Veteran. Both Jon and Nancy have taken courses at Colonial Williamsburg, Winterthur Museum, as well as seminars on antique furniture and decorative arts. They have conducted over 700 auctions including major estate auctions, on-site auctions, antiques, sports and collectible auctions. Jon's expertise is in 18th century furniture, decorative arts, estate jewelry, sterling silver, antique coins and paintings, early toys and military items. Nancy specializes in 18th century American furniture, decorative arts, country items, estate jewelry, artwork, English sterling silver, European furniture and artwork. They are licensed, bonded and insured in New York, Massachusetts, Florida, Connecticut and Vermont and are members of the New England Appraisers Association since 1981. There will be a bake sale, coffee, cold drinks and breakfast items for sale. Come for the appraisal, stay a while and have something to eat and drink. There will be tables and chairs on the lawn for your comfort. The Museum is located at 12 Broad Street in Cambridge, New York. This will be a rain or shine event.

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Community Theater

Auditions for 'Butterflies Are Free'

Auditions for Schuylerville Community Theater's fall play "Butterflies Are Free" will be held on a rolling basis. The play, written by Leonard Gershe, will be directed by Garrett D. West. All roles are open to performers of all ethnicities and gender identities, including:

Don Baker: A young blind man. He is in his 20s and excited to be living on his own for the first time in his life. He is appreciative of his protective mother but is ready to experience a less sheltered life. He quickly falls for his exciting and independent neighbor, but he is naïve in his expectations for their relationship. Visually impaired actors are especially encouraged to audition. Must be able to play and sing and play one song on the guitar, as well as be comfortable with onstage intimacy and appearing in underwear on stage.

Jill Tanner: Young enough (19) and pretty enough that she can afford to be reckless in her decisions and relationships. She is fascinated by and attracted to Don. There is real chemistry between them, but her flighty nature rebels against the idea that Don could tie her down to a life she is ill-equipped to lead. Must be comfortable with onstage intimacy and appearing in underwear on stage.

Mrs. Baker: Don's overbearing but well-meaning mother. She does not approve of him moving away from home to New York. It is as big a step for her to let her son live independently as it is for Don to actually be living on his own. She is abrupt and controlling, but ultimately this is because she has her son's best interests at heart.

Ralph Austin: The young director of Jill's new show. He is more than thrilled to have the amorous attention of the pretty young girl. He is excited to meet Don after everything Jill has told him about Don's life. Ralph is unaware of the effect his words and presence have on everyone in the apartment when he shows up late at night with Jill. Only appears in the final scene of the play. Will also serve as assistant stage manager.

Initial auditions were held on August 28, but not all roles were cast, so the troupe will entertain more auditions. No preparation needed – you will be asked to do cold readings from the script. Proof of vaccination required to audition.

Rehearsals will be Sundays from 1PM-5PM; Tuesdays & Thursdays from 7PM-9PM, beginning Sunday, September 25th at



Saratoga Town Hall

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Tech Week Schedule is Sunday, November 6th - 1PM Call Monday, November 7th - 7PM Call; (Dark Tuesday, November 8th); Wednesday, November 9th - 7PM Call and Thursday, November 10th - 6:30PM Call (Invited Dress).

Performances will be Friday, November 11th at 7:30PM; Saturday, November 12th at 7:30PM, and Sunday, November 13th at 2PM Saratoga Town Hall.

If you have any questions, please contact the director via email at garrettdwest@gmail.com.

Local Arts

Chinian exhibit and Q&A

On Sunday, Sept. 4, Matt Chinian will open up his studio at 138 W. Main St. in Cambridge, for an informal show of recent work at 12PM. At 2PM, he will give a studio talk. This will be a hybrid event with a live stream on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/mchinian> and in person.

Chinian will talk about his most recent work and the work in two upcoming shows. Also Included are the prosaic realism collections, each with three paintings for the price of one, and other super deals. Participants both in person and streaming are welcome to ask questions. This event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

An artist and resident of Cambridge,

Chinian graduated from Bennington College in the early 1980's with a major in painting and sculpture, and in the late 1980's with an MFA in sculpture and drawing from SUNY Albany. An early career in sculpture fabrication, sign making and cold casting led to building restoration and carpentry and a move to Cambridge, New York in the 1990's. Ten years ago he returned to landscape painting, a skill he learned early in



his education. Since then his unique style and philosophy of prosaic realism emerged.

Greenwich Town and Village Collaboration

Brownfield plan approved by state exec

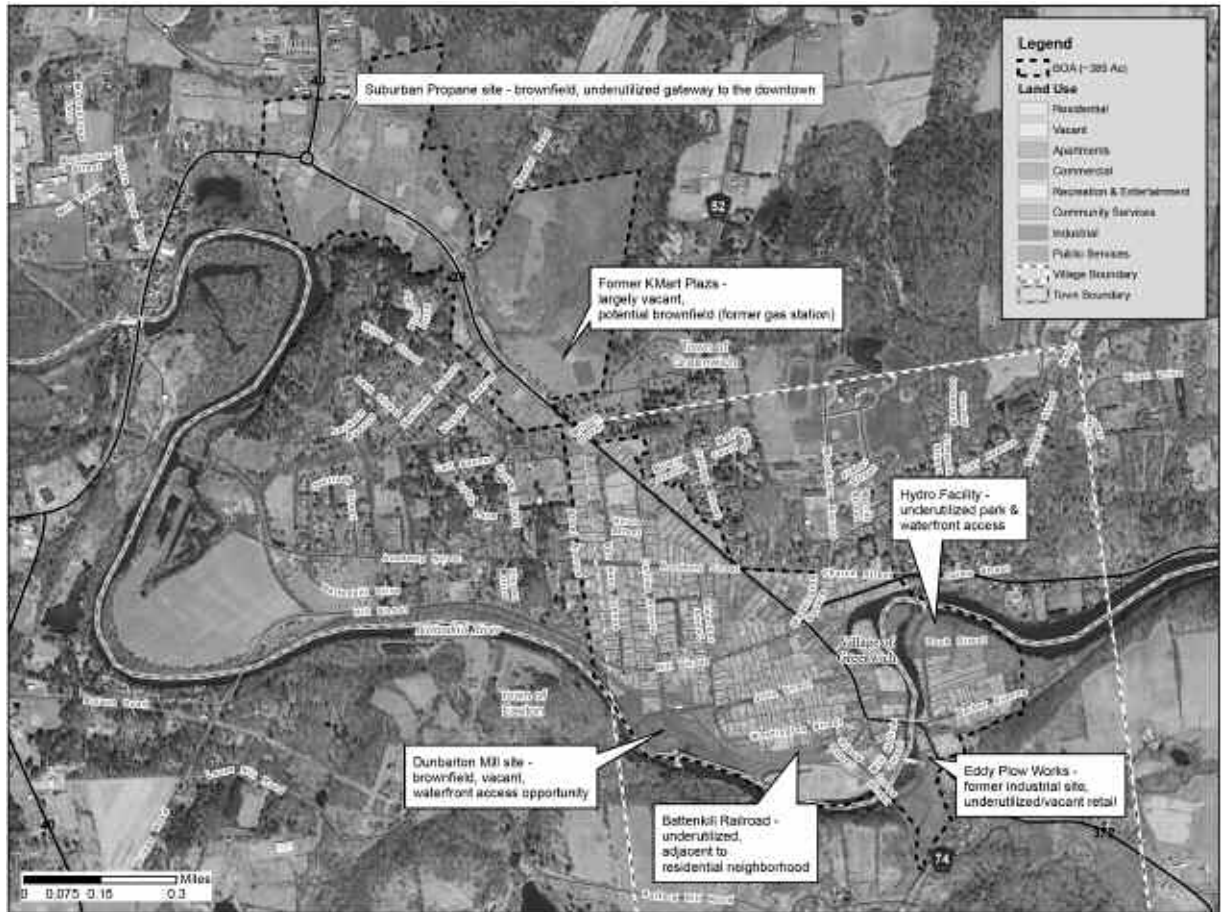
The following is a joint press release from Village of Greenwich Mayor Pam Fuller and Greenwich Town Supervisor Jim Nolan, issued on August 26:

Greenwich Village Mayor Pam Fuller and Greenwich Town Supervisor Jim Nolan are pleased to announce that our request to have the Greenwich Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA) officially designated by New York State has been approved by Robert Rodriguez, New York's Secretary of State.

This designation is based on the Nomination that was prepared by the Village and the Town with a \$200,000 Brownfield Opportunity Area Program grant awarded to the Village of Greenwich.

The BOA Nomination is a comprehensive tool and strategy to revitalize the Village and Town in the area adjacent to the Battenkill River. Key recommendations contained in the Nomination focus on projects and other actions that will become catalysts for redevelopment and neighborhood revitalization within the BOA, including redevelopment concepts for the Dunbarton Mill to improve public waterfront access and support mixed use and the revitalization of five sites within the central core of Main Street and Route 29 corridor to spur ancillary redevelopment.

Secretary of State Rodriguez stated, "Everyone who participated in the prepara-



tion of the Nomination should be commended for their hard work and commitment in developing a strong and comprehensive plan." He also stated, "I will notify your State elected representatives of the designation and

advise them of the priority and preference that will be afforded to certain projects and properties located within or impacted by the BOA, as well as additional Brownfield Cleanup Program tax credit incentives."

Police News

Labor Day Weekend DWI crackdown

Labor Day / End of Summer is one of the busiest travel times of the year and marks the official end of summer.

The Washington County Sheriff's Office along with police agencies state-wide will collaborate across the state and will be out in force in this coordinated effort to reduce the number of impaired driving-related injuries and deaths.

The statewide STOP-DWI High Visibility Engagement Campaign will start on August 19, 2022 and will run through September 5, 2022.

Labor Day / End of Summer is one of the busiest travel times of the year and marks the official end of summer. New York State Police, County Sheriffs, municipal law en-

forcement agencies and local STOP-DWI Programs will collaborate across the state and will be out in force in this coordinated effort to reduce the number of impaired driving-related injuries and deaths.

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

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New GCSD super readies for school start

Samantha Simmons
Journal & Press

“I am a people person and working in a big school you don’t get the opportunity to learn all of the students’ names,” said Dr. Jennifer Steimle.

Steimle has returned to Greenwich Central School District administrative staff as of July 1 and taken on the role of superintendent of Schools. Formerly, she served as the Assistant Elementary Principal from 2006-2009.

While serving her role as the Assistant Elementary Principal at Greenwich, budget cuts were made, and her position was eliminated. Since her departure from the district over a decade ago, she has made monumental lateral changes in her career. Most recently she served as Saratoga’s Director of K-12 humanities and Elementary Instruction.

Steimle said she thinks the most challenging part of this school year will be the “re-acclimation” of students to what she hopes is a normal school year. Since Covid-19 took hold of the world, Greenwich, like most districts went remote in 2020 and offered remote courses for the 2021-22 school year. This year, the school will not be offering any remote courses in hope of keeping kids in school.

She also mentioned that while she is a people person and that she “thrives on social interaction,” she needs to be wary as to not wear herself out as she has a role to fill in the district and with the state education department. “It never gets boring every single day is just a little bit different than the day before... it’s a thinking job just as much as it’s a people job”

She noted that the last couple of years in education have been focused on keeping schools open and the attention of students but now it is time to really get learning again. “That is not to say that over the past two years districts we not focused on helping students learn, but we also had to balance so many other health and safety issues. My vision is to focus on students and learning first and foremost.”

“In my last position, I oversaw elementary buildings and all of their curriculum, but I didn’t have the opportunity to interact with students or their families and I missed that,” she said. “It was really hard for me to

not have that part of my life filled.” She added, “this size school affords me that opportunity [to get to know students and families personally] that a larger school does not.”

Steimle highlighted that there may be some social-emotion deficits and other learning gaps that need to be addressed given trauma that occurred over the pandemic. The district is fortunate enough to have had the previous superintendent, Mr. Fish, work with the administration and teachers on increasing the number of social workers within the district on every level throughout last school year. BHSN is also providing counseling services at both the elementary and high school levels. The district plans to keep an eye on these services and re-evaluate as needed how much or how little they are impacting the students.

As of now, the district will not be mandating social distancing or mask wearing because the CDC no longer mandates it. This however is a personal choice, students and staff may still choose to wear a mask on

‘My vision is to focus on students and learning first and foremost.’

campus.

With the return of a hopefully normal school year, the free lunches for all student’s program has gone away. Steimle is dispirited about the loss of this program as it ensured that students were getting meals. This school year she is looking forward to help families fill out the forms that they need to make sure the students are fed amongst other programs in the community that help families in need out.

The district has been noted as a having great art in the past and Steimle would like



Jennifer Steimle

to keep a focus there and keep those programs going. As well as their athletics. “I want to make sure we maintain those programs like we always have.”

Academic performance is important to the district. Currently, the high school is an academically ranked school which reflects the k-12 program. “You don’t get to be nationally ranked at the high school if your elementary isn’t building us to be there,” Steimle said.

On a more personal end of being able to measure her success in the future, she says culture building is important and she hopes that teachers are excited to go to work and in turn get the students engaged and excited in the work and material being presented to them. Steimle thinks the best way to team build throughout the district will be by “being present at anything and everything and not being afraid to jump in.” In recent years, many professions have been short staffed, and the education system is not a stranger to this dilemma. Last year, like many, Steimle filled in for positions that were not ones she was hired to do. For examples, she filled in the cafeteria, for a secretary of a building she oversaw, a bus aide, taught, covered for principals and the

'Woke' Democrats and a bridge too far

To the Editor:

Words matter and the woke democrats are at it again.

Gov. Hochul signed into law a bill passed by democrats replacing the word "inmate" with "incarcerated person." WE SUGGEST USING "CRIMINAL INMATE."

Is this how you address rising crime? Bail Reform continues to fuel crime and Gov. Kathy Hochul works to help the criminal inmates feel better about themselves.

This is how Democrats feel – criminals get more consideration than victims! "For too long, we as a society have thought of incarcerated individuals as less than people. The use of the word 'inmate' further dehumanizes and demoralizes them," state Sen. Gustavo Rivera (D-Bronx) said of the bill he sponsored with Jeffrion Aubry (D-Queens).

Again, Gov. Hochul works with NYC De-

mocrats to go soft on "criminal inmates." They care more about criminals than victims.

Crime is running rampant in our communities and soft on crime democrats want to make criminal inmates feel better!

Another example of "Out of Touch" democrats revealing seriously misplaced priorities considering shootings spiked 13.4% last month [in NYC] alongside a 34.3% murder increase compared to July 2021.

Correction Officers are under daily attack by criminal inmates and bail reform is still not repealed.

Don't get fooled by woke democrats. They don't care about your safety. Their real concern is the self-esteem of criminals not protecting law-abiding citizens.

Don Ward

Greenwich, NY

Current Bridge Is Historic

To the Editor:

Washington County wants to replace the Battenville Bridge. It is important that we not lose this historic, 100+ year old steel truss bridge. Its absence would make a real difference to the culture of the historic hamlet of Battenville. Its replacement by a "modern" two lane bridge would also affect the connection between the Susan B. Anthony Childhood Home which is on the National Register of Historic Places and the Battenville cemetery where a number of Susan B. Anthony's relatives are laid to rest. The existing bridge would also retain the "gentle connection" between the towns of Greenwich and Jackson along Route 61.

This bridge has served our community well. It should continue to do so.

Lewis Steele

Jackson, NY

Opera in Saratoga

Opera Saratoga, in conjunction with the Opera Saratoga Guild, will once again be holding the very popular Pasta & Puccini event on Sunday, September 18, 2022 starting at 5pm at Longfellows Restaurant in Saratoga Springs, NY. The event will feature performances by acclaimed mezzo-soprano Sable Strout, accompanied by Opera Saratoga's Head of Music Staff, Laurie Rogers.

Tickets are \$70 for members of the Opera Saratoga Guild and \$85 for non-members, and may be purchased by calling the Opera Saratoga office at (518) 584-6018 between 10 am and 5 pm Monday to Friday or online at <https://www.operasaratoga.org/2022-pasta-puccini-1>. Reservation deadline is September 8th.

(cont.)

list goes on. "No one person is greater than the good of the whole."

She came from a family of hard-working blue-collar parents and was the first in the family to graduate college on either side of the family and making them proud and

Vendors wanted

Vendors are sought for the Battenkill Community Services Fundraiser on September 17 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. at 2549 NY Route 40 Greenwich, NY 12834. Contact April at 518-955-7616 for details.

proving that just because you come from a hard-working blue-collar family doesn't mean that you can't keep excelling." "When times get tough for me there is always someone, I connected with that told me to keep going you can do this you've got this."

Steimle said he husband in recent years has been her biggest cheerleader. While frustrated and working on her Doctorate, he would give her just the right words of encouragement to push her through. Being a woman in the role of superintendent is a big shift from what has been historically seen and is important to her in terms of being a role model to her children. She understands that there is a work life balance that needs to take place for her to do her best in her

personal and professional life.

"The doctorate gave me the confidence to know I had the intelligence to do the work," said Steimle. She knew she has strength in being able to form personal connections and relationships, but it wasn't until she got her doctorate that she knew she was up for the challenge.

"I'm excited and honored to be back in a community where I had my first administrative job, and these are my book ends in my career," said Steimle, "I hope I can be everything they're [the community is] hoping I can be."

Osteo-busters

Osteo-busters is an exercise and education program designed to prevent and help alleviate osteoporosis. This program consists of stretching, strengthening, and balance exercises. Classes are held on Tuesday and Friday mornings at the Argyle Presbyterian Church from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. All classes are offered free of charge and are led by seniors for seniors. It is open to men and women 50 plus years. The fall session will begin Tuesday, September 13th. All participants must have medical clearance from your doctor before starting this program. Packets with medical forms, waivers and general information may be obtained in the church office or by contacting Betty Reynolds at 518-638-8250.

A Social Security primer

Jill Schlesinger
Special to Journal & Press

It's been a while since I wrote about Social Security, so in honor of the 85th anniversary of the first time that the U.S. government collected taxes for Social Security - and more importantly, made lump-sum payments to retirees (President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the actual legislation on August 14, 1935) - it's a perfect time for a refresher on the popular benefit.

Social Security is a pay as you go system, which is funded by payroll taxes. That's the Federal Insurance Contributions Act or "FICA" line item you see on your pay stub.

When first conceived, the taxes that came in were immediately converted to outgoing benefits for retirees. The system changed in the ensuing decades in response to demographic shifts and economic conditions.

For many years, there was more money coming into the program than was going out, creating a surplus.

Those surpluses are shrinking, as the massive baby boomer generation continues to retire. Alicia Munnell, the director of the Center for Retirement Research at Boston College, described this situation as "a rat being digested by a snake."

Munnell recently noted that in addition to longer life expectancies, "the combined effects of the retirement of baby boomers and a slow-growing labor force due to the decline in fertility reduce the ratio of workers to retirees from about 3:1 to 2:1 and raise costs commensurately."

Those additional expenses mean that the Social Security system is falling behind.

According to The 2022 Trustees Report, the Old-Age and Survivors Insurance (OASI) Trust Fund, which pays retirement and survivors benefits, will be able to pay scheduled benefits on a timely basis until 2034. At that time, the fund's reserves will become depleted and continuing tax income will be sufficient to pay 77% of scheduled benefits.

The Trustees note that "Lawmakers have many policy options that would reduce or eliminate the long-term financing shortfalls in Social Security and Medicare."

The possible fixes could include some combination of: raising the level on which FICA taxes are levied (aka "the SS Wage Base", which is currently \$147,000); increasing the current FICA tax rate, which is set by statute at 6.2% for employees and employers, each or 12.4% for self-employed Americans; or raising the retirement age at which you can claim Social Security retirement benefits. In other words, a little tinkering here and there should help solve the problem.

Given that Social Security is not going away, here are a few important things to know about claiming retirement benefits:

- You need to have worked at least 10 years.
- The age at which you can draw benefits varies based on when you were born. Full retirement age (FRA) rises incrementally if you were born from 1938 to 1960 - after that, the

age is 67.

- You can claim as early as age 62, but it will be permanently reduced by as much as 25%, which also could affect a non-working spouse.

- Claiming early negatively impacts any income (including wages, bonuses, commissions, and vacation pay - or net earnings if you're self-employed, but not pensions, annuities, investment income, interest, veterans, or other government or military retirement benefits).

- If you are still working and under full retirement age for the entire year, the government deducts \$1 from your benefit payments for every \$2 you earn above the annual limit (\$19,560 for 2022).

- If you delay retirement until after your full retirement age, you are entitled to "delayed retirement benefits," or 8% a year more for each full year that you delay, until age 70.

- When you're ready to apply for retirement benefits, use the government's online retirement application, the quickest, easiest, and most convenient way to apply.

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Dionondehowa workshops

Coming up in September at Dionondehowa in Shushan:

Sunday, September 4, 2-5 p.m., "Restorative Art - Scribble Meditation" Workshop.

Saturday September 10, 2-5 p.m., "Being in Nature and the Nature of Being" Workshop.

Saturday September 24, 2-5 p.m., "What Is A Watershed?" Workshop.

Preregistration is required. For further information and to register, phone 518-320-0502 or email dionondehowa@yahoo.com.

Workshops fees are \$45. Scholarships avail-



A view from the site.

able.

These workshops are guided by Bonnie Hoag, Dionondehowa Co-founder and Director.

Dionondehowa Wildlife Sanctuary and School is a forever-wild nonprofit land trust located on 217 acres bordering the Battenkill near Shushan.

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Palmer returns to library with new book

Author/historian Hollis Palmer will talk about his book "Annandale: Gilded Saratoga" at the Community Room of the Greenwich Free Library on Wednesday, Sept. 14 at 6:30 p.m.

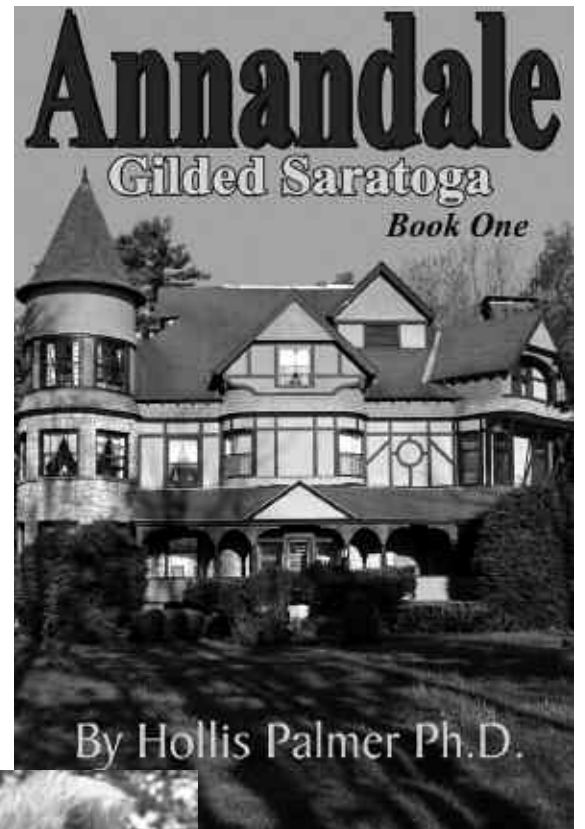
Join Palmer for a reading from and discussion of his newest book series, a fictionalized account of real Saratoga

families. "Annandale" is the first of a six or seven book series that will follow five true life families and actual events in their lives. Most of what happens to the fictional characters is based on actual stories from the period. "Annandale gives Maggie Horrigan, whose death Palmer explored in "Maggie's Revenge," a second chance. Maggie will" be a principal char-

acter for the entire series.

Hollis Palmer, Ph.D., is an 8th-generation Saratogian who fell in love with storytelling as a child. He enjoyed repeating verbatim the stories told by his grandfathers. From one grandfather he heard the oral history of the region. From the other, he learned the joy of narratives that were simply incidents in a person's life. From both, he learned to enjoy the soothing effects of oral accounts.

Later in life, Hollis began researching his family's history in America. In the process, he came across accounts of the murder trial of Jesse Billings. This sparked an interest in writing, and, since then, Palmer has written several books, including



many in the true crime genre.

Pre-registration is required for this event. Please register by emailing: grn-director@sals.edu, or call the library at 518-692-7157, or visit www.greenwichfreelibrary.org to reserve your spot.

Win this quilt

The Greenwich library received a donation of a beautiful cotton quilt designed and made by a patron to boost the libraries' fundraising efforts. It is a queen-king size quilt in gorgeous shades of deep blue and cream, it was made with both traditional & contemporary fabric patterns in a classic North Star pattern. It will look great in any decor or style house. Your ticket purchase would be supporting the addition of materials and programming at the library.

The raffle runs only until September 12th, so come in

soon and view the quilt and buy your tickets. The tickets are only \$10.00 each so you can purchase more than one to increase your chances of winning.

The library is open Monday through Saturday and can be reached at 518 692-7157 for more information.



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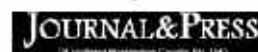
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Ft. Salem Theater readies for 'Bright Star'

Bluegrass and the Blue Ridge mountains soon take the Fort Salem Theater mainstage in *Bright Star*, the hit Grammy Award—and Tony Award–nominated Broadway musical written by comedian Steve Martin and celebrated songwriter Edie Brickell. The equal parts heartwarming and heart wrenching story performs September 30 through October 9; tickets are now on sale at www.FortSalem.com ranging from \$15-\$36.

Inspired by a true story, *Bright Star* tells a sweeping tale of love and redemption set against the rich backdrop of the American South in the 1920s and 1940s. When literary editor Alice Murphy meets a young soldier just home from World War II, he awakens her longing for the child she once lost. Haunted by their unique connection, Alice sets out on a journey to understand her past—and what she finds has the power to transform both of their lives. With beautiful melodies and powerfully moving characters, the story unfolds as a rich tapestry of deep emotion. An uplifting theatrical journey that holds you tightly in its grasp, *Bright Star* is as refreshingly genuine as it is daringly hopeful.

“After last season’s production of *Next to Normal*, audiences begged us for another musical with emotionally challenging and thought-provoking material,” explained Executive and Artistic Director Kyle West. “*Bright Star* is a perfect fit for our community, who will not only deeply feel for Alice Murphy’s journey, but fall in love with Steve Martin and Edie Brickell’s toe-tapping and powerful Americana/bluegrass-style score!”

Courtne Harrington of Greenwich stars as Alice Murphy. An audience favorite, Courtne has appeared in Fort Salem Theater productions of *The Diary of Anne Frank* (Edith Frank), *Pride And Prejudice* (Lizzy), and *There’s No Business Like Snow Business*. Courtne recently returned to Washington County after graduating from The Institute of American Musical Theater in New York City. While in New York, she starred in Hudson Classical Theater’s *Sense and Sensibility* (Charlotte Palmer), *Antony and Cleopatra* (Iris) and *Pride and Prejudice* (Lydia), as well as Alpha NYC’s production of *Peter and Wendy*.

Guest artist Matthew Clemetson makes his

Fort Salem Theater debut as Jimmy Ray, a role he recently performed at the Red Barn Theatre in Indiana where he also appeared in *Murdered To Death* (Thomskins). Matthew is a graduate of the American Musical Dramatic Academy Acting and Voice Conservatory NYC. Regionally, he has performed in *Newsies* (Jack Kelly) at both Crane River Theater in Nebraska and Virve Theater of St. Louis, *Songs For a New World* (Man 1) at Grand Center Arts, and originated the role of Johnny Roger in Off-Broadway’s *Birthday Boy*. At Peabody Opera House in St. Louis, Matthew performed alongside American Idol and Broadway star Fantasia Barrino in her concert tour. He also appeared in ACT of Connecticut’s New Works Series and performed in *Godspell* (Jesus) and *You’re A Good Man Charlie Brown* (Schroder) while in school.

Noah Casner returns to the Fort Salem stage as Billy Crane, having recently appeared in *Grease* (Doody), *Next to Normal* (Gabe) and *There’s No Business Like Snow Business*. Noah holds a BFA in Drama from NYU’s Tisch School of the Arts, where he studied at the Lee Strasberg Institute and the Experimental Theatre Wing. His stage credits include *Spring Awakening* (Moritz) at Weathervane Theatre, where he also performed in *White Christmas*, *Sister Act*, and *Bright Star*, *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* (William Barfeé) at Spa City Theatre, and *Parade* (Frankie/Young Soldier) at the Strasberg Institute.

Rounding out the cast are Peter Bailey (known both as Pastor at Coila Church and singer of the local band Simple Beggars) as Daddy Cane, Jared West (FST’s *The Diary of Anne Frank* and *Pride and Prejudice*) as Daddy Murphy, Ethan Drinkwine (FST’s *Pride and Prejudice* and *Grease*) as Mayor Josiah Dobbs, Luke Miner (FST’s *Grease* and *The Diary of Anne Frank*) as Daryl Ames, Emily Jenkins (FST’s *Grease*) as Lucy Grant, Maureen Cossey (FST’s *Little Shop of Horrors*) as Mama Murphy, David Braucher (Director of FST’s *The Diary of Anne Frank*) as Dr. Norquist, Peyton Vanderheyden (FST’s *Grease*) as Florence, and Quinn Donaldson (FST’s *The Diary of Anne Frank* and *Grease*) as Max. Making their Fort Salem Theater debuts are Arianna Dreher as Margo Crawford, Chandler Hansen as Stanford, Sophia Belden as Edna/understudy



Courtne Harrington

Margo & Lucy, and Daniel Cormie as Ensemble/understudy Billy & Max.



Bright Star is directed and choreographed by Dennis J. Clark, a New York native, born and raised in New Hartford,

NY. Dennis received a BA from the State University of New York at Geneseo in Music – Vocal Performance, Musical Theatre and Communications. He has performed, directed and choreographed all over the United States for regional theaters, touring productions, outdoor amphitheatres and various other venues.

Music director Berry Ayers is a transgender musical theatre artist, musical director, director, choreographer, writer, comedian and model. After finishing school at University of Cincinnati, College-Conservatory of Music in musical theatre, she traveled the world performing on stages from LA to New York and every continent that has a stage. She spent five years as The Naked Maid in *Naked Boys Singing*.

The creative team is completed by Charles J.I. Krawczyk as Scenic Designer, Amy Collins as Stage Manager, and Kyle West as Producer.

***Bright Star* performs Friday, September 30 (7:30), Saturday, October 1 (7:30), Sunday, October 2 (2:00), Friday, October 7 (7:30), Saturday, October 9 (7:30) and Sunday, October 9 (2:00). All tickets can be purchased online 24/7 at www.FortSalem.com, or by calling the Fort Salem Theater box office at 518-854-9200.**

Junk in Your Trunk

The Old Saratoga Reformed Church Junk in Your Trunk Sale is on Saturday Sept. 17th during Schuylerville’s town wide garage sale weekend. Located at the corner of Burgoyne and Pearl street. The huge sale will run from 8 am – 3 pm and will feature music, sale of hot dogs and so many yard sale items. One day only.

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ANNUAL NEWS RELEASE - PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

Greenwich Central School (Local School Food Authority) today announced a free and reduced price meal (Free Milk) policy for Greenwich Central School area school children. Local school officials have adopted the following family eligibility criteria to assist them in determining eligibility.

2022-2023 INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES FOR FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS OR FREE MILK

Free Eligibility Scale						Reduced Price Eligibility Scale					
Free Lunch, Breakfast, Milk						Reduced Price Lunch, Breakfast					
Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly	Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$ 17,667	\$ 1,473	\$ 737	\$ 680	\$ 340	1	\$ 25,142	\$ 2,096	\$ 1,048	\$ 967	\$ 484
2	\$ 23,803	\$ 1,984	\$ 992	\$ 916	\$ 458	2	\$ 33,874	\$ 2,823	\$ 1,412	\$ 1,303	\$ 652
3	\$ 29,939	\$ 2,495	\$ 1,248	\$ 1,152	\$ 576	3	\$ 42,606	\$ 3,551	\$ 1,776	\$ 1,639	\$ 820
4	\$ 36,075	\$ 3,007	\$ 1,504	\$ 1,388	\$ 694	4	\$ 51,338	\$ 4,279	\$ 2,140	\$ 1,975	\$ 988
5	\$ 42,211	\$ 3,518	\$ 1,759	\$ 1,624	\$ 812	5	\$ 60,070	\$ 5,006	\$ 2,503	\$ 2,311	\$ 1,156
6	\$ 48,347	\$ 4,029	\$ 2,015	\$ 1,860	\$ 930	6	\$ 68,802	\$ 5,734	\$ 2,867	\$ 2,647	\$ 1,324
7	\$ 54,483	\$ 4,541	\$ 2,271	\$ 2,096	\$ 1,048	7	\$ 77,534	\$ 6,462	\$ 3,231	\$ 2,983	\$ 1,492
8	\$ 60,619	\$ 5,052	\$ 2,526	\$ 2,332	\$ 1,166	8	\$ 86,266	\$ 7,189	\$ 3,595	\$ 3,318	\$ 1,659
Each Add'l person add	\$ 6,136	\$ 512	\$ 256	\$ 236	\$ 118	Each Add'l person add	\$ 8,732	\$ 728	\$ 364	\$ 336	\$ 168

SNAP/TANF/FDPIR Households: Households that currently include children who receive the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) but who are not found during the Direct Certification Matching Process (DCMP), or households that currently receive Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), or the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) must complete an application listing the child's name, a valid SNAP, TANF, or FDPIR case number and the signature of an adult household member. Eligibility for free meal benefits based on participation in SNAP, TANF or FDPIR is extended to all children in the household. When known to the School Food Authority, households will be notified of their children's eligibility for free meals based on their participation in the SNAP, TANF or the FDPIR programs. No application is necessary if the household was notified by the SFA their children have been directly certified. If the household is not sure if their children have been directly certified, the household should contact the school.

Other Source Categorical Eligibility: When known to the School Food Authority, households will be notified of any child's eligibility for free meals based on the individual child's designation as Other Source Categorically Eligible, as defined by law. Children are determined Other Source Categorically Eligible if they are Homeless, Migrant, Runaway, A foster child, or Enrolled in Head Start or an eligible pre-kindergarten program.

If children or households receive benefits under Assistance Programs or Other Source Categorically Eligible Programs and are not listed on the notice of eligibility and are not notified by the School Food Authority of their free meal benefits, the parent or guardian should contact the school or should submit an income application.

Other Households: Households with income the same or below the amounts listed above for family size may be eligible for and are urged to apply for free and/or reduced price meals (or free milk). They may do so by completing the application sent home with the letter to parents. One application for all children in the household should be submitted. Additional copies are available at the principal's office in each school. Applications may be submitted any time during the school year to **Ericka Sloan**. Please contact to **Ericka Sloan** at 518-692-9542 EXT. 6900 with any questions regarding the application process.

Households notified of their children's eligibility must contact the School Food Authority if they choose to decline the free meal benefits. Households may apply for benefits at any time throughout the school year. Children of parents or guardians who become unemployed or experience a financial hardship mid-year may become eligible for free and reduced price meals or free milk at any point during the school year.

For up to 30 operating days into the new school year (or until a new eligibility determination is made, whichever comes first) an individual child's free or reduced price eligibility status from the previous year will continue within the same SFA. When the carryover period ends, unless the household is notified that their children are directly certified or the household submits an application that is approved, the children's meals must be claimed at the paid rate. Though encouraged to do so, the SFA is not required to send a reminder or a notice of expired eligibility.

The information provided on the application will be confidential and will be used for determining eligibility. The names and eligibility status of participants may also be used for the allocation of funds to federal education programs such as Title I and National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), State health or State education programs, provided the State agency or local education agency administers the programs, and for federal, State or local means-tested nutrition programs with eligibility standards comparable to the NSLP. Eligibility information may also be released to programs authorized under the National School Lunch Act (NSLA) or the Child Nutrition Act (CNA). The release of information to any program or entity not specifically authorized by the NSLA will require a written consent statement from the parent or guardian.

The School Food Authority does, however, have the right to verify at any time during the school year the information on the application. If a parent does not give the school this information, the child/children will no longer be able to receive free or reduced price meals (free milk).

Foster children are eligible for free meal benefits. A separate application for a foster child is no longer necessary. Foster children may be listed on the application as a member of the family where they reside. Applications must include the foster child's name and personal use income.

Under the provisions of the policy, the designated official will review applications and determine eligibility. If a parent is dissatisfied with the ruling of the designated official, he/she may make a request either orally or in writing for a hearing to appeal the decision. _____ (Title), whose address is 10 Gray Ave Greenwich NY 12834 has been designated as the Hearing Official. Hearing procedures are outlined in the policy. However, prior to initiating the hearing procedure, the parent or School Food Authority may request a conference to provide an opportunity for the parent and official to discuss the situation, present information, and obtain an explanation of the data submitted in the application or the decisions rendered. The request for a conference shall not in any way prejudice or diminish the right to a fair hearing.

Only complete applications can be approved. This includes complete and accurate information regarding: the SNAP, TANF, or FDPIR case number; the names of all household members; on an income application, the last four digits of the social security number of the person who signs the form or an indication that the adult does not have one, and the amount and source of income received by each household member. In addition, the parent or guardian must sign the application form, certifying the information is true and correct.

Beginning July 1, 2019, students in New York State that are approved for reduced price meals will receive breakfast and lunch meals at no charge.

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Summer school can be cool!

Throughout the summer, the Cambridge school district is offering a number of summer enrichment opportunities for students. In July, students participated in an Ag exploration summer enrichment program led by Miss Sarah Cuddihy. The first week of the program was for incoming 6th and 7th graders. The second week was for incoming 8th and 9th graders.

Week 1 highlights – grades 6 & 7: Students visited Tiashoke Farm, Capital Tractor, Betterbee, Mill Creek Farm, Andland Farm, Benson's Dairy Bar (for a cold treat!), Wedding Hill Farm and the Battenkill Fiber Mill.

At these locations, students learned about a variety of things including farm operations, the business/financial component of agriculture, veterinary science and more. Students participated in activities with bees, horses,

sheep and cows.

Week 2 highlights – grades 8 & 9: Students visited Andland Farm, Benson's Dairy Bar, the Washington County Fairgrounds, Betterbee, Kenyon Hill Farm, Gardenworks, Mill Creek Farm, King Dairy, Wedding Hill Farm and the Battenkill Fiber Mill.

At these locations, students learned about milk production, identifying trees, showing cows, honey production, sustainable farming practices, horse breeding, veterinary science and turning sheep wool into product.

"The course showed students the variety of Ag opportunities that our area has to offer," said course instructor Miss Sarah Cuddihy. "Students were excited and engaged as each day brought a new type of experience. It was great to witness our students enjoying the opportunity to be in the agricultural setting, something that was new to many. We are grateful to the businesses that took the time to provide our students with the opportunity to learn about their contribution to agriculture!"



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Salem alumni banquet pics

On July 9, at the Salem Fire Co., the 37th annual banquet was held for Salem Washington Academy grads from various years, 1947-2002, were recognized, along with Dick McGuire, class of 1939.

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This is a transition time for getting ready for our next routine.

After the fair:

Those of you who earned ribbons at the fair: How and where are you displaying them? Your animals must be glad to be home--and you too, to get on with your regular routine. Those of us who don't live on a farm gained some new interests: For sure, we'd like to visit your farms and see them in action. It's dramatic to see cows being milked in a rotary milking parlor! Maybe we'll get to visit with a group we'll be getting into. (Thanks, Samantha and family) Who knows, maybe we'd even get to volunteer to help in some way. We can follow the seasonal fieldwork as we drive around our great agricultural region. Most farms will be making a third cutting of hay, probably for chopping, maybe baling. Then it will be corn chopping, maybe soybean combining.

We got so many ideas from visits at the fair. Are you ready to start a new hobby? Which 4-H club would you join? The CCE needs a little break, but they will be soon starting the next programming year

I'm sure you didn't miss the parties at the end of the Reading Programs at the libraries. Now they're looking for your ideas for the next programming year. Always more books to read... And remember the local foods available there as you plan for your lunches and food prep to supplement your garden (no more fair food for a while).

Did your garden get ahead of you during Fair Week? Get in there and attack those weeds! Your chickens will eat them

along with the too-big squashes, cucumbers... But those big, juicy tomatoes for sandwiches!! With all those cherries, cube up some of the cucumber sticks with cheese, add some basil, garlic and olive oil and it will be great with those burgers for supper.

Course the lawns continue to grow. Maybe lawn mowing could be a way for you to replace some of that spending \$ that you used at the fair.

Then the weekend:

They started out as childhood friends. One parent was a music educator (right, Debbie?), another a guitarist (right, Bob?). As they grew, they formed a band that they called Eastbound Jesus. They gave concerts in the community, made recordings and, of course, built up quite a following. Their annual Throw-down became a tradition. Their next one is the 9th and 10th where everyone enjoys camping and music.

And Sunday is Grandparents' Day. Good time to learn more of

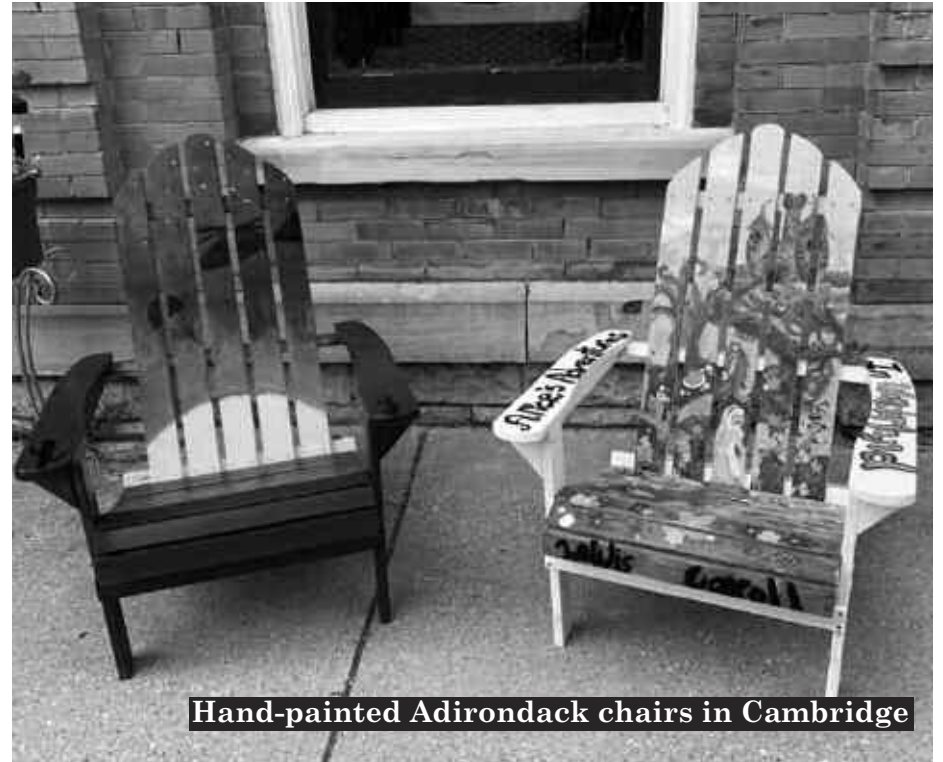
'Ask for photos of ancestors so you can make a display around the family tree.'

your family history.

- Take some notes as you talk with them, then continue your writing skills as you add to your family journal. Ask them questions: Where did they live, go to school? What sports did they play? What else did they do for fun?...

What kind of music did they like? How did they listen to it? We're back to vinyl records. Do they have any you can listen to?...

- Record stories they tell you about when they were young. Can you go back another generation? Did someone come from a



foreign country? What was life like there, and passage to get here?

You might want to learn more about that country and learn at least some phrases of that language to use with your family.

- Visit a cemetery with family and photograph stones to get names and dates to add to your family tree.

- Ask for photos of ancestors so you can make a display around the family tree (thanks, Kristin).

- Ask for items made by ancestors so you can help establish a "museum" for the family. Maybe you can learn some of these handskills (crocheting, knitting, woodworking...). You'll need to know at least how to sew back a button when you're on your own at work or college. Did you help move an older sibling back to college already?

There is a Genealogy group that meets at the Schuylerville Library. You and family members could attend and learn how to research more.

Grandparents always like anything you make:

- Make cards or pictures with the flowers you picked and dried.

- With that produce from your garden, make creatures and vehicles. You will make them laugh and they will be so impressed with your creativity! Did you see some in the 4-H building at the fair?

- Have you seen the hand-painted Adirondack chairs along the sidewalks in Cambridge? Thanks for starting the project, Connie. Even as young girls, sisters Allie and Lauren were artistically creative. Now they've painted some of these chairs. You could sit and read some of the many books about grandparents and children. Last Stop on Market Street is an interesting one. Ask at Battenkill Books to read right there, and of course, borrow from your library.

Making a chair together would be a good family project.

It will continue as we go on into a full week of our new schedule...

Village of Greenwich Happenings

Vie for NY Forward Grant

Pam Fuller

Special to Journal & Press

In July New York State announced the launch of a big new grant program, New York Forward. The timeline for getting the required information together is very tight, but the outcome for winners is a large financial award that w

ould boost our downtown revitalization plans, continuing the work that we've done for the past few years. During the last two Village Board meetings, the Mayor and Trustees discussed the grant, and we decided that we can't pass up the opportunity. We decided to apply.

The Application is due by September 23, 2022 at 4:00 pm.

New York Forward is the small-town version of the program that has been in place for the past five years and will go into round 6 this year: the Downtown Revitalization Program (DRI). Cities around us have been the recipients of that grant program, for example the Troy Riverwalk area and downtown Glens Falls.

Once we apply, we will be competing against other communities in the Capital District, which is our regional economic development council area. The State has allocated \$100 million for the first round of NY Forward. Each of the State's ten Regional Economic Development Councils (REDCs) will have the option of recommending two communities for \$4.5 million NY Forward awards or three communities one of which will receive \$4.5 million and two will be awarded \$2.25 million. Preference will be given to communities with certain designa-

tions, including the BOA Designation, which we were just awarded.

We formed a committee of Village officials and community members. We submitted the letter of intent to apply by the August 10th deadline. The committee will have its first meeting on August 30th. At this meeting we will be planning the application process and the required public event, which will be scheduled for the week of September 12th.

The Village put out a request for projects from community members, and we have compiled information about proposed projects. We will add to this list some of our municipal projects. One of them will be our Village Hall. Since the fire department stopped using Village Hall as its station, the Village has looked for a grant program that could be used to renovate our building. We convened a Village Hall Task Force, and we conducted a public meeting for input. But funds for municipal buildings are very scarce, and the cost would be too high for the Village to assume without financial support from another source. The NY Forward grant is the first funding source to come up that allows municipal projects.

Because of the work that we all did during the BOA process, we have a lot of information about what people want to see happen in Greenwich. The New York Forward public event that we are planning will add to this information and will be incorporated into our application.

Once applications are submitted, each regional development council will select the two or three applicants that they feel have the best plans. Then, in the next year, these winning communities will then develop strategic investment plans that includes a vision for the downtown and a list of transformative projects, based on community outreach and input. The plans will form the basis for immediate project implementation.

At that point, the community committees will choose how to allocate the NY Forward awards to to implement the most transformative projects from the Strategic Investment Plan.

Awards will be announced by the end of this year, 2022.

The Supervisor (Jim Nolan, right) and Town Board Members of the Town of Greenwich



The proposed area

RC churches update

Sunday Mass at Holy Cross Catholic Church is at 8:15 AM, St. Patrick's celebrates on Sunday at 11:30 AM, and Immaculate Conception in Hoosick Falls is Saturday at 4 PM and Sunday at 10 AM. Weekday masses are held at 9 AM on Tuesday at Holy Cross, on Wednesday at St. Patrick's, and on Monday at Immaculate Conception. Visitors are always welcome. You are encouraged, but not required, to wear a face mask in Church and other large groups.

A program preparing for First Reconciliation and Eucharist will begin in September and is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, April 30. For more information, check the parish website, contact maryrosmus@battencatholic.org or call the parish office at 677-2757.

Battenkill Catholic Lifelong Faith Learning Center: Building Our Faith Together has exciting opportunities for parishioners of all ages! Learn more by checking out the parish website. Also, a free book, Spiritual Renewal and Fellowship, A Well-Built Faith by Joe Paprocki is free and will be handed out at Mass. A weekly discussion group to discuss the book for those who wish to explore it further will begin on September 12 at 6:30 PM in the St. Patrick's parish house, and online. Check out the parish website or the sign up sheet in the church lobby to participate. The program, Building Blocks of Faith Formation for Families is available. Six whole family based sessions will be held, and nine story based sessions will be sent home for families to complete. Details and registration can be found on the parish website. A home study program is also available.

Please visit the Parish Website: www.battencatholic.org. You can sign up for Flocknote notifications, prepare for Sunday Liturgy, access our great Adult Faith Formation materials and more.

Parishioners of St. Patrick's and Holy Cross are asked to donate legos if they are around and not being used. The family faith formation sessions will be using them for their program and will need a large supply. Parishioners are also asked to please support the food pantry that is seeing an increase in need.

—Submitted by Rose Mary Sheffield

Turn stress into passion

Daneen Skube

Special to Journal & Press

Q: *I'm just starting a business. I'm overwhelmed by all the work and learning ahead. Am I biting off more than I can chew? How do I know if I'm making decisions that will allow work/life balance? Can smart people start a business without experiencing stress?*

A: No matter how smart you are, beginning a business is inherently stressful. Moreover, no new business owner experiences work/life balance. Lastly, if you're not biting off more than you can chew in launching a new business, it's unlikely to succeed!

Work/life balance is an excellent aspirational goal. There are also times in our career that work or academic demands allow no work/life balance, during the short-term.

Imagine your car going up a steep, long hill. Your engine revs, your fuel intake is high, and your car works hard going up the hill. At the top, the road flattens out, your engine slows, your need for

fuel lessens, and you achieve a smooth cruising pace. Any goal you're passionate about is a steep, long hill for a while.

When we study stress ranges for human beings, there are three zones: 1) Boredom 2) Goldilocks zone 3) Overwhelmed. Turns out both boredom and being overwhelmed are stressful. Once we achieve a cruising pace, to avoid burnout, aim for the Goldilocks zone where the stress level is medium.

However, no new business or academic venture will begin in the Goldilocks zone. We'll definitely not have the stress of boredom. We will feel like that car slogging up a long, hard hill, uncertain if it will make it to the top.

To the extent we're more concerned about what other people think about us than our quality of life, we'll get distracted when overwhelmed. When your stress level is maximum, it's critical to focus only on your own future success. If you allow the specter of future failure to haunt you, you'll be running away from a ghost rather than

pursuing a dream.

The best way to stay productive on a tough new work path is to get the maximum enjoyment from your current day. If you're getting a graduate degree, don't just stare at what you can do when you get your degree. Pick a program where the learning itself is enjoyable. You cannot win in the future, if you delay all your gratification.

Brain science shows us that breaking a big goal into little steps gives our brains dopamine (feel-good opiate) with each step we complete. If we only focus on arriving at the big goal, we get discouraged and quit.

As author Simon Sinek observed, "Working hard for something we don't care about is called stress. Working hard for something we love is called passion." To operationalize the word "passion" build your plan with lots of small steps to celebrate and enjoy. Otherwise, you'll lose motivation because you'll only experience daily drudgery and stress.

German philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche once made a comple-

mentary observation that, "He who has a 'why' to live for, can bear almost any 'how.'" "

Passion and small steps can make long nights feel noble, hard work satisfying, and risks less frightening. A powerful "why" helps us see a longed for future, even though our current road of "how" is foggy and dark.

The last word(s)

Q: *As you mentor clients on workplace success is there any one interpersonal habit you recommend that clients should cultivate?*

A: Yes, as Roman statesman Tullius Cicero, who upheld Republic principles during Rome's civil war years, advised: "Gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues, but the parent of all others."

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Monday morning. You can contact Dr. Skube at www.interpersonaledge.com or 1420 NW Gilman Blvd., #2845,



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Answer here: ○○○○ - "○○○○"

History book club to meet

Washington County Historical Society's local history book club will meet at noon on Friday, September 9, at the society's Wing-Northup House, 167 Broadway, Fort Edward. The club usually meets on the second Friday of the month. Historical Society membership is not required.

The September meeting of the book club will be discussion Washington County's 123rd Regiment in the Civil War. Some reading options are: Reminiscences of the 123rd Reg. "N.Y.S.V." by Sgt. Henry C. Morhous; "The 123rd Regiment N.Y.V.I. 1862-1865 Their Story" by Edie Baldwin Meikl; "We Were Marched Hither and Thither..." The 123rd NY in the Gettysburg Campaign by Michael Russert; Letters Home: The 123rd NY Infantry in the Atlanta Campaign, compiled by Steven R. Toney; "When This Cruel War Is Over" by Charles Vavrina; and "Marching to Save a Nation" by

Jeffrey H. Jones. Some of these books are available in the WCHS book shop. A monument to this regiment stands in Gettysburg National Park.

The October 21 session is scheduled for the third Friday to allow the group to meet at the Rogers Island Visitor Center after the close of their summer season. Participants may read any book about Robert Rogers who wrote his "rules of ranging" on Rogers Island in 1757.

Future sessions of the club will include books about the larger Adirondack area. The proposed list includes works on Henry Hudson's discovery of the Hudson River, Benedict Arnold's building of the first Navy in Whitehall, and the life of Mathew Brady, photographer, who was born in Warren County. For additional info, email Connie Harris Farrington at connieandlee@roadrunner.com.

The cycle of food and sharing

Sarah Murphy
Greenwich Free Library

Writer's Note: *From the Stacks is a column featuring a variety of voices at Greenwich Free Library. We hope to see you at our Endless Summer community party on Wednesday August 31st. For a complete list of library programs and events, please visit greenwichfreelibrary.com or follow us on Facebook and Instagram.*

It's harvest season! If you don't grow it, someone is trying to give it to you. Tomatoes and zucchini are ramping up. Corn is peak. Home gardeners are busy trying to keep up with picking and preserving. It's a wonderful time of year when there is so much to choose from. The only difficulty is deciding how much of it to use at one time. Pot luck...Yes!

Speaking of food, (my favorite subject), many of you have caught on to the food fridge at the library, and taken some goodies home that you may not have considered buying at the store, or that may not be available at the store. Library staff and patrons have always brought excess bounty from their own gardens. There was often a basket of beans or squash, and of course tomatoes, on the desk for anyone to take. Now there is a dedicated area for this. The diversity of library offerings is expanding daily!

Libraries are full of free things. Books of course, movies, and some libraries are branching out and loaning tools, small appliances, cooking utensils and

more (stay tuned for that at Greenwich...). Now, thanks to Comfort Food Community and the Farm 2 Library program, food is available every week in our library for anyone to take. Every Thursday, Library staff, volunteers, or board members pick up whatever's on offer at the Food and Farm Hub and deliver it with care to our fridge. You'll find lots of fresh produce, much of which is supplied by local vegetable and grain producers, and assorted other goodies from the regional food bank. Nothing stays on the shelf for long.

Getting a book from the library involves a certain amount of give and take. One is expected to return the book so others can enjoy it. So yes, it's free, but there's a responsibility and expectation for its care and return. The food from the library is also free, but there is responsibility here too. An expectation to pay it forward.

In the big picture, we are all stewards of the earth. Taking care of it and ourselves is paramount to our continued quality of life. Food is our fuel, so consider carefully what you eat. Where does it come

'Remember the phrase 'You are what you eat?' That says it all.'

from? What is in it? Honest nutritious fuel is insurance for our good health. Remember the phrase 'You are what you eat'? That says it all.

The farmers, many of whom are our neighbors, take much care growing their crops so that only the best reaches the public. They are dedicated, hard working, and propelled by a drive to give back to the land and to the people. All this is guided by a love of what they do.

Those of us who garden for ourselves are always growing more than we need and are more than happy to share. In our small way



A volunteer picks up food at the CFC Farm and Food Hub

we not only feed ourselves and our neighbors with our vegetables, but we are also careful to keep the soil fed and healthy so the plants have plenty of the right nutrients. The more our gardens eat, the more they grow, and the more we eat. It's not perfect. Inevitably there are fruits with bad spots, and I used to feel uncomfortable about having to throw them in the compost, but I was reminded by a farmer that it's a good thing because it comes from the earth and it's going back to help feed it.

Part of the cycle is composting; anyone can do it, and what an easy way to pay it forward! If you can't compost at home, bring your food scraps to the Greenwich Library and put them in the green bin behind the gate at the back door. The Adirondack Worm Farm picks up our library bin every week, and your stale bread, melon rinds, corn husks, shrimp shells, and chicken bones are no longer trash. Since the library began collecting food scraps in March, our patrons have diverted over 1,212 pounds of waste from landfills. The simple action of dropping off your kitchen waste has many benefits.

It keeps smelly food out of your trash and the landfill, and it feeds a compost pile that will eventually feed someone's garden plot. A cycle completed.

Give and take, sharing, and being part of a community cycle: these are among the goals of any library. So, while it might seem strange to pick up food and drop off waste at the library, it's all part of our mission to make vital resources free and accessible to all. On Thursdays when the weekly harvest arrives from Comfort Food, we eagerly sort through the boxes while some of our regulars look on making their decisions. I am reminded of the ongoing expansion of offerings the library has for the community, and the chain of sharing of which the library is a small part.

KC, a clerk at the Greenwich Free Library, has a ready smile especially if we're talking about food, the library, dogs, books, cats, horses, gardening...you get the idea.



I am 'quiet quitting' as I write this column

Greg Schwem
Special to Journal & Press

Every other week I sit in front of a blank computer screen, faced with the stressful task of writing a humor column approximately 650 words in length. This week will be no different except for a few modifications:

The column will be EXACTLY 650 words.

If my editor wants changes, I will politely but firmly decline. Let her do it.

I will not even THINK about my next column until it is time to produce it two weeks from now.

I am "quiet quitting."

For a more detailed explanation of this work phenomenon, search the phrase on TikTok. Because, you know, where else would you go for career advice? Scores of Gen Z workers, some of whose career histories can be measured in months, not years, have taken to the social media platform to

explain to the rest of us dolts that quiet quitting is not when one quits a job, but chooses to put mental health before career goals. It is the opposite of "hustle culture," the belief that one needs to work as hard as possible to achieve that promotion, that raise or that corner office with the amazing Manhattan skyline view.

Quiet quitters would rather knock off precisely at 5 p.m., and spend their evenings and weekends doing whatever it takes to better themselves, be that mountain biking, Pilates class, sleeping in late or anything else that makes them ready to seize the following work week at 9 a.m., and not a minute before.

They are also undeterred by detractors such as Denzel Washington who, in a 2017 speech at the NAACP Image Awards, said, "Ease is a greater threat to progress than hardship." Incidentally, I found the speech during the TikTok "quiet quitting" search.

"...keep moving, keep growing, keep learning. See you at work," he concluded.

I'm currently at 330 words. More than halfway done. Take that Denzel!

Since the pandemic thrust an entire nation of workers and alleged workers into their homes, the definition of work has been turned upside down. Remote work led all of us to realize we were burned out. Actually, I'm not sure all of us realized that; it may have been one guy from Cleveland who realized it and posted his thoughts on TikTok, where it immediately went viral.

Suddenly companies were seriously discussing four-day work weeks, "Show Us Your Emotional Support Parakeet" Zoom meetings and unlimited vacation days.

Fast-forward to present time, where those same companies are laying off workers in droves, perhaps keeping only those who don't subscribe to quiet quitting.

Hey, I'm all for positive mental health and work/life balance. I'm also pretty experienced at working from home, having done so since



1989 when I quit my job to pursue stand-up comedy. I am writing this column on a Friday and, as soon as I have written precisely 650 words and hit "send," I am pondering whether to visit the gym or mow my lawn. I will return in the afternoon to write some jokes and check email.

However, if one of those emails necessitates me submitting a proposal to a client or creating a video on the fly, I will cancel my Friday evening plans and do it. Does that make me a victim of hustle culture? Or am I just someone who feels income, which supports my family, takes precedence over my wine tasting group?

My advice to quiet quitters is to also embrace a "quiet resume update" and a "quiet job search," as I feel you will soon need both. Unless you can live off the fortunes you made in the cryptocurrency...wait, never mind.

That's it. That's my advice. I'd offer more, but I'm almost at my 650-word limit.

I think this column is really, really, really good.

Greg Schwem is a corporate stand-up comedian and author of "The Road To Success Goes Through the Salad Bar: A Pile of BS From a Corporate Comedian," available at Amazon.com.



'Unless you can live off the fortunes you made in the cryptocurrency... wait, never mind.'

They feel they should be praised for this mentality, despite rumblings among older co-workers that the correct term for quiet quitters is "slackers."

An Artist's Take

Political Cartoon of the Week by Drew Sheneman



Who needs Radio Shack, anyway?

Darren Johnson
Journal & Press

The Radio Shack in town went out of business, along with most of the national chain, about a dozen years ago. The Kmart in that plaza suffered a similar fate, petering out just before the pandemic. You could have bought office stuff there, too.

I guess the owners of The Greenwich Journal newspaper used to own a stationary store in town. If that lasted to this day and kept modernizing over the years, I'm sure it would be a fine place to get some faxing, copying and scanning done, and maybe buy some printer ink and a ream of paper.

(I've tried to get the Tech Monkeys in Schuylerville to carry basic office supplies – the Dollar General stuff is sparse and of horrible quality (and CVS is wildly overpriced) – and the Tech Monkeys are considering it).

And over the past dozen years, I've lost some technology to attrition. The fax no longer was useful once I got rid of Spectrum Cable – because that's incredibly expensive, too – as the cable company controlled my landline phone.

The fax had become less and less needed, anyway, as fewer people require it anymore. I can just take a photo of the signed document with my phone and send it. Most government bureaucrats are fine with that.



A corporate image of the printer I nabbed for \$10!



Second Hand Rose

Over the winter, my huge all-in-one HP Darth Vader looking thing exploded in a sea of Cyan and Magenta after endless paper jams, so that got the toss, freeing up a table upstairs.

It felt good in a Marie Kondo kind of way to unburden myself of such a horrible piece of equipment that rarely seemed to work when I needed it most.

But, while the printer part was a nightmare, I did use the scanner here and there; and some people still mail me hard copy photos for The Journal. I got some recently. They needed to be properly scanned. But I didn't want to have to drive all the way to the Staples in Wilton.

Enter local thrift stores. It was a weekend, and the one in the Big Lots Plaza was closed, so

I headed to Schuylerville, where there's a shop called Second Hand Rose. They kick back their proceeds to local charities (Comfort Food Community, for example, and local fire departments), but, from the street level, it looks pretty small, so I'd avoided it all

'There's nowhere else locally to buy basic office supplies and equipment.'

these years. Until the other day.

Actually, it turned out to be much larger in size than expected and has a lot of nooks and crannies. Watch your step! In one cranny, shining like a Holy Grail, there it was – the heavens sang: A nice, cool looking HP printer/scanner. For only \$10! It's a fun neon blue color, small and compact.

I also picked up some walkie talkies for \$4. My wife and I figured we can use them for the

Schaghticoke Fair, in case we get separated – "Get me a funnel cake, stat!"

Got these electric items home and they worked fine. That scanner would be over \$100 new; retail stores still sell them, I checked.

What a find. I got just what I needed. And now people who don't know what a JPG is can mail me hard copy photos again, and they will appear in the paper. Eventually.

Who needs a Radio Shack, anyway?

Support your local thrift store – shop there, and donate your unused electronics to them, especially. I have a feeling my monitor is about to kick the bucket any day now.

Send Darren Johnson a JPG at editor@journalandpress.com.



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Kid: JOY GIFT BEEF MAZE - MEGA-"BYTE"

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Fun & Games

(solution below)



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 box once within a single word. Play with a friend and compare word finds, crossing out common words.

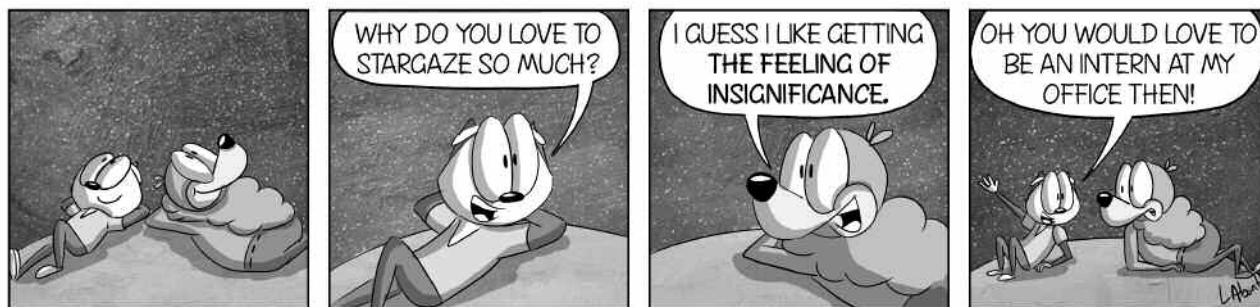
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4 letters = 2 points
5 letters = 3 points
6 letters = 4 points
7 letters = 6 points
8 letters = 10 points
9+ letters = 15 points

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11-20 = Amateur
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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 1, through October 31, 2022.

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 1 through October 1, 2022 NO PENALTY will be charged.

A two percent (2%) penalty will be added from October 2, 2022 through October 31, 2022. All unpaid taxes will be turned over to the Washington County Treasurer by November 5, 2022.

Legal Notice

NOTICE TO BIDDERS - PUPIL TRANSPORTATION

Sealed bids are requested for the transportation of pupil(s) of the Greenwich Central School District, Greenwich, NY. These students need to be transported from their homes to Fort Ann CSD each AM and returned to their homes in the PM from on or about September 19, 2022 to on or about June 23, 2023 or until such date prior to June 23, 2023, when transportation is no longer required.

Vehicle and driver must meet New York State Vehicle, Education and Transportation Department regulations to qualify for bid award. Bid documents may be obtained from Troy Tyler, Business Manager, Greenwich CSD, 10 Gray Ave., Greenwich, NY or at 518-692-9542, ext. 6803 on request.

Sealed bids on the forms and in an envelope marked "TRANSPORTATION BID" are to be in the hands of the District Clerk, 10 Gray Ave., Greenwich, NY 12834 not later than 10 AM on Thursday, September 15, 2022. They will be publicly opened at the Business Office, 10 Gray Ave., Greenwich, NY, at 10:15 AM, Thursday, September 15, 2022.

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Newspaper woes; funny money at Fair

Kaylee Johnson
Journal & Press

Here are some snippets from past editions of The Journal & Press from early Septembers decades ago:

100 Years Ago

September 6, 1922

The Whitehall Chronicle, one of the oldest newspapers in Washington county, is to discontinue publication this week, according to an announcement made in that paper last week. The publisher, W. B. Inglee announces that business depression is the cause of suspension.

The Chronicle has been published continuously since 1840, and was formerly one of the leading papers of the county. The late William H. Tefft, an outstanding figure among editors of this vicinity, was its publisher for many years, and the late William Inglee became his partner and continued its publication after Mr. Tefft's death. The present publisher is a son of William Inglee.

In recent years, Whitehall has been the only Washington county town that has maintained two newspapers. The Times, the only Democratic newspaper in the county, remains in the field there.

90 Years Ago

September 7, 1932

First prize at the state fair Grange singing contest at Syracuse yesterday was awarded to Mrs. Guy Curtis and Mrs. Harold Wilbur of Greenwich, representing Washington county Pomona. Both ladies are members of Bottskill Grange. They were chosen to represent the county as a result of a contest held here last June, and later were awarded first place in the regional contest held in Albany

county.

The competition at the state fair was limited to old-time songs. Mrs. Curtis and Mrs. Wilbur, who were in costume, sang "Silver Threads Among the Gold." Following the award of the state prize, they were invited to broadcast the same selection over WSYR, Syracuse. The broadcast took place last evening.

80 Years Ago

September 9, 1942

The Schaghticoke fair got off to a good start Monday, Labor Day, with near record attendance, said to approach 20,000 at day and evening shows, which was nearly up to last year's all-time high. A special bus, in addition to the regular Troy bus from Greenwich to the fair, returning here late into the evening.

Good display in all departments of the fair, including the various livestock classes, attracted many visitors, and the grandstand attractions as well as the midway shows were well patronized.

70 Years Ago

September 10, 1952

Menus for next week at Greenwich Central School are as follows:

Monday: Chicken noodle soup, frankfurter on a roll with relish or mustard, buttered carrots, vanilla pudding

Tuesday: Beef soup, corned beef sandwich, buttered mixed vegetables, fruit, cupcakes

Wednesday: Chicken and rice soup, sliced beef in gravy, boiled potato, buttered green beans, peanut butter and jelly sandwich, tapioca pudding

Thursday: Vegetable soup,

scrambled eggs, broiled bacon, buttered peas, peanut butter sandwich, chocolate pudding

Friday: Tomato soup, tossed salad, scalloped salmon, sandwich, fruited jello, whipped cream

60 Years Ago

September 5, 1962

What, no pictures? There are no pictures in The Journal this week, and all because one little part of the paper's photo lathe is broken.

The Journal apologizes for being unable to reproduce and so print several pictures were scheduled to appear this week. The part is on its way, and with good luck, the photo lathe should be back in operation so all pictures can be used next week.

40 Years Ago

September 2, 1982

Floyd Harwood, treasurer of the Washington County Fair, reported that a little over 92,000 people attended the 1982 fair held last week at the fairgrounds in Easton.

Wednesday's windy weather kept all but 6,700 people away from the fair, but it was followed by a beautiful day Thursday, which drew an all-time record crowd of 26,500, according to Mr. Harwood.

Fair Manager, Gordon Wright, said it was basically the smoothest running fair week he could remember, discounting the few problems the high winds caused Wednesday.

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POLITICAL ADVERT **Ads from 60 years ago**

30 Years Ago

September 3, 1992

Funny money has been passed around at the fair! Someone successfully passed three counterfeit \$20 bills at the Washington County Fair last week.

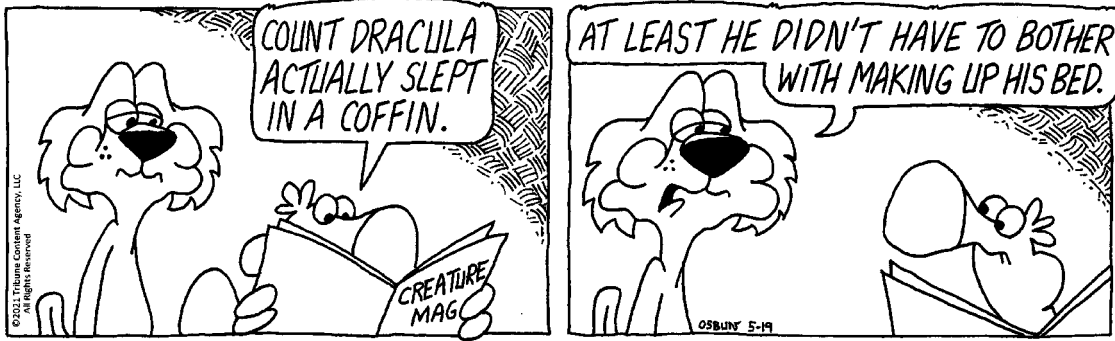
Police are seeking a white female around 5'3 with strawberry blonde hair, pulled back from her face, and weighing about 125 pounds.

According to a Sheriff's department spokesperson, vendors were asked to make change for some real twenties along with three fake ones. The counterfeit bills were not noticed until one vendor went to pay for a shipment and two of the \$20 bills he was using were obviously different.

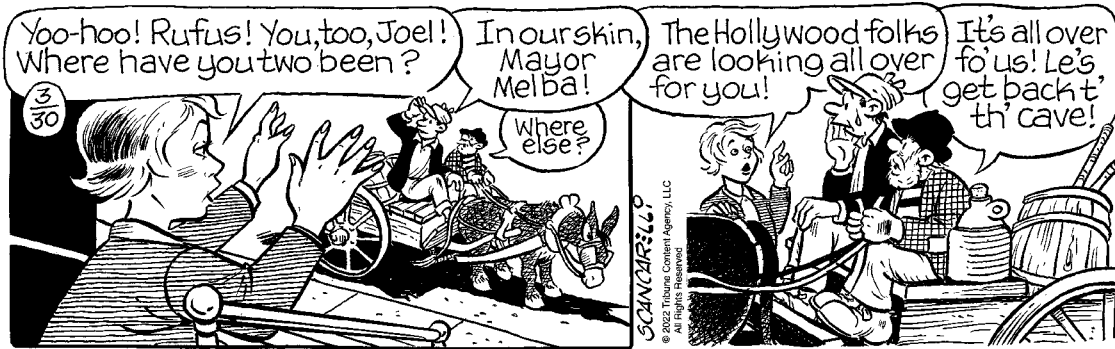
When seen from a distance, especially in poor light, these bills look similar to the real thing. However, closer scrutiny reveals them to obviously be fake.

The Funny Page

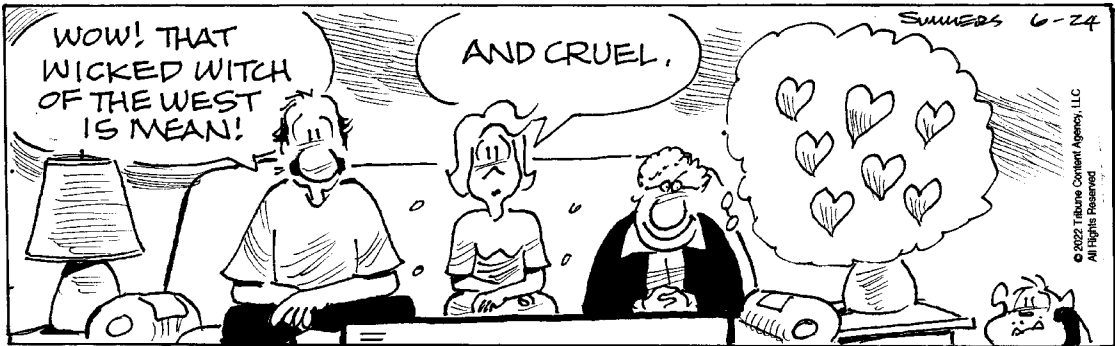
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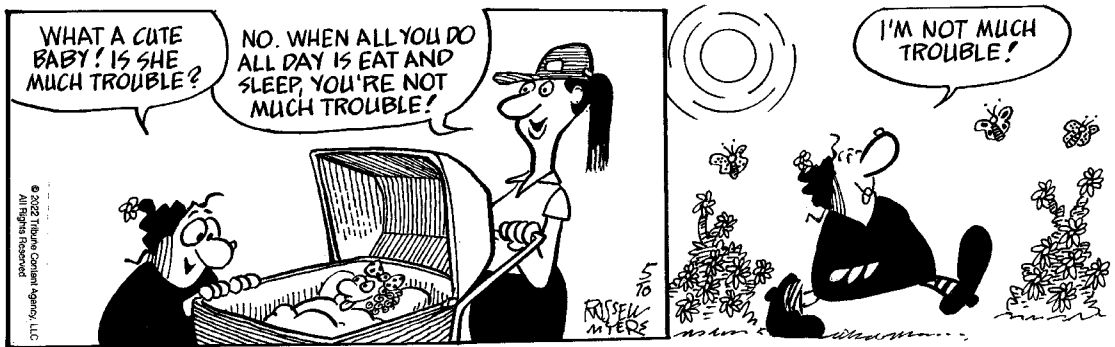
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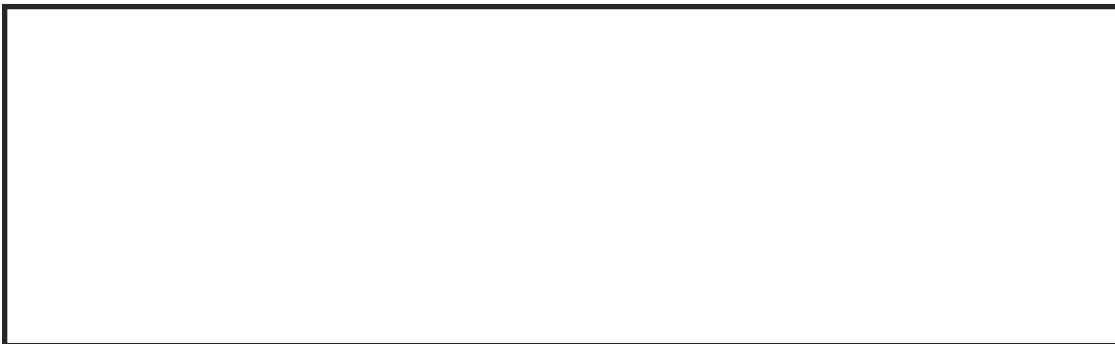
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Answer here: ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○



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

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Schaghticoke Fair's big concerts, events

The Great Schaghticoke Fair is preparing to open the gates for the 203rd annual fair. The fair features the best of agriculture and horticulture from Rensselaer County. The Fair through Labor Day Weekend, August 31st- September 5th. Back by popular demand, the fair will open with Dollar Day. Opening Day, August 31st, the fair will feature \$1 Adult Admission and \$1 Rides (any ride). Children 13 and under get free fair admission every day, and parking is free daily. This year fairgoers can see the Royal Hanneford Circus, Cowboy Andy Rotz Thrill Show, Swifty Swine Pig Races and the All American Petting Zoo – all with their fair admission.

There are free concerts daily, and this is where the big is for 2022: Thursday evening Nashville's Platinum Artist Tracy Byrd will be appearing on the JC Tractor Park Stage. Recording Artist Ernest ("Flower Shops") is

on the same stage Friday. There is a dynamite lineup daily -- all included with fair admission.

Saturday at dark the fair will put on a Fireworks Show, sponsored by Quick Response. Grandstand Motor Sports return for daily action. There is a \$2 ticket required for evening and weekend shows in the Grandstand.

The Lucky E Rodeo, NYTPA Tractor Pulls, VT Tractor Pullers, Truck Pulls, and Stoney Roberts Demolition Derby will all have performances. BOX SEATS for the 2023 Grandstand Events will be sold via LIVE AUCTION at 12 noon on Monday 9/5 at the fairgrounds. Live animal and local exhibits are on display from 10am to 10pm daily. Tickets for the fair are available at the gate, but also available at a discount in advance at Price Chopper stores and online. Visit the fair website for more information, www.schaghticokefair.org.



Community Choir

The Argyle Community Choir will begin rehearsals on Monday, September 12th at 8:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall at the Argyle Presbyterian Church. Sacred and secular music will be performed at the November 6th concert to raise money for Operation Santa Claus-a charity that provides clothing for needy children in the area at holiday time. The choir is led by Joyce Durkee with Sariah Ashton as accompanist. If you enjoy singing, come join us- no auditions are necessary.

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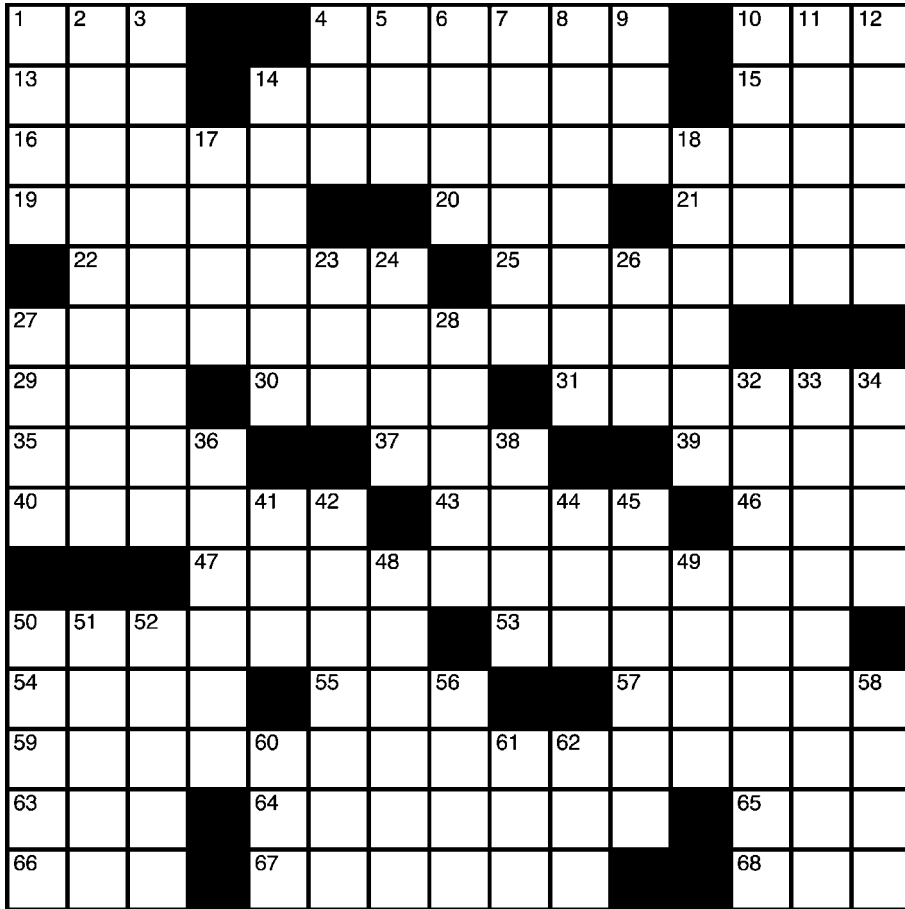
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Cambridge Crossword

(solution page 26)



Across

- 1 ___-been: washed-up cēfēb
- 4 Shared again, as a story
- 10 Samantha Bee's network
- 13 Frequently found in poetry?
- 14 One with a hunger
- 15 Go bad
- 16 Citrus drink in a sea breeze cocktail
- 19 Philosopher Kierkegaard
- 20 Dawn goddess
- 21 Bridal veil trim
- 22 Packed in a slatted box
- 25 Like bath mats
- 27 Frivolous legal entanglement
- 29 Prez on a fiver
- 30 "Cream of" concoction
- 31 Lonely place, so they say
- 35 Former
- 37 Part of rpm
- 39 Actress Russo
- 40 Bury
- 43 Frontier lawman Wyatt
- 46 HBO rival, briefly
- 47 French luxury retailer since 1854
- 50 Gives a hand

- 53 Celebrity socialite
- 54 One who stirs the pot
- 55 Former flier
- 57 "Live" sign
- 59 2011 Dolly Parton single, and what homophonically happens twice in 16-, 27- and 47-Across
- 63 Night before
- 64 Most authentic
- 65 Generation ___
- 66 "Lust for Life" singer Lana ___ Rey
- 67 How theater seating is arranged
- 68 Hurricane center

- 18 Coat named for an Irish province
- 23 "Music for Airports" producer Brian
- 24 Bra spec
- 26 Med. research agency
- 27 Tough spot to self-trim hair
- 28 Olympic swords
- 32 Simulated launch site
- 33 Taking a vacation, Brit-style
- 34 Lowly worker
- 36 English "L'chaim!"
- 38 Sitar master Shankar
- 41 Jan. and Feb.
- 42 Words introducing a plot twist
- 44 Road groove
- 45 Hit the buffet in a major way, say
- 48 "Scout's honor!"
- 49 Singer Turner
- 50 Played a part
- 51 Push roughly
- 52 Jason of "How I Met Your Mother"
- 56 Guthrie of folk
- 58 Like avocados ready for guacamole
- 60 Bi- plus one
- 61 Tree with elastic wood
- 62 WWII spy gp.

Down

- 1 Keeps to oneself
- 2 Early form of Latin jazz
- 3 Like the most twinkly sky
- 4 Boxing official
- 5 Musician's asset
- 6 "Can't deny that"
- 7 They might bring you to tears
- 8 Releases from a cage
- 9 Basketball's Erving, familiarly
- 10 Dry run
- 11 Italian lawn bowling game
- 12 Pricely
- 14 Gossipy sorts
- 17 Podded plants

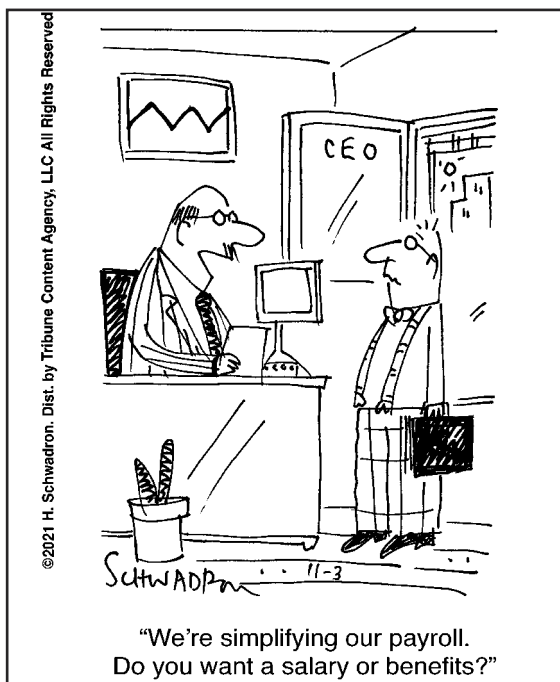
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Fast Facts

Sexual orientation laws in the world



9 to 5 by Harley Schwadron



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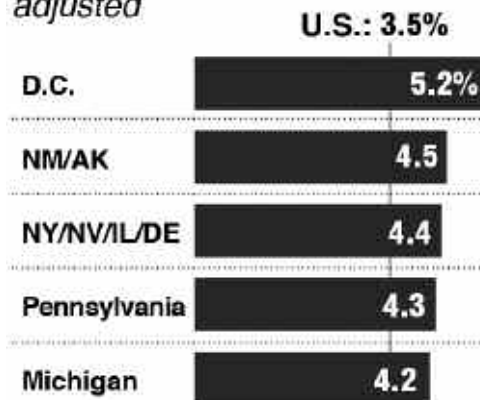
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Fast Facts

States with the highest unemployment

Percentage of civilian labor force that was unemployed, July 2022 average, seasonally adjusted



Graphic: TNS
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Argyle Acrostic

By Frank J. D'Agostino (solution page 24)

Find these words that are associated with cooking.

- Baking
- Baste
- Beat
- Boil
- Bowl
- Bread

- Broil
- Chef
- Chop
- Class
- Cups
- Gravy
- Greens
- Grill
- Knife
- Mash
- Meals
- Measure

- Meat
- Oven
- Pans
- Pantry
- Pepper
- Pots
- Puree
- Recipe
- Salad
- Sauté
- Skillet
- Soup

- Spice
- Spoon
- Stir
- Strainer
- Timer

Find Mr. D'Agostino's puzzle books on Amazon.com.



Walk for Freedom returns to Greenwich

On Saturday, October 15, people in hundreds around the world will join the 8th annual Walk For Freedom. The event is a collective effort led by A21, a global nonprofit organization determined to eradicate human trafficking through awareness, intervention, and aftercare.

Walk For Freedom is A21's global response to human trafficking, raising awareness and funds for the millions enslaved in the world today.

Angela Lynds will be hosting a Walk For Freedom in Greenwich that begins at Mowry Park and ends back at Mowry Park. In the lead up to the event, she's looking for local businesses and organizations who are willing to support the walk, or donate goods and services to our cause. All proceeds will contribute to A21's contin-

ued efforts to Reach, Rescue, and Restore lives.

Everything counts, from walk sponsorship to food and beverage donations, or items that can be used as a prize for walk participants. The group greatly appreciates your support.

They are expecting to have 50 people attending our event. This year they aim to raise even more awareness and funds to abolish slavery everywhere, forever.



A scene from last year's event

To participate in and/or support the walk, contact WFF-GreenwichNY@gmail.com.



Olde Saratoga Seniors

The first meeting of the Olde Saratoga Seniors for the 2022-23 year will be held on Wed., Sept. 7, at 12 noon at the First Creek Rod and Gun Club. The club will provide the meat and the seniors will bring something to share, including salads and desserts. Entertainment by the Cloggers will be provided. For more info, contact Pat Temple at 518-338-2329.

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Choral Society kicks off season

After being unable to hold a concert the past two years, the Community Choral Society will begin its fall 2022 season on Sunday, September 11th at 6:00 p.m. at the Jacob's Well Fellowship Center, 29 West Main St. (based in Cambridge between Glens Falls National Bank and Cambridge Village Market, set back from the road). All singers are invited to gather for a meet and greet time and first rehearsal details. All other rehearsals will be held from 6-8 p.m. on Sunday evenings at the Jacob's Well fellowship Center. There is no obligation to join at this meeting....just come and

see if you would be interested.

Returning and new singers are welcome to join. The Community Choral Society is an organized group of singers who come together to sing and perform choral music. Singers take an active role in the singing process, while fostering a sense of community. The choral singing experience is an effort focused on the group as a whole, and places emphasis on music singing/music theory skills. Singers will perform a variety of sacred selections appropriate for the season.

The group is presently looking for a paid

piano accompanist. If interested call one of the numbers below.

The chorus will be under the direction of Mrs. Jill Chadwick. A native of the Cambridge area, Mrs. Chadwick teaches Elementary Classroom Music at Cambridge Central School. New singers are welcome to join. No experience or audition is necessary. For more information please contact Jill Chadwick at 677-7070 or Beverly Colamer at 677-3327.

Genuine college advice (for once)

Cody Fitzgerald

Journal & Press

If there was a prize for giving very questionable, unqualified, unsolicited advice with ulterior motives behind doing so, Dr. Phil would be able to retire. That being said, I'd be able to take his show. I've come out here several times to give advice regarding school, jobs, relationships, etc., and typically it is coming from an inexperienced voice and coaxed with some level of irony. While I can assure you the irony is not going away, I can at least now say that I do have some experience as I type this about to go into my second year of college fresh out of a relationship and with no more than \$600 to my name, so I'm slightly less unqualified. Today, let's go through some (genuine) advice for people going into their first year of college.

- Make sure you walk your schedule the first day before classes, because if not you can (and will) walk into the wrong class and sit there until the name of the course is casually dropped by the professor. Or, in my case, twice.
- The syllabus for every class is almost always 10x scarier looking than the class actually is.
- There is inevitably a party scene on campus, and with that means apple juice will likely be served. For reputational purposes, I am going to abstain from giving you advice on whether or not to attend these apple juice parties, but please, if you find yourself there, know what your apple juice tolerance is.
- Now is the time to try out some new clothes, or a new hairstyle.
- If you want to work in college, I would never tell you it's a bad idea to do so. However, if work is coming at the expense of your free time, self care, or time with friends, it's time to cut back or quit altogether.
- You will never, ever, need every book your professors require. Wait until the first day of classes before you drop \$200 you do not have to.
- If you are an exception to this, then that is great, but 9 times out of 10 you will think your orientation group is going to be your clique for the entirety of college, and beyond Halloween you will not speak to any of them ever again.
- If you can't afford a parking pass, or just

can't bring yourself to drop the insane amount that they are charged for, buy parking tickets off of other people that have gotten them. Public safety usually has a rotation of different colored tickets that they put on cars, so figure that out, and then put the existing parking tickets on your car so when they drive by, they think they've already ticketed you. Or just buy a parking pass, I guess.

- You are a grown adult capable of making decisions and deserving respect, and with that, do not allow your professors to walk all over you. It's not often you have this problem, and most are pretty great, but if they need a casual reminder that you are not a child, you should let them know.
- Don't jump into a relationship immediately in college. You may think that you know who you are and that you're ready for something like that, but you're not. You have a lot of growth to do and you will walk out of your first year a completely different person.
- College is a place where a lot of people are figuring out who they are, and if someone is transitioning, or changing their pronouns, give that person the respect that you would want.
- At this point in your life, you already know what your favorite fast food place is, so you don't need to go out and taste all of them every week.
- You can say no if your friends want to hang out. You should absolutely go out and do things and have fun, but if you need a night off, you deserve one.
- You may want to find friends with similar interests to you, and while this could be the toxically extroverted part of me speaking, I've found that sometimes it is even more fun to find a friend that you share zero interests with.
- Keep a friend's number saved in your phone as "Mom," "Dad," "Boyfriend/Girlfriend/Partner," etc. and say you "need to make a call to someone important" if you ever need to get out of a situation, albeit for safety or just comfort reasons.
- Try a class that might be a little out of your comfort zone, you might develop a new interest.
- Don't try to be popular, because to put it bluntly, no one cares.
- Peer pressure is a real thing, and some-

thing you should look out for.

- You should join a club, but not for the sake of joining a club. Everyone is going to tell you how important it is to do so, and I won't argue that it has benefits, but don't sit in a knitting club if it's not something you care about.
- While I am the last person to preach about saving money and "being responsible," there is some truth to the fact that you do not need to go out every single night and blow all of your money, and you're going to be a lot more comfortable having money to fall on.
- With respect to the previous piece of advice, it's also important to know the middle ground. Yes, don't blow every single dollar to your name, but remember that you will make the money back. If there's a concert, event, or

'If you happen to find yourself at a party, do not accept apple juice from anyone.'

gathering you want to attend but the price looks kind of daunting, DO IT.

- If you happen to find yourself at a party, and they are serving apple juice, DO NOT accept apple juice from anyone. You may think that you trust this person, it does not matter. Do not accept apple juice from anyone.
- Now is the perfect time to thin the herd on the people from back home, there may be some friends/family that you no longer wish to affiliate with, and there is no better time to cut them off than now. It is important to keep in contact with the ones you still want to see, though.
- Eat your vegetables.

There you have it, hopefully with these tips and tricks you can have a successful freshman year of college and find yourself in a slightly better position the next summer.

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Those who have borne the battle

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The shelves are full of books about the battles of the Civil War. I read many of them during my military and academic careers. Inevitably they are about the military or political struggles, grounds that I have covered many times over the years in various writings. There is always more to plumb from the depths of history, and occasionally there are periods in which new discoveries, studies, or the sudden removal of blinders give us new understanding. The recent removal of blinders (which we allowed the United Daughters of the Confederacy to place on us starting in the 1890s) allowed us as a nation to finally acknowledge what former Confederate General James Longstreet long maintained about the Civil War – “If it wasn’t about slavery, then I don’t know what else it was about.” As we grow and learn as a people, historical facts may not change, but the perspectives from which we view can, and often do.

One area that there are not tons of books about is the struggles of Civil War veterans, an area which I focus much of my military reading on these days. As I see the struggles of Post-9/11 war veterans, I cannot help but think that 150 years ago, there were not even the most basic veteran support structures we see today. Before the Civil War, the United States had 80,000 surviving war veterans – from the Revolution, the War of 1812, and the Mexican War. After the Civil War, the United States had 1.9 million war veterans – and that was just those who served the United States. Those who threw in their lot with the slave-holding states and took up arms in rebellion did not receive any federal benefits until 93 years after the end of the war, after the last confirmed survivor of the Con-

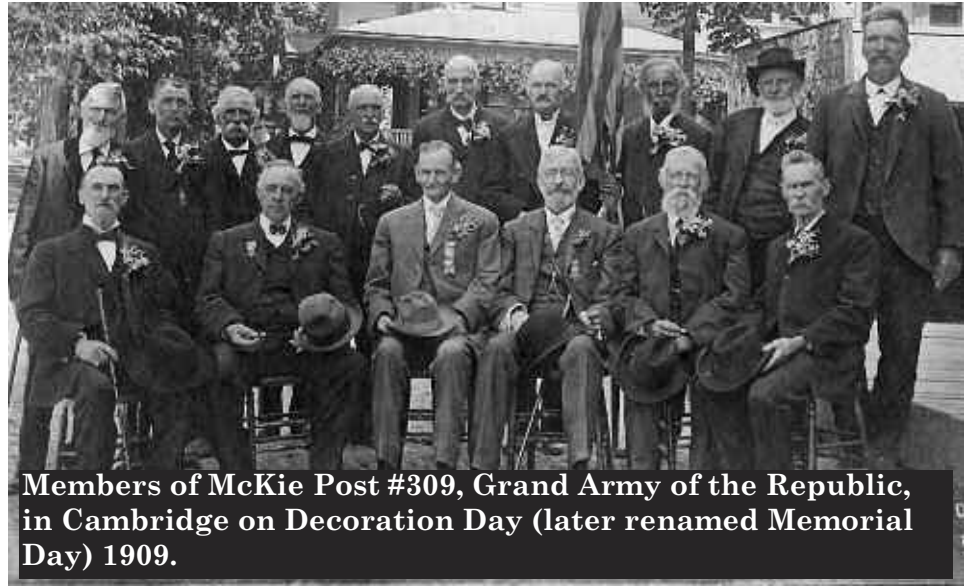
federate military had passed away.

America had a rudimentary system of veteran care, having had Soldiers’ Homes for indigent veterans organized after the War of 1812 and again after the Mexican War. But the sheer scale of the Civil War rendered that system obsolete almost immediately as ill and wounded veterans streamed home from the battlefields. The stream had become such that by 1862, Congress passed the General Pension Act which allowed disability payments based on rank and degree of disability – and this included illnesses in addition to wounds. This was significant, as illness felled more Union soldiers than battle wounds.

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Importantly, in 1865 Lincoln created the “National Asylum for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers,” a precursor to today’s Department of Veterans Affairs. The first home was established in a failed hotel resort in Togus, Maine, and rapidly expanded into eleven veterans’ homes. While there were many limitations, including the still relatively primitive state of medicine compared to today, and unenlightened perspectives regarding mental health treatment, by the time World War I ended in 1918, Soldiers’ Homes were providing at least a comparable level of medical care to what for-profit equivalents were providing.

With this as background, I recently came upon a list of those in Washington County, New York who were receiving pensions during the post-Civil War period. It does provide a bit of a look into the world that our local veterans were a part of. There were approxi-



Members of McKie Post #309, Grand Army of the Republic, in Cambridge on Decoration Day (later renamed Memorial Day) 1909.

mately 300 pension recipients on the list. In my corner of the county, Cambridge, including West Cambridge, Coila, and Center White Creek, there were 30 who were receiving pensions after the Civil War. Of those 30:

- 12 pensions were for combat wounds
- 6 pensions were to War of 1812 survivors
- 5 pensions were for war-related disease or non-combat injury
- 4 pensions were to widows (2 Civil War, 2 War of 1812)
- 3 pensions were for dependent mothers

Albert Chapman received the highest pension, at 24 dollars per month, for “malaria poison and dis[eased] lung.” He was followed by Charles Baker for “loss of right eye, impaired vision” and Theodore Wallace for “Severe deafness in both ears,” who each received 18 dollars and 75 cents per month.

Common names for the Cambridge area showed up on the list, for instance, the Robertsons. David Robertson was drawing a pension as a War of 1812 veteran as of 1872. By 1878, Mary Robertson was drawing a pension as a widow of a War of 1812 veteran.

I suspect there were many more

who were entitled to pensions than were on the pension list. Much like today, I suspect that knowing of entitlements and knowing how to file for them was not the easiest process in the second half of the 19th Century. Heck, it can seem complex today despite living in an “information age”- one can only imagine how difficult it was to obtain information and navigate bureaucracy from a small rural farming community.

It is my hope one day to peruse the records of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Civil War veterans’ organization, specifically John W. McKie Post #309, which was the post which existed right here in Cambridge until 1924. I think, as is the goal of any historian, that would help bring the struggles of these most honorable of ancestors to life. And by doing so, it will help meet the larger goal of shedding perspective, if not light, on the struggles of a current generation of veterans.

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Tractor Parade date, details announced

The 10th Annual Holiday Lighted Tractor Parade, presented by the Greater Greenwich Chamber of Commerce, is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 19, at 6:00pm in the Village of Greenwich, NY.

This annual kick-off to the holiday season, which has been faithfully supported by the community and Chamber members since 2013, has become one of the largest events in Washington County and, unofficially, the largest parade of its kind in the country. It is estimated that 10,000 people attended the parade in 2021 to view over 60 tractors and displays travel through the heart of the village.

“Last year’s Tractor Parade was beyond our expectations in many ways,” said Kelly Eustis, Managing Director of the Greater Greenwich Chamber of Commerce. “We expect 2022 to be just as big and well supported than years prior. Not holding the parade in 2020 was a loss but 2021 showed this beloved holiday event continues to be a staple of the greater Greenwich area.”

Tractors will line up and depart from the Greenwich Central School parking lot and will return to the school for an awards ceremony to announce the first and second place winning entries in each of the eight categories. Judging and the announcing of tractors will take place along the parade route at the grandstand, located at the corner of Main and Hill streets.

Entries to participate in the parade are currently being accepted by the Greater Greenwich Chamber of Commerce and are available online at GreenwichTractorParade.com.

Activities will take place during the afternoon and food trucks will be placed at various locations in the village. Local shops and restaurants will be open and the Chamber encourages attendees to “shop local” to support small businesses.



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The Chamber is excited to announce that children will be able to meet and have their picture taken with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

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