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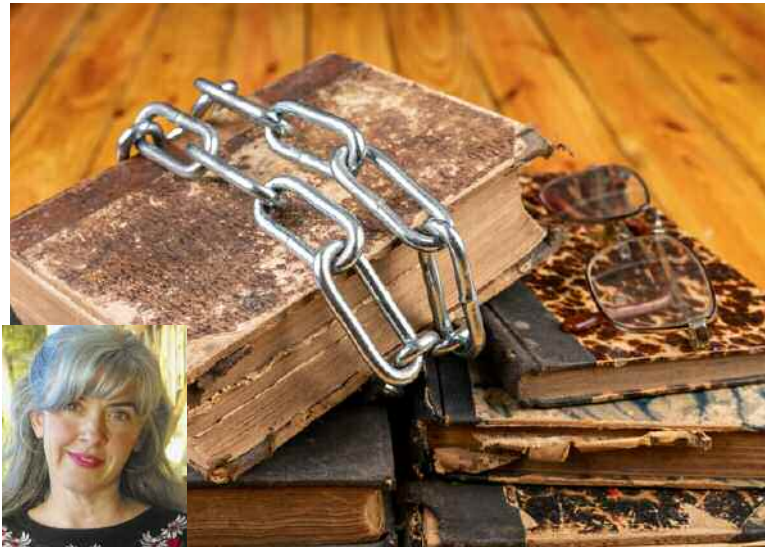
Our reporter Samantha Simmons has been covering the Schuylerville beat, and attending a unique monthly gathering there. She writes: "This month's Community Conversation was nothing short of being full of new ideas and events going on during the fall months in the Village of Schuylerville and the surrounding area."



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### Banned books

Greenwich Free Library's Sarah Murphy tells us why we should celebrate Banned Books Week: "The library will highlight books that have appeared on banned books lists. You will not like them all. I will not like them all. We do not need to read them all, but I hope that we can agree not to dictate whether our neighbors can read them."



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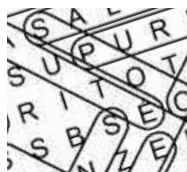
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## Cheerleaders win big in pre-season camp

**Kate Sausville**  
*Journal & Press*

The Greenwich Central School's cheerleading team recently attended a pre-season camp, run by the Universal Cheerleaders Association (UCA.) The UCA was founded in 1974 to provide educational training for cheerleaders including high skilled stunting to lead the crowds in cheer and spirit. The UCA runs a variety of camps throughout the year, where cheerleading teams can work on their skills and routines. They also hold cheerleading competitions throughout the year, including their showcase competition held at Walt Disney World in Florida and televised on ESPN.

The Greenwich team is coached by Bonnie Boddery. When Bonnie started coaching 10 years ago, cheer was not considered an athletic team. That changed in 2014 when the state Board of Regents recognized cheerleading as a sport. This meant that cheerleaders have the same rules and regulations as the other teams as well as their own competitive events. When asked why she took on the coaching position, Coach Boddery said she loves cheerleading, and was a cheerleader herself for all four years of high school. In 2002, she along with two other community members started the Greenwich Youth Cheer program. Her daughter Emilee English now runs the youth program.

As Cheerleading was so recently recognized as a sport, Bonnie said a lot of people are not aware it is its own event. While the

cheer team doesn't go head to head with another team each week, their competitive season starts halfway through the winter season. While most sports have four or more classes based on school size, cheerleading has 2. Division 1, which is a school that has 750 students or more, and Division 2 which is 749 and below. There are large squads with 16 or more cheerleaders, as well as co-ed cheer teams. Unlike other sports, the cheer team doesn't have a bench to pull from if a member gets ill or injured. The girls learn to be mentally tough and make adjustments.

While cheering is an obvious part of the sport, stunts and tumbling are what sets it apart. Coach Boddery says the tumbling is difficult as this area does not have gymnastics available for younger children. Tumbling can be challenging to learn at the Varsity level. Despite this challenge, the team has improved each year. In 2020 they placed 3rd at the Scotties Showdown in Ballston Spa and 4th in Sectionals. In 2022 they placed 2nd at the Broadalbin-Perth Bonanza.

In 2017 Coach Boddery attended the UCA camp, held in Brant Lake, NY for the first time. That year just three girls on the team attended with her. They learned a lot and had a great time. Each year the number of



girls who attend camp has risen. During the camps they learn new dances, cheers, and safe stunting techniques. Not surprisingly there is also a lot of team building. The girls learn they are athletes, spirit raisers, and ambassadors for their school and community.

This year Coach Boddery took 12 girls to camp. They won the Crowd Leader trophy, the superior gold ribbon for sideline and cheer evaluation, and blue superior ribbon for camp dance. They also took home the Leadership Plaque, which is given to the team that demonstrates the four aspects of leadership as defined by the NFHS (National Federation of High Schools): communication, problem solving, motivation, and team building. All of those awards pale in comparison to the most coveted camp award, the spirit banana. The spirit banana is an inflatable banana awarded each day to the team that shows the most spirit and enthusiasm for the day. The team who wins it on the last day gets to take it home. The team earned it twice during the camp, and were able to take it home.

As with any successful athletic team, a lot of work goes on during the off season. Weight lifting, gymnastics/tumbling, and dance classes all help the cheerleaders stay in shape for their competition season. Camp helps pull all of those skills together and prepares the team to compete at a high level.



*Kate Sausville is a resident of Greenwich.*

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# Schuylerville looks forward to autumn

**Samantha Simmons**  
*Journal & Press*

This month's Community Conversation was nothing short of being full of new ideas and events going on during the fall months in the Village of Schuylerville and the surrounding area.

On September 24, you can officially "kick it" at Kickstart Café. The café, located at 33 Ferry St. will be having its grand opening later this month. The shop will be serving coffee, tea, and breakfast sandwiches. Their coffee blend comes from a local roaster, Iron Coffee Co. out of Hoosick Falls. Stop by on the 24th from 10 am to 5 pm to try the newest spot in the Village.

Bound by Fate has all sorts of new ideas brewing. Pam Pradachith-Demler, co-founder and CEO of the brewery is typically the face of the business at these meetings. She shared that many of the local businesses are always conjuring up ideas on how to make Schuylerville better with events.

"October is a fantastic month with lots going on," Pradachith-Demler said. During the month of October, downtown Schuylerville will be filled with scarecrows, sales, and special events to allow those who live here and those just stopping by to "Fall into Schuylerville". The month-long event is a "campaign to celebrate the entire fall season in Schuylerville and make it simple" said Pradachith-Demler. This is a volunteer run event, meaning any business in the downtown region can join and participate in the fall-festivities.

The businesses are hoping to make this event a tradition and create new buzz in the village.

Mary and Dave Roberts made and have supplies available for those interested in having a scarecrow as a part of the fall festivities happening in the village. Pre-made ones will be offered to businesses first and then will be available on a first come, first serve basis.

Todd Shimkus, the President of the Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce was eagerly urging residents to submit ideas for upgrades to the area along Broad Street and Route 4 from Stewart's to Byron's and from Amigo's to the Basin Grill on Route 29. The area mapped out is required to be a small, walkable area. The NYS Forward Grant would grant the winning community \$2.5 million and \$4.5 million in funding to make upgrades to the area. The application is due September 24. Shimkus said "the number of ideas is more important than the quality. It shows community engagement in the project." Ideas must be submitted by email on September 14 at [sthorton@saratoga.org](mailto:sthorton@saratoga.org). Ideas can include side-



**Dave Roberts addresses the group. Scan below for tickets to Tasting on the Hudson.**



walk repairs, signage, sculptures, funding towards getting the master plan at Fort Hardy underway, etc.

If the funding is obtained, a NY forward planning group will be assembled by Mayor Carpenter. This project, if completed, will leverage other investments in the future for the community.

After over 20 years of the Village staying on GE and receiving helpful and quiet support from them and the EPA for a report of what is found in the original Champlain Canal, it is finally done. A 240-page report shows what is in the canal which helps to understand how to move forward with dredging of the canal. Julie Stokes, who shared this information said, if the water is lowered then Schuylerville can be turned into a four-season destination with ice skating in the winter.

Along with all the fall festivities happening in the month of October, the Schuylerville Lions Club is partnering with Hudson Crossing Park to host Tasting on the Hudson on Saturday, October 1 from 3 to 6 pm at Hudson Crossing Park. On site will be local restaurants and food vendors and booths with wine, beer, and hard cider from local distributors.

In the community, there is a new minister, Nancy Russel, at the United Methodist Church. Susan Kerr is the newest Reverent at the Old Saratoga Reformed Church. Sunday, September 17 will be her first mass in the community.

The United Methodist Church will be holding a yard sale on Saturday, Sept. 17 from 9am to 3 pm. Breakfast sandwiches will be available during the event along with the opportunity to chat with the new minister. They will also be hosting a 'trunk-or-treat' event at the end of Oc-

tober. Keep an eye on their Facebook page for more details.



The new visitors center on Ferry St. is almost ready to open. Currently, they are laying a new walkway out front coming from the side and the front of the building. One community member in the group offered that everyone "ogle at the sidewalks" on their way out. The center is scheduled to open on October 8.

A representative from the Schuylerville Public Library shared that now that school is back in session, after school programs will be starting back up. A few programs for teens and kids are movie making and puppet production programs. More events and activities can be found online on the calendar

At Revibe, a gift shop and wellness center, Patti Smola, a hypnotist said the shop is stocking up on products and has added a few more vendors to the list of all-women vendors in the store.

The Adirondack Welcome Circle of Glens Falls is asking for families or organizations who are interested in sponsoring refugees from Ukraine. The spokesperson for the organization in attendance shared that given the current climate, "there are more refugees in the world than ever before" and "it will affect our community eventually." More information can be found at [adirondackwelcomecircle.org](http://adirondackwelcomecircle.org).

The Climate Smart group has started meeting again. After the pandemic put a halt to the growing group, they are back in session. A meeting was held on September 12. The group is geared towards getting Schuylerville registered as a climate smart community and becoming more environmentally green.

# 'Thistle' be Argyle's event of the year!

The Town of Argyle is holding its 2nd annual Thistle Day gathering on Saturday, September 17, 2022

The festivities start at 11:00AM with a car show at the Argyle Presbyterian Church on Main Street.

From 3PM to 9PM, in the field at 10 Main Street there will be Food Vendors, craft beer and spirits vendors, live music by "Simple Beggars", Horse Drill Team demonstrations, Pony Rides, a Scottish Throwing exhibition by the Empire Throwing Club (and folks can try their hand at all the throwing sports as well.) There will be Scottish games and crafts for the kids.

At 4:30 PM the parade will step off. The route begins on Route: Rt 197 north of the Village near Saunders Transmission. The parade proceeds down Main Street (Route 40) to

Barkley Ave. and then Lufkin Way, ending in the field at 10 Main Street. There will be great viewing along Main St. and Barkley Ave.

At dark there will be a great fireworks display, visible from almost anywhere in town but spectacular in the 10 Main Street field, and a bonfire to top off the evening.

Admission and parking are free. Coolers are welcome, Folks can bring their own food and drinks if they wish. Folding chairs are recommended.

We have plenty of vendor spaces still available and people/organizations are encouraged to participate in the parade.

Contact the Town Clerks Office for parade and vendor



information: (518) 638-8681.

Contact Lou Hoffis for more information on the Car Show (518) 577-9916.

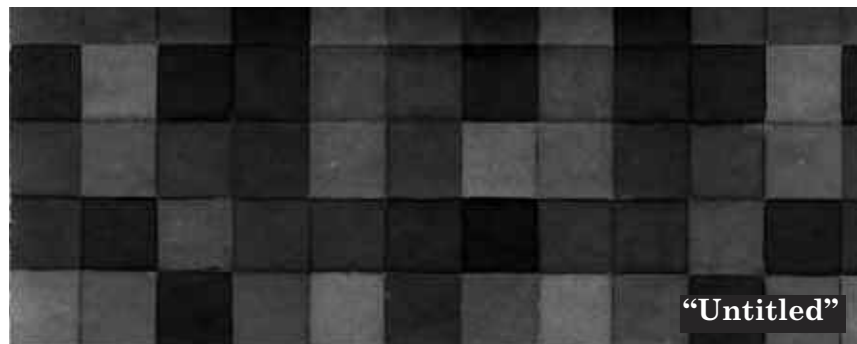
## Art show at HVCC

"Simple Forms and Complex Systems," an exhibition of recent work by Photographer Gregg Stanger, opens Thursday, Sept. 22, in The Teaching Gallery at Hudson Valley Community College. The day's events – a talk by the artist at 3 p.m. in the Bulmer Telecommunications Center Auditorium and an opening reception from 4 to 6 p.m. in The Teaching Gallery, located in the Administration Building on the Troy campus – are open free to the public.

With a background in fine art and biology, Gregg Stanger's artwork merges traditional photographic processes with geometric abstraction to explore the relationship between order and disorder. This exhibition includes collages on stretched linen canvas and cyanotype grids on handmade paper, traditional materials that Stanger says "add an additional layer of complexity" to his work that is "inspired by the seemingly unpredictable outcomes of complex systems."

## Olde Saratoga Seniors

The next meeting of the Olde Saratoga Seniors will be held on Wednesday, September 21 at 12 noon at the Town Hall, Spring St., Schuylerville. It will be a sandwich luncheon with desert provided. New members are always welcome. For more information, contact Pat Temple at 518-338-2329.



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## Obituaries

# Sarah (Sally) Eleanor Perkins Small, 85

Sarah (“Sally”) Eleanor Perkins Small, age 85, passed away peacefully in North Reading, Massachusetts, on Saturday, August 27, 2022.

Sally was born in Arlington, Mass., to Marion Hubbard Perkins and Edward Woodbury Perkins, the eldest of three children. She grew up in Weston, Mass., but spent weekends at her maternal grandparents’ farm in Hancock, N.H., where she enjoyed working with the draft horses, haying, and swimming in Lake Nubanusit. She admired and loved her “Grandma Hubbard,” Irish-immigrant Katharine Darcy Hubbard of Galway, who ingrained in her an exceptional work ethic and a can-do spirit.

While attending the University of New Hampshire, Sally spent a summer in Norway, an experience that gave her a love for travel and an appreciation for other cultures. At UNH, she also met and fell in love with fellow student Jefferson (“Jeff”) Albert Small of Shushan, N.Y. Following graduation, they

were married on April 9, 1960, in Weston, and for two years, Sally and Jeff lived in Albany, N.Y., where she utilized her BA in Sociology while working as a social worker at the YWCA. In 1962, the couple moved to Barrington, R.I., where they raised their three daughters.

Sally was a strong believer in serving her community and led by example. Among other roles, she was a Girl Scout leader for many years, a member of the Barrington Junior Women’s Club, and an active volunteer for state and local political candidates who supported the environment and women’s rights. Her appreciation for the preservation of the past resulted in her serving on the Barrington Cemetery Commission until the death of her husband in 2016. However, Sally’s biggest passion was for the Daughters of the American Revolution. She served in multiple positions for both the Bristol Chapter and the Rhode Island State Chapter, and often traveled to Washington, D.C., as a representative at conventions.

She frequently shared her love for and skill as a genealogy researcher, helping over one hundred ladies trace their ancestry in support of DAR membership and aiding countless inquirers from as far away as Europe.

One of Sally’s great joys was spending summers at Jeff’s boyhood home in rural Shushan, N.Y., where she enjoyed cookouts with friends and family, canoed on the Battenkill River, picked and preserved berries, and attended the Washington County fairs and carnivals.

Sally is survived by her three daughters, Jerilyn (“Jeri”) Small Dunphy (Andrew) of Fairfax, Va., Jennifer Jane Small of Wilton, N.Y., and Katharine Faith Small (Robert Hebert) of Stoneham, Mass., as well as eight adult grandchildren through Jeri and Jennifer. She is also survived by her brother, Edward H. Perkins (Janet) of Stow, Mass., and numerous nieces and nephews and their children. She was predeceased by her husband Jeff in



2016, and her sister and best friend Jane Keiran in 2017 (William).

Sally will be cremated and privately buried beside her husband at the Woodlands Cemetery in Cambridge, N.Y. In lieu of flowers, her daughters are suggesting donations in her name to the Bristol Chapter of the DAR, c/o Meribeth Bowden, 70 Pearl Avenue, Rumford, R.I. 02916 or to the Shushan, N.Y., Volunteer Fire Department, Box 93, Shushan, N.Y. 12873.

A parting maxim she would most likely use is “Act well your part, there all the honor lies.”

## Corrections

In our last issue, we had eyeballed accidentally paved Boehringer Road in Greenwich and said it was about the length of a football field, but a reader pointed out it’s actually closer to 800 feet. Perhaps we’d meant the track that goes around the football field. In any case, it’s a small road.

We’ve also had more typos than usual the past couple of issues, as we’re using a new printer and designs templates, which hadn’t been autosaving corrections. Our last issue also ended up having some comics and puzzles missing, so we’ve added more to this issue. Hopefully they print OK.

We apologize for these various errors. Let us know if you see any, and we’ll correct the PDF, which is what is archived online forever for posterity.

## ‘Uncultivated’ by Neke Flora

The public is invited to the Valley Artisans Market’s “Small Gallery” for the Opening reception of “Uncultivated”, photography by Neke Flora on Saturday October 1, 2022.

The exhibit runs from September 30 through October 25, 2022, at 25 East Main Street (Rte 372) Cambridge, NY.

“Uncultivated” is a series of macro botanical photographs of plants commonly considered to be “invasive” here in the Northeastern United States. In many ways this work is a coming together of my experiences in photography, conservation, herbalism, and deep ecology.



## Mabel H. Keays, 86

Mabel H. Keays, 86, of Greenwich, passed away peacefully on Thursday, September 1, 2022, at her home while making her famous potato salad.

She was born May 15, 1936, in Pittstown, NY, to the late Frank and Edythe (Banker) Humphrey.

Mabel was a faithful member of the Centenary United Methodist Church and member of the Cambridge Valley Order of the Eastern Star and United Methodist Women. She served as the church secretary for many years, was a certified lay speaker and taught Sunday school for 17 years.

She was employed as an account clerk at the former Pleasant Valley Infirmary. Mabel was a hard worker her entire life, lessons learned from growing up on a chicken farm.

She was a wonderful mother and person and was always giving of her time. She always could be found volunteering at the church or giving others rides to doctors' appointments. She enjoyed knitting, donating her creations to those who needed them.

In her free time, she enjoyed canning vegeta-

bles, pickles, tomatoes, chili sauce and corn salsa.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her husband Preston Keays whom she married on March 6, 1954, as well as her daughter Barbara Keays.

She is survived by her longtime companion Butch Barbur; children, Daniel (Dianne) Keays of NM, Gerald Keays, Ronald Keays, Thomas (Sherry) Keays, and Karen Robison all of Greenwich; 13 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Mabel will be held at 11am on Thursday September 8, 2022, at the Centenary United Methodist Church, Greenwich, with the Rev. Melissa Weatherwax officiating. Burial will follow in the Greenwich Cemetery. A reception for family and friends will follow her burial in the church basement.

Family and friends may call from 10 to 11 prior to her service at the church. In lieu of flowers donations in her memory may be made to the United Methodist Christian Retreat at Skye Farm Camp, 1884 E. Schroon River Rd, Warrensburg, NY, 12885.

Online condolences and messages to the family may be made at [www.flynnbrosinc.com](http://www.flynnbrosinc.com)



## Millicent B. Lawrence, 95

Millicent B. Lawrence, 95, of Greenwich died peacefully August 27, 2022 after a wonderful life.

Daughter of Emma (Roseboom) and Harold Bentley, she was born on February 23, 1927 - the fifth generation born in her family's Westford, NY homestead. She graduated from Worcester High School and Cornell University. After college, she worked in NYC as an Assistant Buyer for the B. Altman & Co., Fifth Ave and then as Home Furnishings Coordinator at Celanese Corporation.

Millie married Dr. Clinton Edward Lawrence in 1958 and raised three children during her 22 years in Warrensburg, New York. Millie was active on the WCS school board and served as president. She was instrumental in forming the Warrensburg Scholarship Association. A businesswoman at heart, she operated Doc's Ski Haus, was secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, and served on the Advisory Board for Evergreen Bank. From 1968-1990's, she most loved family time driving throughout the US in a Dodge motorhome exploring national parks and points of interest.

In 1980, her deep concern for sustainability led her to help design and build one of the first successful passive solar homes in NY. At her Greenwich home, she had large bountiful organic gardens, bees, Christmas trees, and crop fields. Millie advocated to preserve farmland and care for our earth for future generations. Millie loved Greenwich where she cherished friends and thrilled in building community by fostering neighborly relationships; she was a great conversationalist able to recall individuals' interests and enjoyed discussing politics, environment, solar power, education.

She worked tirelessly behind the scenes on the original production of 'Greenwich the Musical', helped tend community gardens and volunteered for various groups including the Greenwich Scholarship Committee. She had a welcoming smile, a great sense of fun, was a lifelong card shark (Hearts, "Group Solitaire"), and at age 91 enthusiastically learned pool.

She opened her home and heart to many she considered family: Keely Crawford and Kallen Dorset who lived with her family for six summers via the Fresh Air Program;



Yvette Jansen, her Dutch AFS daughter; and Ted Shuster, who lived with the family for five years.

She is survived by her children: Susan Wallace, Ted Lawrence (Mary Beth Porter), Beth Lawrence (Brad Zupp); grandchildren, Anne Wallace and John Wallace; plus nieces and nephews – all of whom she was very proud.

A celebration of life will be held 1-4pm September 17th, Ferndell Pavilion, Saratoga Spa State Park.



## Nearby Sounds

# Live music returns to Crandall Library

The Folklife Center at Crandall Public Library is excited to announce the return of free live music to Crandall Public Library.

We have scheduled two Live! Folklife Concerts this Fall, each for 2 nights at 2 locations, and have brought back the Bluegrass Music Jams on the first Thursdays of the months of October through March:

Symbio, a duo from Sweden, on Thursday September 15, 7 pm at the Library, and again on Friday, September 16, 7:30 pm at The Depot (Argyle Brewing), 6 Broad Street, Cambridge, NY, 518-677-7337.

Tommy Sands, legendary Irish singer, on Thursday, October 20, 7 pm at the Library, and again on Friday, October 21, 7:30 pm at The Depot.



Bluegrass Music Jams, hosted by Alan Epstein, on the first Thursdays of the month (Oct 6, Nov 3, Dec 1, Jan 5, Feb 2, March 2), 6:30 to 8:30 pm in the Library's Community Room. Bring an instrument and songs to share. All are welcome, pickers and listeners alike.

Symbio is regarded as one of the most prominent new bands from the Swedish Folk & World music scene. With their strong stage presence, original compositions, and a magical interplay of hurdy-gurdy and accordion - The duo surprises their audience and takes them on a moving and dreamy musical journey. [Read more at](#)



[www.symbiomusic.com](http://www.symbiomusic.com)

Tommy Sands, Northern Ireland's folk singer, songwriter and social activist has achieved something akin to legendary status in his own lifetime. From the pioneering days with the Sands Family, bringing Irish Music from New York's Carnegie Hall to

Moscow's Olympic Stadium, he has developed into one of the most powerful songwriters and enchanting solo performers in



Ireland today. His songs, like "There were Roses" and "Daughters and Sons" have been recorded by Joan Baez, The Dubliners and many others. He has hosted the radio show Country Ceili in Belfast since 1976, and in 2002 received an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Nevada, Reno for his work as a "musician and ambassador for peace and understanding." [Read more at](#) [www.tommysands.com](http://www.tommysands.com)

These live music events are produced by the Folklife Center at Crandall Public Library, and made possible with grant funding from the New York State Council on the Arts - Folk Arts Program, with the support of the Governor and the NYS Legislature.

## Letter to the Editor

# Thoughts on the Highway race

### To the Editor:

I was happy to see the Journal's interviews with the two candidates running for Greenwich Highway Superintendent. That we have two candidates before us is an affirmation of Greenwich voters' rejection of the notion floated by our former Supervisor that this position become an appointed one. With the chance to see what each candidate had to say about themselves, the voters are getting the information we need to make the best choice for this important job.

The election is a little more than two months away so we will certainly be learn-

ing more about the candidates and I am looking forward to that. But something in the interviews already leaped out at me. In the second interview with Glenn Davis, the Journal reported, "As he works a later shift at National Grid, he said he'd keep his job there, if elected."

This is very concerning. When do most storms occur, power lines get interrupted, trees come down on highways, roads get blocked, or snow has to be plowed to assure school buses can run and residents can get to work in the morning? National Grid is highly organized in a crisis- we have all

seen fleets of their trucks move in and out of crisis areas- where would Glenn Davis be when Greenwich needs him?

Mr. Davis's choice in this concerns me enough that my support is going to Stan Mattison, Jr. whose interview and experience convince me that he is well qualified and will be a good full-time Highway Superintendent.

**Sharon Kruger**  
Greenwich, NY



# Wilmarth lot under new ownership

Six months after a devastating fire reduced the historic Wilmarth Building to rubble, 126 Main Street in Greenwich, NY has new ownership. Flatley Read, Inc., a Community Development and Environmental Analysis Corporation based in neighboring Schuylerville, has purchased the property with the intention of reconstructing the historic 3-story brick commercial/residential building.

Originally constructed in

1892, the Wilmarth Building contributed to the Village of Greenwich's National Historic District designation. It was a great loss to the community and has left a visible gap in the Village. Now under new ownership, plans are being developed to restore the historic building.

"Flatley Read has provided community and economic development services to small communities throughout New York State for more than a decade, so

we are very excited to play a role in the revitalization of this downtown structure," said Flatley Read Vice President Drew Alberti. "Our intention is to reconstruct the historic brick façade and defining historic features, while incorporating 21st century building techniques to improve energy efficiency and reduce our carbon footprint."

"Growing up here, on the Flatley farm in Easton and visiting Grandma Read over on Simpson Street, I never would have dreamed that I would own one of Greenwich's prized properties," said Michelle DeGarmo, President of Flatley Read and GCS class of '95. "Our primary goal is to generate affordable rental units. We do not have an intended use for the commercial space at this time, but it is our hope that it will be businesses



that will contribute to the economic success of the downtown area."

Flatley Read, Inc. is a New York State Certified Woman-Owned Business operating out of Saratoga Town Hall in Schuylerville. The business provides a variety of services to municipal and non-profit organizations including community planning, grant writing and administration. The Wilmarth Building will be the first property in the developer's portfolio.



# Salem CSD community meeting

If you were not able to attend the community feedback forum hosted by Salem Central School District's Superintendent Julie Adams, on Wednesday, September 14, another community feedback forum will be held Saturday, September 17 at 10:00 a.m. in the Salem Jr./Sr. High School cafeteria. Those who attended Wednesday's meeting are welcome to attend. However, the same information will be discussed.

On Monday, September 26 at 6:00 p.m., a meeting to present Phase II of the district's capital project will be held in the Jr./Sr. High School library. The priori-

ties for this phase are safety and accessibility.

Parents and guardians of students in the district should also note the following meetings:

On Thursday, September 15, parents and guardians of elementary students are invited to parent information night at the elementary school. They will have the opportunity to meet the teachers, learn about their child(ren)'s daily schedule, expectations, goals, and more. This evening is for parents only and will have two sessions, a 6:30 p.m. to 7:10 p.m. session, and a 7:20 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. session to allow parents to visit more than

one classroom.

On Thursday, October 13 beginning 6:30 p.m., parents and guardians of students' grades 7-12 are invited for an evening to meet their child(ren)'s teachers, learn about their courses, expectations, goals, and more. Parents and guardians will get a feel of the "day in the life" of their child(ren) as they follow an abbreviated version of their child(ren)'s schedule.

We are pleased that we are able to hold our Board of Education meetings in person and are the regular board meetings are scheduled for the 2022-2023 school year as follows: Wednes-

day, September 21; Wednesday, October 19; Wednesday, November 16; Wednesday, December 21; Wednesday, January 18; Wednesday, February 15; Wednesday, March 15; Tuesday, April 25; Tuesday, May 9 (Budget Hearing); Tuesday, May 16 (budget vote and board meeting); Wednesday, June 21. Regular board meetings begin at 6:00 p.m. and are held at the Jr./Sr. High School.

Please be sure to visit the district's website [www.salemcsd.org](http://www.salemcsd.org) as additional meetings and events will be added throughout the school year.

# New programs at SUNY Adirondack

SUNY Adirondack announced the addition of Electrical Maintenance Technician Bootcamp to its Workforce Development course offerings. The course includes a toolkit for each student, as well as OSHA's Lockout Tagout (LOTO) certification training and examination.

Career services are embedded in the course and include presentations by area job centers and recruitment opportunities with local employers.

"With its new Maintenance Technician Bootcamp, SUNY Adirondack has taken a strong step in helping to fill a need for this skillset in the Capital Region, and in preparing students for ca-

reers in advanced manufacturing," said Jordan Steller, senior director of Human Resources at GlobalFoundries.

The Electrical Maintenance Technician Bootcamp is one of three 12-week courses offered by SUNY Adirondack's WRAP Reimagine grant, under the SUNY Reimagine Workforce Preparation Training Program, fully funded by the United States Department of Education as part of a \$18,067,845.02 award with 0 percent financed from state and/or non-government sources.

For no cost, qualified applicants can participate in workforce training programs in Electrical Maintenance, Sterile Processing or

Python for Data Analytics. Interested individuals must be at least 18 years old and have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

SUNY Adirondack successfully offered WRAP Reimagine-funded courses in 2022, in health care and information technology-related fields.

The Electrical Maintenance Technician Bootcamp is offered in person at SUNY Adirondack's Saratoga Center and teaches participants a strong foundation in basic math applications and conversions, measurement and scientific notation skills.

The course is held from 6 to 9

p.m. Tuesday and Thursdays from Sept. 27 to Dec. 12 at SUNY Adirondack Saratoga, 696 Route 9 in Wilton.

In Python for Data Analytics, which runs online from Sept. 26 to Dec. 21, SUNY Adirondack again joins forces with <can code> Communities to offer free grant-funded training.

In the Sterile Processing Technician course, which runs from Oct. 4 to Dec. 22, SUNY Adirondack partners with Saratoga Hospital to offer free grant-funded training.

To learn more about WRAP Reimagine Grant, please visit [www.sunyacc.edu](http://www.sunyacc.edu).

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### **The GREENWICH INTERFAITH FELLOWSHIP!**

The Greenwich Interfaith Fellowship (Greenwich NY) is a non-for-profit organization comprised of various religious organizations which sponsors interfaith services and community focused projects. This organization supports the Van-Go Transportation Service for medical appointments and grocery shopping and helps individuals and families who are in need throughout the greater Greenwich region as well as the local Meals for Kids Program. On Friday August 5th, the Greenwich Interfaith Fellowship held its 17th Annual Golf Tournament at the Battenkill Country Club and thirty teams participated on a perfect weather day. Thanks to generous support of the community, the tournament raised roughly \$11,700 that will support all the programs the Greenwich Interfaith Fellowship conducts throughout the year. Many in the community supported this event through hole and cart sponsorships, playing and volunteering. With the very generous support of 29 area golf courses, every team received a prize. The GIF is grateful to the entire community for such support outstanding!

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# National Voter Registration Day, Sept 20

Americans will celebrate National Voter Registration Day with a massive cross-country effort to register voters ahead of the hotly contested midterm elections. Every eligible American voter should have the option to exercise their right to be heard at the ballot box, and National Voter Registration Day is the right day to start by getting registered.

Communities across the country, in all 50 states and D.C., are planning to use National Voter Registration Day to get registered and get #VoteReady. 2022



also marks National Voter Registration Day's 10th anniversary. Thousands of national, state, and local organizations and volunteers will be the driving force be-

hind National Voter Registration Day 2022. Partner organizations will coordinate hundreds of National Voter Registration Day events on and offline nationwide,

and leverage #NationalVoterRegistrationDay and #VoteReady on social media to drive attention to voter registration. The Greenwich Free Library is proud to be a National Voter Registration Day partner.

Visit the Greenwich Free Library on Tuesday, September 20 between 5:00 and 7:00 pm to register to vote in the November 8th election. Remember that if your address has changed, you want to change your political party designation, or you are newly eligible to vote, you will need to register to vote. You can also pick up an

## Localvore potluck

Join with friends and community residents to celebrate the bounty of the season at the Cambridge Food Co-op's 'Localvore' potluck picnic on Saturday, September 17 from 4-6 p.m. at Railroad Park, across from the Co-op.

Similar to adherents of the "100-mile diet," a localvore is someone who eats only locally produced foods. There is no better time of year to find fresh locally produced food in the Cambridge area than now. Guests at the event are encouraged to take localvore eating to heart, and contribute a dish made from local ingredients.

This is a free event, featuring a pie judging contest as well as a pie raffle. You need not be a member of the Co-op to partake! This event is also a zero-waste event, and in addition to a dish to share, guests are asked to bring their own reuseable plates, cutlery, beverage container, etc. Local beer will be available for purchase at the Argyle Brewing Company. Please register for the event in the Co-op or on the Co-op's website here: <https://www.cambridgefoodcoop.com/events>

## Rough and Ready

The Washington County Historical Society and the Rough and Ready Engine Company will co-sponsor an open house at the Rough and Ready Engine Company Museum on Saturday, September 24th from noon – 4 p.m. The building is at 29 Main Street (Rte 372) in Greenwich. There will be two tours given by members of this historic engine company. The first tour will begin at 12:30 p.m. The second tour will begin at approximately 2:00 p.m.

The building was built as a firehouse in 1904 (the original Rough and Ready Company was formed in 1854) The village trustees, town clerk and police department moved into the building as well in 1905.

On display is a Button and Blake hand fire engine purchased from Porter and Grant dealership in Waterford, NY in 1899. The company has sponsored several muster competitions to see which of the competing companies had the record distance with their stream of water. The last muster was held in 2010 with companies attending from as far away as Bath, ME and Marblehead, MA.

In 2021 and 2022, the company has worked to restore the meeting room upstairs. The building also contained the temple for the Odd Fellows organization. Many members of the R and R also belonged to the Odd Fellows. The R and R also had ties to numerous people in the Greenwich commu-

nity including lawyer, O.K. Rice of the Rice Seed Company in Cambridge (where Varak Park is now)

In 1949, the Village of Greenwich purchased the former Greenwich Academy and the village offices, police department and fire department moved to the center of town.

The Rough and Ready Engine Company is a Washington County treasure. The museum is only open on a limited schedule. It is a fascinating bit of Greenwich's history.

The event is free and open to the public. Donations are gladly accepted. We hope to see you there to learn about history in your own back yard!

## Craft fair

Burgoyne Quality Hardware & Lumber would like to announce that they will be hosting a benefit craft fair for the SPCA of Upstate New York on Saturday, October 8th, from 10 am to 5 pm at their place of business, 3093 US-4, Hudson Falls, NY 12839.

Dozens of local artists and crafters will be selling unique, hand-made items.

There will be prizes, games, food, a bouncy-house, and face-painting for the kids. All proceeds go the SPCA of Upstate New York for their mission in

the prevention of cruelty to animals, and to promote the health and welfare of animals; responsible pet ownership, increasing awareness of the interdependence between humans and animals through education; to make available products and services that benefit the general well being of animals; and the care, protection and respect for all living in their environment.

For more information, contact Andy Daly at 518-747-6344 or email to [adaly@sqhinc.com](mailto:adaly@sqhinc.com)

## We bonded over numbers

**Jill Schlesinger**

*Special to Journal & Press*

When my 98-year-old mother in-law passed away this month, I thought back to the first time I met her.

It was Christmas 2002 and as I was walking into my future sister-in-law's house, a low and commanding voice asked, "Who set this table?" An embarrassed 40-year-old man sheepishly said, "I did--what's wrong, Ma?" "You did not do it correctly – here's where the spoon is supposed to go."

And with that, she rearranged the setting into the proper format, and then the offender followed her lead and corrected the other 17.

In that quick exchange, I knew that this woman and I would get along famously. Yes, I too noticed the error of the settings, but as the nice Jewish girl (a lesbian, no less!) making my "official" entrance into a large, Italian American family, I would be keeping my mouth shut, at least in the early days.

That Christmas story was not a Miss Manners etiquette moment; rather it highlighted her ability to spot and fix an error. What I soon learned about this powerhouse was that in addition to being the CEO and CFO of her household (one husband, five kids, two dogs), she was also the comptroller and cornerstone for more than 40 years of her husband's consulting engineering firm.

Although she never completed a formal college program in accounting, she had a

facility with numbers that was impressive, and a curiosity and competency that far exceeded what any degree might have conferred.

When she learned that I was a financial planner and money manager, she started sharing articles that she had clipped from newspapers that caught her eye. She explained that she managed the family's savings and paid the bills. Her husband wisely understood that she was far better at these activities than he was.

She would ask me questions about everything from Social Security to FDIC insurance to taxes. A child of the Great Depression, she was not interested in the stock market - or any asset that would expose the family's finances to risk. The one time that she purchased a stock mutual fund, the experience left her cold and little poorer.

Burned by the losses, she realized the best way to accumulate a long-term safety net was to work hard (she and my father in-law both worked into their 80's), save every month and live within their means.

I knew that I had wormed my way into her heart three and half years after I came onto the scene. She brought me upstairs to her home office and opened an old-fashioned ledger. In it, there was a detailed accounting of the E and EE bonds that she had purchased over the preceding 20 years. In that beautiful handwriting that seems like a throwback to another era, she had la-

beled the columns with everything that I needed: bond issue date, title, serial number, amount, and maturity date.

Her ask: Could I help her confirm if/when these bonds were still paying interest?

The savings bond project brought together two feisty, no-nonsense math-loving women. Our lives were so different, but our ability to bond over numbers allowed us to create a relationship of mutual respect and admiration that lasted 20 years.

After my father in-law passed away 11 years ago, she slowly started to lose some of her sharpness. She knew it and about 6 years ago, she handed me the ledger so that I could help her manage her money.

That job is now done, but this force of nature, this independent, strong, and devoted matriarch of a sprawling accomplished family, has left a beautiful legacy for all of us. Her ledger sits on my desk as reminder.

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## What is a watershed?

On Saturday September 24 from 2-5 PM Dionondehova Wildlife Sanctuary & School, in Shushan, is offering their *What Is A Watershed? Workshop* on the Sanctuary at 148 Stanton Rd. – off Route 61 between Route 22 and the hamlet of Shushan.

The 217 acres of the land trust actually drain into two watersheds. Primarily the Battenkill Watershed which empties into the larger Watershed of the Hudson River but also the Hoosick Watershed which, too finds its way to the Hudson and then all the way to the Atlantic Ocean.

The workshop will include a walk on the Sanctuary, discussion of human impacts of erosion and drainage on water-quality, then followed by the fun of drawing an

imaginary watershed where participants can apply what they've discovered.

This workshop is guided by Dionondehova co-founder and director, Bonnie Hoag, who has been studying water quality of the Battenkill since 1990 when she founded the Battenkill Conservancy as an organization to protect the River and its Watershed.

This may be considered useful preparation for the October 8 workshop "Geoengineering and the Hydrologic Cycle."

Pre-registration is required by phoning 518-320-0502 or emailing [dionondehova@yahoo.com](mailto:dionondehova@yahoo.com) with the word "Workshop" in the subject field. Cost \$45.



# Bohrer's legacy art sale at HSC

A "Rare Artist's Legacy Estate Sale" continues September 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.



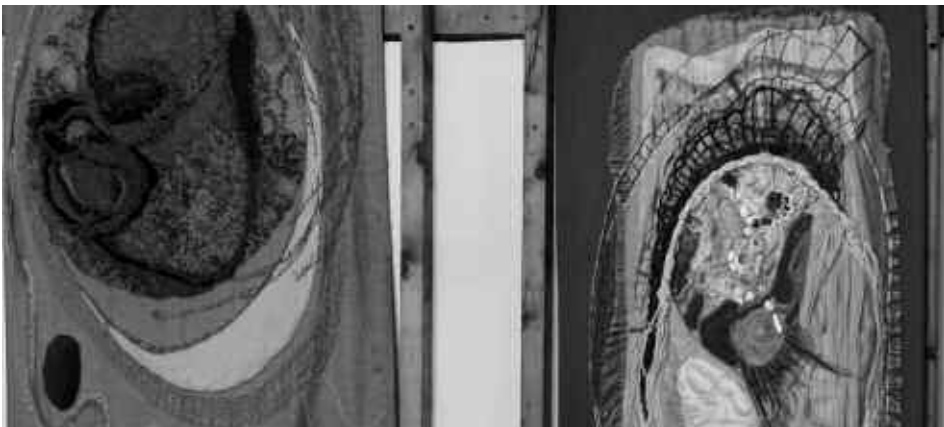
Joan Duff Bohrer was raised in New Jersey, she earned her undergraduate degree at Bucknell University and Master's degree from Rutgers University followed by independent study at Skidmore College. She is relinquishing her summer home and studio in Salem, NY to continue her creative endeavors exclusively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

She exhibits at Gasparilla Art Show in Tampa, Mainsail 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.

Duff Bohrer's work features strong color and a loose painterly style, characterized by a construction and destruction



## Chris Smith exhibit

Visit the "Small Gallery Exhibit: Christopher Smith, Painter & Illustrator" through September 27 at the Valley Artisans Market's "Small Gallery" on 25 East Main Street (Rte 372) Cambridge.



A reception was held for Smith on Sept. 3 (pictured; photo by Kristina Martin of Whistle Wing Prints).

Gallery hours at VAM are Wednesday through Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, please call Valley Artisans Market at 518-677-2765. To receive the monthly newsletter

for future shows sign up on their website: [www.alleyartisansmarket.com](http://www.alleyartisansmarket.com) or like them on Facebook at Valley Artisans Market.

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of drawings of unrelated objects, selected for their unusual shapes. The 'merging' process of these layers and shapes results in a large color composition that is dependent on imagination and chance. The artist is intent on the resulting painting having suggestions of human

relationships, choice, freedom and security.

The sale will be in the LL+P youth barn at the Historic Salem Courthouse 58 E Broadway, Salem, (518) 854-7053.



## Simon Says

**Michael Levy**  
*Journal & Press*

What this newspaper really needs is a good advice column.

Here are some imaginary questions as answered by Simon, the greatest advice columnist who never existed.

Dear Simon:

I live in Washington County, working remotely in a high-tech industry. I always have so many smart devices with me that I would be dumb without them. Also, I am the poster boy for being both green and eco-conscious. I drive an automobile from that billionaire's company that has been sending people intospace. I often worry endlessly about how my primarily online shopping habits are impacting the environment, especially when those big brown delivery trucks come to my house. Yes, I am a product of modern times.

But I have a genuine problem that I hope you can help me with. The other day, while driving my fully charged vehicle down a local road, I stopped at an Amish food stand to buy some fresh vegetables. In front of me was the most attractive young woman I have ever seen. I never believed in love at first sight before but seeing her turned that belief into a fallacy. This Amish woman smiled back at me, and I intuitively knew that she had experienced the same instant connection. We are soulmates!

The problem is that the Amish scare me. While the Amish are known for their simple living and plain dress, they live in a different century than us. They eschew many conveniences of modern technology as is evidenced by their use of horse and buggies for travel. The horse and buggy thing is disgusting, because as I drive around Washington County, I observe substantial amounts of horse manure being left along our roads. And it never gets cleaned up! It is not so bad when driving in an automobile, but it is another matter when you are bicycling along and hit a pile of it. And as an agnostic, I do not fully understand their *Gelassenheit* (or submission to God's will), and I never will. Plus, they have some very unusual styles for men's facial hair, differing from my own clean-shaven appearance.

So, what am I to do? I cannot give up my 21st century ways to be with my beloved, so



An Amish buggy recently in the online 'to-go' spot at Greenwich Hannaford.

how do I get her to "convert"? – Mr. Clean

*Simon says that once your heart goes Amish, there is no going back. There is a Mennonite codicil to this rule, but we will leave that discussion for another day.*

*It sounds like you have done research into the Amish lifestyle. And since you mentioned that you are agnostic, the religious aspect of Amish life might be the first dealbreaker that you will have to address. But even if you accept the religious differences, there are bigger problems on the horizon.*

*Amish people are not allowed to marry outside of their own. In fact, she may not even be allowed to marry an Amish man who is from another communion fellowship.*

*Is it wrong to fall in love with an Amish lady? The relationship could actually work. Maybe she really wants to leave the Amish way of life and you present her with a viable option. But if you two become a couple, she will lose her Amish family and will not ever again be allowed to eat at the same table as her parents and siblings. Since you are a total outsider, both of you will receive a tremendous amount of disapproval that will last for several generations.*

*Marriages between Amish women and non-Amish men do happen but one or the other must convert.*

*Even if you were to convert and the two of*

*you marry and have kids, the youngsters will not be part of their mother's family. Is that what you want for your bride and children?*

*My first instinct is to tell you to run away as quickly as you can and not get involved with this Amish woman. But Simon realizes that the heart wants who it wants. Please get some advice about Amish customs involving dating and marriage. I am sure that there must be another outsider who has fallen in love with an Amish person who can give you sage insight and advice. But realize that each Amish community has its own way of doing things, so your mileage may vary.*

*If in any of your discussions with the Amish, you can make them do something about the horse feces on our roads, you will have done a great service for your fellow Washington County residents, and it was time well-spent.*

Dear Simon:

In a recently published article in the Journal and Press, I saw that the date for the 10th Annual Greenwich Holiday Lighted Tractor Parade is November 19, 2022. Last year's event was great, but it was hard to find a great viewing spot for the kids and the rest of the family. I noticed that several hours before the parade, some people were setting up folding chairs to "reserve" prime viewing spots for their return at the start of the pa-



# Saratoga Battlefield

# BBQ dinner

Saratoga National Historical Park is excited to announce special events in September!

September 19: We mark the 245th anniversary of the First Battle of Saratoga at 1:00pm with "One Continual Blaze": The Battle of Freeman's Farm, an illustrated program telling the story of the battle and its participants.

September 24: The Fife & Drums of Fort Ticonderoga will perform at noon. This program is made possible by support from the Friends of Saratoga Battlefield. All events will take place at the Visitor Center.

Saratoga National Historical Park preserves, protects, and interprets the sites associated with the battles, siege, and surrender of the British forces at Saratoga. The park encompasses five sites including the Saratoga Battlefield, General Philip Schuyler's House, Victory Woods, the Saratoga Monument, and Sword Surrender site totaling 3,579 acres. It was here in September and October 1777, during the American War for Independence, American troops battled and defeated the British inva-

sion force. A British Army surrendered, for the first time in history, on October 17, 1777. This crucial victory secured essential foreign recognition and support and boosted the morale of the American forces making it the turning point of the American Revolution.

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



The Salem Fire Dept. will be hosting a pre-sale drive through only Chicken or Rib BBQ on Sunday September 18, 2022 at the firehouse located at 53 South Main St. Salem, NY 12865.

Dinner would be either a: 1/2 BBQ Chicken or a 1/2 rack of ribs, baked potato, dinner roll, baked bean, & dessert.

Tickets are \$15.00 and are available at the Salem Hardware, A & J Agway, a firefighter, by calling 518-461-3317 or 518-321-9430.

## 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.

## (cont.)

rade. And when I went to a friend's house along the parade route to join them, people unknown to them had previously staked out all the viewing locations in front of their residence, forcing us to go elsewhere. What is the local etiquette for this?

-- Standing Up for My Rights

*Simon says what a great first-world problem to have! As far as Simon knows, Greenwich has no rules about parades, so he will apply some common sense to the problem that hopefully others will adopt. Watching the tractor parade should be a happy time and not a cause for conflict.*

*It is acceptable to stake out a good spot to watch the parade from and most people will honor your place holder, but they do not have to. So, if you show up and find someone is occupying the spot you wanted, take your chair, and move elsewhere. Locations along the parade route are public and the act of setting down your \$15 folding chair somewhere along the curb does not give you a guaranteed right to that space. Remember, it is not your space until you are there in the flesh. Simon's rule is that the first person to be physically present is the one entitled to stay.*

*There are rude people who plan to arrive at the last minute, intending to stand in*

*front of those who had arrived earlier hoping for an unobstructed view. If you arrive late for unintentional reasons, just find another location, or stand near the back of the crowd.*

*If you are in the front, remember those shorter people standing behind you and stay out of their line of vision. While it is nice to get video of the tractors, you must not obstruct the view of the folks behind you when you hold your phone high to film the parade. And if there are little kids present, let them get in front of you to see the parade—trust me, you will feel good about this the next day.*

*Do not block driveways or entrances of establishments that are open for business. Be considerate when finding a parking space and observe all parking laws and rules. Do not park in a private space without permission. In fact, stay off private property unless you have spoken to the owner.*

*Lastly, be friendly and make polite conversation with those next to you in the crowd. There are families with young children watching the parade, so watch your language and do not behave obnoxiously.*

In the future, if a reader needs advice for



a problem and subsequently submits a request in the form of a question, Simon will provide a response on a space permitting basis. Email your questions to Darren Johnson, Editor ([editor@journalandpress.com](mailto:editor@journalandpress.com)) and he will forward them to Simon. I am sure that Simon's answers will generate a lot of random thoughts!

*Michael Levy is a government manager residing in Greenwich. He is also a Commercial Pilot and a Ham Radio operator.*



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## Summer's best of weather

**Shirley Renauld**  
*Journal & Press*

The poem, *September*, by Helen Hunt Jackson, starts, "September days are here. With summer's best of weather, and autumn's best of cheer." It continues with what makes September. You could draw a picture of it or make it into a card to give to someone.

Then you could experience it, starting with a country walk and picking a wildflower bouquet. You can easily see "the gentian's/Wild Aster's bluest fringes", the whitish Yarrow with its small fern-like leaves, continuing Queen Anne's Lace and clover. It's probably best to leave the abundant, bright yellow goldenrod and the green-seeded ragweed because of people's allergies. The bright pink of thistles' blossoms are soft but with the thorny leaves, best to leave them to the birds and honeybees. But you'll have quite a bouquet when you add in the current garden flowers:

Black-eyed Susans, Cosmos, Sedum that's already starting to change color, even Hostas are flowering, Zinnias, Sweet William, Asters, Giant Marigolds, the fragrant Phlox (named by The National Garden Bureau as this year's flower and visited by hummingbirds), the dramatic Hydrangeas. Better have clippers with you for cutting sturdy stems. Cut long stems so you have room to attach name labels to them. Community offices like to have big bouquets on their front counters. Nancy sees the Coneflowers/Echinacea and Calendulas that are losing petals anyway so she picks the whole flower head to use for health benefits! Or you can just pull off all the petals and save the seed heads to start your collection of

seeds for next year.

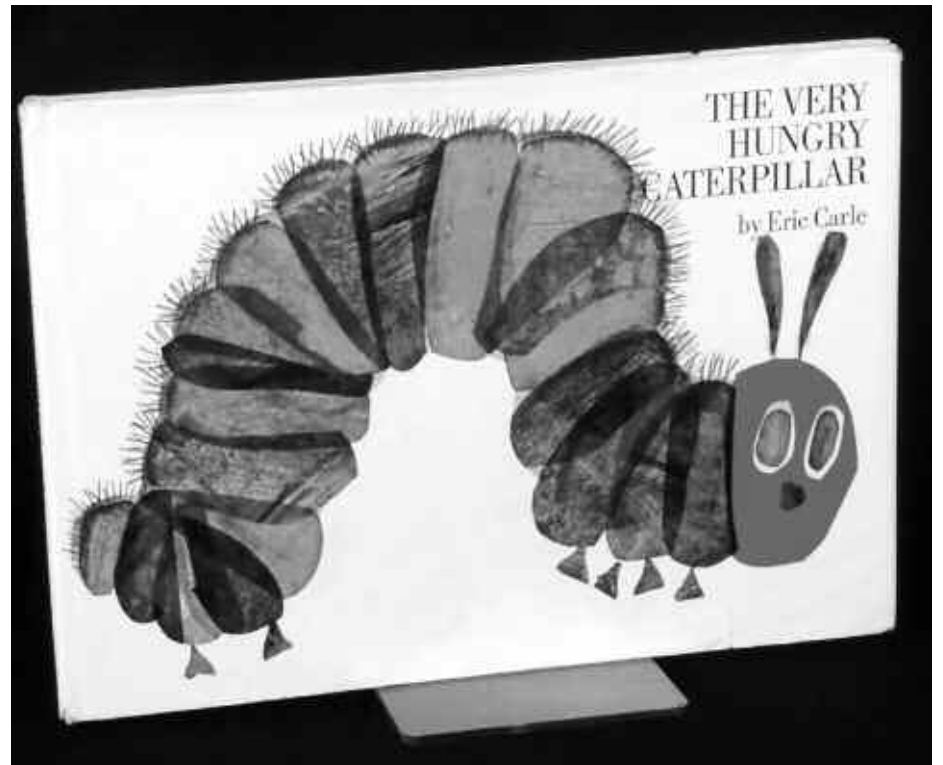
While you're out there picking you will also see lots of insects, eating, moving around or dead. Good time to collect and study them. Pin dead ones beside their names to make an ID board.

Do you remember all the Eric Carle books about insects? The popular *Very Hungry Caterpillar*: Draw the life cycle of the Monarch Butterfly to accompany it. Best of all would be to find one on a milkweed plant during your walks. And how exciting if you could put it in a "house" to keep feeding it fresh milkweed, watch it make its chrysalis, wait patiently for 21 days and finally see the monarch come out, then release it when it's dry so it can lay more eggs and later begin its migration. To do this is so rare now because there are so few milkweed plants – so we need to plant more! You might find caterpillars of green, yellow and black rings on the dill in your garden, too. They become the swallowtail butterflies.

**'You might find caterpillars of green, yellow and black rings on the dill in your garden.'**

Those fuzzy Woolly Bears don't make butterflies as you will learn from *Isabella Tiger Moth*. (But for those who look at signs in nature to predict weather, the light-colored midsection tells how long Winter will be.) You will find many of its cousins at nighttime, especially around lights or still asleep in the morning – even later than you! How special if you find a huge light green *Luna Moth* attached to your screen. Always look for those feathery antennae.

In *The Grouchy Ladybug*, Carle teaches us the value of sharing – and we can make La-



dybug Pancakes to share: save some batter to which you add red food coloring. Cut them in half and place them to be the wings on a plain pancake body. Chocolate chips can make the dots. And so many other beetles to find...

Easier to camouflage are Katydid (hi, Ms Katy), Walkingsticks, the well-named Grasshoppers, but not so *The Very Quiet* (black – and quiet until it found friends) Cricket. So many kinds of bees: The sweetest are the honeybees (right, Bob?). But in Carle's *Honeybee* and the *Robber*, what is the robber? The wasps??

Do they give us anything more than stings? You found ants on your walks: helping to decompose wood into soil in the woods Better to see tunnels and rooms of their anthill/apartment in the meadow than to invade their home by stepping or tripping on it! Near water we see Dragonflies. Cut out a heavy-paper one and attach a penny to each set of wings so you can balance it on your finger to make it

fly! You really want more flies? Just forget to clean up after eating. Better to read *Firefly*, *Firefly*, *Light My Way* that Aunt Mary sent from her home in the West where there are no fireflies.

The more you get on your board, the more you realize what all insects have in common: Three segments: head with antennae for sensing, eyes, mouth; thorax with three legs\* and wings on each side; abdomen whose end is better for egg-laying than for what wasps or mosquitoes use it for. Better for us

to read the African folktale, *Why Mosquitoes Buzz in Peoples' Ears*.

\*Yes, we're seeing lots of spiders, but they're not insects: count the legs.

We also see that they are symmetrical, so fold strong paper and create insects of various sizes for house decorations: Cut three connected body parts. Make thick lines and drops of paint on one half, close and gently press to make them symmetrically decorated. Attach antenna, legs, and wings of various craft and nature materials.

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Attach a string to those you want to fly. Place them around the house and maybe have a family scavenger hunt! Make some with bodies of dough too and push sticks in before it dries to be the appendages (?). Or paint rocks to be body parts; they're fun to arrange and rearrange – they make good paperweights, too!

On your routine daily drives now through our farming area, you see changes in the land use. Where a grain grew, it was harvested and now corn is growing. When that corn is chopped, the land is prepared and the next crop of grain will begin growing. Farmers have called it crop rotation (which you even practice in your garden). Now they are doing rotational grazing, too: where you saw animals grazing, now you see they've been moved to another pasture so the one they were in can grow up again. On those early runs through the fog, you see the spider webs on fences and the sun sparkling on the dew on them.

How are you doing with that more-scheduled time again? School and sports are scheduled for you, but you still have your choice time, too. Kathryn, Audrey and others: we appreciate your Summer work, but we still expect to see you at Farmer's Daughters and Ice Cream Man. We are so proud of those of you who have gone on to school: Cornell, West Point, Norwich just within a small agricultural distance even. You learned the work ethic here and you take it with you. Those of us continuing to use ours here, continue our seasonal work.

Our main work is our vegetable garden. Also remember our community gardeners; do they need help? 1) Clear out a section to plant the next lettuce.

2) Now all those tomatoes! Course we keep eating them fresh for as long as we can: with lunches, burgers and salads for supper. But then preserving our own or what BJ and Hand's offer right from their fields. Make your own salsa how you like it with your favorite chips, or participate in CCE classes. Easy to just freeze tomatoes for your chili on those coming chilly days! Better dip them in hot water to remove the skin first. 3) Cucumbers make your favorite pickles: The easiest to create are refrigerator pickles, using whole small cucumbers or cutting sticks or slices, adding what flavors you like: onion, dill, garlic, whole cloves..., then filling the jar with vinegar and water. Best of all, taste your pickles already the

next day. And for jars, you can use any size jars and covers you've recycled! Make official Dills or Bread and Butters (with the healthful turmeric). If some cucumbers got too big, you can always peel them, scoop out the too-big seeds (you'll make chickens happy), and grind up the rest for relish with your favorite seasonings.

If no one in your family cans anymore, you can at the Community Kitchens in Salem, the LDS/Mormons do lots of canning; ask local members. Our local Amish can and sell jars at their local farm stands – along with their seasonal produce and daily bakings! Need official canning jars? Find them at the various farm and mall stores, or at the yard sales – but notice: jars with lids are used more now than jars with rubbers.

Besides the benefit of eating the food you preserve is working together as a family, perhaps three generations, talking and laughing together. Then, after clean-up, it's off to your next ball game, Family will cheer you on!

4) Save the zucchini for another day. When you can't give it away, you can always grate some up. Freeze some to make Zucchini Bread later or fritters now. It's a substitute for pasta in Lasagna or for noodles with spaghetti sauce (and meatballs?). Cut into circles, dip in egg then bread crumbs to fry. Or make Stuffed Zucchini by mixing the

scooped-out seeds and mixing them with egg, bread crumbs, ground meat if you want.

This can be the main dish or a side.

Oh, we didn't get to corn yet, but there are weekend activities coming up to enjoy first:

On the 17th, Lowes is offering their next woodworking workshop. Of course, the theme is football, so sign up.

On the 23rd -25th the Adirondack Balloon Fest is back. Look to the north early in the morning. See any? Or watch liftoff even earlier at the GF airport. With no engines, what makes the balloons rise and travel? Good talking with you from your basket, Jonathan.

Even more local, on the 24th & 25th, the Adirondack Wool and Arts Festival is the next activity at the Wash Co Fairgrounds. More chance to learn about sheep and goats (Will it be you giving the wagon rides?). watch the sheep getting sheared (thanks for all your shearing, Fred) and do activities with their wool. Even when that's over, you can visit Mary Jeanne at Battenkill Fibers to see the process that the sheared wool goes through to become the yarn there.

## 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. 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 shortly. First Eucharist is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, April 30. First Reconciliation will be celebrated at the parish Advent Reconciliation Service. For more information, check the parish website, contact maryrosmus@battencatholic.org or call the parish office at 677-2757.

Holy Cross and St. Patrick's faith formation programs are still looking for Legs.

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. A weekly discussion group to discuss the book, 'A Well-Built Faith by Joe Paprocki', 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.

St. Patrick's Knights of Columbus are holding a Spaghetti Supper on Friday, September 23 in the Parish House from 4-7 PM. The dinner will be sit-down or take out and the cost is \$12. Call Bob Shat at 677-3954 for reservations.

Please visit the Parish Website: [www.battenkillcatholic.org](http://www.battenkillcatholic.org). You can sign up for Flocknote notifications, prepare for Sunday Liturgy, access the great Adult Faith Formation materials and more.

–Submitted by Rose Mary Sheffield

## Tips for timing your retirement

**Daneen Skube**  
*Special to Journal & Press*

**Q:** *I'm getting into my early sixties and wondering about retirement. I make good money and my work is engaging and fun. There's no age limit in my work as long as I am competent. How do you counsel clients to think about when to leave work behind?*

**A:** I counsel clients that thinking about when they leave work behind is no longer dictated by birthdays. Instead think about your finances, health, work/life balance, and what emotional paycheck you get from your job.

The popular joke, "Like what you do and you'll never work a day in your life," is true. If you hate your job, then you'll want to exit work at the youngest age you can afford it. If you love what you do, then leaving the party early makes no sense.

If you hate what you do, you may want to think about a career change well before you consider retirement. Life is short to show up at a job that makes you miserable. Liking your work is more than just

fun. Liking your job means you'll want to work longer and make more money.

When we enjoy our work we're engaged in doing good work because it enriches our quality of life. It turns out that more people like to work with people who are having fun instead of suffering through obligations. We're likely to receive promotions and have more opportunities.

Many people think of retirement solely as a financial decision. In reality, retirement is a multifaceted decision. What are you going to do that's meaningful? What will make you want to get up in the morning? Where will your social connections come from?

The idea that we'll stay home and relax (golf, and make gourmet dinners) sounds appealing until it's the only thing on our agenda. Thinking about a permanent vacation when you have a frenetic career is a comforting daydream. Many retirees discover, however, that a permanent vacation can become a nightmare if they're isolated, bored, and without purpose.

What I recommend is before retirement, visualize a perfect day. As we get older, we long for

work/life balance, more rest, more play, and time for exercise. We may reduce our hours, take less stressful roles, or even start our own businesses. If you have fun at work, why would you leave?

Work generally gives us a community of people who are interested in what we're interested in. Work demonstrates in our results and paycheck that we're relevant and valuable. Work keeps us from being isolated.

There's an increasing body of research focusing on how people age well. The studies emphasize how important social connections and meaning are to seniors. No matter how well we golf, knit, or fish, these activities fail to provide much meaning if done in isolation.

Increasingly, we have role models who are productive and having fun into their 80s and beyond with their work. Age really has become, for most careers, just a number. Wanting to stay engaged with work can motivated us toward better self-care, nutrition, and healthy habits.

I often talk in my column about how to launch a successful career for people new to the workplace. The same amount of thought is wise as we contemplate leaving

the workplace. We no longer have to let a number make our choice. We can let our quality of life dictate when and how we let go of the world of work.

### The last word(s)

**Q:** *I'm facing one of the hardest tests in my career and feel intimidated. Is there advice you give clients when a mountain looms they're scared to climb?*

**A:** Yes, I would quote author Paul Brunton: "Every test successfully met is rewarded by some growth in intuitive knowledge, strengthening of character, or initiation into a higher consciousness." Every mountain, successfully climbed, provides an astonishing view of the big picture!

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## Folk music at library

Join "Folk Music Night at the Library!" at the Community Room of the Greenwich Free Library on Friday, September 23 at 6:30 p.m.

Dave Wever and Christopher Tucker will play music from the 20th-Century folk revival up through today. Expect to hear selections from the catalogs of Bob Dylan, Woody Guthrie, John Denver, and more. Both Dave and Chris have performed as soloists and in community chorales and church choirs. A graduate of The College of St. Rose in Albany, Chris has been an elementary music teacher and choral director for 27 years. Dave got hooked on folk music when he first heard Peter, Paul, and Mary singing Bob Dylan's "Don't Think Twice."

Health and safety at the event: Pre-register in advance, or feel free to stop by that evening. To register, email [grn-director@sals.edu](mailto:grn-director@sals.edu), or call the library at 518-692-7157, or visit [www.greenwichfreelibrary.org](http://www.greenwichfreelibrary.org) to reserve a spot.



## “What can’t we read now?”

**Sarah Murphy**  
*Greenwich Free Library*

*From the Stacks is a column featuring a variety of voices at Greenwich Free Library. We hope to see you at our upcoming Banned Books Week, Voter Registration, author and music events. For a complete list of library programs and events, please visit [greenwichfreelibrary.com](http://greenwichfreelibrary.com) or follow us on Facebook and Instagram.*

**Correction:** “From the Stacks” in the last issue was authored by KC Scott, not Sarah Murphy.

As a fourth grader, I was such a huge fan of Lois Lowry’s *Anastasia Krupnik* books that my teacher invited me to a conference where Lowry would be a presenter. The intended audience members were teachers and librarians, but I didn’t feel out of place, probably because this exceptional teacher, Corrinne Falope, treated me as a reader and a thinker, and as someone who belonged in a room full of other readers and thinkers.

There are two moments I remember distinctly about that event. One was getting a book signed and standing face-to-face with Lois Lowry, which turned out to be the first of many times I got to tell an author in person how grateful I was for their work. The other moment I remember was when Lowry discussed her books having been banned in schools. I had never heard of such a thing, and I remember feeling confused and also very sad. By this time in my life, I knew that not everyone liked the same things I liked or saw the world exactly the way I did (I was, after all, the only nine-year-old at this particular event), but it had not occurred to me that anyone could keep me from reading what I wanted.

Banned Books Week began as an annual event in 1982, just a few years before I heard Lois Lowry discuss her experiences as

a banned author. The American Library Association’s Office for Intellectual Freedom cites a “sudden surge in the number of challenges to books in schools, bookstores and libraries” as the impetus for the yearly celebration, which highlights the most commonly banned or challenged books. A book challenge refers to the process by which a patron or community member requests that a specific title be removed from a library, school, or bookseller’s collection. A banning, which is significantly more rare, means that the challenge was successful, and the title in question can no longer be accessed by the other patrons or students.

The surge that prompted the creation of Banned Books Week corresponded with a case argued at the Supreme Court in which a school fought to retain challenged books such as Kurt Vonnegut’s *Slaughterhouse-Five* and Richard Wright’s *Black Boy*. Certain topics have always been lightning rods for censorship: religion, race, sex, drugs, and “vulgarity.” The *Anastasia Krupnik* books that I so adored ended up on the list for forthright depictions of death, alcohol, and sex, portrayed through the lens of a precocious middle schooler. To be honest, I don’t specifically remember any death, alcohol, or sex. I remember thinking that *Anastasia* was confident in a way that I wanted to be, that she had an advanced vocabulary, that she lived in a very cool Victorian house, that her parents were really different from mine, but that, just like mine, they loved their daughter for who she was.

Years after her *Anastasia* books, Lowry published her most well-known title, *The Giver*, a dystopian novel that has repeatedly appeared on the banned



books list. It depicts a world in which choice is restricted, and in exchange for a simplified idea of equality, citizens give up their freedoms, their individuality, and their voices. The book is dark. The ideas are frightening. And yet, *The Giver* has appeared more than any other novel on my past and present students’ lists of favorite books.

This year’s Banned Books Week begins on September 18th, and of the top ten books highlighted for the most challenges in 2021, half of them made the list because of the way they portray LGBTQ themes and characters (or perhaps simply because they portray these characters at all.) This is not new, but the panic levels are high, and the damage is being done to LGBTQ students who deserve to see themselves reflected in stories, and to straight and cis kids who deserve to have all of their friends, neighbors, and family members depicted in stories. These kids deserve to be treated as readers and thinkers, who discover which books they love, which books they need now, and which books they might choose to save for later.

As libraries around the country celebrate Banned Books Week and our freedoms to read what

we choose, Greenwich Free Library will host a community discussion on the topic. I hope you’ll join us on Monday September 19th at 5:30 PM to hear from WAMC’s Joe Donahue, Southern Adirondack Library System’s Director Sara Dallas, and Nicole Carner, the Jr. / Sr. High School Librarian at Greenwich Central School District. The public is invited to listen and to share perspectives.

The library will also highlight books that have appeared on past and present banned books lists. You will see some favorites. You will see some books that are unfamiliar. You will not like them all. I will not like them all. We do not need to read them all, but I hope that we can agree not to dictate whether our neighbors can read them.

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## As a kid, hydration was a privilege

**Greg Schwem**  
*Special to Journal & Press*

I woke up to a throat feeling like it had spent the night next to a blistering desert sun while the rest of my body slumbered under a mound of blankets necessary to combat the 60 degree chill that my wife feels is the ideal sleeping temperature.

Stumbling to the bathroom, I gulped down copious amounts of water, realizing that eating an entire bag of cheese/caramel popcorn on the train ride home from downtown Chicago the previous evening may have been the cause of my discomfort.

I can hear our nation's elementary school children laughing at me. While also wondering why I failed to learn about proper hydration.

How am I still alive after nearly 60 years?

Now that school is back in session, I get the privilege of seeing a bus pull up outside my home each weekday at precisely 2:37 p.m., idling while an assortment of students, ages 5-17, spills out. None seem to carry books or edu-

cational materials of any kind. Instead, they hold containers of what I assume is life-saving H2O.

Their receptacles vary in color and style, much like the lunchboxes kids of my generation carried. Incidentally, those lunchboxes held separate thermoses, secured with metal clips, and filled with approximately 8 ounces of liquid. In my case it was milk, or chocolate milk if my mom was in an especially jovial mood that morning.

Eight ounces wouldn't get today's students through one period, judging by the mammoth jugs the bus occupants lugged up their driveways. Just looking at these "canteens on steroids" made me yearn for a bathroom.

Does every kid want to grow up to be an Aquafina distributor? Or did the water fountain business go belly up and nobody informed me?

Ah, yes, the hallway water fountain. The oasis of a healthy, hydrated existence when I attended school. It was available during passing periods, providing the line (yes, THE LINE!) was



short enough that quenching one's thirst did not interfere with being tardy to one's next class.

Otherwise, it became necessary to ask permission to leave the room.

"Excuse me, Mrs. Cramer, may I please go outside and put my mouth over a germ-infested piece of stainless steel, surrounded by used gum and most likely the origin of COVID-19, so I can continue my daily journey of consuming the recommended 64 ounces of water necessary for good health?"

"No? OK. Maybe tomorrow?"

That's right parents, my generation not only had to obtain consent to drink water, but could also be REFUSED. What would happen if your little darlings were the victims of such torturous behavior today? Most likely you would tell your lawyers to temporarily halt the lawsuits banning "To Kill a Mockingbird" from school curriculums and focus on this grave injustice instead.

It wasn't every day that my school operated like a maximum security prison. On occasion there were community trips to the water fountain; the entire class spilled into the hallway, eventually forming a single-file line and awaiting our chance to hydrate. Each stu-

dent was allowed to consume as much water he or she could swallow in five seconds. Rest assured, a nearby teacher monitored the time.

It was only a few years ago that I embraced continuous hydration as a stepping stone to good health. I also heard it was a great way to quickly shed a few pounds. Still, I wonder if "lack of water during tween years" may be included in the "Cause of Death" line when my autopsy is conducted. That and "Not enough soy in diet."

Today a water bottle can be found near my desk as I write, or in my car, as I commute to various locations, hopefully all containing restrooms. I also have been known to take advantage of complimentary water filling stations that are becoming commonplace in airports and other public facilities.

Trust me, that option is preferable to asking a second grader if he can part with 50 ounces.

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## An Artist's Take

**Political Cartoon of the Week** by Joel Pett





## What's your hometown?

**Darren Johnson**  
*Journal & Press*

I've always found it kind of amusing people who take pride in physical attributes they really had nothing much to do with; how tall they are, the color of their eyes, the thickness of their hair. And likewise, I've never made it a point to judge a person based on the things that are mostly out of their control.

(I try not to judge much in general, but, sometimes, as a newspaper person, one has to make judgment calls.)

While print journalism hasn't made me a wealthy media mogul, I do have to supplement this journalism habit with teaching gigs, and recently picked up one at a college where I handle the journalism courses as well as run the school paper and radio station, which looks like it hasn't been updated since the days of WKRP in Cincinnati.

At a meeting of new faculty, we sat around a table and introduced ourselves. The question came about what was our "hometown," which made most faculty stumble, as, by nature, faculty usually have to move around a good deal, at least in their early years.

I thought about it for a moment. While I was raised in Utica and get back there a good deal, and then spent a couple of decades on Eastern Long Island, where I mostly couldn't manage to secure a mortgage, I told the group that Greenwich was my hometown. I hope that's OK with the "OFG" crowd (Originally From Greenwich – I think they have a bumper sticker); who were schooled here, but, again, being born and raised in a place is not one of those things a person can control.

I added a rationale as to why Greenwich was what I consider my hometown: "I guess if you run the local paper, you're as local as anyone else there." Which is true; the local newspaper editor meets

a lot of key people, goes to a lot of important local events, can leave voicemails that get returned, and their work is archived in the local library forever.

Speaking of which, there may be a gap in the records as one local publisher, the aptly named HC Page, took the archives with him in the 1870s after he reportedly "became disenchanted with Greenwich and sold the paper, adding that he was going back to New York City to practice his craft, and that "the people of Greenwich can go to hell." What a diva!

Other publishers were kinder. Grant Tefft's gravestone in Greenwich Cemetery proudly states: "Editor of the Greenwich Journal for 48 years." He passed in 1948, having actually owned the paper by that point, and the Tefft family kept the paper strong for the rest of the century.

Like a lot of newspapers, The Greenwich Journal was starting to fade by then, and, somewhere along the line, many hometowners have abandoned it. I've worked hard to try to make it a staple of the community again, but that's often an uphill battle in this day and age, considering changing media tastes and the lack of growth in the community, along with the pandemic, most recently.

But I wonder sometimes if the problem isn't with newspapers in particular, but local businesses in general. I've seen so many local businesses come and go since I'd move to this area a dozen years ago. Some mom and pops (mostly moms) tried really hard and did everything right – and, still, their business wasn't supported by enough local people.

One example are coffee shops. These appear in our local villages – I won't call out any one in particular, but these new business owners all put the work in, create a welcoming environment, offer

fair pricing, and have quality products. Yet, if I visit a local Facebook group, people debate things endlessly such as if Stewart's has better coffee than Cumberland Farms, and how they'd like more national chain restaurants in town. The Dunkin Donuts drive-thru has a line of cars that backs out onto the highway each day.

Sure a local pizza place could survive here, but, I have a feeling, if a national chain like Pizza Hut were allowed to move into town, the local places would find a devastating portion of their clientele abandoning them. It takes a certain generosity of spirit to support local businesses, but many residents just don't think that way.

I look in the Journal's archives a good deal and see that many

### And how many of us truly support local businesses?

towns in our area were much more vibrant than currently. In many towns today, the only spot we can sell our newspaper is at a Stewart's Shops. But in the past, there were ads for myriad local businesses that sold local items. Yes, Stewart's may throw a few dollars to a local little league or fire department here and there, but they hardly are a local business; and, as small businesses have been replaced by corporate chains, there's no one to advertise in local newspapers, as well.

I've made it a point to shop in our region when I can, especially with our advertisers. I know local chambers of commerce are working hard to create a small business ecosystem in each community. And it's great that local businesses support each other – but we also need residents to step up. Get in the habit of avoiding the chains and maybe waiting a little bit longer to be served, or spending a few cents more, for a product from a truly local business.

The Greater Greenwich Chamber of Commerce is doing a wonderful job with events big and small, and the Schuylerville Community Conversations are well-attended and useful. Salem's chamber and its big non-profits have new people in charge and are very lively as this pandemic (hopefully) is winding down. It's not for lack of trying.

As for my vision, I'd like to practice what I teach – the convergence of media; where print, digital, radio, podcasts, video are all one business, emanating from one location. And why shouldn't that location be Greenwich?

Without a real media outfit in town, we'll become like most upstate towns, unwatched and unheralded, with a row of Pizza Huts and Burger Kings, maybe a Fast Trac gas station with 20 pumps, and not much else, the next generation of locals going to college and not coming back (for lack of opportunity here, and perhaps out of boredom). Because while you can't control your height or your eye color or where you were born, you can control where you choose to make a hometown.

The question is, though, do enough residents have that generosity of spirit to support unique local business attempts, or is everything regional and national now, mired in politics and negative thinking, complicated by social media algorithms, where we can no longer see the difference between our neighbors and corporate marketing?

I'm planning to do more small business profiles in this newspaper, and am hoping more people give these businesses a warm welcome and enduring loyalty.

*If you'd like your business to be profiled in The Journal & Press, write editor@journalandpress.com.*



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## Answers

**Boggle:** FIJI PERU CHILE ZAMBIA URUGUAY AUSTRALIA

**Jumble:** ISSUE DIMLY THRILL FLABBY  
**Final Jumble:** STILL LIFE  
**Kid:** SHE GIVE FOOT FARM "MOO-VIE" STAR

SCRABBLE G R A M S SOLUTION									
I <sub>1</sub>	N <sub>1</sub>	V <sub>4</sub>	O <sub>1</sub>	I <sub>1</sub>	C <sub>3</sub>	E <sub>1</sub>	RACK 1 =	<b>63</b>	
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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.

**BOGGLE POINT SCALE**  
3 letters = 1 point  
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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151+ = Champ  
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**By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek**

P	E	T	R	U
I	R	U	S	G
A	J	B	Y	U
L	I	H	M	A
E	F	A	C	Z

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Answers to Last Sunday's Boggle BrainBusters:  
PUG HOUND BOXER BEAGLE COLLIE POINTER

## Salem Sudoku

(solution page 26)

			4	9		6	3
	2			3	1		7
4	6			2		5	
	9	1			4	3	
	5		9			8	1
5		2	7				9
6	8		5	4			

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## A wild book and jailhouse drama

**Darren Johnson**  
Journal & Press

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

**140 Years Ago**  
**September 21, 1882**

(Advertisement) The Grand New Book: Theatrical and Circus Life. Revealing the mysteries of the Theatre, Circus, Variety Show, Concert Dives, etc. Home and Private Life of Actors and Actresses. Most wonderful and interesting book ever published. Exposing the secret doings of Giddy Ballet Girls, Back Door Mashers, Matinees, Midnight Suppers, etc. The veil lifted from the Black Art. How women are fired from cannon; Men eat fire; Heads are cut off and hundreds of other mysteries performed. One hundred and fifty Beautiful illustrations and Elegant Colored Plates. Positively the fastest selling book ever published. Agent's canvassing outfit, 50 cents. Illustrated circular and full particulars free. Agents act quick and secure territory by addressing SUN PUBLISHING CO., 210 & 212 Pine Street, St. Louis, Mo.

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**120 Years Ago**  
**September 17, 1902**

Sandy Hill Fair – Fine weather prevailed during the last three days of the Washington County Fair held at Sandy Hill last week, and in spite of the fact that the cars on the Hudson Valley road, which runs past the main entrances of the grounds, were not running, attendance was fully up to that of former years. Thursday, the third day of the fair, it was estimated that 30,000 people were on the grounds, the largest number in the history of the association. The different classes were well filled with good exhibits and the fakirs were, as usual, out in full force. The D and H railroad profited by the strike on the Hudson Valley road and carried thousands of people to the fair. The racing was good, and the Greenwich horses that were successful at the Cambridge fair added materially to their winnings.

**100 Years Ago**

**September 27, 1922**

The village of Greenwich and also the towns of Greenwich and Easton have worried along for several months without a jail, lockup or any kind of place of detention for persons under the restraint of the law, but some of the officials of this town and also of the village have come to the conclusion that society here has not yet reached the Utopian

state where such an institution is not needed. Instead of bragging of the jailless condition of our orderly and law-abiding community, they are finding fault and considering the advisability of instituting a new jail. It isn't that any wave of crime has arisen in this vicinity. The town is upon the whole very well behaved, but occasionally some outsider drops in and comports himself in such a manner to make confinement necessary or desirable. ... Members of the town board are beginning to wonder if it would not be more satisfactory and economical to have a jail of our own. Up until the past year, the village had a jail. It is believed to have had a jail since the dawn of local history, in 1809. When our middle aged readers were boys the jail was located across the kill. It was a modest and unpretentious structure, and occasionally a prisoner would lift up a side of the roof or kick out a corner stone and escape. Mostly, however, they were too confused and not enterprising enough for that. The day of the old jail passed, and when some 20 years ago the Rough and Ready engine house was built a bastille with two cells was provided in the basement of that building. This was considered a pretty fancy prison in its time, with running water and everything, but state prison inspectors began inspecting soon after, and they condemned the ventilation of the basement rooms.

**60 Years Ago**  
**September 26, 1962**

George Raymond Hewes, 42, of West Hebron, who apparently suffers from a persecution complex, went berserk in the Washington county sheriff's office in Salem last Friday morning, brandished a hunting knife at Miss Lois Barnes, secretary to Sheriff TT Buckley, scuffled with Deputy Sheriff James McMorris, and raced off down the street to the law office of Julian VD Orton, where he was apprehended and placed under arrest by Undersheriff Benjamin D. Butler and Deputy McMorris. ... [In the sheriff's office], he exploded into a rage, accused everybody of being Communists, and plotting against him. He drew a hunting knife with a 5.5-inch blade and brandished it about. ... It is reported he has complained of his telephone being tapped, of receiving threatening letters and phone calls and being spied upon. When he was arrested, a billy club, hoe handle, ice pick and knife were found in his car and confiscated.

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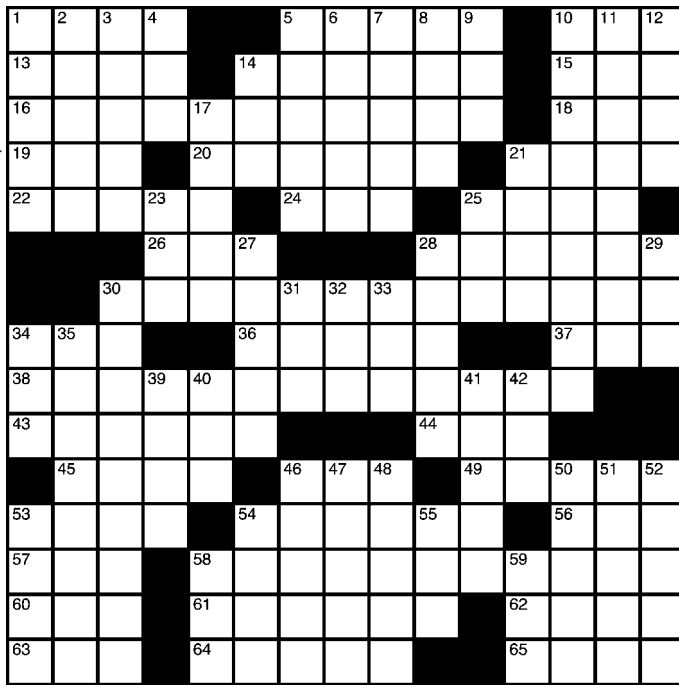
# Extra Page of Fun (because of print error last issue)

## Across

- 1 Scrape remnant
- 5 Get off topic
- 10 Hurly-burly
- 13 Natural feeling
- 14 Sharing word
- 15 Like the top stripe of a pride flag
- 16 Analytical diagrams of Tuesday rush hour traffic in Paris?
- 18 "I've heard enough, thanks"
- 19 Amazed feeling
- 20 Apt rhyme for "sincerely"
- 21 Port SSE of Sana'a
- 22 Sports shoe feature
- 24 "Hurrah!"
- 25 Code opener
- 26 SoCal team
- 28 One of two tarot card groups
- 30 Deli favorite with a floral garnish?
- 34 30-day mo.
- 36 N.J. town across from northern Manhattan
- 37 "... he drove out of sight": Moore
- 38 Rodent that's a Broadway star?
- 43 Charm
- 44 Take advantage of
- 45 Japanese noodle
- 46 Leaves for dim sum
- 49 Easy to pick up
- 53 Rascals
- 54 Come in
- 56 Blintz topping

## Down

- 13 Larry O'Brien Championship Trophy org.
- 17 Mobile device for the unhip?
- 23 Swampy spot
- 27 Get-go
- 31 "Cupcake Wars" fixture
- 35 Some replacement sites, for short
- 39 Greeted wordlessly
- 41 Forms a union
- 1 Shrub often toxic
- 2 Pub
- 3 Feel the same way
- 4 Board companion
- 5 Mist
- 6 Headwear for kid-lit's Fancy Nancy
- 7 Comeback
- 8 In some pain
- 9 "I'd be glad to"
- 10 Buyer and seller of oils
- 11 Conduct
- 12 Frigga's husband
- 14 Notable period
- 17 Luggage attachment
- 21 Aqueduct support
- 23 \_\_ mode



- 25 Strasbourg-born Dadaist
- 27 Schedule for later
- 28 More than competent
- 29 Tool in the Portland Timbers' logo
- 30 Bakery containers
- 31 Copier tray abbr.
- 32 Eighth-grade subj., often
- 33 Modernist
- 34 Enjoyed a lot, with "up"
- 35 Chemistry class measurement (it's 5 for this puzzle's grid)
- 39 Book after Joel
- 40 It may be gross
- 41 Simona who won Wimbledon in 2019
- 42 Prefix with Pen
- 46 Channel for reality show fans
- 47 Backspace over
- 48 Broadcast
- 50 Trees of a kind, often
- 51 Improved
- 52 Typical winter highs at the summit of Mt. Washington
- 53 Facts and figures
- 54 Teal relative
- 55 Nov. honoree
- 58 Barnyard mom
- 59 Method

ANSWERS ON PAGE 26.

## Broom Hilda by Russell Myers



## Filbert by LA Bonté



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E <sub>1</sub>	O <sub>1</sub>	O <sub>1</sub>	K <sub>5</sub>	R <sub>1</sub>	V <sub>4</sub>	P <sub>3</sub>	RACK 1
I <sub>1</sub>	O <sub>1</sub>	O <sub>1</sub>	W <sub>4</sub>	S <sub>1</sub>	R <sub>1</sub>	R <sub>1</sub>	2nd Letter Double RACK 2
U <sub>1</sub>	O <sub>1</sub>	I <sub>1</sub>	O <sub>1</sub>	S <sub>1</sub>	X <sub>8</sub>	N <sub>1</sub>	RACK 3
O <sub>1</sub>	A <sub>1</sub>	D <sub>2</sub>	M <sub>3</sub>	R <sub>1</sub>	R <sub>1</sub>	S <sub>1</sub>	Triple Word Score RACK 4
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PAR SCORE 210-220  
BEST SCORE 277

FIVE RACK TOTAL  
TIME LIMIT: 25 MIN

## JUMBLE

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

PENIT

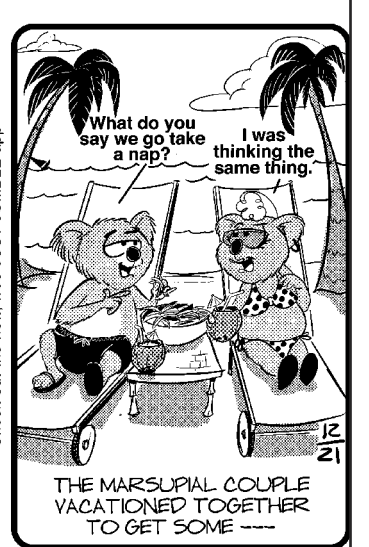
KTLEN

CAMPIT

RANTOY

“○○○○○-○○” ○○○○

## THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME



THE MARSUPIAL COUPLE VACATIONED TOGETHER TO GET SOME ---

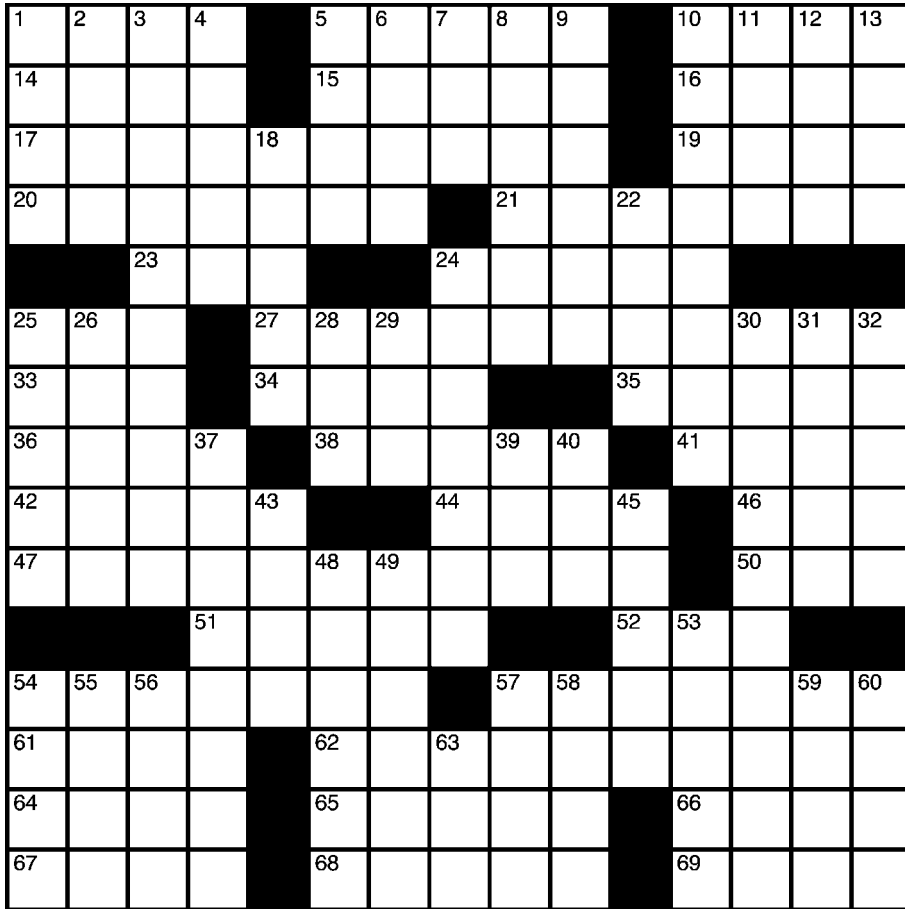
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.



These Puzzle Answers Are on Page 26

# Cambridge Crossword

(solution page 26)



## Across

- 1 Swedish pop group with the hit "Chiquitita"
- 5 Top dog
- 10 Trojan War hero
- 14 Stroller, in Sheffield
- 15 Give up, informally
- 16 Serenity "before the storm"
- 17 Foamy tubful for unwinding
- 19 Excessive publicity
- 20 Needlelike engraving tools
- 21 Mae \_\_\_, first Black woman in space
- 23 Airer of Tyler Perry's "The Oval"
- 24 Harmonic
- 25 "Last Week Tonight" network
- 27 Lumber on a diamond
- 33 Deli sandwich, initially
- 34 Nobelist Wiesel
- 35 Use the exit
- 36 On the \_\_: quarreling
- 38 Inn offering a morning meal, briefly ... or a hint to six puzzle answers
- 41 Whole heap
- 42 Turns to soup, as ice cream
- 44 Mystical vibe
- 46 Jest
- 47 Bryan Cranston crime drama

- 50 Investigative journalist Nellie
- 51 "Check it out for yourself!"
- 52 Bird in Liberty Mutual ads
- 54 Ali of "Love Story"
- 57 Artist's board
- 61 Loafing around
- 62 Fish-and-chips coating
- 64 Old Russian ruler
- 65 Hosp. trauma pro
- 66 Caramel-filled candy
- 67 Shift and Tab
- 68 Praises highly
- 69 Small bills

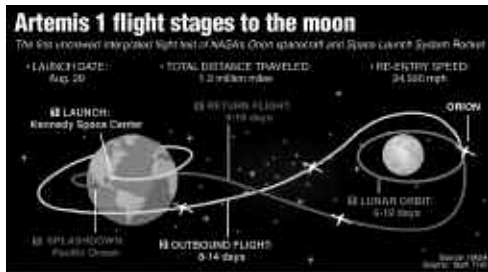
## Down

- 1 Police dept. alerts
- 2 Very dry, as Champagne
- 3 Infant's source of nourishment
- 4 Easygoing pace
- 5 Help a robber, say
- 6 Experiment sites
- 7 Links org.
- 8 Assassin's assignment
- 9 Greek goddess of wisdom
- 10 Trojan War hero
- 11 Blue birds
- 12 Purina rival
- 13 Marvel-ous heroes?
- 18 Do not disturb

- 22 Retail complex
- 24 Like many first-time workers
- 25 Cold War threat
- 26 Clearer, as a sky
- 28 Priest's robe
- 29 One-named "Chandelier" singer
- 30 Icon with a left-facing arrow
- 31 Be of use to
- 32 Bear in a kid's bed
- 37 Walks drunkenly
- 39 Name, as a knight
- 40 Bikini top
- 43 Toffee candy bar
- 45 Journalist \_\_ Rogers St. Johns
- 48 Author Allende
- 49 Period "ushered in"
- 53 Paris subway
- 54 Rocking Jagger
- 55 Axlike tool
- 56 Potter's material
- 57 Jab
- 58 Elementary lesson
- 59 Marketing prefix
- 60 Greek matchmaker
- 63 Tulane URL ending

ANSWERS ON PAGE 27

## Fast Facts



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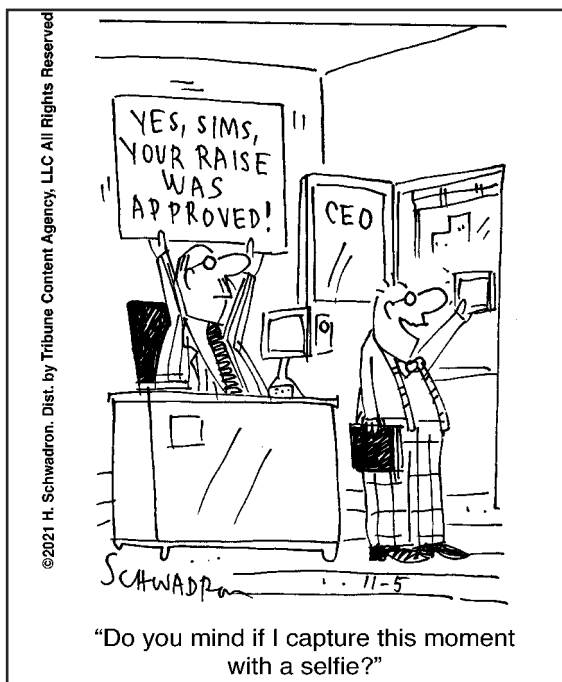
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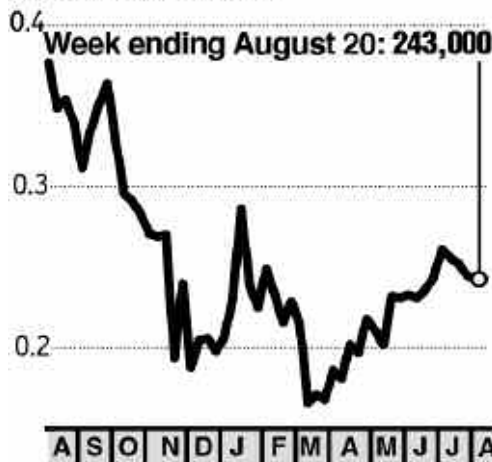
## 9 to 5 by Harley Schwadron



## Fast Facts

# Jobless claims

Initial unemployment claims, seasonally adjusted, in millions per week



Graphic: TNS  
Source: U.S. Department of Labor

# Argyle Acrostic

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

Find these words that are associated with birds.

- Beak
- Canary
- Condor
- Crow
- Cuckoo
- Dove

- Duck
- Eggs
- Emus
- Falcon
- Finch
- Goose
- Hawk
- Heron
- Hummingbird
- Lark
- Loon
- Nest

- Oriole
- Ornithology
- Owls
- Perch
- Prey
- Raven
- Robin
- Snipe
- Stork
- Swan
- Toucan
- Wings

- Worms
- Wren

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





# Banned books week

Stop by “Banned Books Week Community Conversation: What can’t we read now?” in the Community Room of the Greenwich Free Library on Monday, September 19, from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

According to the American Library Association’s Office for Intellectual Freedom, 729 instances of book challenges or requests for removal were tracked in libraries around the country in 2021. Of those, 44% were in school libraries, and 37% were in public libraries. 1,597 individual books were challenged or banned in 2021, and books with LGBTQ themes or books dealing with race and society were among the most challenged of the year.

Every year in September, libraries and booksellers celebrate intellectual freedom with Banned Books Week. This year, Greenwich Free Library will explore the unifying power of books with a reading list of the most frequently challenged library

materials around the country and a community discussion about book bans in the past and present.

The public is invited to join in a spirited conversation about the freedom to read with Joe Donahue, host of WAMC’s “The Roundtable”, Sara Dallas, Director of the Southern Adirondack Library System, and Nicole Carner, librarian at Greenwich Jr./Sr. High School.

Health and safety at the event: The event is limited to 40 participants. Pre-register in advance, or feel free to stop by on the evening of the event. To register, email [grn-director@sals.edu](mailto:grn-director@sals.edu), or call the library at 518-692-7157, or visit [www.greenwichfreelibrary.org](http://www.greenwichfreelibrary.org) to reserve a spot.



## Beer n’ Brats

The Historic Salem Courthouse will hold its 7th Annual Beer n’ Brats Fall Fundraiser, on Saturday, October 1st from 3 pm- 7 pm.

Tickets are on sale for \$35 at [www.salemcourthouse.org](http://www.salemcourthouse.org). This price includes: admission, unlimited samplings of beer provided by local breweries from Washington County and the surrounding area, and brats and red cabbage prepared by Elsasser’s Beim 111.

German flatbread pizzas “flammies”, pretzels with beer cheese and wine will also be available for purchase.

Music performed by Sam Luke followed by Simple Begars.

This event is a fundraiser for the Historic Salem Courthouse which will help ensure programs and services continue to be provided in a meaningful way throughout the year.

The Courthouse will also have a 50/50 raffle. There will be corn hole and other outdoor activities. Monetary donations will be collected for the Salem/Shushan Fuel Fund.

Tickets are also available for purchase in person at 58 E Broadway, Salem 10am to 1pm M-F. (518) 854-7053.

## Congrats, Aidan!

GCS senior Aidan Jones has been selected to perform with the 2022 NYSSMA Conference All-State Symphonic Band. The Conference All-State Symphonic Band will rehearse from December 1-3 and perform in concert on Sunday, December 4, at the Eastman Theater in Rochester, New York.

The NYSSMA Conference All-State ensembles are comprised of the highest-achieving high school musicians in New York State, who are selected through their NYSSMA solo performance and judge’s recommendation. These groups perform at a professional level. In order to be selected for All-State, Aidan performed Beethoven’s Horn Sonata in F Major (Op. 17) and received a perfect score of 100.

Aidan is the son of Karen Hamm Jones and Kevin Jones of Greenwich.



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Call the main DMV office in Fort Edward at 518-746-2163 for more information.

## The power of movies

**Teresa M. King**  
*Journal & Press*

I have learned that in order to get a new and improved perspective on something, I need to remove myself from my daily routines and my life. It's like giving myself a mini retreat, without actually going away. Recently, I had this experience when I saw two movies, that helped me to hit a much needed reset button.

*Top Gun, Maverick* is one of these movies. There is so much about it that affects me. If I had to use one word to describe what it's about for me personally, it would be 'excellence.' *Maverick*

is deeply focused, determined and not a little hell bent on doing what he feels he needs to do, to save something important to him and everyone he works with. He is the personification of rebel and creates his own rules. I believe that there are times when we need to throw the rules out the window, to push envelopes.

From the moment the movie starts and I hear the gong, my inner fire is lit and I am transported into a different world. All people, all struggles and the rest of my earthly life fall away, just like when I took flying lessons, many years ago. The sky is completely open, gives us a wider perspective and is filled with un-

limited possibilities. *Top Gun* reminds me to look beyond, to trust what I cannot see, to trust myself much more than I have been and to know that 'more' is definitely possible.

The other movie that inspired me is *In our Mothers' Gardens*. Women from Africa, Cuba, Jamaica, Antigua and the Deep South were interviewed about their relationships with their mothers, aunts, grandmothers and female ancestors. The stories they shared illustrated the deep and unwavering connection that exists between the generations, how resilient many of them are and the strength they receive from their culture and their lineage. These women honor the wisdom of their female elders and they honor the teachings that have been passed down through many generations.

They show us that knowing who our ancestors are, speaking their names and knowing about how they lived, is not only important, it can give us a strong foundation for our life. If people learned about their ancestors and honored them, they would probably feel a lot stronger

about themselves and might even feel united with something much larger than themselves!

Hearing the stories of what these women endured, helped me to put a lot into perspective, in my own life. I felt uplifted and inspired by their strength. I am certain that part of their strength comes from knowing who they are! These things remain with me.

When you think about it, all of our ancestors are in the Earth. They are, quite literally, part of the foundation we stand upon.

I will leave you with this thought: When roots are strong and go deep, the tree will remain standing, no matter what comes.

*Teresa King is a workshop facilitator. Her next circle, "Nurturing the Grandmother Soul," will be held on Wed., September 28 at the Saratoga Springs Senior Center. Teresa can be reached at [teresaking1@live.com](mailto:teresaking1@live.com) More info can be found under Events at <https://thelargerpicture.com>.*



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Heritage Hunters of Saratoga County will meet on Saturday, September 17th, at 1 pm at the Town of Saratoga Town Hall, 12 Spring St. in Schuylerville. The program topic will be Genealogy Myths, presented by Genealogist Lisa Dougherty.

Lisa will talk about some of the common myths and how they can mislead genealogy research. Many families have an old legend they cling to for generations. Maybe it's about an act of heroism or a rumor about being related to someone famous. Just how true is the story?

Lisa's website is [www.upstatenygenealogy.com](http://www.upstatenygenealogy.com). Public is welcome. For information call Ginny at 518-885-9309.



## Climate change in New York

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Climate change is real. That's not a political statement, just a statement of fact. Is it a natural phenomenon? Is it man-made? Some of both? I leave that to the scientists, although it appears that the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) are in pretty strong agreement that we do impact our planet. Where does that leave us? It leaves us to deal with the consequences. The consequences have caused impact world wide, and that includes Washington County, New York.

According to Cornell University's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, "New York's climate is changing faster than national and global averages." This includes "air temperature, precipitation, heat wave, sea level rise and flood projections from now through year 2100 in the Hudson River region."

In late 2021, New York's Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) produced a report on "Observed and Projected Climate Change in New York State."

Their report includes observed and projected data in several key areas that impact quality of life. In particular, the report noted that the increased intensity of "Extreme Precipitation," "Snowfall," "Lake Effect Snow" and "Sea Level Rise" will all impact the Northeast through the end of the 21st Century.

A lot of this is driven by average

### 'Shorter, warmer winters will impact everything from our delicate ecosystems.'

temperature. New York's average temperature warmed at an average rate of a quarter of a degree per decade since 1900. Since 1970, that increased to .6 degrees per decade, with winter warming exceeding that growth rate. At present, as we look forward to the 2080s, current models are showing that as we approach 2080, the annual average temperature will rise 4.1 to 6.1 degrees Fahrenheit.

What does this mean for our seasons? According to the report, winters in the Northeast have warmed three times faster than summers. Therefore, more winter

precipitation falls as rain. As we approach 2050, we will see a "freeze-free" period that is two weeks longer in a future where we lower our greenhouse gas emissions. If we can not (or will not) lower our emissions, that period is expected to be three weeks longer.

When discussing "Extreme Precipitation," DEC is speaking of the amount of precipitation in the heaviest one percent of rain/snow events. According to their report, from 1958-2016, the amount of precipitation in the heaviest one percent of events increased by 55%. However, as they look forward to the end of the century, they are projecting an increase of 20 to 40% if we can reduce emissions, and 40% or higher if we are unable to do so.

"Snowfall" is an interesting category. It observes that snowfall in New York is likely to become less frequent, with less early winter snowfall and an earlier snowmelt. However, cold parts of the state could continue to get heavy snowfall because the warmer atmosphere can hold more moisture. As you see, there are always multiple dynamics at play. Lake effect snowfall is expected to increase as we move forward, as arctic air masses descend on lakes that have reduced ice coverage, making it easier for the warmed water to humidify the arctic air and create intense bands of snowfall. If overall temperatures continue to rise, eventually lake-effect snows will fall as rain.

Sea level rise impacts not just the Atlantic coast of New York, but even the tidal sections of the Hudson River, extending north to Troy. Since 1900, sea level in the lower Hudson has risen 15 inches. By the mid-21st century, scientists project an additional nine to 27 inches. This means increased

risk of storm surge and flooding to a larger population and arable farmland.

What does this all mean from an impact standpoint? Here's what I envision:

First, you are going to pay more. You are going to pay for the impacts of increased storm intensity. Of the ten most expensive disasters around the globe since 1970, seven took place in the United States, including the top six. Rising seas and increased storm damage will continue to become a drain on resources and tax dollars.

Second, the impact of shorter, warmer winters and shorter snow seasons will impact everything from our delicate ecosystems to New York tourism. This impact will be pronounced in agriculture, which depends heavily on our ecosystems.

Third, migration of populations from coastal regions to areas less affected by rising sea levels and coastal storms will have demographic impacts statewide and nationally.

In the end, science and the laws of nature don't care about our politics. Never have. What we need to do is be aware of the impact of climate change, regardless of its causes, and take the appropriate actions to manage our response to it. And if we choose not to take action, so be it. But whatever we do, we need to do it with eyes wide open as to what we are facing, and an understanding of the impact of taking no action at all.

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