



Good news for Greenwich

**A new business opens on Main Street,
a big food donation for the pantry,
No. 1 school rating and a medical miracle.**

Here's an upbeat issue of The Journal & Press. In it, we profile a promising new business in Greenwich devoted to fiber products, a large donation of food from the Mormons to Comfort Food Community, and the opening of Witches' Wardrobe at Greenwich CSD, aiming to provide clothing and other goods to students so all of them have an opportunity to prosper.

The district also recently ranked the best in the region academically, according to US News and World Report.

We have a first-person "guest

words" from well-known local resident Claire Houston, who received a life-saving organ donation.

As well, the Greenwich Free Library lists their best books for kids.

We also have lots of news from Salem, Cambridge and other towns, too.

Consider attending Beer & Brats or "The Rocky Horror Picture Show."

Maybe spend the day at Penope Farm in Jackson.

It's a great time of the year to get out and enjoy our region.

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‘Messages From Survivors’ in Salem

“We could never believe that a thing like this could happen. But it did happen... That’s why it’s very important to tell people and hopefully it will not repeat itself. This is my husband’s dream and mine,” testified Anna Jacobs, Holocaust survivor.

The Bancroft Public Library will present a traveling exhibit, “Messages From Survivors: One Family’s Holocaust Legacy.” The exhibit is built on 40 years of filming a family of Holocaust survivors in the Bronx, Miami and a bungalow colony in the Catskills between 1962 and 2016.

In the exhibit, six short videos introduce the Holocaust through powerful personal stories of a family of Holocaust survivors. Six exhibit panels researched using the US Holocaust Memorial Museum’s resources provide historical context for the video footage. The exhibit covers the family’s experiences from 1938 through the 21st century.

A feature of the exhibit is the use of QR codes to bring the Holocaust survivors’ voices directly into people’s lives, both onsite and at home. Take-home cards keep the story alive once visitors return home. Each card contains stories of family members—some who survived and some who didn’t along

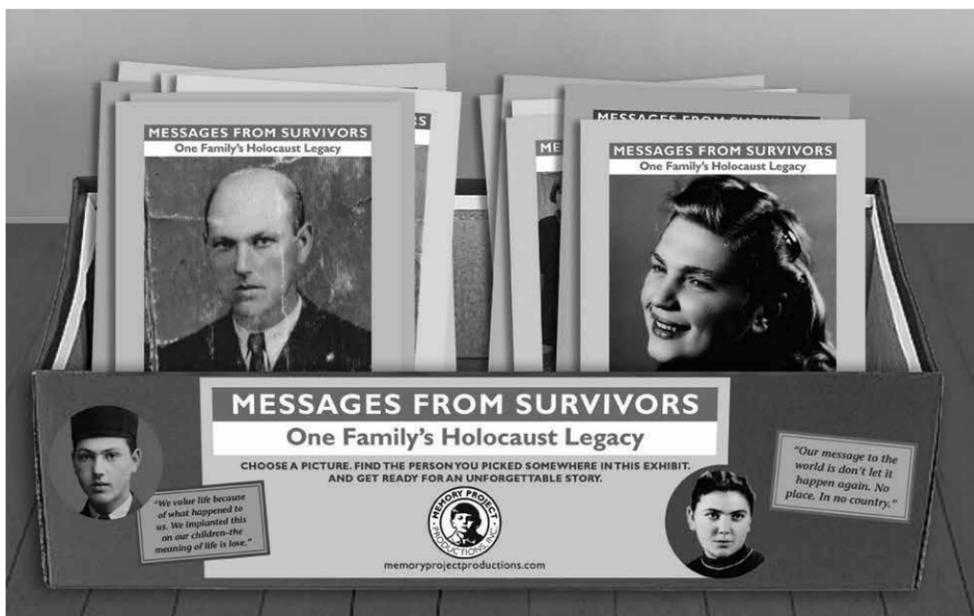
with QR code links to the videos.

“I want people to feel as if they are personally meeting my family. My parents met at a forced labor camp. My mother’s entire immediate family was murdered and my father lost most of his family. My mother said, “No one could believe things could get so bad. But they did.” Their message to the world was, “Don’t let it happen again. No place. In no country. We hope this exhibit will inspire every community to address even the smallest incidents of hatred, injustice and cruelty,” said Roz Jacobs, Co-Creator of “Messages from Survivors.”

Exhibit co-creator, Laurie Weisman added, “The Jacobs family shows us that resilience and joy can co-exist with loss and pain. By sharing their stories, we share their hard-earned wisdom with the world.”

Working in partnership with the Southern Adirondack Library System they will bring “Messages From Survivors” to Bancroft Public Library during September and October.

“The Bancroft Public Library is



excited to bring this new program to our community because there are so few survivors around to share their experiences and these personal stories offer first-person testimony that makes it real,” said Lori Stokem, library director. “We hope the take-home cards will generate meaningful conversations at homes and in schools. “

Visit the exhibit at the library during regular hours: Mondays – 1:00 – 6:00, Tuesdays – 1:00 – 8:00, Wednesdays – 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Thursdays – 1:00 – 8:00, Fridays – 1:00 – 5:00 and Saturdays – 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. This travel-

ing exhibit will be at the Bancroft Public Library through the end of October.

The Memory Project Productions, Inc. creators of “Messages From Survivors” is a New York-based non-profit organization that creates exhibits and programs devoted to social justice, art and remembrance. Its exhibits have toured the U.S., Poland and Hungary. Their award-winning film, “Finding Kalman,” has been broadcast nationally on PBS stations.

Mormons make big food donation locally

On September 14, a truckload with 24 pallets carrying nearly 39,000 pounds of food from the Bishop’s Central Storehouse in Salt Lake City, Utah arrived at CFC. The donation was presented by Bruce McLaughlin, local President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (also known as the Mormons).

CFC Executive Director Amie Collins expressed her gratitude for the partnership saying, “We are honored to receive this generous donation from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This partnership will help us continue our mission of providing real and nutritious food to those in need in Washington County and beyond.”

The delivery includes staples like rice, beans, beef stew, and canned fruits and vegetables for the food pantry. CFC, who oversees the Greenwich Food Center and satellite food pantry at Cossayuna, offers a safe and welcoming environment for members of the community to access real, wholesome food.

The Greenwich Food Pantry offers three weekly services allowing households the opportunity to ‘shop’ 1x per week. Days and Hours, Monday: 4 – 7 PM, Wednesday: 9 – 11 AM and 4 – 7 PM. CFC’s satellite pantry opens on Tuesdays from 3:30-5:30 in Cossayuna.

Serving nearly 175 households per week through their pantry services, CFC uses the power of good food to eliminate hunger, support the local food economy, and build strong, healthy communities. In

2022, CFC moved more than 500,000 pounds through its service area of Washington, Warren, and Saratoga counties.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has over 30,000 congregations in more than 160 countries and territories. To contact a local congregation, you can go to their website at: churchofjesuschristalbanyny.org.

Top photo: (Left to Right) Amie Collins (Executive Director of Comfort Food Community), Bruce McLaughlin (President of the Albany Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints), Jeffrey Bowers (Food Pantry Manager at Comfort Food Community), Christine Hoard (Development Manager of Comfort Food Community).

Bottom photo: (Top Row, Left to Right) Lyndsey Brainerd (Community Health Outreach Coordinator CFC), Mark Hebert (Board of Directors & Volunteer CFC), Jeffrey Bowers (Food Pantry Manager CFC), Ray Sans (Board of Directors & Volunteer CFC), Sean Kelleher (Grants Manager CFC); (Bottom Row, Left to Right) Carolyn Shapiro (Nutrition Education Coordinator CFC), Mary Beranek (Food Recovery Coordinator CFC), Amie Collins (Executive Director CFC).



Greenwich CSD ranks best in region

US News and World Report recently identified Greenwich Junior-Senior High School High School as one of the best High Schools in the United States. US News ranked Greenwich 1,756 out of almost 24,000 public high schools in the fifty states and District of Columbia. This ranking placed Greenwich in the top 10% of all public

high schools in the United States. Greenwich also ranked #1 in the Glens Falls Area Metro Area (see lists below for comparisons to other regional high schools).

According to the US News web site, high schools were ranked using the following criteria.

- College Readiness

- College Curriculum Breadth
- State Assessment Proficiency
- State Assessment Performance
- Graduation Rate

Greenwich Junior-Senior High School performed exceptionally well in the following categories.

College Readiness (Top

14%)-The proportion of 12th graders who took and earned a qualifying score on at least one AP or IB exam.

State Assessment Proficiency (Top 5%)-Aggregated scores on state assessments that students may be required to pass for graduation.

College Curriculum Breadth (Top 9%)-The proportions of 12th graders who took and earned a qualifying score on AP and IB exams in multiple areas.

Congrats, Molly!

From Greenwich CSD: The Greenwich Community Character Award is given each year by Breanna and Reid Lundy. The recipient has not only demonstrated excellent character throughout the years at Greenwich Central School—but also must design a project which “gives back” to the school and/or community. The awardee for 2023 was junior, Molly Abate. Molly has exhibited strong character and kindness throughout all of her years in school.

Molly’s idea for her Award Project was to put together welcome packages for new students to the district. After being chosen by the Lundy’s and their selection committee, Molly fully committed to seeing this idea through. She worked all summer putting together the creative welcome packages. She used the district logo to have string bags and t-shirts made and designed a pamphlet all about Greenwich school and our surrounding community. The pamphlet includes our students’ favorite places to eat and hang out. In addition, it lists school clubs, sports and local job possibilities. The string bag includes literature from the Greenwich Free Library and the Greenwich Youth Center. It also includes a gift certificate from Jay’s Pizza (thank you Jay’s!). Molly has done an exceptional job with this project.



| High School | New York Rank | Capital Region Rank |
|---------------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| Bethlehem | 87 | 1 |
| Voorheesville | 95 | 2 |
| Niskayuna | 134 | 3 |
| Shaker | 173 | 4 |
| Greenwich | 175 | 5 |
| Shenendehowa | 226 | 6 |
| Saratoga | 230 | 7 |
| Maple Hill | 250 | 8 |
| Lake George | 270 | 9 |
| Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake | 272 | 10 |

| High School | New York Rank | Glens Falls Metro Rank |
|----------------|---------------|------------------------|
| Greenwich | 175 | 1 |
| Lake George | 270 | 2 |
| Cambridge | 310 | 3 |
| Salem | 325 | 4 |
| Johnsburg | 511 | 5 |
| Hadley-Luzerne | 538 | 6 |
| Queensbury | 615 | 7 |
| Glens Falls | 663 | 8 |
| Warrensburg | 700 | 9 |
| Whitehall | 714 | 10 |

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Witches' Wardrobe opens for all students

Darren Johnson
Journal & Press

I recently heard about a new project in the Greenwich Central School District called Witches' Wardrobe, spearheaded by school social worker Meghan McKeighan (pictured). Here is our chat:

DJ: When did you start this project?

MM: I started this project at the end of last year by just sending out an interest survey to the staff and clearing it with my administration. Luckily it was a resounding "yes!" all around. I then worked during the summer, along with our buildings and grounds crew, to bring it to life.

DJ: Tell me about your work as the school social worker. What does it entail? How long have you been doing it?

MM: This is my 3rd year with GCSD, and I love it. I work mainly with the 3rd-6th graders. My job entails many things but I spend a majority of my time doing one on one counseling, group counseling and pushing into classrooms to teach social emotional learning lessons. Ironically, when I was in grad school I made it a goal to eventually work at Greenwich as a school social worker and that became a reality less than 2 years after finishing graduate school.

DJ: Tell me about the Witches' Ward-

robe. What is its mission? How much and what type of inventory do you have?

MM: The mission of Witches' Wardrobe is to ensure that every child in our district has access to any personal items they may need. Some of the many different items we have includes: clothing, winter gear, sneakers, shampoo/conditioner, toothbrushes, hair brushes, feminine hygiene products, soap etc. Currently our inventory is pretty well-stocked but we have the ability to take donations and store them elsewhere if we are full.

DJ: How do you acquire donations?

MM: I created a google form that is used to track when people want to donate or if a family has a request for items. (I attached the letter we made for families that has the QR code for the google form on it)



DJ: Who can use it?

MM: The closet is geared towards our PreK-6th grade students but the high school actually has its own thrift store called The Sunshine Shop which is free to our older kids as well.

DJ: How will you get the word out about it?

MM: I plan to have a table at our Back to School Night with information about it and I have shared the information on my facebook page but I am looking into other options for sharing the information as well.

Thunder Mountain survey results

The park survey for the Village of Greenwich has been tabulated. The Parks Task Force would like to announce the results. 92 people filled out the survey, either online or in person. There were 5 questions, with most having the option of multiple responses.

Question 1 asked what activities or features would people like to see more of at Hayes Reservoir (often referred to as "Thunder Mountain")? Respondents could choose as many answers as fit their opinion. 68% said more/improved hiking trails, with 60% choosing picnic facilities enhancement. The remaining responses included fishing/dock(41%), improved signage and parking(44 and 38% respectively), bike trails(21%) and horseback riding(11%). Suggestions included bathrooms, dog walking trails, hunting, history, play areas, including adaptive playground equipment, programming to include mountain biking and nature education.

Question 2 asked what type of programming would people like to see at Mowry Park (also called Gazebo park)? 79% of respondents said musical performances, 73% asked for food trucks, art programs received 44% of responses and yoga followed at 41%. Additional responses included movie nights, events for children and the community including plays or puppet shows at no cost to the audience, civil service recognition days (firefighters, ems, police, educators, etc), tai chi and vendor events.

Question 3 asked how often survey respondents used the parks currently owned by the Village of Greenwich or within village limits. The playground at the school was most frequently utilized, followed by Mowry Park, Gannon Park (Splash pad), the Hayes Reservoir, and Veteran's Park, with the other properties mentioned.

Question 4 asked what other types of uses and programming would people like to see at Greenwich Parks. 60% of the respondents asked for more picnic facilities, to potentially include a pavilion, grills, and bathrooms. 58% of those responding asked for a dog park, with playgrounds, hiking trails, fish-



ing access, bike trails, ice rink, farmer's market, programs such as bocce, croquet, corn hole, wildlife lectures, hunting and finally a public pool were all mentioned.

The final question was open ended, asking people for any additional ideas or comments. Some suggestions included creating partnerships with local businesses to fund programming, a rail trail, trails along the Battenkill, adaptive playground with a PECS speech board for kids with special needs, a fishing access for Rock Street park and a better location for the Greenwich Youth Center.

The Task Force would like to thank everyone who responded. They are now prioritizing needs and looking into ways to fund the suggested projects. Please watch the newspaper, Village of Greenwich website and the Parks Taskforce Facebook page for updates.

—Submitted by task force member Dorothea Casey

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'Rocky Horror' to take the Salem stage

Get ready to do the TIME WARP again! Fort Salem Theater is thrilled to announce the cast and creative team of the highly anticipated production of The Rocky Horror Show, running from October 20 to October 31, 2023 - live on the Salem stage. Although costumes are not required, patrons are welcome to dress up and join us on the fun, just in time for Halloween!

Just like in the cult-classic film, when sweethearts Brad and Jane are caught in a storm with a flat tire, they stumble upon the eerie mansion of Dr. Frank-N-Furter and his fantastical phantoms. As innocence unravels, they encounter a cast of wild characters and surprising secrets. With elaborate dances and electrifying rock songs including "The Time Warp," "Damn it Janet," "Hot Patootie," and "Touch-a Touch Me," Frank-N-Furter unveils his masterpiece creation: the muscular man known as "Rocky."

Directed by guest artist Cody Riker, this production promises to deliver an electrifying experience with Music Director Iris Rogers, Producer and Co-Choreographer Kyle West, Co-Choreographer and Costume Designer Kelly Sienkiewicz, Scenic Designer and Master Carpenter Charles J.I. Krawczyk, and Tech Director Sam Victoria - joining the team all the way from Australia.

The show features a stellar cast, including Nik Gatz as Frank 'N' Furter, Ryan Fuchs as Rocky, Jackson Aubuchon as Eddie/Dr. Scott, James Alexander as Riff Raff, Jenna Wilkinson as Janet, Kelly Sienkiewicz as Magenta/Usherette, Megan Morse as Columbia, Debbie Warnock as The Narrator, Molly Waters as Phantom, Adrienne Guss as Phantom, and Liam Reynolds as Phantom.

nock as the Narrator, and Adrienne Guss, Liam Reynolds, and Molly Waters as Phantoms, plus guest actor Ryan Canavan as Brad.

Performances for The Rocky Horror Show are Friday, October 20 at 7:30PM, Saturday, October 21 at 7:30PM, Saturday, October 21 at Midnight, Friday, October 27 at 7:30PM, Saturday,



October 28 at 7:30PM, and Tuesday, October 31 at 7:30PM (a special Halloween show!). Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased online at www.fortsalem.com.

Tang for kids

The Frances Young Tang Teaching Museum and Art Gallery at Skidmore College announces its series of popular, fun, educational Family Saturdays for the fall will be on September 23, October 7 & 21, November 4 & 18, and December 9. The programs foster multigenerational creative cooperation through looking at artwork, discussing it, and engaging in a hands-on art-making activity. The programs, which are free and open to the public, run from 2 to 3:30 pm. They are suitable for children ages 5 and older, accompanied by their adult companions. No registration required; supplies provided on a first-come, first-served basis. Led by Njeri Jennings, the Laurie M. Tisch Educator for K-12 and Community Programs at the Tang Teaching Museum, the fall programs will focus on work in current exhibitions and from the Tang collection.

For more information or to be added to the Family Saturday e-mail list, please call the Tang Visitor Service Desk at 518-580-8080 or email tang@skidmore.edu.

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Beer & Brats

The Historic Salem Courthouse is excited to announce its 8th annual Beer & Brats Festival, the "wurst party ever!" Join the fun on Saturday, October 7th to sample incredible micro-brews and local food, listen to music by well-loved band Simple Beggars, and to meet up with friends under the autumn skies. The event is slated to begin at 3 pm and end when the dancing stops!

Food will be provided by the Salem Rotary Club and the excellent baker and caterer, Phyllis Panetta, famous for her jewel bars and vegetarian food! Choices include brats, pulled chicken, or vegetarian chili and macaroni and cheese. There will be cornhole, a wine table, and a basket raffle. The event also will serve as a collection for the #SoSalem, which badly needs resources to support neighbors experiencing crisis; Pre-order tickets for \$30 each or buy tickets at the event for \$35 each.

Beer & Brats is the Courthouse's major fall fundraiser each year. Proceeds from the event go to support many worthwhile community events and services, such as the free Lunch, Learn, and Play summer program; Girls on the Run; the Battenkill Kitchen; the Community Garden; after-school programs for youth; art openings and concerts; and other cultural and educational activities.

The Historic Salem Courthouse is located at 58 East Broadway in Salem, NY. Tickets may be purchased in advance of the event at www.salem-courthouse.org.

Park wasn't a wise purchase

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter to the editor in response to the 2 letters to the editor in reference to the property on the Hudson from last weeks Journal & Press. Both letters are ridiculous! I find it disgusting that they use the idea that the citizens are against parks in general. The purchase of the property on the Hudson in Clarks Mills was a mistake from the beginning and the Town has no business owning it. The town has no reason to be in the town park business. We are blessed here as we have more green space than most.

I just attended (last night) a Town Board meeting where the Highway Superintendents crew just got in trouble with the Army Corp of Engineers (they were instructed to do so by the Town Board) for cutting brush inside the buffer zone next to the Hudson.

Now we (taxpayers) have to spend more money to replant inside the buffer zone to replace what was cut. The town board also authorized \$50,000 last night for asbestos abatement in the only building worth anything on the property. More money being spent on a property that has no river access or redeeming qualities without further infrastructure improvements.

The taxpayers general understanding of this property was that it was supposed to be donated to Hudson Crossing after taxpayer money paid for it. There was much fanfare around this idea and was stopped. Now we are stuck with a property that our Town has no idea what to do with it or know anything about.

The beach is a prime example of why the Town shouldn't be in the town park business. To me since the state won't allow the beach to open for swimming its a luxury swimming spot (if you disregard the no swimming signs posted) that is lightly used. We have to bus our youth to Lake Lauderdale for swimming lessons because we can't swim there.

This is an asset that should return to the tax roles as the Town Board members don't know what to do with it. Sell it and get it back on the tax roles and be done with the liability.

The property on the Hudson is another property that should be on the tax roles. With no Hudson access without serious infrastructure work and substantial financial commitment the property is unusable. Not only did WE overpay for the property now its off the tax roles and needs investment, a double whammy!

We need to combat the garbage that this was a wise decision. This was another park that sees no visitors and is a drag on taxpayer money sell or gift the park to someone that can generate some taxpayer revenue with it.

Get out of the park business please! The taxpayers need help surviving the onslaught

of taxes.

Best regards,

Dan Spigner

Greenwich

Solar and the Community

To the Editor:

We have agreed to lease a portion of our land to Boralex, a renewable energy developer, for their Bald Mountain solar project.

The solar farm will generate clean energy for 30+ years and reserve the land for the next generation. During the lease Boralex will be contributing to the towns tax base, bolstering the local economy, supporting educational and workforce development programs for the duration. At the end of the lifespan of the project, all materials will be removed, recycled, and/or reused. Over the past five years, I have been in contact with the Boralex team to discuss various dual-purpose options for the land during the lease period. As mentioned at various public hearings, a sheep grazing operation along with pollinator plots have been proposed. Throughout the process Boralex has asked for and taking feedback from the community and planning board and to my knowledge, they have addressed the concerns and made changes where possible.

The character of a community evolves based on economics, technology and demographics. We no longer have the traditional family farms milking 30 to 50 cows. Small farms have, for the most part, been consumed by the mega farms that exist today. The notion that any farmer that wants to add a solar farm can do so is unrealistic—there are specific criteria that must be met to determine economic feasibility. I have heard comments that solar rays are unsightly. That was the same sentiment raised when silos first began to appear. Now they are on postcards, representing America's culture and heritage.

If the climate scientists are right, we are headed into a turbulent time on earth. We are happy to lease our land to be part of the solution at limiting the effects of climate change, supporting solar energy is something to be proud of. Future generations will look at us and say we tried. We urge the board to support the project for the future of Greenwich and our planet.

John and Carol Heermance

Greenwich

That's the Ticket

To the Editor:

It is the diversity and depth of experience

that makes me excited for the Nolan-Donahue-Anderson-Tjarks (NDAT) ticket this upcoming November election. Jim Nolan, Pat Donahue, and Deborah Tjarks have been working hard for the successes we are seeing in Greenwich today. This includes the soon to be finished revitalized Greenwich Comprehensive Plan, the development of the Hudson Riverside Park, and more. Reed Anderson's inclusion to the Town Board will bring his insights and perspective to only further enhance this group's successful collaborative work.

I'm going to ignore the provoking distractions during this upcoming election season, and focus on the facts. I would encourage everyone to meet these candidates face to face and hear from them what they can do for us. Their combined vision for a successful Greenwich deserves every voter's support.

Timothy I. Norton

Greenwich

A Vote for Tjarks

To the Editor:

I have known Deborah Tjarks since we were toddlers. I grew up with her. She was always a kind and compassionate person who would do anything for anyone, and continues to exhibit these great qualities today. The position of Town of Greenwich Clerk is a perfect fit for her for that very reason. She will be a positive face and a competent employee who will go above and beyond to help residents of the Greenwich community.

She is family oriented with two bright children, who are now young adults and a husband who shares the same kind nature as Debbie. Debbie and her family have lived in Greenwich their entire life. They have experiences from traveling as a family, including a recent trip her son took exploring five different countries. Debbie earned her degree from the University of Albany. She is intelligent, reserved, and truly a hard worker. She has worked at Washington County Real Property Tax Services, while working from home and taking on other part time jobs. She will be a dependable employee who will be committed to the responsibilities that go along with being a Town Clerk.

I can not say enough about how kind and caring of a person she is. She is humble and unassuming but intelligent and a problem solver. Her even keeled demeanor will also be an asset as she handles daily tasks and resolves concerns that arise.

The community of Greenwich will be fortunate to have Debbie in this office.

Sincerely,

Stacy Brophy

Greenwich

Open house at SUNY Adirondack

SUNY Adirondack opens its doors to the public for an Open House event Saturday, Oct. 7.

Enjoy light refreshments and gather information about various on-campus groups and offices from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. in Northwest Bay Conference Center.

SUNY Adirondack President Kristine D. Duffy, Ed.D., will welcome guests at 9:30 a.m., followed by an event overview from College Access.

Beginning at 9:50, visitors can choose from a number of workshops, including:

- The first-year experience and student support services;

- Adult learner and transfer student connections;

- Living on campus;

- Paying for college and financial aid

From 10:30 a.m. until noon, guests can learn more about the more than 40 academic degree and certificate programs SUNY Adirondack offers, and meet professors.

Throughout the event, campus tours will be offered, as will opportunities to meet with representatives of various offices to have questions answered or receive help applying.

"This Open House is a great way to find out about the college that is just down the road from

home," said John Delate, Ph.D., vice president for Enrollment and Student Affairs at SUNY Adirondack. "We have a lot to discover and might really surprise people who think they know what we are. We have a beautiful campus with cutting-edge technology, labs, studios, an incredible Athletics facility, some of the nicest res hall rooms I've ever seen, and faculty and staff who really care about each student."

To register for the event, visit <https://connect.sunyacc.edu/register/falopenhouse>.

The SUNY Adirondack Timberwolves men's and women's soccer teams will also play home games at 4 and 6 p.m., respectively. Wear your SUNY ADK apparel and help cheer them on!

Miracles happen

Claire Houston
Special to Journal & Press

From the day she was born, I claimed my baby sister Boo as my own. Twelve years and 10 months separated us, this precious little one. How could I have ever known that one day she would save my life?

She was the apple of my eye. I bathed her in the sink, carried her around the farm, fed her, made clothes for her, and gave her rides in the basket of my bicycle. Once she got beyond a crib, she would sleep on my stomach each night as a toddler. At the age of 9 months, her wispy hair stuck out two inches in the air, leading one of her 7 siblings to say it looked like she had been scared by a ghost. So, we started calling her “Boo”, and all these decades later that name has stuck.

Sadly, our mom passed away when Boo was only ten. I went to court and got custody of her. Boo grew up into an incredible adult, got married, and has two beautiful children of her own. Adversity visited her again when she lost her husband, Dave, as he waited for a lung transplant. Through it all, she has reminded me of our mom- loving, kind, strong, hard-working, uncomplaining, and unafraid of anything life could throw at her. I have always been so very proud of her!

There are times in our lives when we truly show what we are made of, and Boo did this a few months ago. I had inherited a kidney disease from my mother (the same disease that ended her life at 48), and I was fortunate enough to have a successful kidney transplant for 22 years. Unfortunately, that transplant failed, and I went on kidney dialysis for several hours three times a week for the past 2 and a half years. My mom had passed away after 5 years on dialysis, so I was getting nervous.

This is when my hero stepped forward- Boo offered to donate one of her kidneys to me. There are no words to express the feeling of someone offering a piece of their body to you...What do you say? How do you thank them? The truth is there are no words, no expressions of thanks that are ever going to be adequate. Boo said she was doing it in honor of the two people she loved and lost waiting for a transplant...her mom and her husband. That is typical Boo spirit, and why I love her so fiercely.

Unfortunately, a few days before our scheduled surgeries in a final blood cross match, some antibodies showed up that would cause the transplanted kidney to be rejected. The

surgeon explained that a possible solution was for Boo to donate her kidney to a kidney donation chain of donors and recipients. Boo’s kidney would go to a recipient that matched her kidney, and I would then be eligible to receive a kidney from a donor on the chain that matched me.

Boo donated her kidney at the end of July, and a little over a week later, I received a kidney transplant. Both donors went home the day after their surgeries, which were done laparoscopically, with a short incision. I am happy to say that both my sister and my donor are doing well. And my new kidney is functioning incredibly well – in the normal range. I returned home from the hospital on the fourth day. I am so thankful and blessed...no more hours of sitting in a dialysis chair. I have my life back thanks to heroes like Boo and my donor.

I would be remiss if I didn’t express my deep appreciation to everyone on the staff at Baystate Medical Transplant Unit in Springfield, Massachusetts. Each person that we interacted with was kind, compassionate, and dedicated to saving lives. The surgeons were personable and incredibly talented. It is a well-oiled machine. I had been seeking a transplant from a closer hospital, but after well over a year of fulfilling all that was asked of me, I was no closer to a transplant. Then we found Baystate and a little over 6 months later, I had my transplant. We are so thankful to have found such a wonderful facility.

My friends in Greenwich have been very supportive throughout this entire process. A couple of weeks after my transplant, they even held a parade that went past my house to celebrate the transplant. There were lots of cars, signs, and even a couple of fire



Pictured with Boo and my husband — and the car parade

‘There were lots of cars, signs, and even fire trucks. It was very touching, and I am so thankful to everyone.’

trucks. It was very touching, and I am so thankful to everyone who has supported me throughout this process!

What do I wish that you would take away from this story? Please spread the word- many people die every day waiting for a transplant. There are over 100,000 people on the transplant waiting list. With the advent of chain donation, you don’t even have to be a match to your loved one or friend in need of a transplant. All costs for pre-surgery tests, the surgery, and post-surgical care for the donor are covered. By donating, you would be saving two lives. What

a wonderful feeling that must be! Please consider donation, and let your loved ones know of your wishes. The gift of life is an amazing one.

Claire Houston was raised on a dairy farm in Greenwich. She went on to teach in the GCS elementary for over 30 years. She is currently enjoying retirement with her husband Jim, her son Jacob, and her new kidney.



Jane P. Salisbury, 93

Jane P. Salisbury, 93, of Salem passed away Wednesday, September 6, 2023 at her residence.

She was born in Cambridge September 18, 1929 the daughter of the late Horace and Anna (Keys) Clark.

Jane was a 1947 graduate of Salem Washington Academy and had worked at General Electric in Fort Edward for 28 years retiring in 1995.

Jane was a member of the Hebron United Presbyterian Church for over 70 years. She was active within the church serving as a Deacon for over 6 years and was involved with many activities within the church. Jane was a member of the West Hebron Literary Club and past Treasurer of the Cossayuna Cemetery Association. She was a member of the Salem Area Senior Citizens and received the Senior of the Year Award and volunteered at NEWCO in Salem for many years. Jane volunteered with the Courthouse Readers by reading to children at Salem Central School. She was a member of the Slate Valley Chapter #122 Order of the Eastern Star in Granville since 1984 and was a member & past President of the Grand Officers of the Warren-Washington District.

Jane enjoyed being with her family especially her grandchildren. She loved to read, travel and flowers.

In addition to her parents, Jane was predeceased by her husband, Steven Salisbury on November 19, 1987. They were the first couple

married at the West Hebron United Presbyterian Church on June 10, 1950; her sisters, Lorraine Clark at birth and Betty Shaler in 2008.

Jane is survived by her children, Clark (Sonya) Salisbury of Eula, TX, Linda (Raymond) Clouatre of Danville, VT, Betsy Lackey of Greenwich, Stephenie (William) Randles of Argyle and Caren (Robert) St. Vincent of Colorado Springs, CO; her grandchildren, Scott (Meggan) Clouatre, Josh (Emily) Clouatre, Heather & Rebecca Lackey, Gregory & Steven Randles, Steven (Nicole) Salisbury, Dianna (Collyn) Symmes and Cheryl (Eric) Magnabosco. Jane is also survived by 14 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be Monday, September 11, 2023 at 11 am at the Hebron United Presbyterian Church, 3153 County Route 30, Salem with Rev. Nick TeBordo officiating. A calling hour will be from 10-11 am prior to the service.

Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery in Salem.

Memorial donations in Jane's memory may be made to Hebron United Presbyterian Church, 3153 County Route 30, Salem, NY 12865 or Slate Valley Chapter #122 Order of the Eastern Star, 97 North St., Granville, NY 12832.

To sign the online guestbook or share a memory, please visit www.gariepyfuneralhomes.com



The McClellan-Gariepy Funeral Home, Inc. in Salem is assisting the family.

Local cleanups

Join Battenkill Conservancy's "Community Paddle: River & Roadside Clean Ups" happening on Sunday Oct 1st beginning at 10 AM. Gather a group and meet at one of 3 suggested locations or choose your preferred river section, a road or one of the Battenkill Public access sites. Reusable "Collect a Can" bags, gloves and sturdy trash bags will be provided for debris collection as you paddle or walk a section of the watershed. Trash will be collected at the designated sites and disposed of free of charge thanks to County Waste Collection of New York. Limited shuttle service will be offered for pre-registered paddlers. A post clean up BBQ lunch to reward participants for their efforts will take place at BkC's Schmidt Meadow Preserve in Jackson.

Participants will meet at one of the following locations:

- 1) State Line Route 313 Rest Area to Eagleville Bridge
- 2) Eagleville Bridge to Georgi Museum & Park, Shushan
- 3) Hegeman Bridge to Middle Falls Kayak & Canoe Launch

Email organizers at bkc@battenkillconservancy.org if you are interested in organizing a group, have any questions on how to participate or want to sign up for one of the suggested clean up locations.

Salem readings

The Historic Salem Courthouse is excited to partner with Humanities NY through their generous grant to allow the Courthouse to offer a four-part Reading/Discussion series beginning in October.

The series has been tailored to examine a critical topic in the lives of area residents: "The Serious Side of Food." Producing food is of paramount importance to the local economy, and opportunities to think about and discuss the food that is produced and consumed, as well as notions of "healthy" eating, the human labor necessary to produce our food, and the politics of food, are invaluable. Participants should commit to completing the series' readings and engaging in discussion during the sessions, as well as attending all sessions and contributing to the potluck supper on October 25.

A further description of the series can be found on the Courthouse

website: www.salemcourthouse.org.

This program is directed by local resident Ann Whalen, and discussions are facilitated by Kyle West, Executive & Artistic Director of Fort Salem Theater. The four-part series will be held from 5:30-7pm on Wednesdays, October 4, 11, 18, and 25.

The discussion group will be limited to 15 participants, and Humanities NY will loan copies of the readings for the series. Light refreshments will be provided by the Courthouse.

Enrollment for this free program is first come, first served. To register please call 518-854-7053. The Historic Salem Courthouse is located at 58 East Broadway in Salem, NY.

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A day at the farm

Washington County Historical Society is pleased to be hosting our third open house at The Museums at Penope Farms located at 56 Scotch Hill Road in the Town of Jackson October 15, 2023 from 1PM-4PM.

Owner, Dick McGuire would like to invite everyone to tour his museums on the hill. We have never opened the museum when the fall colors are at their peak so you are encouraged to bring a picnic lunch and a chair to sit and enjoy the amazing view of the Route 22 valley below.

The museums have expanded over the years and there are now 12 theme museums. They include: a library and music museum, Post Office, antique tools, large and small (2 museums), household utensils, a collection of artwork by the older sister of McGuire's father, Jennie Mae McGuire Bennett (an early 1900s artist), a dairy museum, a chainsaw museum, and a museum of Dick's personal mementos.

Dick enjoys having visitors at his museums and recently shared the history of how the museums came to be. In the 1970s, his father and three other retired farmers began to collect old farm equipment so that future generations would see tools from when horses were still used to plow the fields of Washington County. These men started the Washington County Farm Museum at the



fairgrounds in Easton.

Dick, himself, merged four small farms to create Penope Farms. Stored in the barns were plenty of antique tools and equipment so he decided to start his own museum right on his farm.

It started with 4 rooms in two barns about 1978. Over the years, individuals have given him items, some were purchased at auctions and sales greatly expanding his collection.

Meander leisurely back into yesteryear. The museums feature hundreds of items from 1800 to the early tractors of the 1930s and 40s There is something of interest for all ages from equipment for working the land with horses to classic automobiles of the 1920s and 30s.

This event is free and open to the public. Donations are gratefully accepted. The event will be held rain or shine. If you have never been there, come and bring the kids or grandkids. It is a great way to spend an afternoon.



\$1000 smiles

Family Dentistry delivered a \$1000 check to the Greenwich PTSA on Sept. 20. The school won the "Back to School Smile" contest, sponsored by the practice, which has locations throughout the region, including Greenwich. The winning school entered a photo contest via the practice's Facebook page. For more information about Family Dentistry, visit saratogaspringsdentists.com.

Thank You!

The Dow Family would like to thank everyone who took part in any way to help support Mike and his family at BCC benefit. It's said it takes a village to raise a child and Thank God, we chose this one to bring up our children. We cannot thank you all enough for the most generous donations, food, raffle items, silent auction items, etc. No matter what part you took, everything is so very much appreciated as he continues his journey and treatment. We are all so appreciative. Thank you. God Bless.
—The Dow Family

Dem roundtable

The Washington County Democratic Committee is holding a round-table discussion on Tuesday, September 26, at 7 pm at the Board of Elections building, 1153 Burgoyne Avenue, Fort Edward. Come and talk with local candidates and incumbents to share your hopes and concerns on economic security, health care, agriculture, infrastructure and the environment. For more information, contact Phyllis Cavanagh at pcavan48@gmail.com.

Donate for pets

Join your friends, neighbors and patrons of the Easton Library and Greenwich Free Library and give back to the community by donating new pet accessories. Donations will go directly to several local volunteer-run animal rescue groups based in southern Washington County. They are Almost Home Rescue (Holly), Lucky Puppy Rescue (Great Beginnings Adoption Center), Salem's Community Cats (Keisha and Jess), and Short and Stumpy Pups Inc. (dba Our Best Friends Rescue, Tracy).

Look for collection boxes at the entrances of both libraries. Here is a wish list of items requested:

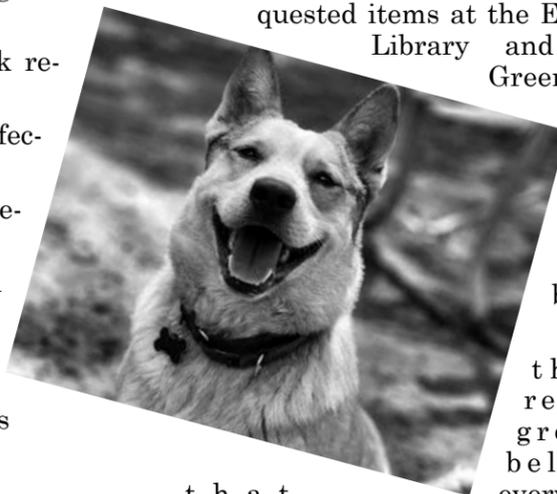
- Dog and cat toys
- Leashes and collars (all sizes, but mostly medium and small)
- Dog and cat food
- Puppy and kitten food
- Gas cards

- Laundry detergent, bleach and dish soap
- (Washable) Pee Pads
- Trash bags (large and heavy duty)
- Puppy-Bac milk replacer
- ResCue disinfectant
- Home improvement store gift cards
- Nylabones and 6" Steer Sticks or other safe chew bones
- Sponges, mops, cleaning tools and supplies
- Cat litter
- Cat scratchers (cardboard type)
- Catnip cat toys
- Liquid Health Pets K9

Level 5000 Glucosamine dog supplement

- Hip and joint soft chews joint supplement for small and medium dogs
- Dog harnesses (all sizes)

You can find a complete list of requested items at the Easton Library and the Greenwich



that deserves plenty of love, attention, and exercise. Saving pets from the streets, a life of neglect, puppy mills, and animal shelters is the cornerstone of each group.

Many of the puppies, dogs, cats, and kittens found in these sad situations can be, and are, rescued and rehabilitated. Volunteers help place these dogs and cats in foster homes (sometimes permanently) or forever homes, rather than animal shelters.

Collection bins at both libraries will be available for two weeks from Saturday, October 14 through Saturday, October 28.

"The Great Give Back" is a statewide program whose mission is to provide library patrons the opportunity to participate in meaningful service to their communities. Throughout New York State, libraries will be participating with a variety of service programs in October.

Direct questions to: Easton Library by calling 518-692-2253 or emailing jdecarlo@sals.edu; or to Greenwich Free Library by calling 518-692-7157 or emailing wschulztz@sals.edu.

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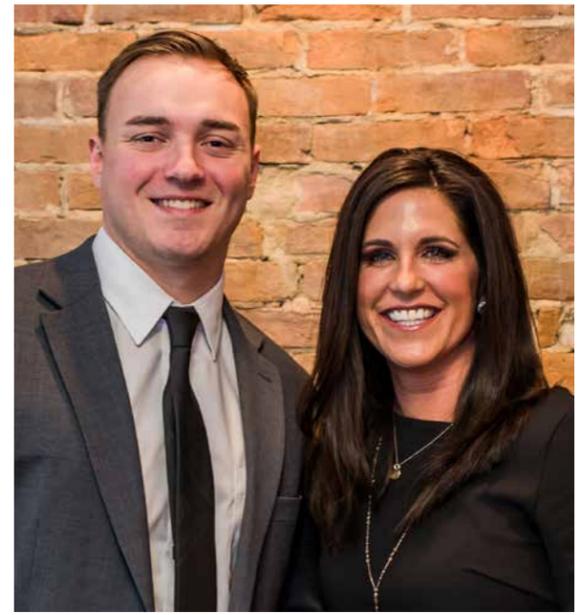
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THANK YOU, FROM CAROL SKIFF

In recent issues we ran an ad asking readers to send Carol Skiff birthday cards for her 85-and-a-half birthday this month. Attesting to the fact that print ads actually do help get the word out, daughter Barb Skiff reports that her mother received well over 100 cards. Here is what Carol said:

Dear Friends, Thank you for all of the wonderful cards that have kept me happy for days!

They have brought me many fun memories from 60 years ago to present from old friends and new!

Thanks for the JOY! —Carol Skiff



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Idlenot Fibersmiths takes over 87 Main St.

Darren Johnson
Journal & Press

Local residents Kate Morse and Mackenzie Rouleau are partnering to open a new brick and mortar store on Main Street in Greenwich. I spoke with Morse recently about this unique endeavor. Here is our conversation:

DJ: What is the business?

KM: *Idlenot Fibersmiths, opening on September 23, is located at 87 Main Street in Greenwich. We're offering locally hand-dyed and handspun yarn, fiber for spinning and needle felting, punch needle supplies, American-made wool by yard, as well as weaving, crochet, knitting, felting, and macrame kits. We look forward to hosting meet-up nights for people to get together and create in a friendly, laid-back space and offering workshops for those who are interested in learning a new craft.*

DJ: Tell us about when and how you got the idea for it.

KM: *We live in such an amazing area for fiber and textile production, both as part of the region's history and as part of today's industrial and agricultural markets. Events like the Washington County Fiber Tour and Adirondack Wool and Arts Festival highlight just how much is available, but we wanted to provide a space that was open year-round for people to be able to access these locally produced goods as well as do our part to spread the word about the fantastic producers out there.*

DJ: What level of expertise do each of you bring to the business?

KM: *Neither one of us would proclaim ourselves as experts, but that's part of the reason we wanted to do this - to remove a bit of the stigma that you need to strive for perfection or expertise in any of these areas. It's about the creating and the community and - hopefully - the joy that comes with fiber arts. Kate started knitting about 20 years ago but really dove more deeply into it during the pandemic. That led her to learning to dye and eventually spin her own yarn. Mackenzie knits as well, but right now is enjoying playing with and experimenting with crochet. She loves the versatility of it, which also allows for more intuitive creativity.*

DJ: What does the name mean?

KM: *The name "Idlenot" is the name of the local dairy farm Kate's mother grew up on. Kate remembers seeing her grandfather and uncle out tossing hay while her grandmother kept the house running. No one was ever idle, but there was always joy and pride in the hard work. That's where Idlenot's unofficial motto comes from as well: "Work hard, have fun, idlenot." Creating fiber arts is the same in so many ways:*

it's work to create something new out fiber, whether it's wool or yarn or mohair or alpaca, but there's also a sense of pride and joy in it. We wanted to make sure we were inclusive of all the possibilities, which is why we're "Fibersmiths." Anything and everything fiber-related is included.

DJ: Who do you envision to be your customer base?

KM: *One of the first things we did when we secured the shop was to get a sticker for the front door that reads "All are welcome here." We mean that in every possible way. If you have been knitting for 60 years and are looking for something special, come in. If you have never picked up a crochet hook and want to learn, come in. If you have a kiddo curious about weaving and want to grab a kit for them to try out, come in. It doesn't matter who you are or what you do or don't know - you're welcome at Idlenot Fibersmiths.*

DJ: What will be your hours of operation?

KM: *Opening weekend, September 23 - 24, we'll be open from 9am - 4pm with small giveaways for those who stop in. Regular hours will start as Wednesday afternoons from 3pm - 6pm and weekends from 10am - 4pm, but we look forward to expanding our open hours during the week and for evening meet ups in the near future.*

DJ: How do you view Main Street Greenwich as a place to shop and stroll?

KM: *Greenwich's Main Street has seen some great new businesses recently, not to mention the shops and businesses that are long standing staples of downtown. We both grew up in Greenwich and it's always had a special small-town atmosphere that seems to be more and more rare these days. Small independent businesses are what keep that atmosphere alive, and we're grateful to be able to have a chance to be a part of that community and to help celebrate it.*

DJ: Will you have an online component, too?

KM: *Our website is IdlenotYarn.com, and eventually we'll be listing most of what's in the shop online as well. It certainly can't replace the in-person shopping experience of being able to feel the fiber and see the colors and visit in the shop, but we also realize that in this day and age it's a necessity. People can also follow along with what's happening at the store through our Facebook (Idlenot Fibersmiths), Instagram and TikTok accounts (IdlenotYarn).*



KM: *We can't wait to meet the makers out there and help make the connections within our local fiber community, but most of all we're excited to help share our love for all of these skill sets and crafts. Both of us love the community aspect of fiber - after all, that's how it's been shared and passed on for generations. Yes, there are plenty of online tutorials out there but nothing can replace sitting next to someone with needles or a hook in your hands sharing a new technique. As much as we love admiring the colors and textures of the local and hand-dyed fibers, our favorite part of the store is what we're calling the Little Free Fiber Library. It's a little nook where people can drop off usable yarn, fiber, and wool scraps for others to take at no charge. We all have our "stash" of leftover materials, and what better way to support each other than to share what we don't necessarily need any longer? Not to mention the projects that call for just a few yards of this or that...you can buy a skein of yarn that's 200 yards long when you only need 10 yards, or you can visit the Little Free Fiber Library and see if something fits the bill for free.*

DJ: Anything else you'd like to add?

KM: *While we've been working hard to offer a bit of everything, we look forward to people telling us what they want to see at Idlenot as well, so come with suggestions! We'll never be in the business of competing with big suppliers like Michael's or Web's Yarn Store when it comes to offering a mass-produced product. What we are interested in doing is offering products that are made locally (or as locally as possible), sustainably, and/or by makers and other businesses that are giving back in some way. We want people to feel good when they shop at Idlenot Fibersmiths and we want them to feel good when they're creating with the materials they get from us....and we think that they will!*

DJ: From a business perspective, what are you excited for?



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Darren Johnson
Journal & Press

You may read story after story about how newspapers are going out of business, and most of them are.

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- I don't get hit by a bus, not that busses come up this far.
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- I hit the Powerball.
- Speaking of Stewart's — if their staff didn't encourage people to sit in the booths and read the paper for free, dripping chili and coffee stains on them, only to return them to the rack, discouraging others from buying one.
- Kim Kardashian posts a provocative picture of herself reading The Journal & Press with a LINK IN BIO to JPsubs.com.
- The free, fake newspapers didn't steal whatever few ads we might acquire, just because they are more aggressive and don't have to worry about their editorial content and can devote all of their energies to grabbing what little ad money Main Street has left to give.
- We hire Aaron Rodgers to throw newspapers door to door.
- Other papers, who own the printing presses we use, don't go out of business. We've had a half dozen different printers in the past three years. They either go out of business or consolidate and move printing out of state. Wimps!
- Some outside force — a savvy press association or some big foundation — finally figures out a way for real newspapers like this one to get some of the public-awareness government advertising that currently is spent on billboards, TV and the Internet.
- A local college journalism program takes pity on us and sends us their best writers to cover local board meetings and such.
- Or at least they send their John Belushi lookalike and we can do a toga party fundraiser.
- Lance Wang wins the Pulitzer Prize.
- We use our remaining clout to pressure a town board to greenlight us to grow a solar farm.
- The people who say they are upset by the results of local elections and government decisions that affect their taxes actually support the lone media entity that may occasionally hold local officials accountable.
- More people make a resolution to read more and get away from their devices a few minutes a day.
- We become a not-for-profit and someone bequeaths us their sprawling estate.
- People start buying gift subscriptions for relatives who love print newspapers.
- All of the people who send us press releases to get themselves free publicity actually subscribe to the paper.
- Facebook and Google finally start giving US news publishers proper compensation for taking our content all of these years to enhance their traffic.
- People who pick up and enjoy our free sample issues — you know who you are

— actually make such enjoyment a year-round thing by subscribing (go to JPsubs.com).

- I go on "Dancing With the Stars" in a Journal & Press T-shirt and a Speedo.
- OK, scratch that one.
- You light a candle for us at your favorite church.
- Print newspapers become as hip as vinyl records have become. You could buy a copy for \$27 from a hipster in a chili-stained KISS shirt at a flea market.
- People finally realize our Word Jumble is encoded with next week's winning NFL picks.
- People realize \$2 really isn't that bad considering all that's gathered from reading a newspaper like this one and how useful and entertaining such publications can be.
- We become "the official paper" of Instagram and TikTok.
- Town board stories suddenly have the suspense level of a Serial Podcast, gripping readers to keep buying more and

more papers. Oh, the drama!

- We finally understand "Gasoline Alley."
- Far-far right and far-far left people stop being so sensitive and disparaging the paper because the occasional article, letter or ad challenges their fragile worldview.
- We hold a \$100/ticket toga party fundraiser and more than six people show up.
- "Random Thoughts" gets optioned to Hollywood for the big screen. Of course, the lead writer role (Mike Levy) will be filled by Keanu Reeves.

Anyway, you get the idea. Some of these solutions are silly, some are serious. In any case, the business model is simple — as long as we can pay the printer and pay the postal service, you'll get a paper.

Time may not be on our side, though, and readers need to be proactive, too.

If you got this paper for free, subscribe now at JPsubs.com. If your subscription is about to expire, why not renew right away so we don't have to sweat so much?



Can you answer these trivia questions?

If you know what bestselling book is about a band of rabbits; the first message sent via Morse code; whose dress inspired creation of Google images; and the coldest place on Earth, SUNY Adirondack Foundation has news for you: The Howl Trivia Night returns Oct. 20.

The fundraising event, a benefit for the Foundation, is back by popular demand and will pit teams of six contestants in a battle for the prestigious title of SUNY Adirondack Trivia Champions.

The Foundation this academic year will

award nearly \$450,000 in scholarships to students in need. Your help is needed to maintain adequate funding for scholarships, professional development opportunities, campus projects and other vital initiatives.

Doors for the event open at 5:15 p.m. for registration and dinner. The trivia contest, hosted by Luny Tunz Entertainment, will start at 6:30 p.m. Admission is \$50 per person and includes a buffet dinner and a cash bar. Table sponsorship is \$300 and includes trivia and buffet dinner for six people, one free answer, Table Sponsor recognition, and a social media shout-out to

thank you for your support. First-, second- and third-place teams will be awarded.

Participants who register individually without specifying a team will be randomly assigned to a team. More sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information about sponsorship or registration, please visit www.sunyacc.edu/howltrivia or call Liz Lastowski at 518-743-2244.

Oh, and “Watership Down”; “What hath God wrought?”; Jennifer Lopez; and Eastern Antarctic Plateau.



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*Yes, we know Oktoberfest is really in September 😊

On Greenwich's Comprehensive Plan

James Nolan
Special to Journal & Press

“Hope is not a strategy.” A famous quote attributed to any number of famous people from Vince Lombardi to Mitt Romney to James Cameron. Regardless of who said it first (or last), it’s an effective way to start a discussion about the value of a municipal Comprehensive Plan.

Planning is pretty important. Far too often we fall back on good intentions and a lot of hope. But hope only gets you so far. There needs to be a concentrated effort to address problems and to seize opportunities. Wishing that the current situation could be better won’t change anything; you also have to act. And in order for that action to be effective, it has to be planned.

One of the fundamental responsibilities of local government is to plan for the future growth and development of the community. According to the American Planning Association, this planning process “seeks to engage all members of the community to create a more prosperous, convenient, equitable, healthy, and attractive place for present and future generations.” The resulting document, known as a Comprehensive Plan, provides overarching guidance for creating great community places and spaces. Although NY State does not require it, there is great value in undertaking a comprehensive planning process, and often the process itself is as informative as the final document.

The last time a Town of Greenwich Comprehensive Plan was created was 2004, twenty years ago. A lot has happened since 2004. It’s definitely time to revisit the subject.

Let’s start with understanding what makes this plan Comprehensive.

First of all, it requires a vision of the place we want our home to be. The following is that vision statement as developed with ample community input:

Greenwich is a desirable place to live, work, play and do business. The historic downtown supports many local businesses while maintaining its historical character and serving as a regional destination. Commercial development continues to fill in along main transportation corridors, driving local employment opportunities and providing additional space for community amenities. Recreational opportunities along the Battenkill and Hudson rivers, and in the Town’s bucolic landscape provide ample opportunity for play to residents and visitors alike. A diversity of housing options attracts new families while allowing existing residents to age in their community. Agriculture continues to thrive through active farming operations, agricultural support services, and a culture of consuming local goods and crafts. Inclusivity,

community, collaboration, and sustainability underscore day-to-day actions, allowing Greenwich’s residents to enjoy a high quality of life in a community that is welcoming and affordable for people at all stages of life.

Secondly, it is being done collaboratively between the Town and the Village. Increasingly, there are blurry lines between the two. Residents of the Village are also residents of the Town. They drive on Town roads, use Town businesses, enjoy Town parks and waterways and beautiful views. They pay Town as well as Village taxes. Town residents utilize and rely on entities inside the Village...like the schools, the government offices, the fire department, Main St businesses. Any vision of the future must be a shared vision; the plan to make that vision a reality is the responsibility of both the Town and the Village.

Finally, the plan addresses issues and opportunities across the broadest possible spectrum of topics. Land Use and Zoning. Infrastructure. Housing. Farmland and Agriculture. Parks and Recreation. Community Services and Events. Within each of these major topics various areas of opportunity or need are explored...such as zoning and the need for planning boards; the expansion of public water and sewer, pedestri-

‘The last time a plan was created was 2004. A lot has happened since then.’

an/handicap access and safety, broadband access; senior housing, short/long term policies/permitting to increase and improve housing supply; support of farmland leasing, creation of a permanent farmer’s market site, promotion of agritourism; continued development of our parks and riverfront access; continued focus on senior, youth and teen programs, maintenance of high quality emergency services, collaboration with the Chamber of Commerce in support of employment opportunities in skilled trades, development of a county-wide transportation network.

A lot of work by a lot of people goes into completing a Comprehensive Plan. Because it is essential that the plan represent the priorities of the community, there must be members of the community who work on it...government officials, business leaders, community stakeholders. There must be experienced municipal planning professionals who assist in the gathering and analysis of data. In the case of Greenwich, that effort is led by Norabelle Greenberger

from LaBella Engineering who is also a native of Greenwich.

And most importantly, the residents of Greenwich must have a voice on what the future Greenwich looks like. Over the last 18 months there have been public workshops, public input meetings, town-wide surveys. A Town webpage has been available where committee minutes have been shared and plan drafts have been posted. As the date approaches for final approval by the Town and Village Boards, a final draft will be published in September followed by a joint Public Hearing in mid-October. As always, it falls to the citizens of the community to take personal responsibility for participating in the process. Feedback has been and remains critical.

The Town and Village of Greenwich are in the final phases of the creation of the 2023 Comprehensive Plan. However, as that song goes, “we’ve only just begun.”

In a lot of ways, one could view the Comprehensive Plan as the picture on the outside of the box containing that home entertainment center you just bought from Home Depot. It’s a really beautiful piece of furniture that will fill an entire wall of your living room. However, when you open the box you find lot of individual shelves and doors and sides and legs and a big plastic bag of nuts and bolts and a couple of allen wrenches along with some instructions that are mostly diagrams and a few words in Swedish. You realize that it’s time to make an action plan.

It’s the same with the Comprehensive Plan. What has been created is a “list of mutually agreed upon guidelines for what our shared vision of the future looks like.” The picture on the outside of the box is clear and beautiful. Without a strategic action plan laying out the specific activities to be undertaken each year for the next three to five years defining the steps that ensure concrete progress the Comprehensive Plan remains just a pretty picture.

The 2023 Comprehensive Plan will generate a 2024-2029 Strategic Plan that organizes the objectives into appropriate categories, prioritizes the actions to be taken, establishes and leverages the critical working partnerships, and pursues the necessary and appropriate funding that will allow the vision and goals so painstakingly developed to become a reality.

James Nolan is supervisor of the Town of Greenwich and is running for re-election this November.



Write an op-ed

Send us your opinion! Of course, everyone in the community is welcome to send us letters (under 400 words, no more than once a month) and “guest words” pieces (800 words with headshot and bio line), as well as op-eds, which are intended for public servants and those running for office. We might give some leeway with the policy to allow for additional candidate rebuttals to other letters. Letters that disparage other candidates will not be allowed in our last issue before the election. Candidates should also consider advertising. Contact editor@journalandpress.com for any of the above.

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Keep your eyes on the northern skies

Shirley Renauld
Journal & Press

Long before you could read and even before you could talk, you did communicate. When a baby smiles or cries, what does it mean? Babies learn to sign with us, as fingertips to the mouth, even before they learn words. We communicate with body language: What does it mean when you shake your head or shrug your shoulders? How do you express “Come here” or “Stop”? We use gestures to communicate as we speak another language with someone but don’t know all the words yet. There is an “official” sign language to communicate with those who are deaf. We see when someone uses it to translate speeches being made, and there are ASI teachers in schools (right, Nancy?) You sign along with songs you sing and as someone reads to your group.

How excited parents are when a baby says “Ma-ma” and “Da-da”! You can teach them words to identify people and objects, as we do when we learn another language (Yes, Nelson, “estrella”, as we see the Evening Star.)

We soon learn the importance of carefully listening and watching. Toddlers first sentences are short, include gestures, leave out words. As we talk with others, we listen politely and take turns speaking, to gain information and to ask questions to learn (Read US Supreme Court justice, Sonia Sotomayor’s book, “Just Ask”).

Youngsters will want to “write” as they watch you. Give a blank piece of paper and a “fat” beginner pencil to see what someone can do. It might be pretend writing or what s/he calls his/her first name, large markings not in line, but you will be told what they are. When s/he has learned to identify the first name and is ready to “write” it correctly, letter it for copying (on a card to save you from doing it again until it’s not needed any more) using a capital initial and the other letters lower case. Attention getting short, so have some beginner crayons for drawing. You will be told about the drawing, so do a quick label and suggest going out to play. How will you ever get your homework done! But you’ve been such a good role model that you might have a parttime job!

As you write and spell, you think of sounds again, but if there are silent letters, you might leave letters out. Some people consider a Spelling Bee to be a challenge. It does help to visualize the word. People learning English for the first time often consider it to be a difficult one to learn. We can understand.

For writing, we use “manuscript” writing/lettering first, forming upper and lower case letters. At some point, we begin to also do cursive writing. We learn to form and connect letters to write words. Did you start by writing your name? There will be continued reasons to do that, to write your signature, to “sign here”. You first use lines of dashes between the solid lines to learn the size of parts of letters. Each person develops an individual style of writing so you learn to identify whose writing it is. It might have a slant depending on left or right-handedness. It seems to become an art form.

Easton and the SCS school district are fortunate to have Nick from Deutschland with us this school year as part of the American Field Service. AFS is an international organization allowing high school students to study abroad by living daily life as a member of a host family, including learning in its district school, with the support of a local chapter. It’s an exchange program, so American students also spend a year abroad. Are you interested? We look forward to getting to know Nick and the opportunity to learn more of the German language and culture as we play with wooden toys made



there, read German fairy tales and others in German and English, learn about the parts of the country on maps (Do you know anyone who has enjoyed a cruise on the Rhine?), look forward to the holidays..

Continue to watch activity on the Hudson. The self-propelled barge that put the bouys in and will take them out also carries other things

‘A local family tells of their experience with a praying mantis’

if needed by the canal system. There has been a barge and tugboat going up and downstream. Wonder what the barge is carrying, to and from where. Look for that clue: high out of the water means it’s empty, low in the water, it’s heavy with a load, in the hull or containers on top.

We have been part of Hudson Swim, a UN project promoting clean waterways. Louis from S Africa is swimming the length of the Hudson, from its source at Lake Tear of the Clouds, to NYC, ten miles a day, with a support team: a kayaker to assure his safety, a photographer to document the event, and a driver to take them to the day’s entry site. and pick them up after the day’s swim to return them to the night’s local lodging. Were you among the fortunate locals who got to meet and talk with them or watch Louis swim?

Are you seeing lots of mature insects? Instead of going through different stages in life cycles like caterpillars, some insects just grow bigger. You remember the difference between a grasshopper (well named for color and action) and a black cricket. Enjoy how Jiminy Cricket was Pinocchio’s conscience. Hopefully you’ve been able to work a Pinocchio marionette or a Geppetto nutcracker to crack peanuts.

A local family tells of their experience with a praying mantis: Somehow a young one got caught between the screen and glass of a window. It became a bug zoo! It grew. A fly got in, The mantis caught it and they were able to see how it got its name as it used its front legs to hold and eat it.

Remember that on the 16th you can use your woodworking skills in Mowry Park in Greenwich as you help volunteers in the Build-a-Bed program build beds for needy children. Learn about the tools you will use from Gail Gibbon’s drawings in her “Tool Book”. This local group (thanks, Jim and all) is part of the national Sleep-in-Heavenly-Peace organization that collects money all year long for the supplies and bedding for the beds. You can help Gr Edna collect cans and bottles or with the collections of bedding made by local churches.

Sept. 21-24 is the 50th Adirondack Balloon Fest so keep your eyes to the northern skies to see the heated air inside the balloons keeps them afloat to give the passengers in the baskets hung beneath them a ride. They won’t go “Around the World in 80 Days,” but you can enjoy that story.

On Sept. 23-24 join the Harvest Fest at the Knickerbocker Mansion as you eat meals and listen to “Seneca Indian”....

Then go fishing free (without a license) in the nearby Hoosic River.

Also go to the Adirondack Sheep and Goat Show at Washington County Fairgrounds (remember, Chris?) Snack on cheese there and get yarn for your upcoming projects.

On the 28th learn about “Bacon Hill: Forgotten Crossroads” at the Saratoga Town Hall. The hamlet will never be forgotten by the Barber, Peck, King and others whose families have farmed the area for generations. We never forget King Dairy.

The Dairy Ambassador Team has had time to settle into their own school and sports routine, so hopefully they can visit your classroom--and bring samples. Thanks, Anna, Allison and all.

On the 30th put on your argyle socks, plaid clothes, even a kilt, and join residents of Argyle as they celebrate their Scottish heritage with Thistle Day. The thistle is the national flower of Scotland, based on their folktale of Scots defeating a group who had taken off their footwear to quietly attack them, but instead crying out as they stepped on thistles. Learn more about the history of Argyle from headstones in the cemetery south of the village. Were there Scottish Highland cattle at the Fair? Play Did You Even Have a Lassie/Laddie, Tug of War, throwing games as in the Scottish/Highland Games and watch local Games. Enjoy Bagpipe bands in local parades.

Use action, not theory

Dr. Daneen Skube
Tribune Content Agency
Special to Journal & Press

Q: I have several interesting theories I'd like to implement at work, but am concerned I don't know enough to try them out. How do you suggest your clients move from theory to action when they have limited information?

A: I suggest to clients that taking any new action, though scary, will always yield more practical data on how to succeed. No amount of theory, in advance of action, will produce this helpful information.

Some clients I work with have what I call, "analysis paralysis." These clients ruminate and obsess about everything that can go wrong and end up doing nothing. Obsessing over all the reasons why what you want to do might not work out, just makes you anxious.

I often joke that it's a good thing adults learn to watch as babies because as adults we'd be too embarrassed about falling down. Walking, an obvious critical skill for adults, involves too many failures and too long of a learning curve if adults had to engage in the process.

Most other valuable and important adult skills also involve many embarrassing failures and long learning curves. The truth is each time we try anything and fail, we're learning how to make our next attempt more intelligent. If we cultivate humility and curiosity, then we become resilient and enthusiastic about classroom failures.

Many adults don't realize that we all carry

around a secret room where we have shame about who we are. Not what we do, but who we are. Many events in our adult lives trigger this uncomfortable, powerful emotion. Spiritual teachers call this self-hatred the ego.

Many adults try to outrun shame by feeding the ego. Fancy cars, important job titles, and attempting to be perfect can all be ways we try to inflate our ego and diminish our shame. Unfortunately, the ego is a black hole where all achievements go to die. In the end, we discover no amount of achievement or status can numb the shame.

'I'm so sick of working for a living. My job makes my life miserable.'

What works is to get quiet, and get to know the physical, emotional, and intellectual experiences that live in the part of you that is your ego or shame. You can't delete this part of you, but you can get to the point where it ceases to influence your choices or behavior.

Your perception of the risk of failure will vastly decrease when you no longer avoid shame. You'll be able to make friends with failure as a mentor of success. You'll worry less about the temporary criticism of others. You'll consider that on your death bed you'll be more

concerned about what didn't try to do than any brief moment of embarrassment.

As Ralph Waldo Emerson, a 19th-century American essayist, lecturer and philosopher, accurately noted: "An ounce of action is worth a ton of theory." Be brave enough to take small steps of action, and let your results tutor you to success!

The last word(s)

Q: I'm so sick of working for a living. My job makes my life miserable. Do you ever recommend clients just quit and live off grid?

A: No, I recommend that if your job is making you miserable, you'll also be miserable with the bears in the forest. Look to what you can change about your reactions rather than hoping that withdrawing from the world will bring you joy.

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JILL ON MONEY

Summer mail bag — RMDs

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Special to Journal & Press

It's the last of the summer mail bag, and this week, I'm focusing on the ever-popular topic of Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs).

As a reminder, the 2019 SECURE Act and its 2022 follow up, the Secure Act 2.0, changed the RMD ages from 70½ to 73 for individuals who turn 72 on or after January 1, 2023.

Seventy-three remains the age until 2033, at which time the age rises to 75. (To estimate your future RMD amounts, I suggest using this handy calculator from the SEC: <https://www.investor.gov/financial-tools-calculators/calculators/required-minimum-distribution-calculator>)

Question: I am in my mid-60's and always thought that I should wait to pull money from my retirement account. Now I hear from many of my friends that waiting can create a problem. Can you explain why I should pull money before RMDs kick in?

Answer: For years, the idea was to delay withdrawing money from pre-tax accounts as long as possible. But as tax rates dropped and tax brackets expanded, there emerged a new thinking around the issue. In fact, there can be a benefit of taking distributions before Uncle Sam forces you to do so.

As an example, if you are waiting to claim Social Security until age 70, you might use your 60s as a time to slowly withdraw money from your retirement accounts, thereby keeping your highest marginal bracket at 12 or 22 per-

cent. If you wait until RMDs, the amount of the distribution plus your Social Security benefit, may push you into a higher bracket and there is no guarantee that tax rates will remain at the current historically low levels.

Question: I have been retired for a number of years and have started taking RMDs from my 401(k). I have three funds within the account, and I'm wondering if I should take the RMD amounts equally from the three funds or spread it out?

Answer: I would take equal amounts from each fund that way you maintain your asset al-

'I always thought I should wait to pull money from my retirement account.'

location. That said, if you know you're going to have an RMD, you should make sure that the RMD amount is in the money market account at the beginning of each year, that way you don't get burned if the markets tank.

Question: I am converting funds from my traditional IRA into my existing Roth IRA, so I can lower my future RMDs. Will the transferred funds be taxed as ordinary income? Is there a way to do this with no additional tax liability?

Answer: The government must be paid on untaxed money, therefore there is no way to avoid

the tax on a Roth conversion. Therefore, whatever you take out of the traditional IRA will be treated as ordinary income when you file your taxes. Do make sure that you have some cash on hand to pay the taxes that will be due on the converted amount.

Question: I'm 46 years old and have just inherited a Roth IRA from my father. Dad's broker just told me that I had to take distributions from the account. I thought that the whole point of my father using a Roth was that there would not be any required distributions. What gives?

Answer: While Roth IRAs are not subject to RMDs during the owner's life, the rules change for non-spouse beneficiaries. For Roth IRAs inherited after 2020, you have to withdraw the money within 10 years of the owner's death.

The good news is that unlike traditional IRA withdrawals, withdrawals of contributions from an inherited Roth are tax free, though the IRS notes: "Withdrawals of earnings may be subject to income tax if the Roth account is less than five-years old at the time of the withdrawal."

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A Cold War vacation

Here's our regular look at articles the appeared in *The Journal* from decades past...

180 Years Ago

September 21, 1843

PERSONAL APPEARANCE. This is one of the things of accident, resting with nature. No man or woman can form their own persons, and none should be praised or blamed on this head.

The disposition for looking well, is ruining half the young people in the world — causing them to study their glasses, and paint or patch, instead of pursuing that which is lasting and solid, the cultivation of the mind.

It is always a mark of a weak mind, if not a bad heart, to hear a person blame or praise another on the ground that they are handsome or homely.

Actions should be the test — and a liberal course of conduct pursued towards all. It matters little whether a man is tall or short — whether the blood stains the cheek or runs in another channel. Fashion makes the difference as to beauty. The lily is as sweet if not so gay as the rose, and it bears no thorn about it.

As to appearance, fashion should not bear upon that which cannot be charged, except by deception, and what indeed in reality, is not worth the trouble of being so, even if it could.

The sight of a white man in Africa is much more homely than of an African here; and in Scotland, at one time, according to Walter Scott, the fashion to judge a handsome man, was in a broad face and red nose.

120 Years Ago

Sept. 30, 1903

Glens Falls is excited over an attempted poisoning similar in many respects to the famous Molineux case as the details of the case became public Friday.

Mrs. Alonzo Davis, appealed to the Glens Falls police to ferret out what she claims was an attempt upon her life. She resided in Glens Falls until past spring when she moved to Saratoga, returning to Glens Falls a short time ago. In August she received a package sent through the mall and posted in Glens Falls. It contained a few cents' worth of white mixed candy.

Upon the candy and loose with it was noticed a white powder. This made her suspicious, so she took the confectionery to a chemist, who

found strychnine enough to kill a whole family.

Mrs. Davis has strong suspicions that the wife of a friend of hers sent it to her because of jealousy, and has asked the police to make an investigation as to whether she purchased poison of the kind used at about the time or before the package was sent. They have discovered nothing as yet, and the impression is gaining ground that Mrs. Davis is seeking a little free advertising.

50 Years Ago

Sept. 27, 1973

A travel group of 16 to 20 students, teachers, and community members is now being organized in Greenwich for the purpose of visiting Russia during the regular school spring vacation.

The trip has been planned because the group feels the Soviet Union has one of the most interesting histories of any country on earth, and because they want to see Russia in order to affirm or dispel many rumors and they have heard about this country.

This one-week trip is scheduled to begin on April 11, when the group leaves New York and board a jet for London, where sight-

seeing, will be done under the supervision of a host-guide of the American Institute of Foreign Study, the sponsors of this program. ...

After visiting Moscow, the local group is scheduled to fly to Leningrad, where they will visit the Peterhof palace, the Hermitage Museum, and the Kazan cathedral. One day will also be made available for individual sightseeing or shopping in this famous Russian city. ... Further infor-

mation can be had by contacting either Miss Charlotte Killam or Mrs. Patricia Brown, teachers at Greenwich central school.

30 Years Ago

Sept. 30, 1993

Raccoon rabies has now been confirmed in the village of Greenwich. In the wee hours of Saturday morning, September 18, a raccoon climbed into a fenced in dog yard at the residence of Vicki Perkins on Academy Street, Greenwich.

Meet our new '74 Plymouth Fury



Plymouth tough is beautiful

Take the toughness that Fury is famous for... add sleek new styling and gracious new features and, now, Plymouth tough is beautiful. A new Fury like no other Fury you've ever seen before. Beautiful, with new carpets and

new seats and a whole lot more. Tough, with features like electronic ignition that virtually eliminates tune-ups. And Fury runs on regular fuel. It's gonna be tough to pass up Fury this year. So c'mon in.

CRISTALDI CHRYSLER-PLYMOUTH, INC. 81 Main Street

50 years ago

Bird watchers unite

The Bird Watchers' Club meets at Salem Bancroft Library on the fourth Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. All levels are welcome and children are encouraged to attend. Attendees will share information, and plan future activities.

The group will meet on Thursday, September 28th. Bring your list of questions, sightings, and ideas for the club. Meet other backyard bird enthusiasts. When available, a video will be viewed.

Bancroft Public Library is located at 181 South Main Street, Salem, NY. The library phone number is (518) 854-7463.



Autumn Opening

Paris Hats and Ours



This is our invitation to quite the leading MILLINERY event of the year.

The Autumn Opening of French and American Hats, for women and girls. This will be a fashion show of beauty and exclusiveness, to which you have never before been treated. The French Milliners, such as Mme. Josse, Terr, Julia and Crozet, are represented here, as are our own.



Grand Reception Days
IN OUR
Women's Garment and
Children's Wear
Department
on Wednesday
Thursday & Friday

Will be Opening Days to illustrate the Modes for the coming season we have gathered from the leading designers, modistes and tailors in best products in

Costumes, Wraps,
Skirts, Jackets,
Suits, Fur Pieces,
and Children's Wear

which will be displayed here for you to see, and we most cordially invite you.



S. Muhlfelder,

Colvin Building, Glens Falls, N. Y.

An ad from 120 years ago

The animal was attacked by her three dogs at about 3 AM.

The backyard scuffle awakened Dr. Michael Allen, DVM, who has an apartment at the same address. The veterinary doctor took the dead raccoon for rabies testing, and the results were positive, Miss Perkins, unaware of the danger, cleaned cuts on her dogs. As a result of the incident Vicki has had to take a series of eight rabies preventative shots. Before receiving the shots, she had to be informed of the possible side effects from the vaccine, but as Vicki points out, "none of the side effects seem so bad when you consider the alternative long — getting rabies and dying." Has she suffered any bad side effects? Not so far. Dr. Allen had to get two rabies booster shots, and the three dogs also we're given booster shots for the vet and dogs. Those boosters are strongly recommended precautions. Perhaps surprisingly, Vicki feels really happy about the experience. Why? She'd rather have had her dogs short circuit this rabid raccoon than have had any number of children in the vicinity exposed to the highly deadly disease. Any words of wisdom? Miss Perkins says, "I really, really hope people take advantage of the rabies clinic for their pets at the Greenwich town highway garage on Saturday. It really is important."

Editors note: exposure to rabies will come from breathing in or touching any pets that have been in contact with any wild animal, especially raccoons. Don't touch or try to clean your pets and make sure your children are strongly informed of the dangers. Contact Washington County public health in Fort Edward for more information.

—Compiled by Darren Johnson

MORE FUN & GAMES

Filbert by LA Bonté

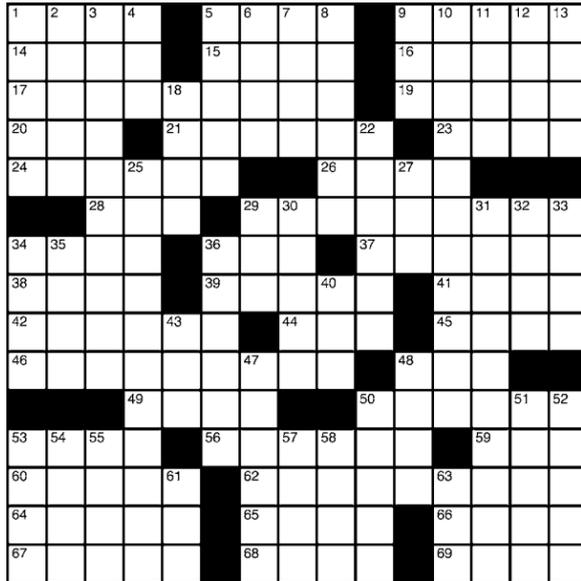


Political Cartoon of the Week by Joel Pett



Cambridge Crossword

- Across
- 1 Dinner with donors
 - 5 Mardi Gras wear
 - 9 Britcom with Eddie and Patsy, for short
 - 14 Minnesota representative Ilhan
 - 15 Not pro
 - 16 Gibbs of "The Jeffersons"
 - 17 Admonition to an Egyptian boy king?
 - 19 Helps out illegally
 - 20 Ending for "Black," "Mixed," and "Grown," in sitcom names
 - 21 Olfactory assault
 - 23 "Everything Everywhere All at Once" star Michelle
 - 24 Conical shelter
 - 26 "Which of the two will it be?"
 - 28 Shepherd's tool
 - 29 Pothole filler made from fish-and-chips sauce?
 - 34 Was sure about
 - 36 Chatter away
 - 37 Amnesiac's query
 - 38 Secret language
 - 39 "Becoming" memoirist Michelle
 - 41 Uno, dos, ...
 - 42 Reversals
 - 44 "Succession" actor Brian
 - 45 Hit the horn
 - 46 Say farewell to a Dickens character?
 - 48 Thus far
 - 49 Aspire laptop maker
 - 50 Alternative to Alpine, in skiing
 - 53 Current options
 - 56 Enjoyed, as a lollipop
 - 59 WNW's opposite
 - 60 Plumbing issues
 - 62 Is able to do high kicks in a chorus line?
- Down
- 1 "Duly noted"
 - 2 Cause to chuckle
 - 3 Sudsy
 - 4 Class with easels
 - 5 Like low-shine lipstick
 - 6 Get the poker pot going
 - 7 Leave speechless
 - 8 Vehicle that's built after it's bought
 - 9 Doc's org.
 - 10 Brand-new sibling, perhaps
 - 11 On the house
 - 12 Palo __, California
 - 13 Big celebration
 - 18 Didn't waste
 - 22 Hair removal substance
 - 25 Like energy bars, in adspeak
 - 27 "Go team!"
 - 29 Bar bill
 - 30 Mechanical arithmetic aids
 - 31 Card sets sold in New Age shops
 - 32 Prayer ending
 - 33 Expose to danger
 - 34 Single-serve coffee pod
 - 35 Words of denial
 - 36 Mass communication?
 - 40 Floor-washing tool
 - 43 Actor Cage, casually



- 47 Comparison shopper's data
- 48 Green Jedi with his own grammar
- 50 Parts of mandolins
- 51 "Wicked Game" singer Chris
- 52 Euro fractions
- 53 Woeful word
- 54 Formally transfer
- 55 Truth or ...!
- 57 "Ask me if I ...!"
- 58 Make mittens, say
- 61 Secret agent
- 63 Hush-hush org.

Salem Sudoku

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

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING GREENWICH CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a resolution adopted by the Board of Education of the Greenwich Central School District on September 11, 2022, a special meeting of the qualified voters of the School District be and the same is hereby called to be held in the cafeteria of the Greenwich Primary School Building, 10 Gray Avenue, Greenwich on Tuesday, November 14, 2023 from 12:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of voting on the following proposition:

PROPOSITION

Shall the Board of Education of the Greenwich Central School District be authorized to (1) construct, reconstruct, renovate and improve various School District buildings, facilities and sites, acquire original furnishings, equipment, machinery or apparatus required for the purpose for which such buildings, facilities and sites are to be used and pay costs incidental thereto, at a maximum cost of \$1,740,000, (2) expend \$800,000 from Capital Reserve fund balance to pay a portion of the costs of such purpose, (3) levy the necessary tax therefore, taking into account state aid and the amount expended from the Capital Reserve Fund, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education, and (4) in anticipation of the collection of such tax, issue bonds and notes of the School District at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$940,000, and levy a tax to pay the interest on said obligations when due?

The vote upon such proposition shall be by ballot registered upon voting machines and by absentee ballot. The hours during which the polls shall be kept open shall be from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. or for as long thereafter as necessary to enable qualified voters who are in the polling place at 8:00 p.m. to cast their ballots. A qualified voter is one who is (1) a citizen of the United States of America, (2) eighteen (18) years of age or older, and (3) resident within the School District for a period of thirty (30) days next preceding the date of the vote. The School District may require all persons offering to vote to provide one form of proof of residency pursuant to Education Law section 2018-c. Such form may include a driver's license, a non-driver identification card, a utility bill, or a voter registration card. Upon offer of proof of residency, the School District may also require all persons offering to vote to provide their signature, printed name and address.

Absentee ballots may be applied for at the office of the School District Clerk. Applications for absentee ballots must be received by the School District Clerk at least seven days prior to the vote if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or on or prior to November 13, 2023 if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. The Education Law also makes special provisions for absentee voting for "military" voters of the School District. Specifically, the law provides a unique procedure for "military ballots" in school district votes. Whereas absentee ballots must be received by the voter by mail, a military voter may elect to receive their absentee ballot application and absentee ballot by mail, email or facsimile. The military voter must, however, return their original military ballot application and military ballot by mail or in person. The District Clerk of the School District shall transmit the military voter's military ballot in accord with the military voter's preferred method of transmission. All absentee ballots must be received in the Office of the District Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m. on November 14, 2023.

A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available in the office of the School District Clerk from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. prevailing time on each business day prior to the day of the election. Any qualified voter may challenge the acceptance of the ballot of any person on such list, by making his challenge and reasons therefor known to the Inspector of Election before the close of the polls.

Dated: September 11, 2023

Rachel Logan
District Clerk

4X thru Nov.

Paul Newman should never be marked down

Greg Schwem
Tribune Content Agency
Special to Journal & Press

I have never been a fan of restaurants owned by, or associated with, celebrities. I could be if, while dining, the celebrity whose name is on the door and the menu were sitting near me or, preferably, being told the wait is “over an hour, since you don’t have a reservation.”

So far, that hasn’t occurred. I’ve never spotted Michael Jordan devouring a T-bone at Michael Jordan’s Steak House; never saw Jimmy Buffet – may he rest in peace – working the blender at Margaritaville or encountered Robert De Niro dunking tuna sashimi into soy sauce at Nobu. During Oprah Winfrey’s six-year run as a partner in Chicago restaurant The Eccentric, I visited one evening and pointedly asked the waiter if Oprah was really in the kitchen, whipping up a side dish known only as “Oprah’s Potatoes.”

She wasn’t.

Also, a visit to a celebrity-owned restaurant invariably ends with a bill that could easily be paid by a celebrity but not us common folk. The same holds true in grocery or liquor stores. I’ll happily save a few bucks and not purchase the Guy Fieri barbecue sauce or the Nick Jonas tequila. My football tailgates won’t suffer.

And yet, I recently found myself feeling sorry for actor Paul Newman. And not because he’s dead.

Newman, star of classics including “The Sting,” “Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid,” and “The Color of Money,” not to mention the owner of steely blue eyes, launched a line of “Newman’s Own” salad dressings in 1982. According to newmansown.com, the line grossed \$300,000 in its first year. None of those profits came from me, for I remember picking up a bottle of Newman’s Italian dressing while in college, glancing at the price and immediately placing it back on the shelf. My date, who I promised to cook for, “Italian style,” had to settle for generic dressing, which did its best to compliment the other generic products that dotted the menu. Cash-strapped college students were not Newman’s target demographic.

Eventually Newman parlayed his success into other foods, including pizza, spices, olive oils and spaghetti sauces. It was the latter that caught my eye during a recent grocery visit. Newman’s Own Marinara, Tomato & Basil and Sockarooni (“so delicious it could knock your socks off,” the website proclaims) sauces were among the CHEAPEST on the shelves.

College students, there’s a SALE in aisle five! Paul Newman has been officially marked down!

How did Newman allow brands like Rao, Barilla and Classico to dominate the “too lazy to make your own sauce” market, charging upward of \$2 more for sauces? Sad to say, I think it’s because the name “Newman” no longer carries the relevance it used to. Cool Hand Luke died 15 years ago this month. The more time that elapses, the more likely shoppers will



to a three-and-a-half-hour stadium show. Will her gum still be a hot commodity? Or will it be alongside the gossip rags and the disposable lighters in the grocery checkout aisle while a new female singer, who probably is currently in preschool, is charging \$10 per stick. And making millions.

This time, I tossed two jars of Newman’s sauce into my cart, not because they were cheap but because I don’t want Paul Newman, whose films I still watch, to fade away. Besides, the labels say, “100% profits to help kids” and, as vague as that sounds, kids need all the help they can get these days.

Now I just have to find that college girl and invite her over for a dinner that will knock her socks off.

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



‘I don’t want Newman, whose films I still watch, to fade away.’

pick up a bottle of Newman’s Own and say, “Who?” before putting it back.

Yes, we are a celebrity obsessed culture, but we also want to feel like we have a connection with the celebrities we support. If Taylor Swift launched a line of gum and charged \$5 per stick, I am certain sales would still explode, for what young girl doesn’t want their breath to smell like Taylor’s?

Now fast-forward 15 years. Taylor will be 48. Probably married with a couple of kids. Maybe doing a 90-minute Vegas residency as opposed

LEGAL NOTICES

Notice of Formation of TI BKS LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of

State of New York SSNY on 6/20/23. Office Location: Washington County.

SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY

shall mail process to: The LLC, 488 Gull Bay Rd, Putnam Station, NY 12861. Purpose: any lawful activity.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A NEW YORK LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY PURSUANT TO NEW YORK LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW SECTION 206

- 1. The name of the limited liability company is HIGH GEAR HAULING LLC**
- 2. The date of filing of the Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State was March 4, 2022**
- 3. The County in New York in which the office of the company is located is Washington**
- 4. The Secretary of State has been desig-**

nated as the agent of the Company upon whom process may be served, and the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the company served upon him or her to William Grogan, III 34 County Route 59A, Buskirk, NY 12028

5. The business purpose of the company is to engage in any and all business activities permitted under the laws of the State of New York.

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What we're reading now — kids' edition

Greenwich Free Library Staff
Special to Journal & Press

The beginning of the school year can slow down reading for fun among kids as they try to balance schoolwork and activities. The library staff has come up with some recommendations for all ages that will remind kids and caregivers how much fun a little weekend reading can be!

***Marshmallow and Jordan* by Alina Chau**
Middle Grade Graphic Novel

Jordan's dreams have always focused on basketball, but an accident has left her paralyzed from the waist down. Although she is unable to compete, she is still the captain of the basketball team. On her way home from practice, Jordan has an encounter with a mysterious white elephant whom she befriends and names Marshmallow. Marshmallow helps Jordan gain confidence and encourages her to discover a new sport, water polo. Marshmallow is the encouragement Jordan needs to try swimming and helps her realize her strength in the water. As time goes on, it becomes clear that Marshmallow has a secret. Who, or what, is Marshmallow?

This middle grade graphic novel is a heartwarming story of friendship, teamwork, and perseverance. The illustrations are brightly colored, and filled with detail. I adored this graphic novel. I loved seeing Marshmallow and Jordan's friendship blossom — I mean, who doesn't want to befriend a cute baby elephant? I also loved seeing Jordan's strength as she persevered through her hardships. I recommend this graphic novel if you like adorable art, and warm characters.

—Emily Gates

***The Labyrinth of Doom* by Stuart Gibbs;**
illustrated by Stacy Curtis

Chapter Book

Although this is the second book in a series, it easily stands alone. Tim and his best friend, Belinda, are training to be knights in this funny and clever adventure tale. It is not easy becoming a knight, but they know it is better than being a peasant. Tim and Belinda face many obstacles on their way to rescue the trapped princess who Prince Ruprecht placed in the dangerous labyrinth. The prince despises the young knights-to-be for thwarting his relationship with the princess. With their friends, Ferkle and Rover (the dog turned frog), they work their way through the most treacherous and scariest labyrinth in the world to find and rescue the princess. The book is full of hilarious word play (Sir Vaylance,

Sir Render, Sir Cuss, Sir Eberal) and comical illustrations. There is even a lesson to be learned at the end. I think the rollicking adventure mixed with giggling humor will be engaging and fun for young readers.

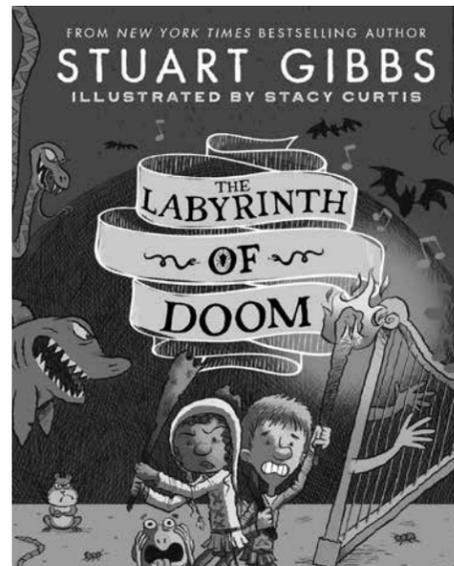
—Marge Maxwell

***Far From the Tree* by Robin Benway**

Young Adult

I enjoyed reading this book recommended by one of our young volunteers. In spite of some potentially uncomfortable topics, the story has a feel-good vibe throughout and doesn't dwell on negativity. There's a lot packed in this book. Complicated relationships, encompassing a range of situations and family dynamics, are comfortably incorporated into the story. Three siblings grow up in separate homes, each one believing they are an only child. The girls, Maya and Grace were adopted. The boy, Joaquin, has bounced around the foster system most of his life, and struggles to accept that his current family really loves him. When Grace has a baby she needs to give up for adoption, she feels compelled to search for her birth mother. In the process, it's a revelation for her to discover she has siblings. When Grace and Maya meet, they soon embark on a quest to find their brother Joaquin. The siblings' friendships bloom and we see the three of them grow into their need and appreciation for one another. It's a story that emphasizes the importance of family, especially if you don't have one, and acceptance. Thanks for the recommendation, Mya!

—K.C. Scott



***Big* by Vashti Harrison**
Picture Book

This book first came to my attention via Battenkill Books's Instagram account (I highly recommend following them for excellent recommendations for all ages plus occasional dog content). I immediately ordered it for the library, and its gorgeous pink cover featuring the tutu-clad hero holding up the title, makes me smile every time I walk through the children's room. Harrison's illustrations, created digitally and using chalk pastel, are warm and inviting and she uses shades of pink to great effect on every page. The text asks the reader to consider the way the word 'big' changes in tone, meaning, and intention over the course of childhood. At first, the unnamed hero of the story aspires to be big, to be a good, big girl, growing up proud and smart and strong. But as she ages and changes, the word changes, too, referring no longer to maturity and intelligence, but to size. The pink tutu no longer fits, and neither do the playground swings. The word 'big' is now used as a weapon against her, as it—and other more overt insults—have always been used against children who don't fit adults' ideals. As her physical self grows, her spirit shrinks. Harrison illustrates the concept of not having room to be one's self in an astonishing 20-page spread in which we see this little girl force herself into a tight, airless, lifeless place the size of a book page. When she gains the courage to take up space, she must break the physical conventions of a picture book to do so, and the effect on the reader is exhilarating. With this courage comes action: she returns the insulting words to the bearers, telling them, "These are yours. They hurt me." While readers may wish to cheer this climactic act of bravery and enjoy a happy ending, Harrison gives us a far more radical and real conclusion. Our hero has changed, but the world hasn't. Big challenges all of us to examine our biases and to confront our words, especially those we use with children.

—Sarah Murphy

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Treasure hunting in Washington County

Michael Levy
Journal & Press

The thrill of treasure hunting is an exhilarating and adventurous pursuit that has captivated people's imaginations for centuries. Whether you're on the quest for buried treasure, lost artifacts, valuable antiques, or concealed gems, the pursuit offers deeply gratifying and exciting experiences.

While not every treasure hunter strikes it rich, the prospect of unearthing something valuable that could command a substantial price in the market serves as a thrilling source of motivation for many.

Treasure hunting frequently necessitates the unraveling of puzzles, deciphering cryptic clues, and employing various skills like research, navigation, and the use of search devices such as metal detectors and drones. The intellectual challenges can be gratifying just on their own.

Here is where my treasure hunt begins. The other day I flew to an airport south of Albany and while waiting for my party, I heard about a treasure hidden somewhere in Washington County. This is a treasure that is allegedly worth well north of \$5 million in today's market.

The "treasure" is a Lockheed P-38 Lightning aircraft. Here is the story that I was told. Just after World War II, a P-38 pilot took an airplane, flew it to, landed, and hid it somewhere in Washington County. That is the only information that was provided to me.

The Lockheed P-38 Lightning was a World War II-era American fighter aircraft known for its distinctive twin-boom design. The P-38 was one of the first successful twin-engine fighter aircraft, with the engines mounted on either side of the central nacelle. It had a long operational range and could fly at a maximum speed of 414 mph, making it effective for both long-range escort missions and ground attack roles. The P-38 was versatile and could be fitted with a variety of armaments, including machine guns, cannons, bombs, and rockets.

About 10,000 of these aircraft were manufactured. Only 26 survive today and only 10 are fit for flight. There are 22 in the United States not counting the one that is allegedly hidden somewhere in Washington County.

Collectors go to great lengths to find and restore these airplanes. An example is the Glacier Girl, part of the Lost Squadron, that was recovered in 1992 from a layer of ice in Greenland that was 268 feet thick. It was restored to flying status in 2002. The Maid of Harlech, another surviving P-38, was discovered under a beach in Wales in 2007, 65 years after

a belly landing. If people go to such great lengths to reclaim P-38s, imagine the excitement of finding an intact one hidden in a barn somewhere in these parts.

An obvious question comes to mind. After the war, why didn't the U.S. military notice that someone absconded with a fighter plane like this? Maybe the feds thought the airplane was destroyed when in actuality it wasn't. The same evening that I heard the rumor of a P-38, I was watching an old movie on Amazon Prime. The Best Years of Our Lives (1946) is about three United States servicemen re-adjusting to societal changes and civilian life after coming home from World War II. Towards the end of the movie, there is a scene where one of the main characters walks into an aircraft boneyard where decommissioned B-17 bombers were being scrapped. This was filmed at the Ontario (California) Army Airfield which was converted to a scrapyard that housed approximately 2,000 former combat aircraft at the time of the filming. Numerous World War 2 airplanes were destroyed in similar scrapyards which explains why so few are left. It occurred to me that maybe the Washington County P-38 flew out of a similar boneyard despite the official records showing that it was turned into a heap of scrap metal. It is a plausible theory at the very least.

Another part of this treasure myth is that it was flown here by a P-38 pilot. Let's assume that the only reason a pilot would hide an airplane in Washington County is that he was from around here (or knew someone else who was) and he had a hiding place for the P-38. Let's think for a minute about how to research if there any World War 2 era P-38 airmen from Washington County?

A quick search of the NYS Historical Newspaper website found some P-38 flyers from around here and there may be even more, adding even more plausibility to this story.

Lieutenant Robert H. Woodward was a P-38 pilot from this area who was killed in action on January 8, 1943, while serving in Africa. He was among the first American airmen to serve in that war zone and was one of the first pilots to shoot down an enemy plane. Since he was killed during the war, he couldn't have flown his P-38 here when it was over, but I wanted to acknowledge him anyway.

In the March 20, 1991, issue of the Granville



—gianluca falzon photo

Sentinel, an article reads, "Retired WW II Air Force photo recon pilot Arthur Bender of South Granville electrified his Rotary Club audience with a recount of his daring experiences during that fracas 50 years ago. His plane the P-38 was about the fastest thing in the air and he utilized its speed to the maximum."

There is another article in the Granville Sentinel from the October 18, 1945 issue, describing that eleven New York State men are being returned to the United States from the Sunbustlers Fighter Group of the 13th Air Force Fighter Command, and among them was Staff Sgt. Raymond F. Roberts of 9 Mettowee Street in Granville. The squadrons in this unit were equipped with P-38s and fought in the Pacific Theater. Did Sgt. Roberts have a pilot friend?

An obituary for Donald O. Starbuck from Cambridge, published in this newspaper on February 20, 1964, describes how he served in World War II as a P-38 pilot in the Army Air Corps, ending his career as a Captain. He flew 51 combat missions in England and North Africa and was decorated with the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with seven Oak Leaf clusters, the American Defense medal, Victory medal, European theatre ribbon, and the American Theatre ribbon.

This is a lot of circumstantial evidence but if anyone knows anything more, please share with me through the editor of this newspaper.

Beyond the potential financial gains, treasure hunting offers a unique sense of personal satisfaction and achievement. Knowing that you've successfully located something valuable or historically significant can be deeply fulfilling. As a pilot, I'd really like the opportunity to fly a P-38 and that is more than a random thought.

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



'Collectors go to great length to restore these planes.'

Golf for the equines

Nipper Knolls Equine Center, Inc. will host its sixth annual golf tournament on Saturday, October 14, at Airway Meadows Golf Club. Check in begins at 8:30 a.m. with the start at 9:30 a.m. All proceeds will benefit Nipper Knolls Equine Center, Inc.

This fundraiser is a four player scramble format. Participants have the chance to win a vehicle courtesy of Zappone of Granville hole-in-one contest. There will be additional fun competitions including a putting contest, closest to the line, most accurate drive, closest to

the pin, and longest drive. The event will also feature a silent auction, 50/50 and more. All participating veterans will be honored with a special gift.

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



Do we really want to be this divided?

Lance Allen Wang
Special to Journal & Press

A few years back, I had the privilege of serving as the “Red” chairman for a group called Better Angels (since renamed “Braver Angels”). The whole point of this group was to improve dialogue between Republicans and Democrats, or “Red and Blue” as referred to in the group’s material. As you may recall, the nation was pretty polarized in 2019, and it hasn’t really improved very much. Early 2019 was when we started our Southern Washington County Chapter. I worked with my friend Linda Salzer from Cambridge, who served as the “Blue” chairman. We would meet in the Brieman Building monthly, behind the Presbyterian Church.

When Linda reached out to me and forwarded some literature about the group, I couldn’t have been more impressed. The founders of the national group, David Blankenhorn and Bill Dougherty originally based their methods on marriage counseling, so many of the techniques that they used were drawn from that discipline. The objective was to turn interactions from “Me right! You wrong!” into an actual exchange and discussion of ideas.

We met monthly in 2019, and as the group completed the preliminary training, I also completed

the training to become a certified facilitator using Better Angels’ techniques. By the end of 2019, we were able to have constructive discussions, and we set the conditions for what we didn’t realize would be our final exercise.

All told, there were about 15 of us who participated. It was a wide variety of participants. MAGA Republicans, hard-core liberals, independents, veterans, and at least one woman who was kind enough to bring her dog with her, with its welcome calming influence. We had a couple of Republican folks who were strident in their demands not to be photographed, which is something we respected. We were just happy that they saw the urgency and need for real dialogue as the nation’s Founders and Framers intended.

The day that made it all worth it for me was the day we finally decided to take all that we had learned and put it towards a goal. We decided we were going to tackle healthcare. Once we went through our preliminary work, the group was able to come up with ten principles on universal health care that the entire group, across the board, was able to support. The group came up with these principles in the space of less than sixty minutes. Those who spread political manure about how awful the other side is would have been positively aghast.

It was sad to see that within the month after we had that exercise, COVID-19 reared its ugly head, and the group went into hiatus and then disbanded. Both Linda and I are very active in the community,



Washington County Better Angels

and no vacuum in our calendars seems to go unfilled, so unfortunately we never had the opportunity to restart following the pandemic.

But the hope I left the healthcare discussion with has never waned. I have had the opportunity to see a variety of people discussing weighty issues from opposite sides, look each other in the eye and come to agreement. Here’s some of the lessons I drew from the Better Angels enterprise:

Working face-to-face replaced “keyboard brave” social media bomb-throwing with actual political dialogue, forcing participants to acknowledge each other as human beings first. It is easier to communicate with a fellow human being than a cardboard cutout of negative stereotypes about the opposition.

People wanted to connect. They wanted to come to agreement. No one sought more polarization. That was apparent early on, and that energy kept me charged. If attendees didn’t want to be there, they wouldn’t have been there, and certainly would not have come back. The politically tribal mindset is one that may be

encouraged by the parties, but out here, where we deal with the consequences of polarization, neighbors need to get along simply to get the many things done that keep a community operating.



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



Hold America Together

Braver Angels

‘Internal Geographies’ exhibit at Library

From Monday October 2 to Friday October 20, Greenwich Free Library will host an exhibit entitled “Internal Geographies” by artist Laurie Miles in the library’s Community Room. “Internal Geographies” is a presentation of printed etchings that use imagery from the inside of vegetables. The work consists of two parts—several singular prints and one oversized wall hanging.

Laurie Miles’s work often involves many steps. Here, vegetables begin the process. They are sliced, boiled, pressed, dried and ultimately digitally photographed. She then uses a non-toxic plate making process to create metal plates for printing on her press. Despite all these steps the patterns remain faithful to nature’s original design.

She says of the inspiration for the exhibit, “Drive anywhere in Washington County and you’ll pass through vast fields of agriculture. Farmland is central here. Working with vegetables in my studio is a natural link to that culture. “Internal Geographies” gives an uncommon point of view of what we commonly see in every farm stand and grocery store.”

There will be an opening reception on Thursday, October 5 from 5:30 to 6:30pm. Light refreshments will be served and patrons are invited to come meet the artist. The opening and the exhibit are open to all.

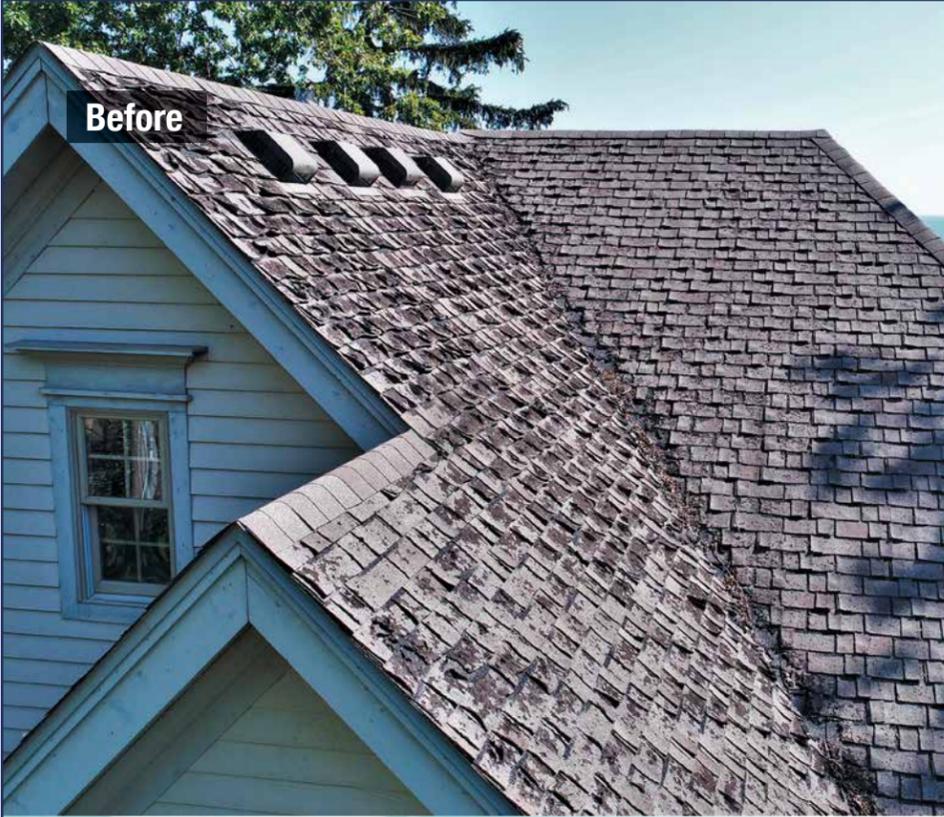
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