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### There's a reason why Library's budget ask is going up \$47,000

Greenwich Free Library is hoping to change its funding structure to get its public allocation wholly by a simple majority vote via a school district proposition, as opposed to also getting funding indirectly via town and village appropriations. While it may look like the Library is asking for a much bigger budget, it isn't.

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# Library funding will go directly to voters

**Darren Johnson**  
*Journal & Press*

If you took a look at the long legal advertisement for the Greenwich CSD budget vote that has been running in this paper (see page 22), you may have noticed something significant in one of the propositions.

For the Greenwich Free Library's funding, it states:

*Shall the Board of Education be authorized to increase the appropriation to support the Greenwich Free Library from \$112,535 to \$159,738 annually?*

The budget vote is May 21 in the Greenwich Primary School Building from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

While an over \$47,000 jump in funding for the library in one year may seem unusual, there's a reason for it, and Library officials are working to get the word out proactively.

Here is my Q&A with library director Sarah Murphy, conducted by email over multiple days:

**While school voters tend to be generous, I'm sure you're not taking their budget acceptance for granted. How will you get the word out about this vote?**

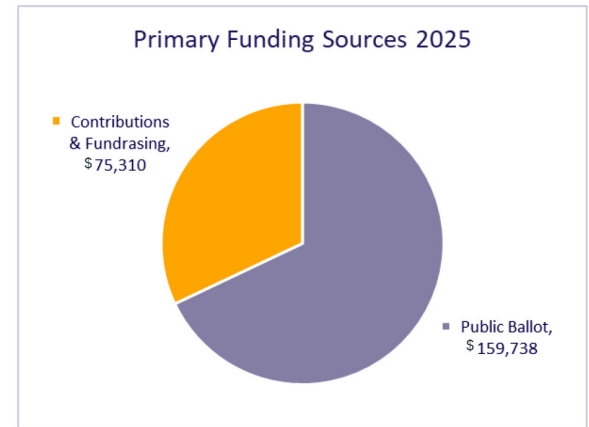
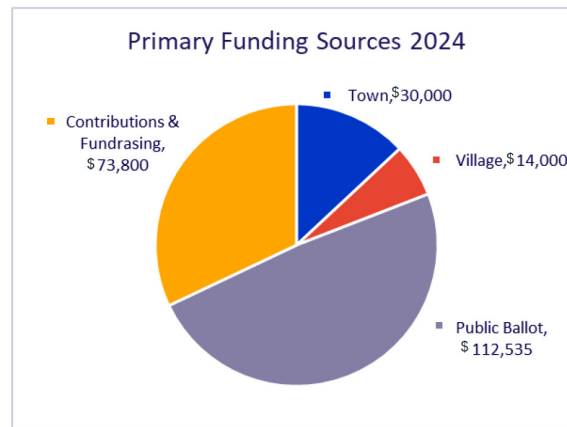
*It is critical that citizens know that those who vote will determine the value and strength of their library. We have posted the*

## Join a bird walk

On Saturday, May 11, from 9 a.m. to noon – World Migratory Bird Day – Dionondehowa invites bird enthusiasts to join the annual Bird Walk at the Sanctuary.

Guided by Rey Wells, known for his bird photos and essays, bird lovers will hear and see many species and enjoy the Sanctuary's varied and undisturbed habitats.

There is a suggested donation, but no one is excluded because of money. Info: 518-320-0502 or [dionondehowa@yahoo.com](mailto:dionondehowa@yahoo.com).



*proposition and an explainer at the library desk and on our social media and website. We are trying to engage with as many patrons as possible in a direct way. Library board President Patrice Abate and I made presentations at the most recent town and village meetings; we will attend the school's public meeting on May 6th, and we are available to answer questions at the library anytime.*

**When the town cut library funding a few years ago, was this a bit of an epiphany for your board that maybe the library should instead put this matter directly before the voters to avoid such a potential political pitfall from happening again?**

The budget cut you refer to occurred before I moved to Greenwich, but I know it was a wake-up call for the board. By and large both the town and village have been extremely supportive of the library, both financially and as community collaborators. Even so, continuing to rely on major funding sources that fluctuate would not be prudent fiscal management. And, even if the town and village maintain their funding, it would be unlikely to keep up with our growing costs. Some portion of the library budget has been put before the voters for many years, and the Greenwich community has been largely supportive. This proposed change would give the voters even more of a say about tax funding for the library, and will ensure more stable, sustainable funding for the future.

**Did either the town or village mention discontinuing funding the library?**

*No. They understand that we are seeking a more sustainable model that will allow for growth over time, but if the referendum does not pass, they have agreed to continue to support the library in 2025.*

**Is putting the library budget approval almost wholly on the school ballot common practice in our region?**

*Every library is different. Under NYS Education Law section 259, association libraries are permitted to present their budget on school district ballots, and many around the state and the region do so. The vast majority of those ballot propositions are successful. 62% of SALS libraries (including association, municipal, and school district libraries) have pursued budget referenda to fund some percentage of their overall budgets, but the choice to do so and for what to request is up to each individual library.*

**Could people in the Schuylerville school district portion of Greenwich, who had been paying Schuylerville Library taxes directly through that school district but also to the Greenwich Free Library indirectly via town taxes, still consider Greenwich "their" library?**

*Absolutely! Between our quirky town, village, and school district boundaries and the proximity of many wonderful libraries*

# (cont.)

*in our region, the area we are chartered to serve doesn't always align perfectly with the individuals that we do serve. The good news is that the Southern Adirondack Library System includes the libraries in our county as well as those in nearby Saratoga, Warren, and Hamilton Counties. So, your library card works just as well in Schuylerville as it works in Greenwich, and vice versa. Patrons are encouraged to visit and make use of as many libraries as are convenient to them.*

Additionally, Murphy provided this FAQ:

### **Why make this change now?**

*Over the last several years, Town and Village administrators have suggested the Library seek all of its public funding through the annual public vote with the school district. This would free up Town and Village funding for other priorities and create a source of funding for the library that could keep up with annual growth in expenses. The change benefits some taxpayers who are currently taxed two or three times for library support, and provides all taxpayers the opportunity to vote directly on public funding for the library. All the public funding will be equally shared by all residents in the community.*

### **How much is the library's total projected 2024 budget, and what percentage comes from public funding?**

*Our total projected budget for 2024 is \$251,000. Approximately 62% is projected to come from public, tax-funded sources. The remainder comes from private, individual, and corporate donations and contributions; private and government grants, proceeds from Friends' book sales, and fees for miscellaneous services.*

### **Why increase the library budget at all?**

*Between 2022 and 2023, our circulation rose by 13%; our number of visitors rose by 29%, and the number of program participants rose by 227%. These statistics show that Greenwich Free Library is an increasingly vital and well-utilized community resource.*

- *More residents are taking advantage*



*of the library's materials. Meeting that increased demand requires expanding collections.*

- *A 29% jump in visitors shows that the library's physical space and facilities are being heavily used. More foot traffic can accelerate maintenance/upkeep needs.*

- *The massive 227% growth in program participants highlights how valuable and popular the library's educational and cultural programming is for the community. Continuing to offer high-quality programs requires funding for materials, instructors, event space, etc.*

*Overall, these statistics paint a picture of a library straining to keep up with rapidly intensifying community demand and usage. Increased funding is critically needed to ensure service levels can be maintained and enhanced to meet those growing needs.*

*As with every organization and household, the library's regular operating costs rise every year.*

### **What if the proposition doesn't pass?**

*If the proposition does not get over 50% approval, our appropriation through the school vote will stay at the 2024 level (\$112,535), and we will continue to seek funding from the Town and Village.*

### **What will this mean in real dollar amounts and percentage increase to**

### **residents?**

*The approximate increase in school taxes for a home valued at \$250,000 will be \$16.*

### **Will the village and town tax rates decrease?**

*We have notified the Town and Village that, if this proposition passes, we will no longer ask to be a line item on their budgets. We can't speak to what the Town and Village will do, but we will no longer be competing for those limited tax dollars.*

### **The projected 2% overall increase (\$3,203) in tax-based funding seems reasonable, but how will those extra funds be allocated?**

*This amount would cover approximately 85% of the expected increase in operating expenses projected this year. The remainder will be covered by fundraising and individual and corporate donations.*

### **What is Greenwich Free Library's responsibility to the Village and Town governments?**

*Greenwich Free Library is an Association Library, separate from town and village municipalities. We have traditionally delivered a yearly report to both town and village boards to ensure confidence in how we spend public funds, and we will continue to do so regardless of our tax-based funding source.*

## GARAGE SALE WEEKEND(S)

# Send us your garage sale listing

*Some say Garage Sale Weekend is May 17-19, others May 24-26. Either way, send us your listing and we'll publish it for FREE. Here are some we've gotten so far:*

**May 18-9 and May 25th 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

118 Christie Road, Greenwich. Lots of seasonal decorations, home decor, furniture, crafting items, designer bags, books. Items priced to sell, Everything must go!

**May 18, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

Witches Kittens will have a snack and drinks table set up at 106 Main St., Green-

wich. All proceeds will go to Witches Kittens

**May 25-26, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

1392 NY-372, Greenwich. A variety of clothing, books and media, household items and decor for sale!

**May 17-19**

49 Washington St, Greenwich, multi family – Many furniture items household items. Outdoor items camping fishing and hunting items. Some clothes and shoes.



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## Cambridge Owlkill Festival ready to soar

Mark your calendars for the Owlkill Festival on Sunday, May 19. Sponsored by the Cambridge Valley Farmers Market and the Cambridge Valley Community Development and Preservation Partnership ( aka Community Partnership), the festival will take place from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm in the park at Owlkill Commons by the green pedestrian bridge at 17 West Main Street.

The day will begin with the Cambridge Valley Farmers Market selling produce, plants, and pastries, along with many other locally sourced and produced items, including seafood, meats, eggs and bread. Hubbard Hall Ballet Dancers will perform, followed by a musical performance from the Hubbard Hall Cabaret. The Irish Step Dancers from Hubbard Hall will demonstrate their skills a little later in the day.

Live music on the lawn begins at 10:30 with the Creekside Sinners, a local duet with lots of heart and soul. The Drum with Joy Ensemble will add rhythm to the day, beginning at noon. The last performance of the day (approximately 1:30-3:30) will be The Hill Hollow Quintet, a bluegrass/folk/Americana band with Barry Hyman and friends. Bring chairs and blankets, and plan

on staying all day!

Food trucks on site for the afternoon: Casa Reyes, Cut the Pie, and Lorraine's Nachos. Finish up your lunch with ice cream from Farmers Cone Creamery and a cookie or scone from Moon Scones.

They are hosting a Duck Derby along the Owl Kill. Adopt a rubber duck for the afternoon and watch it race down the Owl Kill. It will be more of a sprint than a marathon, but it should be exciting. For \$5 a duck, you can cheer on your bright yellow friend. Winners will receive prizes generously donated by Argyle Brewing, Battenkill Books, Black Dog Wines & Spirits, Country Gals Cafe, and Over the Moon. There will be 2 races; starting time is approximately 2:30. The first race is for ages under 21, and the second for ages 21 and over. The whole family can get involved! All proceeds from the race will be used to help restore the Owl Kill stream bed and park, along with the Commons area.

Community groups from the area will have information booths, demonstrations, and plants. The local FFA chapter will bring animals. Find out more about the local Cambridge Historical Society, Rescue Squad, Hubbard Hall and more.



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# Lenny Keys of Keys Dumpsters, Salem

**Adam Harrison Levy**  
*Journal & Press*

**Adam:** *What is the name of the road we are driving on and why is it meaningful to you?*

**Lenny:** We're on Rt 22, heading north. I've been driving this road my entire life - fifty six and half years. I'm taking you to my farm. I grew up as an only child. We didn't have a lot but we had what we needed. We never went without food or good clean clothes. And we had one automobile. That was the way it was. You didn't have one for everybody in the family like we do now. It was a lot different than today.

**Adam:** *What are we looking at?*

**Lenny:** This is where I grew up. The old farmhouse was built the same way as this house but it was right in front of the shed and the shed survived the fire.

**Adam:** *Fire?*

**Lenny:** The fire that burnt my father and mother's house in 2006. We had another fire back in 1998. In 2006 it was a chimney fire - creosote had built up over the years and the fire ripped off the top of the house. My parents got out okay.

**Adam:** *How did your parents deal with it?*

**Lenny:** They were devastated. They lost everything from over 47 years. But my mother had some old leather purses and she put all the family pictures in them. And they survived. Out of 500 pictures we lost only 10 or 20.

**Adam:** *Where are we driving now?*

**Lenny:** We're driving on Bogtown Road. I want to show you the house my father was born in. It's called Hilltop. This used to be a dirt road where you had to slow down and pull over for the oncoming. And these here were all hay fields. I worked with the Montgomery family. They had fields down over that bank. But my family didn't go all that far because we were always working on the farm down on Rt 22. This is the house - it's old, I would say going on 150 years. My

father had three sisters, and then he came along, and then there were three more sisters. Yeah, it's a handsome house. My father was born there but I don't know anything past that. To me, this is where it all started.

**Adam:** *How much of your life do you spend driving?*

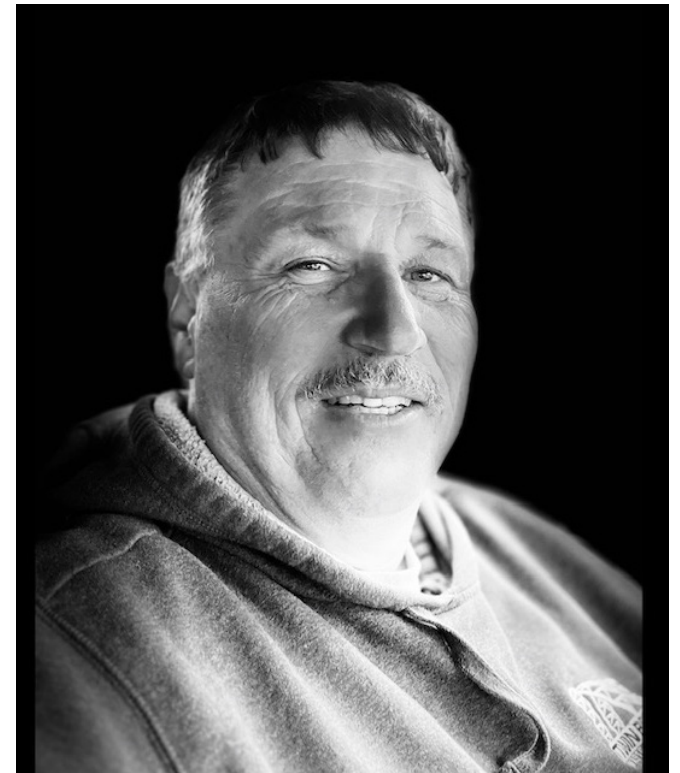
**Lenny:** I'd say 75 to 85 percent of the time. If I'm not sleeping I'm in a truck heading somewhere. With so many hours on your own it makes you more calm. You find a peaceful feeling. My life is always peaceful because I've tried to keep it that way. Because there is no reason for animosity or anger. If you don't want to be happy then stay away from me because I want to be happy in everything I do. In the early years you get mad and upset with somebody and it doesn't do any good. It only lasts for four and half seconds! There is no different outcome because then somebody ends up being upset. That was in those early years, I guess, before you learn control. When I was in the garbage business and people didn't pay because they needed groceries I would just leave the cans and if they saw me at Stewart's they'd give me some money.

**Adam:** *Do you think your understanding of other people's difficulties comes from your childhood?*

**Lenny:** Absolutely. I was raised where we didn't have everything we wanted. If my Dad didn't have money, and it was a short month, we ate food that was cheaper than the other foods. My Dad would kill his own pork and beef. So I learned my morals from my parents. I find myself remembering everything they told me, like my mother used to say: believe half of what you see and none of what you hear.

**Adam:** *While driving do you look at nature?*

**Lenny:** I see turkeys. I see the Canadian geese. I see the deer in the fall with their antlers, the big eight pointers. I see the two



bucks fighting on the hillside in the fall, doing their clashing. So I see the beauty. I think about that for a minute but then I'm thinking about my next job.

**Adam:** *Do you have any favorite songs you listen to?*

**Lenny:** Yeah, Cody Johnson. He sings a song, "Til You Can't". It's about not waiting to say something if you can say it now. Whenever I left the house my uncle Albert would say "I love you".

**Adam:** *Anything else you'd like to add?*

**Lenny:** I drive these roads all the time but I never have the opportunity to drive these roads and share a story. So thank you for taking the time to drive with me.

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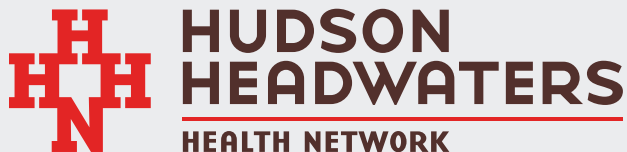


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# The history of Whipple City Days

**Culver Tefft**

*Special to Journal & Press*

In the beginning, Whipple City days was conceived to promote the village — its history, businesses and establishments, and organizations (i. e. the fire department, fraternal organizations, churches, rescue squad, and Veteran organizations, etc.) with activities and events that would bring the people of Greenwich \ Middle Falls \ Easton together. We hoped people would discover the wonderful beauty, history and business opportunities of living in Greenwich.

Activities were setup up and down Main street purposely to draw people into the business district and see the wonderful historic buildings, businesses and the Rough and Ready fire house. The desire was to show off the community with the hope people would return in the future for their purchases.

Entertainment was strictly provided by local talent and food was expressly limited to local restaurants and local organizations that reasonably prepared food as a means of fund raising.

In order to bring Whipple City days off we had to get many, many in the community involved. The more people doing something (their part), the more people have a vested



A scene from the 2022 Whipple City Fest

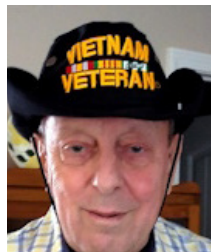
interest in its success. So we involved the high school track team (10k & 5k races), hardware (race trophies) and \$25 donations from merchants for music in Mowry park for three evenings. It all came together in just four months and most everyone enjoyed the historic first Whipple City days.

I know! Whipple City days was my idea and the 1959 Sesquicentennial was foremost in my mind as to how to involve the community. I wrote the rules. I planned more than 25 activities that could be done with minimal expense. I sold the idea to the business merchants, police department, fire department, village department of public works and the school. I played a role in parceling out various aspects to people to make bits and pieces of the whole happen and I was diligent in following up to make sure things got done and not put aside. Finally, I was there in Mowry park, at night, one of about five, taking down and setting up for the next event like art in the park and all churches worship Sunday morn-

ing. I don't mean I did it all myself, but realistically there were about eight of us who did the overall work to make things run smoothly. Thank Heaven they did! Janet and Sherman Bowen, Don Hill, Terri Kelley were among those who worked passionately on the June weekend celebration. Sadly the names of others who gave so much for Whipple City days' success I do not recall at present.

In following years things got bigger, spread out, and in my opinion away from the original purpose. But when one gives up the reins and new people take up the reins you follow the horse where the driver takes you.

*A Vietnam veteran, Culver Tefft worked for The Journal & Press for many years under the longtime ownership of the renowned Tefft family. He now resides in Kentucky but frequently contributes to Greenwich online forums and is an expert on Greenwich history.*



A concert last year in Mowry Park. A new event, Union Village Fest, hopes to bring back excitement there the same weekend Whipple City Festival was. See our last issue at [JournalandPress.com](http://JournalandPress.com) for details.

## FROM THE STACKS

# Our annual report to the community

**Sarah Murphy**  
*Greenwich Free Library  
Special to Journal & Press*

Over the last few months, we have had the chance to look back on 2023 and analyze some of the numbers that make up our annual report. Every February each library in New York has to compile their statistics into a very dry, hundred-or-so-page long report to the state. It's an arduous process, but we get help from the southern Adirondack Library System, and I personally get help from our Board of Directors and other librarians in the region who have done this work for many years. The report to the state is not riveting reading. Dry is an understatement. But it serves an important purpose: to ensure that our library is upholding the minimum standards set up by the state of New York, and that we are serving our community as promised. It helps us maintain our charter and to continue to operate. It's essential. But it is not fun.

Once the report has been submitted, we have an opportunity to look at the data we compiled, and that is when the fun begins. Also with the help of SALS, we create a report to the community using the most interesting and most relevant numbers, and that's what I'm presenting to you now. In some ways, this is not just a report to the community, but a report of the community and about the community. It provides a picture of what it is you use the library for on a regular basis.

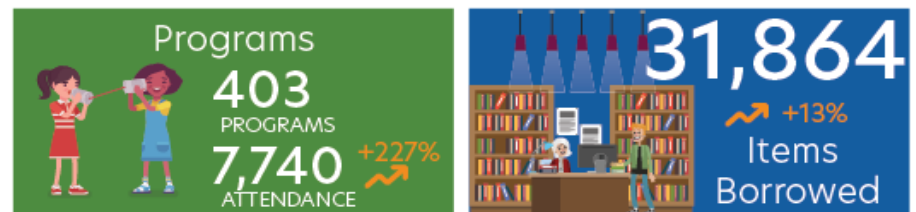
Enough preamble; let's get to the good stuff. By good I mean

let's start with the figure I am most proud of and most excited to share with you:

In 2023, 7,740 people attended programs and events sponsored by the library. That's up 227% over 2022.

And I've got to tell you I felt pretty good about our 2022 numbers! This is a massive increase. I was present for, or at least in the building during almost every single one of the 403 programs we hosted, and even I could not believe it when I saw these figures. Sure, some of the increase can be attributed to the slow start in 2022 based on fluctuating Covid numbers. But ... here's a little sneak preview for next year's annual report: in the first quarter of 2024 program attendance was 2,471 compared to 1,499 the year before. So, we're still growing.

What do these programming numbers tell the library? Well, we feel pretty confident that the community is taking advantage of what we're offering. And we feel proud. Our programming and events budget is only around \$9000 a year, and we served almost 8000 people last year at those programs. As I've said before in this paper, I'm no economist. But, I'd call that a really big return on investment. And what do these programming numbers tell the community? I hope the story is one of a library that shows up for you. A library that wants you here. And a library that celebrates when you show up for us.



What don't these numbers tell us? We don't know how many people didn't come to a

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program because they hadn't heard about it. We keep working to get the word out, but we meet people every day who say, I had no idea the library was doing all this! (Or, even, I've never been here before!) And the numbers don't tell us about the programs that we haven't dreamed up yet that might be what our community wants. On both counts, we just have to keep trying. Trying to reach the public and trying new ideas, taking suggestions from the community, trying new things.

If you know the library, you know that our programming is just one part of what

we provide. More highlights from our annual report include:

- 36,225 people visited the library in 2023, up 29% over 2022
- Our collection holds 48,881 items, and circulation jumped 13% to 31,865
- eBook and audio borrows through the Libby app increased by 53% in 2023, totaling 5,280 downloads
- 2,847 people enjoyed fresh fruits and vegetables through Farm-2-Library
- Patrons composted 6,917 pounds of food and organic waste through our partnership with Adirondack Worm Farm
- 203 people of all ages read 264,454 pages for our Summer Reading Challenge

- Community members booked free library space for 3,626 people to attend 472 events

We use the facts and figures above to assess our work in the community, to identify what to celebrate and where to focus more effort. But the subject of almost all of the above statements isn't the library; the subject is you. People, patrons, community members. You are the story here. And we look forward to continuing to serve you through 2024 and beyond.

*Sarah Murphy is director of the Greenwich Free Library.*



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# VFW muster for veterans, families

The Greenwich VFW will hold a Veterans Muster on Saturday, May 11, 2024. The Muster will be held at the Greenwich VFW, Veterans Hall, located at 63 Abeel Street from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. Lunch will be served after the Muster. All Veterans and family members are invited to attend.

The Muster will provide information to Veterans about Agent Orange and new additions to the Pact Act and Presumptive Diseases. Veterans and family members

of deceased veterans are invited to attend. Questions regarding benefits that family members of deceased veterans may be entitled will be discussed.

Washington County Veterans Service Director Ken Winchell will provide information on how to apply for compensation and using the VA health care system. Representatives from the Veterans Administration will provide information and answer questions concerning the VA. Also, information

on Veteran Real Property Tax Exemptions will be discussed. Representative from the veterans peer-to-peer program will address the benefits of the peer-to-peer program.

The VFW encourages all Veterans and family members to attend the Muster. The Muster is designed to aid veterans and family members to learn about obtaining health and compensation benefits.

For additional information contact Post Commander Don Ward at 518-788-0472.

## Riverkeeper Sweep

Volunteers of all ages are invited to the 13th Annual Riverkeeper Sweep, a day of service for the Hudson River on May 5, 2024, from 10am-2pm. Join us in preparing the

trails, grounds, gardens, and banks of Hudson Crossing Park for summer, and make waterways cleaner and healthier along the way. Over the past 12 years, thousands of

volunteers have gathered from NYC to the Adirondacks to clean up 355 tons of debris, and plant or maintain 7,130 native plants.

There will be projects for all ages. If able, participants are encouraged to bring rakes and light gardening tools.

Pre-registration is encouraged. Visit [www.hudsoncrossingpark.org](http://www.hudsoncrossingpark.org) for info.

## Donate blood

Thanks to Sport Clips Haircuts, all who come to donate blood April 29-May 31 will get a coupon for a free haircut by email. Plus, those who come to give April 29-May 19 will be automatically entered for a chance to win a trip for two and VIP racing experience to the 2024 NASCAR Cup Series and Xfinity Races at Darlington Raceway Labor Day weekend. Additionally, those who come to give April 29-May 19 will also get a bonus \$10 e-gift card to a merchant of choice.

Spring into action – book a time to give lifesaving blood or platelets now by visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org), calling 1-800-RED CROSS or by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App.

### Upcoming blood drives:

#### Salem

5/17/2024: 12 p.m. - 5 p.m., Salem FD, 53 S Main Street

#### Glens Falls

5/15/2024: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Crandall Public Library, 251 Glens St.

#### Saratoga Springs

5/17/2024: 12 p.m. - 5 p.m., St Clements Church, 231 Lake Ave

#### Schuylerville

5/11/2024: 8 a.m. - 12 p.m., American Legion Post 278, 6 Clancy St.

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# The unsung work of local libraries

**Darren Johnson**  
*Journal & Press*

For the “Question of the Week” this issue, I decided to poll our local librarians.

Overall, while not everyone uses libraries, and, thus maybe not everyone directly sees their effects, as a local editor I do interact with them a good deal and feel that, if anything, their work is underrated and maybe even underappreciated by society at large. In short, they do A LOT of good – especially for people in our community who may be underserved otherwise. We commend them for being there for *all* of our residents.

And these librarians do it – *shhhhh!* – quietly! Maybe that personality type of not wanting to call attention to themselves is why they tend to fly under the radar.

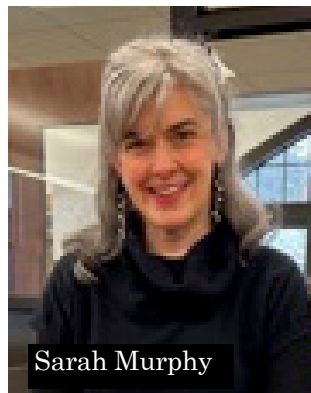
So we’re happy to give them some space here.

This is the question I posed: *Tell our readers something they may not know about a service your library is providing that’s a benefit to the larger community; as well, tell us a challenge your library, and/or local small libraries in general, are facing that readers may not be aware of. What might help?*

## **Sarah Murphy, Director, Greenwich Free Library**

*You may not know that our library not only helps to distribute food as part of the Farm-2-Library program, but that we also invite patrons to bring food scraps and organic materials for composting, through our partnership with Adirondack Worm Farm. Along with fruits and veggies, you can bring items that most backyard composting systems can’t handle, such as dairy and meat products. Like many libraries, we work hard to cut down on waste in all areas, and our commitment to sharing, saving, and repurposing extends way beyond traditional library materials.*

*A huge challenge for all libraries, and something that affects our work here in Greenwich every day is the difficulty of making predictions.*



Sarah Murphy



An event at Greenwich Free Library

*Our mission is to serve the community, and that means anticipating our patrons’ tastes, interests, and needs, without the benefit of a large budget. How many eclipse glasses should we order? Which debut author will be the next big thing? How many people will show up to a Saturday event? What do our teen patrons want? The purchasing and planning decisions that we make every day affect the community, both directly and indirectly, and that’s a lot of pressure! We observe, we ask, we listen, but it can feel impossible to make everyone happy every time. What might help? Well, if you feel that your needs aren’t being met, let us know. We can’t buy every book or say yes to every idea, but we can work within our constraints to try and fulfill our promise to enrich and strengthen our community.*

## **Jennifer DeCarlo, Director, Easton Library**

*An excellent service that the Easton Library is providing to the community is the Farm-2-Library Fresh Food Program. The Southern Adirondack Library System, in conjunction with Comfort Food Community and Capitol Roots’*

*Squash Hunger Program, work together to reduce food waste by sharing it with libraries located in rural areas. Easton Library receives a once-a-week fresh food delivery all year round. In addition, SALS has sought to address adult literacy assistance that may be lacking in rural areas. Working with the Tri-County Literacy, Inc. in Glens Falls, Easton Library now provides once a week adult literacy as well as English as a second language classes.*



Jennifer DeCarlo

*The library has a wonderful collection of books, movies, and audiobooks. People also love to come to the Easton Library because of the regular scheduled social activities. Osteobusters is at the library Monday and Wednesday mornings and it begins at 8:30 AM. The knitters meet every Monday afternoon at 1 PM. Story Hour is every Wednesday morning at 10 AM. The mahjong group meets every Wednesday afternoon at 1 PM. Our new Cookbook Club meets every other*

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# Who was Jane McCrea?

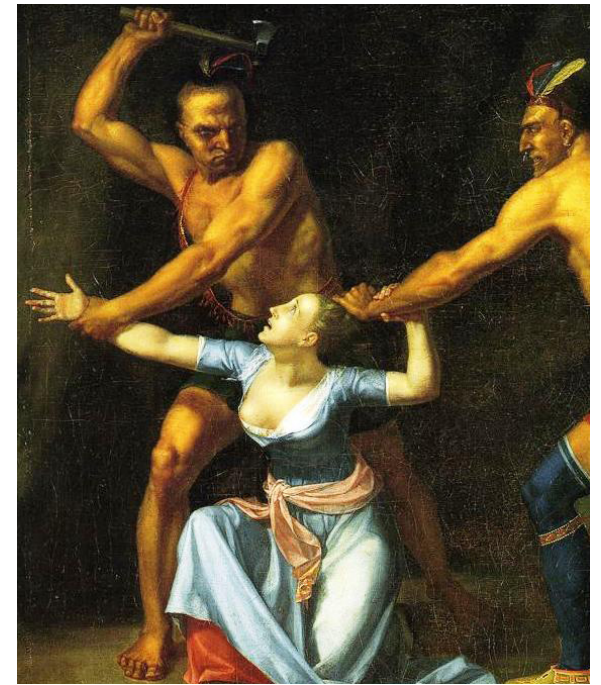
The Hebron Preservation Society will present “The Life and Death of Jane McCrea on July 26, 1777,” a program by longtime Fort Edward Town Historian Paul McCarty on Thursday, May 23rd at 6:30 p.m. The event will be held at Hebron United Church East. The church is located at 6559 State Route 22 in the hamlet of East Hebron, just past the Chamberlin Mills Road going north. It is about 7 miles north of Salem and 10 miles south of Granville.

McCarty has been Fort Edward Town Historian for nearly 50 years. He has researched and written numerous articles on Washington County history and especially the history of Fort Edward. McCarty has become the “go-to” guy for history on topics such as Jane McCrea, Solomon Northup, and the Champlain Canal. He has been interviewed on several historical documenta-

ries including the death of McCrea. He has spoken throughout the area on these topics as well.

The questions surrounding the McCrea story include: Who was she? How did she come to be in Fort Edward during Burgoyne’s invasion of the North Country? How was she captured? How was she killed? Why was her body reinterred several times? These questions will be answered during McCarty’s talk.

Well-known historian Richard Ketchum states in his book, *Saratoga*, “Her (McCrea) demise was one of the first and in some respects the most dramatic of the atrocities now being committed almost daily by Burgoyne’s Indians, and coming on the heels of his earlier threats, it made for extremely effective propaganda. ... Was the killing of Jane McCrea a boost to the American



cause?”

The talk is free and open to the public. Donations accepted.

## (cont.)

month on a Thursday evening at 6 PM. The library would love to welcome any new folks to join any of our programs. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram. Our website is [easton.sals.edu](http://easton.sals.edu). Please call the library at 518-692-2253 with any questions.

### Faith St. John, Director, Argyle Library

Comfort Food Community is a multifaceted I would say one thing that our library offers that some people may not know about is access to e-books, magazines and audiobooks through an app called Libby. It allows users to access digital materials for free on their smartphone or tablet with their library card.

One of the challenges our library faces is a shrinking volunteer base. We are always looking for new faces to join our Friends of the Library to help in fundraising and volunteer at programs.

### Holly Wright, Early Literacy Library Instructor, Schuylerville Library

*The library isn't what you think it is.*

*Picture a place where old musty books live. Where librarians shush you if you so much as sneeze. If you dare keep a book past its due date you will be nickel and dimes to infinity. Not to mention you will have to face that angry clerk judging you from behind the desk as you hand back your overdue books!*

*Sound familiar? Then you really need to get to a library ASAP.*

*Gone are the days of overdue fees. Silence? That's a rarity! Books? Well, we still have plenty of those. But there's so much more. More than DVDs or audiobooks even. A sewing machine, video games, museum passes, and yes, even apps are just some benefits! We have so many programs and events we can keep you and your children busy for days.*

*Take a trip to your local library and ask what they are offering. Live guided meditations, Death Cafes, Dungeons and Dragons, art classes, T Swift parties, and Narcan training are just a start. We've moved beyond just book clubs. And what a range! We are here to support everyone, from babies*

*to seniors. Ask Miss Julie about her sewing classes, Miss Brandi about her sensory club, Beth about her 1-on-1 computer help, or myself about my after school programs. Nearly every day of the week we have an event happening.*

*At public libraries everyone has access, and we are here to fit everybody's needs. Going to view a solar eclipse? We've got your glasses. Hungry? We are one of many that offer free healthy foods for their community. Want to get out into nature? We have fishing poles! Or, try our Wild Center pass. Have a sudden urge to relive your childhood and play Mario Kart 64? Stop by Gamers' Guild! Need an art fix? Grab a museum pass for MASS MoCA or the Hyde Collection.*

*I am shocked when I still hear people ask, "Schuylerville has a library?" There's a common misconception that libraries have been replaced by Google, Kindle Unlimited, and streaming services. But the fact is, we are here, we are better, and we are FREE. Save yourself some money. Find your community IN your community. When was the last time Amazon sent you to a museum, or supported local businesses? The only thing keeping us from becoming limitless is our limited space!*

# Cole Burgess signs with Bengals

Greenwich residents have been following the meteoric rise of gridiron standout Cole Burgess, who really made the best of his opportunity at Div. 3 Cortland State, earning All American honors and helping the Red Dragons win a national championship this past season; and then the wide receiver and former Witch showed off his skills at Pro Day before NFL scouts at the University of Buffalo on March 14, where he put up huge physical numbers (see our infographic below). During NFL Draft Weekend at the end of April, he was signed by the Cincinnati Bengals as an Undrafted Free Agent and will attend summer training camp soon

and have a chance to make the squad.

He is the son of Colleen Burgess and Roger DeKorp of Greenwich.

Before the draft, we had a chance to interview Burgess, who had this to say:

“I just want to make myself known in the league. I want to make plays at the next level and have a solid career in the NFL.”

As for his outstanding Pro Day, Burgess said that he came mentally prepared and understood the stakes.

“I knew that would be the first step in my process – to kill it on Pro Day,” he said.

His college career had some gaps due to Covid and a suspension. But Burgess said that that allowed him another year per NCAA eligibility rules, and that extra year was the difference.

“You have to play the hand you’re dealt. ... It was great being back on the field for the first time in 2022 and playing in a game due to all that adversity I’d went through,” he said. “And last season’s success was the payoff for all of that hard work to get back on the field.”



He’s been truly heartened by the response to his success by local folks. Wallie’s restaurant even named a burger after him.

Social media posts about his Bengals signing have gotten hundreds of shares and likes on Greenwich pages and groups.

“It feels great to get stopped by people on the street and in the stores, and people tell me they are rooting for me,” he said. “It’s cool seeing a small town rally for me and my dreams. I’m blessed to experience all of the love and support from the community.”

–Darren Johnson

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March 14, 2024




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**Broad Jump: 11'5"**  
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**40-Yard Dash: 4.43 secs.**

## COLE BURGESS

Wide Receiver



### NCAA Stats:

<b>Career Receiving:</b>	<b>All-Purpose:</b>
178 catches	4867 yards
3133 yards*	38 TDs
35 TDs*	1 blocked punt
16 100+ games*	
<b>Kick Returns:</b>	<b>2023 Stats:</b>
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3 TDs	1375 yards*
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# News from local churches

## Bottskill and Lakeville Baptist Churches

All are welcome to the Bottskill Baptist Church Sunday Services starting at 9:15 and the Lakeville Baptist Church starting at 11:00. You are invited to join us as we celebrate our Christian faith led by Pastor Lydia Widbin. Sunday School Classes will be held at the Bottskill Church during every Sunday morning services. Our Sunday School is open to all kids PreK-8th grade. Children can be dropped off at the church at 9:15. The Sunday School Project for April was to plant Pumpkins and then sell them at the church's fall Mum Sale. The Sunday School's month of May Mission will be the creating of "May Baskets." The Lakeville Church is located at 625 Co Rte 49, Cossayuna, NY and Bottskill's location is at 26 Church Street, Greenwich ,NY.

Bible Study Classes will be held at the Bottskill Baptist Church on Saturday morning May 11 at 9:00 lead by Steve Morse with the topic "The Book of Mark" . Classes will also be held every Tuesday at 10:30 lead by Pastor Lydia and this class is studying Henri Nouwen's work, "The Return of the Prodigal Son."

On Saturday May 4th the Bottskill Baptist Church will host the Adirondack American Baptist Association Rally. This year's Rally theme will be "Withdrawing to Lonely Places", based om Luke 5:16. The Rally will be held 10:00 am to 2:00pm with lunch being served by the host church.

On May 19th, Pentecost Sunday, baptism candidates of our Bottskill family will be baptized during this special Sunday Service with a reception for the candidates to follow. Baptism is a public declaration of Faith in Jesus Christ.

Men's coffee will be held at the usual time, 9:00 a.m. on the first

Saturday of the month, May 4.

## Roman Catholic Churches

Mass at Holy Cross Catholic Church on Sunday is at 8:15 AM; at St. Patrick's at 11:30 AM and offers the 'Children's Liturgy of the Word'; and at Immaculate Conception in Hoosick Falls on Saturday at 4 PM and Sunday at 10 AM. There will be no morning mass during the month of May as Father Peter will be away.

May 9 is a Holy Day, the Ascension of the Lord, with Mass at 9 AM at St. Patrick's, Noon at Holy Cross and 6 PM at Immaculate Conception.

Holy Cross's Pastoral Council, in order to meet the needs of the community, needs to have parishioner to join in order to help meet the needs of the Parish. Please contact Mary Rosmus or a council member for more information.

The adult Bible Study, "Women in the New Testament", continues on Monday evenings, 6:30-8:00 PM in person at St. Patrick's or Immaculate Conception, or by zoom. Sign up near the door of the church or register on line. Weekly topics are listed in the bulletin and on the website, [www.battenkillcatholic.org](http://www.battenkillcatholic.org).

The Salem food pantry is especially in need of tuna fish, coffee, cereal, pancake mix and oil. The Cambridge Food Panty is in need of dry, boxed cereal, oatmeal, tuna fish, chicken noodle soup and jam or jelly.

*Have a local church announcement? Send it to [editor@journalandpress.com](mailto:editor@journalandpress.com).*

## New cat non-profit's kickoff

Witches Kittens is looking to the community to help their efforts to combat the local cat crisis. They are currently having an on-line raffle. Tickets can be purchased online through their website [www.witcheskittens.com](http://www.witcheskittens.com) or by following the link on their Facebook page. Raffle tickets are 3 tickets for \$5 or 20 tickets for \$20. The raffle is running through May 17 and the winner will be announced on their Facebook page on 5/18/24.

Another way to support them is through CLYNK donations of redeemable cans and bottles.

Donations or Redeemable containers can be sent to or dropped off at 2809 State Rt.

40, Greenwich or 101 Stanton Hill Rd, Salem.

Witches Kittens Inc, a newly founded non-profit, is raising funds to help combat the cat crisis. This crisis has recently been spotlighted with the relocation of over 70 cats from a local home. As of today 58 cats from this location have been fixed, another 7 have been humanely trapped and will be vetted, in addition to approximately 10 the owners took with them.

Kittens as young as 5 months can become pregnant and produce on average at least 4 kittens per litter and approximately 4 litters of kittens per year. If pet owners are not re-

sponsible and fail to fix their cats the population explodes.

Witches Kittens is comprised solely of volunteers.

Their Mission is to assist in the spay/neuter of cats/kittens-because they state there is no such thing as a free kitten.



# CLUTCH readies for grand opening

CLUTCH Market and General Store has officially announced their grand opening on Saturday, June 1st, 2024. Located at 101 Main Street in Greenwich, NY, CLUTCH will offer a one-stop-shop for locally sourced products, everyday essentials, and quick, quality food. As a family-owned and operated business, The Graves Family has worked to bring life back to a building that was previously abandoned leading to extensive water damage and neglect. Over the past 3 years, the family of four has poured heart and soul into the restoration of their century-old building to aid the revitalization of downtown Greenwich.

While the building required a complete rehabilitation (including removal of 16,000 lbs. of debris), the Graves have made it their mission to preserve the historical character and charm of the space. 101 Main Street is rich with history and has been home to a variety of local businesses for over 100 years. Dating back to the early 20th century, 'Wilson's Dad & Lad' served as a clothing store until the building perished in a fire on Christmas Day in 1901. The Wilsons went on to re-build in 1902 and stayed in operation until the 1940s. Around mid-century, Champoux's opened as a downtown general store and, to this day, is still fondly remembered by its local patrons. Taking inspiration from its past, the Graves have



The renovation's ornate ceilings and custom glasswork

created a space where tradition meets novelty in every corner; providing a vibrant, inclusive retail hub for the community to cherish and enjoy.

At CLUTCH Market and General Store, patrons will discover a diverse selection of handpicked items. From everyday essentials to unique, handmade finds, its collection of products offers something for every occasion. CLUTCH is committed to supporting the community, partnering with near-by makers, farmers, and small business owners to showcase their handcrafted goods, fresh food, and incredible talent offering a blend of quality and convenience in a space that celebrates and continues the legacy of over a century of makers and entrepreneurs.



Join CLUTCH Market and General Store in celebrating the joy of community at their GRAND OPENING on Saturday, June 1st from 11:00AM-5:00PM. The event will offer giveaways, product sampling, and a chance to shop their exciting collection of retail goods.

For more information, visit: [www.clutchmktny.com](http://www.clutchmktny.com). Find CLUTCH on Instagram and Facebook @clutchmktny.



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## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION GREENWICH CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a public hearing of the qualified voters of the Greenwich Central School District, Washington County, Greenwich, New York, will be held in the High School building in said District on Monday, May 6, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. prevailing time, for the presentation of the budget.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a vote will be taken of all those qualified to vote at School District Meetings in said District at the Greenwich Primary School Building, Greenwich, New York, on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 and the polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. E.S.T. until 8:00 p.m., E.S.T.; at such time the voters of the District will vote upon the following matters:

### **ANNUAL BUDGET**

To adopt the annual budget of the School District for the fiscal year and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District.

### **BOARD OF EDUCATION SEATS**

- To elect one five-year term commencing July 1, 2024, and expiring June 30, 2029, to succeed Thomas Powers whose term expires on June 30, 2024.

### **PROPOSITION #1 - EQUIPMENT**

SHALL the Board of Education of the Greenwich Central School District be authorized to: (1) acquire school buses and a transportation vehicle, at a cost of not to exceed \$295,840, which is estimated to be the maximum cost thereof; (2) expend such sum for such purpose, including the expenditure of \$133,618 from the Bus Purchase Reserve Fund; (3) levy the necessary tax therefore, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be de-

termined by the Board of Education in accordance with Section 416 of the Education Law, taking into account state aid and the amount expended from the Bus Purchase Reserve Fund; and (4) in anticipation of the collection of such tax, issue bonds and notes of the District at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$162,222, and levy a tax to pay the interest on said obligations when due?

### **GREENWICH LIBRARY PROPOSITION**

Shall the Board of Education be authorized to increase the appropriation to support the Greenwich Free Library from \$112,535 to \$159,738 annually?

### **EASTON LIBRARY PROPOSITION**

Shall the Board of Education be authorized to increase the appropriation to support the Easton Library from \$47,956 to \$49,321 annually?

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required to fund the School District's budget for 2024-2025, exclusive of public monies, may be obtained by any resident of the district during business hours beginning fourteen days before the vote, except Saturday, Sunday or holidays, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education shall be filed with the Clerk of said School District at her office in the Middle Grade school, not later than Monday, April 22, 2024, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Each petition shall be directed to the Clerk of the District and shall be signed by at least 25 voters of the District, must state the name and residence of the candidate and shall describe the specific vacancy for which the candidate is nominated.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that residents who are qualified voters of the School District may apply for an Early Mail ballot. Appli-

cations for early mail ballots for the budget vote and election of Board Members may be applied for at the Office of the District Clerk. An application for an early mail ballot must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. A list of all persons to whom early mail ballots shall have been issued will be available in said Office of the Clerk on each of the five days prior to the day of elections, except Saturday, Sunday or holidays, and that such list will also be posted at the polling place on the day of the Annual Election and Budget Vote.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots/military ballots will be obtainable between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, except holidays, from the District Clerk. Completed applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m., prevailing time, on Tuesday, May 21, 2024.

A list of persons to whom absentee ballots are issued will be available for inspection to qualified voters of the District in the office of the District Clerk on each of the five (5) days prior to the election between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on weekdays prior to the day set for the annual election and on May 21, 2024, the day set for the election. Any qualified voter present in the polling place may object to the voting of the ballot upon appropriate grounds for making his/her challenge and the reasons therefore known to the Inspector of Election before the close of the polls.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the qualified voters of the School District shall be entitled to vote at said annual vote and election. A qualified voter is one who is (1) a citizen of the

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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 annual vote and election. The School District may require all persons offering to vote at the budget vote and election 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.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to a rule adopted by the Board and in accordance with Sections 2035 and 2008 of the Education Law, any referenda or propositions to amend the budget, otherwise to be submitted for voting at said election, must be filed with the Greenwich Central School Board of Education at the Middle Grade Building on or before April 22, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. prevailing time; must be typed or printed in English, must be directed to the Clerk of the School District and signed by at least 25 qualified voters of the District; and must state the name and residence of each signer. However, the School board will not entertain any petition to place before the voters or any proposition for the purpose of which is not within the powers of the voters to determine, or any proposition which fails to include a specific appropriation where the expenditure of monies is required by the proposition.

Rachel Logan  
District Clerk

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## LEGAL NOTICE

### BID - WASTE REMOVAL

Sealed bids are requested by the Greenwich Central School District for "Bid - WASTE REMOVAL."

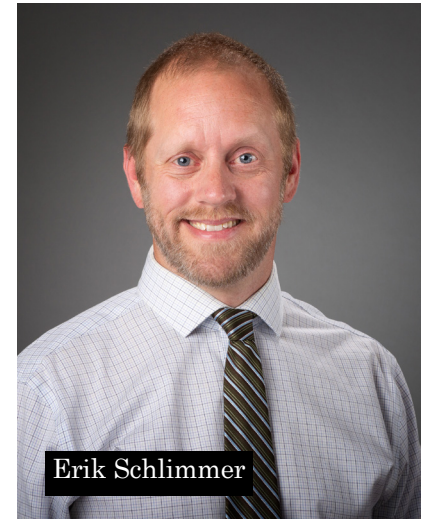
Sealed bids should be submitted to the Business Manager, Greenwich Central School District, 10 Gray Avenue, Greenwich, New York 12834 until 2:00 a.m. Thursday, June 6, 2024, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read.

Specifications and bid forms may be obtained from the Business Manager. The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

By order of the Board of Education  
Greenwich Central School  
Rachel Logan, District Clerk

## Local place names

Erik Schlimmer, award-winning author and educator, will visit Greenwich Free Library on Saturday, May 11, at noon to present "Adirondack Place Names: Why Is That Thing Called That?" During the past thirty years, Erik has explored the wildest places in America. The mountains he's most familiar with are the Adirondacks, and at this presentation he will share photos of this range as well as what his extensive research has revealed about place names. Schmiller says, "Behind every place name there's a story, and the story's usually pretty good."



Erik Schlimmer

Erik Schlimmer's books include "History Inside the Blue Line" and "Deep History." These titles will be available for sale and signing at the library event. This presentation is open to all, but registration is required. Visit [www.greenwichfreelibrary.org](http://www.greenwichfreelibrary.org) or call 518-692-7157 to register.

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# World Trade Center Health Program

**Michael Levy**  
*Journal & Press*

More than twenty-two years after the tragic events of September 11, 2001, the impact on survivors and responders continues to this day.

The World Trade Center (WTC) Health Program is a federal program that provides monitoring and treatment for certified WTC-related health conditions for eligible Responders to the September 11, 2001 attacks in New York City (NYC), the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia, and the crash site in Shanksville, Pennsylvania. The Program also provides benefits to eligible Survivors who lived, worked, went to school, childcare, or adult day care in the NYC Disaster Area in the days after 9/11, and those who were in the dust or dust cloud on 9/11. In addition, the Program conducts scientific research to better identify, diagnose, and treat physical and mental health conditions related to 9/11 exposures.

If you were a WTC Responder or Survivor, you should apply even if you are healthy now. There are no application fees. You may have a health condition related to your 9/11 exposure and not know it. Many people do not realize that chronic cough, heartburn, or anxiety might be related to their 9/11 exposure. Some conditions, like cancer, can take several years or decades to develop after exposure. WTC Health Program providers are experts at recognizing and treating the kinds of WTC-related health conditions seen in Responders and Survivors.

For Responders, the Program directly pays for all monitoring, treatment, and medication costs of a certified WTC-related health condition, except if a Responder has a workers' compensation claim for the certified condition. You will need to use the healthcare providers and pharmacies affiliated with the Program for it to cover these costs though.

For Survivors, your primary, individual health insurance (private and/or public)

pays its share of the cost for your care first, and the Program pays the rest. However, for initial health evaluations and annual monitoring exams, the Program pays in full.

In January and after putting it off for many years, I applied to the program as a Responder. I was accepted into the program and underwent my initial monitoring examination in early April. It included a full physical exam with a comprehensive medical history questionnaire, an assessment regarding my exposure to 9/11 toxins, pulmonary function testing, a chest X-ray, an EKG, blood work, and urine test.

I put off enrolling in the WTC Health Program for way too many years but recently applied because a few of my former co-workers and friends who were with me at Ground Zero have died at relatively young ages from WTC-related medical conditions. Several others have been diagnosed with other medical disorders covered by the program.

Here is a question that I have been asking myself. If I were to develop a WTC related health problem, would I regret the hours, days, weeks, and months that I spent at Ground Zero? My answer is simply this, I am proud to have served. I know with absolute certainty that my co-workers and I made a real difference with the work that we did during the 10 months of the WTC cleanup operation!

If you too were a Responder in the aftermath of 9/11 and have been putting off applying to the WTC Health Program, please take time now and submit your application. The WTC Health Program includes not only those who worked in NYC. It also covers those involved at the Pentagon and in Shanksville, PA. The application process is not particularly complicated, but you will need to provide suitable documentation of your exposure along with your application. See <https://www.cdc.gov/wtc>.

Lastly, I would like to point out another program. The September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (VCF) provides com-



penensation to individuals (or a personal representative of a deceased individual) who were present at one of the three crash sites, and who have since been diagnosed with a 9/11-related illness. The VCF is not limited to first responders. Compensation is also available to those who worked or volunteered in construction, clean-up, and debris removal; as well as people who lived, worked, or went to school in the NYC exposure zone. The VCF has awarded \$12.8 billion to over 56,600 claimants since re-opening in October 2011. See [www.vcf.gov](http://www.vcf.gov).

The cleanup efforts at the World Trade Center (WTC) site after the September 11, 2001 attacks were marked by immense challenges, physical and emotional tolls, and harrowing experiences for responders and survivors. It is not a stretch that the experience was the same for people at the other crash sites. While the focus of the WTC Health Program is to assess the health of those who were there, the information that is learned about 9/11 responders is extremely valuable in understanding how to protect workers in future emergency or disaster operations. This is how we can continue to help, many decades later. Another Random Thought for your consideration!

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# LEGAL NOTICE

## **NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING, BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION**

### **ARGYLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COUNTY OF WASHINGTON, NEW YORK**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a public hearing of the qualified voters of the Argyle Central School District, Washington County, Argyle, New York, will be held in the school library in said District on Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at 7:00 PM, E.D.S.T., for the presentation of the budget. The budget will be available for review on May 7, 2024 at the Argyle Central School.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the annual meeting of the qualified voters of the Argyle Central School District, Washington County, New York, will be held in the atrium of the Argyle Central School in said District on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 8:00 PM, E.D.S.T., for the transaction of such business as is authorized by the Education Law.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that said vote and election will be on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 between the hours of 12:00 PM (Noon) and 8:00 PM, E.D.S.T., in the atrium at Argyle Central School, at which time the polls will be opened to voting by ballot upon the following items:

1. To adopt the annual budget of the School District for the fiscal year 2024-2025 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District.
2. To elect one (1) member of the Board for a five (5) year term commencing July 1, 2024 and expiring on June 30, 2029 and to succeed David Holck, whose term expires on June 30, 2024.
3. To appropriate monies to the Argyle Free Library and to authorize the requisite

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required to fund the School District's budget for 2024-2025, exclusive of public monies, may be obtained by any resident of the District during business hours beginning Tuesday, May 7,

2024 at the Argyle Central School.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education shall be filed with Clerk of said School District at her office in the School, not later than Monday, April 22, 2024, between 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM. Each petition shall be directed to the Clerk of the District and shall be signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the District, must state the name and residence of the candidate and shall describe the specific vacancy for which the candidate is nominated, including the length of the term of office and the name of the last incumbent.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that applications for early mail and absentee ballots will be obtainable and are returnable no earlier than April 22, 2024 between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM Monday through Friday, except holidays from the District Clerk. Completed applications for early mail and absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter (May 14, 2024), or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter (May 20, 2024). Early mail and absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk not later than 5:00 PM, prevailing time, on Tuesday, May 21, 2024.

A list of persons to whom early mail and absentee ballots are issued will be available for inspection to qualified voters of the District in the office of the District Clerk on and after May 1, 2024 between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM on weekdays prior to May 21, 2024, the day set for the election, and said list will be posted at the polling place(s) at the election. Any qualified voter present in the polling place may challenge the acceptance of the ballot of any person on such list, by making his/her challenge and the reasons therefore known to the Inspector of Election before the close of polls. A challenge against an early mail ballot cannot be based on the reason

that the voter should have obtained or applied for an absentee ballot.

The Education Law makes special provisions for absentee voting by "permanently disabled" voters of the District and any questions regarding these rights should be directed to the Clerk of the Board.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Education Law provides special provisions for absentee voting by "military" voters of the District. Military voters may elect to receive a military ballot application and military ballot by mail, email, or facsimile. The military voter must, however, return his/her original military ballot application and military ballot by mail or in person. The Clerk of the Board shall transmit the military voter's military ballot in accordance with the military voter's preferred method of transmission not later than 25 days before the vote, April 26, 2024. The Clerk of the Board must then receive the military voter's military ballot by mail or in person not later than 5:00 PM on the day of the vote.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the qualified voters of the School District shall be entitled to vote at said annual vote and election. A qualified voter is one who is (1) a citizen of the United States of America, (2) eighteen years of age or older, and (3) resident within the School District for a period of thirty (30) days next preceding the annual vote and election. The School District may require all persons offering to vote at the budget vote and election to provide one form of proof of residency pursuant to Education Law 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.

**KIMBERLY HUMISTON, CLERK OF THE  
DISTRICT  
ARGYLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

# Cinco de Mayo, Mother's Day

**Shirley Renauld**  
*Journal & Press*

The full moon in May is called the Flower Moon. It's not until the 23rd, but we need some of the season's first flowers for May Day, Cinco de Mayo and Mothers' Day now.

May Day has long meant the start of Spring and celebrated by using flowers, especially for May baskets. So first we put handles on small cardboard baskets that fruits or vegetables came in or on cones we make by coiling a half circle of heavy paper. In each one we include an invitation for an afternoon gathering. Then we take off on a morning walk. We take a basket for collecting and dress for the weather (We have had so many April showers making standing water again!). As we head outside, we first see our own perennials: Did the rain droop the Daffodil petals and trumpets? Their sweet-smelling cousins, the Narcissus, still have white petals. There's Hyacinths. There are blue-purple blossoms on the spreading Myrtle and Lily-of-the-Valley. But we'll collect them when we return. Now we're off to the wooded hills and valleys. We collect purple violets and some white and a few yellow ones, too, Mayflowers and Trailing Arbutus, the plant of the month this year. We need short-stemmed flowers for the baskets, so we only look at the May Apples and slopes covered with Jack-in-the-Pulpits and Trilliums, like Ms. Carolyn shows us when she leads a hike. We can get green leaves of ferns and their coiled fiddleheads for the afternoon projects. On our way back home, collect flowering tips of tree branches.

Before the flowers wilt, as soon as we get home, we fill our baskets with flowers and the invitation, then run to friends' doors, hang the basket, knock and quickly run away. Will they know who left them? Shall we put the fiddleheads in the baskets or sauté them to eat?

Outside, early in the afternoon, we make headpieces by twisting long stems into circles or decorate grapevine wreaths we saved from last Fall, tie on ribbons, weave

in feathers (some with beads strung on them) and flowers with stiff stems. As we finish, we help Ms Nancy attach crepe paper streamers to the top of our free-standing former basketball hoop. We each hold the other end of one and, staying in line, circle the pole to the tune of happy music until we reach the end of our streamers, reverse direction, and unwind without getting tangled up. At home, hang your headpiece as a door Spring decoration.

You've got flowers left over, so next project: Have you ever made paper? We use a lot of paper so before you dump waste baskets into recycling, sort out any absorbent paper: colors of construction paper scraps left from making cut-outs, clean paper toweling or napkins, tissue paper\*, some cardboard... Tear it all into small pieces and put them into a kitchen blender. Add enough water for it to be absorbed as you mix it. As you blend your mixture, add enough water to make a thick slush and add a couple drops of food coloring if you wish. To absorb the water, prepare a thick bedding by layering old toweling, thick cardboard and paper toweling. Into a used picture frame without the glass or just pour and level your slush. Make a picture with remains of flower parts from your collection (or not), reverse the order of your absorbing items and put a weight on top. It will take a while to dry. Maybe you can replace the absorbing materials. There have been so many paper mills in our area. Wonder if their paper is made in this way. Perhaps you have used some of the paper from H & V. Thanks to you Dads who work there and get us mill ends.

While your paper is drying, prepare for a Cinco de Mayo Fiesta with your group:



First make banners to decorate an area: Leave a few sheets of colorful tissue paper fan-folded. With craft scissors make \*cut-outs along the folds and at the lengths you want. Carefully open the paper and hang the banners along roping as in "The Christmas Pinata."

Ahead of time, better make a sign-up for the food: tortilla chips, refried beans, black beans, shredded cheese for make-your-own nachos; meat sauce, tomatoes and avocados to cut up for burritos; sour cream and salsa for toppings; Huevos Diablos. Take-outs from Casa Reyes in Schaghticoke or Amigos in Schuylerville would be easier.

Plan for an outdoor dancing parade: Who will play the lively Mexican mariachi folk music? Does someone of your group play trumpet with the school band? Maybe Tim and Bob will play their guitars. If a poncho or serape will get in the way of their playing, they will wear their black embroidered boleros instead. A sombrero with its wide turned-up brim will shade them as they play – and cool you as you dance. Girls wear colorful long flouncy skirts to swish as they spin and dance. Better make fans to keep cool: Decorate construction paper, fan-fold it into narrow sections, perhaps make cut-outs again, cut one end to be

**Please read more on the next page**

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curved, staple the other end together. Add lengths of ribbon. Fan and spin, dance and parade. Anybody bring a pet Chihuahua to dance along, too?

If you've got energy left, play with the balls the Mexicans do: soccer, futbol, baseball, volleyball, tennis. At home read, to yourself or with someone learning Spanish from board books to learn specific words, fairy tales, Alice and the White Rabbit translations of Curious George stories, The Very Hungry Caterpillar....

By Mothers' Day, your paper and flower plaque should be dry to give her and there's a variety of area activities to do:

- If she likes folk music, on the 10th is the last of the series of free concerts at the Salem Courthouse, this one with Joy Clark from New Orleans

- or the next weekend, enjoy the Battenkill Chorale singing Irish songs with Erich Borden at the organ, at the last of their

Spring concerts at the Cambridge Presbyterian Church.

- Get to Fort Hardy Park early on the 11th for the Schuylerville Garden Club's Plant Sale.

- Especially if she likes local history, on the 10th, the Washington County Historical program is at the Fort Miller Church because its topic is Gen Knox's troops and sledges pulled by oxen carrying cannon gained from the British after the Battle of Ticonderoga stopping here on their way to use them in the Boston area at the beginning of the Revolution. As you travel Rt 4N from Schuylerville, watch for the pocket park on the left to see the metal sculpture showing this event.

- Breakfast or Chicken BBQ at the Knickerbocker Mansion, with tours and a program on the 12th.

- If your dog can use an obedience class, take it to the one at the Schaghticoke Fairgrounds on the 20th.

- It's Cornhole time again, so register now for the Greenwich Boy Scout fundraiser at the Elks on the 11th.

- Seasonal Thrift Shops, such as the one at the Eagle Bridge Methodist Church, are open again, so go browse for bargains--and take items that you no longer need, to donate.

- On the morning of the 18th, the Tour of the Battenkill starts and ends at the Wash Co Fairgrounds, covering Washington County from the Salem area on the east to the Hudson and Easton on the west.

- Especially because it's mud season, she will appreciate a carwash.

- How's your lawn growing? Does it need mowing, especially to cut the dandelions? Or pick them for the chickens.

- Have you seen the buoys in the Hudson again? Did you get to watch them being put in? That's always exciting. But it was late this year because of the level of the water. Now we watch for boating again.

- It's less than 100 days till the Olympics. The Torch has been sailing west on the Mediterranean and arrives at Marseilles on the 8th. We will watch its trip north and around France.

## Greenwich CSD named one of the best

Greenwich Central School District announced on April 22 that it had been named as one of the best high schools in the United States according to the US News and World Report. The report ranked Greenwich in the top 5% of all public high schools in the United States, first in the Glens Falls Area Metro Area, and third in the Capital Region.

Greenwich Junior-Senior High School performed exceptionally well nationally in the following categories, coming in at number 1,346 out of almost 25,000 public high schools in the 50 states and District of Columbia.

College Readiness – Top 13%: Based on the proportion of 12th graders who took and earned a qualifying score on at least one AP or IB exam.

College Curriculum Breadth – Top 9%: Based on the proportion of 12th graders who took and passed AP and IB exams in

multiple areas and the proportion of 12th graders who took and earned a qualifying score on AP and IB exams in multiple areas.

State Assessment Proficiency – Top 4%: Based on aggregated scores on state assessments that students may be required to pass for graduation.

State Assessment Performance Rank – Top 10%: Based on aggregated scores on state assessments compared to U.S. News' expectations given the proportion of students who are Black, Hispanic and from low-income households.

This is the eighth consecutive year that Greenwich High School has earned recognition from the publication.

Greenwich Junior-Senior High School Principal George Niesz identified the hard work and commitment to excellence of the professional staff as two of the major contributing factors to the school's stel-

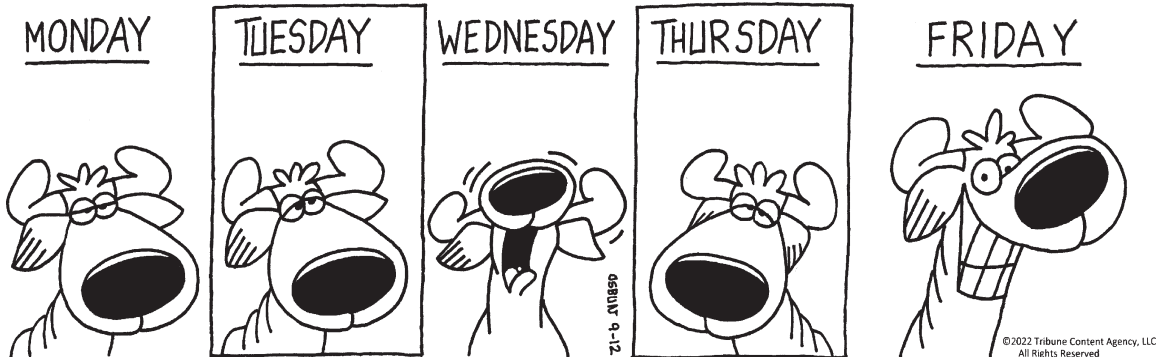
lar ranking. He also praised the students: "Our students are awesome. They come to school each day ready and willing to learn, and I know that our teachers feel very fortunate to be able to work with them."

Niesz also noted that Greenwich High School's rank of third in the Capital Region is even more remarkable, because according to a U.S. News and World report published on August 29, 2023, the Albany-Schenectady-Troy metro area (Capital Region) is ranked second in the country for Metro Areas with the Most Top-Ranked High Schools, behind only the Durham-Chapel Hill metro area in North Carolina.

"Our students are receiving an educational program that is arguably competitive with the academic programs offered by some of the most prestigious public high schools in the entire country," Niesz said.

# FUN & GAMES

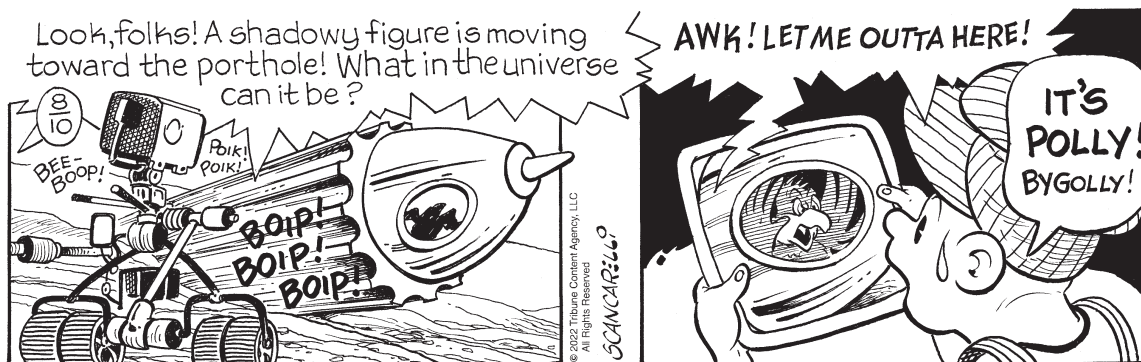
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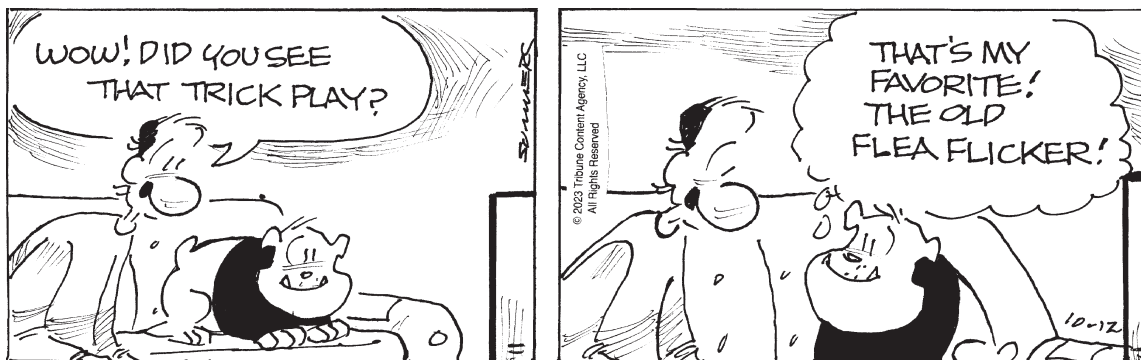
## Broom Hilda by Russell Myers



## Gasoline Alley by Jim Scancarelli



## The Middletons by Dana Summers



## 9 to 5 by Harley Schwadron



## Word Play Answers Page 30

### JUMBLE

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

TOAPI

ANOPI

DLEGUS

MHSUUM

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### THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



HE HAD USED THE SAME HAMMER FOR MORE THAN 50 YEARS BECAUSE IT WAS ---

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

## Boggle BrainBusters!

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

BOGGLE POINT SCALE	YOUR BOGGLE RATING
3 letters = 1 point	151+ = Champ
4 letters = 2 points	101-150 = Expert
5 letters = 3 points	61-100 = Pro
6 letters = 4 points	31-60 = Garner
7 letters = 5 points	21-30 = Rookie
8 letters = 10 points	11-20 = Amateur
9+ letters = 15 points	0-10 = Try again

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### Boggle BrainBusters Bonus

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

Find AT LEAST SIX COUNTRIES ON THE EQUATOR in the grid of letters.

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Answers to Last Sunday's Boggle BrainBusters:  
 RAT, MOUSE, BEAVER, GERBIL, HAMSTER, SQUIRREL

# FUN & GAMES

## More Word Play Answers Page 30

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

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A <sub>1</sub>	E <sub>1</sub>	U <sub>1</sub>	D <sub>2</sub>	M <sub>3</sub>	N <sub>1</sub>	T <sub>1</sub>	

 RACK 1

I <sub>1</sub>	A <sub>1</sub>	U <sub>1</sub>	N <sub>1</sub>	T <sub>1</sub>	P <sub>3</sub>	H <sub>4</sub>	

 1st Letter Triple RACK 2

A <sub>1</sub>	A <sub>1</sub>	O <sub>1</sub>	Y <sub>4</sub>	P <sub>3</sub>	T <sub>1</sub>	H <sub>4</sub>	

 Triple Word Score RACK 3

I <sub>1</sub>	I <sub>1</sub>	K <sub>5</sub>	N <sub>1</sub>	P <sub>3</sub>	C <sub>3</sub>	T <sub>1</sub>	

 RACK 4

A <sub>1</sub>	E <sub>1</sub>	O <sub>1</sub>	L <sub>1</sub>	N <sub>1</sub>	C <sub>3</sub>	C <sub>3</sub>	

 RACK 5

PAR SCORE 195-205  
BEST SCORE 247

FIVE RACK TOTAL  
TIME LIMIT: 25 MIN

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

## Word Find by Frank J. D'Agostino

Find these words associated with chocolate (and find Frank's acrostic books on Amazon):

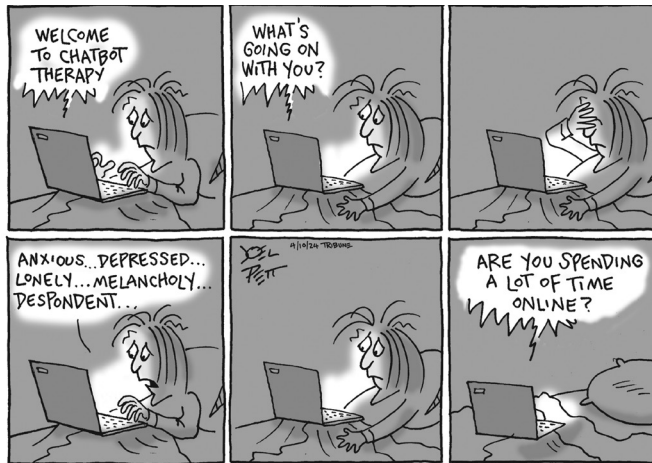
Bar	Food	Nestlé
Brownies	Fudge	Pudding
Candy	German	Sugar
Chips	Glaze	Syrup
Cocoa	Godiva	White
Cookie	Hershey's	
Dark	Ice Cream	
Dutch	Kisses	
Flakes	Mint	
Fondue	Mousse	

**I B A K I N G M O U S S E**  
**X C R C I W F E D K M F K**  
**S A E O A S H L R U O Q R**  
**D U C C W S S I A M T Y G**  
**K P G O R N Y E T K A C S**  
**F P E A A E I R S E E N H**  
**U S U L R K A E U T N S E**  
**D M Y D O Y E M S P E G R**  
**G H I O D U C H I P S O S**  
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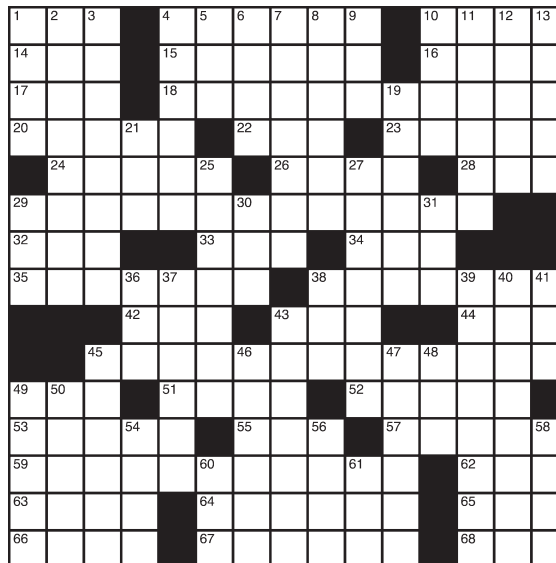


## Political Cartoon of the Month by Joel Pett



## Cambridge Crossword

**Across**  
 1 Sandwich made with Peter Pan and Welch's, for short kid  
 4 Like an unruly kid  
 10 Open-handed hit  
 14 Flamenco shout  
 15 Nanny who may live in an in-law suite  
 16 "Field of Dreams" state  
 17 Macadamia \_\_\_  
 18 Age-old method of long-distance communication  
 20 Bus terminal  
 22 Each  
 23 "Been \_\_\_ done that"  
 24 Computer that generates Bitcoin, e.g.  
 26 Younger of the NBA's Curry brothers  
 28 45-Down, e.g.  
 29 Triple-A baseball team based in Ohio  
 32 \_\_\_ goo gai pan  
 33 Mont Blanc, e.g.  
 34 Director Roth  
 35 Some summer workers  
 38 Find My iPhone logon need  
 42 Kanga's joey  
 43 Dean's list no.



44 DVR forerunner  
 45 Atmospheric patterns that resemble fish scales  
 49 Female sheep  
 51 Lotto variant  
 52 Sends with a stamp  
 53 Mid-afternoon  
 55 "Dear old" parent  
 57 Pulls hard

a roast turkey  
 5 \_\_\_ and Coke  
 6 Each, informally  
 7 Starts, as a new hobby  
 8 Like tall wedding cakes  
 9 12-mo. periods  
 10 Weary sound

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

59 Christian doctrine of divinity, and the starts of the answers to 18-, 29-, and 45-Across?  
 62 Grab a bite  
 63 vera  
 64 Route  
 65 Pigpen  
 66 Lacrosse targets  
 67 Pie servings  
 68 Netflix's "\_\_\_ Education"  
 11 Folks who keep to themselves  
 12 Cognizant (of)  
 13 Lost some color  
 19 Service provided by the Geek Squad  
 21 Unspecified person  
 25 Southwest Virginia city  
 27 Steakhouse chain with a skinny tree in its logo  
 29 Texter's "Sorry, did I over-share?"  
 30 L.A. Galaxy's org.  
 31 Nada  
 36 Timeline stretch  
 37 Simple firework  
 38 \_\_\_ Escape: PlayStation game featuring monkeys  
 39 Depravity  
 40 Item of equipment for the NCAA's Frozen Four  
 41 ER staffers  
 43 Reacted to a joke told by  
 55-Across, probably  
 45 Dry wine choice  
 46 Curly salad green  
 47 Verbally approve  
 48 Korean automaker  
 49 Actor Hawke  
 50 Complete  
 54 Looks over  
 56 Minor dent  
 58 River of Hades  
 60 Like sashimi  
 61 Election time: Abbr.

# Opera returns to Hubbard Hall

After a five-year hiatus, opera is returning to Hubbard Hall in Cambridge. On May 19 at 3:00 p.m., singers from the Brandon, VT-based BARN OPERA will perform a concert of popular arias duets and ensembles from *La Traviata*, *The Barber of Seville*, *Die Fledermaus*, *Madama Butterfly*, *Carmen*, and more.

“People in our community have been asking us to bring opera back for several years,” said Margaret Surowka, Chair of the Hubbard Hall Board. “We’re so excited to be hosting BARN OPERA in delivering

what’s going to be an exciting and much-anticipated afternoon.”

Joshua Collier, Artistic Director of BARN OPERA agrees. “This concert, in the jewel box theater of Hubbard Hall, will feature some of opera’s best-loved music, sung by some of our favorite artists. We’re going to fill the hall with some recognizable tunes like Libiamo from *La Traviata*, the Butterfly Trio from *Madam Butterfly* along with favorites from *Carmen*, and more. It’s going to be a thrilling afternoon for opera lovers, and for those who will be opera lovers af-

ter this concert.”

The performers include Soprano Emily Baker, Mezzo Soprano Rachel Deatherage, Tenor Chad Kranak and Baritone Wayne Hu. They will be accompanied on the piano by Eric Malson.

Tickets are \$35 for adults, and a \$10 special “Students 21 and Under Price,” made possible by a generous supporter. Tickets are available at [hubbardhall.org](http://hubbardhall.org).

## Help grow Greenwich

Enthusiastic local volunteers are part of the newly formed Growing Greenwich Gardeners are making plans to revitalize town and village gardens. Many of these gardens were established by the late Colleen Mason 30 years ago and are a lasting testament to her vision and dedication to the community. Growing Greenwich Gardeners are asking local businesses/organizations and residents to help with their mission in the form of a monetary donation.

The areas that the Gardeners will focus on are new Main Street planters; Memorial/Veterans Park at the corner of Corliss Ave. and Main St./Rt. 29; Dorr Park/Fountain at the corner of Cottage St. and Main St./Rt. 29; Mowry Park/Gazebo, at the corner of Church St. & Main St./Rt. 29; Memorial II Park at the corner of Church St. and Salem St./Rt. 29; Collamer Park at the corner of

Prospect St and Salem St./Rt. 29; Village and Town Building Gardens; the Roundabout, and the Middle Falls Fire Department Parking Lot.

Supplies needing to be purchased are annual flowering plants, perennial plants, spring bulbs, fertilizer, compost and mulch.

Organizers said in a release: “We all know what a dramatic effect beautiful, flower-filled landscaping has on people living or passing through a village. Growing Greenwich Gardeners are eager to get started on this project with your much needed help.”

Donations can be sent to the Greenwich Chamber of Commerce at 6 Academy Street, Greenwich, NY 12834 (earmarked with Growing Greenwich Gardeners).

## Plant sale

The Schuylerville Garden Club is having its annual Plant Sale on Saturday, May 11th at Fort Hardy Park in Schuylerville from 9:00 till noon. There will be annuals, perennials, books and accessories for sale.

## New hours

The Argyle Free Library has changed its open hours to better accommodate the after school crowds. They will be opening an hour earlier (at 2:00) and closing an hour earlier (at 6:00). The Library’s new hours: Mon. & Wed. - 11-5; Tues. & Thurs. - 2-6; Fri. 4-7, and Sat. - 10-3.

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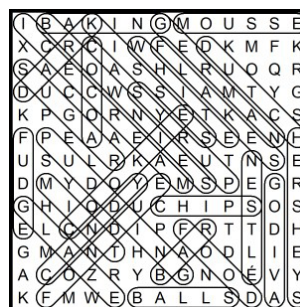
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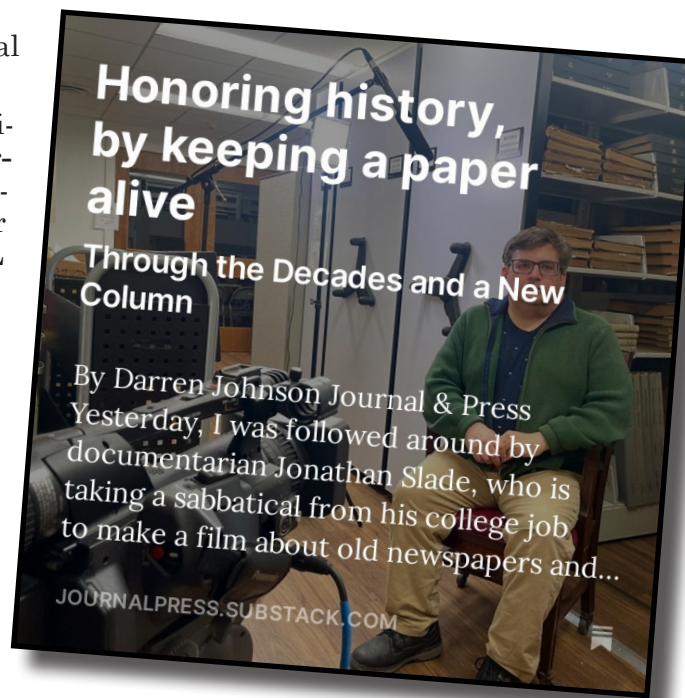
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Why do a newsletter? Because we actually do get news items every day but only print twice a month. The print edition becomes a "best of" the content we receive up until the print date. Some things we don't put in the paper because we know they will no longer be timely by the time we actually publish; for example, we normally don't cover police news, accidents and such because they will have had their run on social media well before our print date. We also usually don't run stories that other papers and TV outlets will get first. But now, with a daily newsletter, we'll be able to get out those items before they become stale.

The other goal is to sell more subscriptions so that we can afford to keep publishing. This newsletter will gently remind people that if they feel having a local newspaper is important for recording the living history of a region and for helping promote all that is great about the region, it does take some modest income to sustain that. If you don't subscribe, go to [JPsubs.com](http://JPsubs.com) and please do. Or you can renew via that link any time!

## Road Race

The 43rd Zemianek Bennington Road Race is taking place on Sunday, May 5. This traditional spring run in beautiful North Bennington, Vermont, has returned. Two distances from which to choose, 3.8 miles and 10k. Information can be found on their webpage: [www.bkvr.net/about-1](http://www.bkvr.net/about-1).



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toric media outlet, it also seems to lose a bit of its luster. Our goal is to keep the print edition going for as long as possible because that's the record of this community, and it's a nice reading experience well worth the \$2 cover price. The goal of these digital efforts is to remind people who normally don't buy newspapers that we exist, and we're doing good things.

## Read a Knox bio and go

Washington County Historical Society's Local History Book Club will meet from 12 PM until 1 PM on Friday, May 10, at Fort Miller Reformed Church, 1239 Fort Miller Road, Fort Miller. Historical society membership is not required. Attendees are asked to read any biography of Henry Knox, focusing on his cavalcade of sleighs and cannons that moved from Fort Ticonderoga to Boston in January 1775.

# How to make money in America

**Dr. Daneen Skube**

*Tribune Content Agency  
Special to Journal & Press*

**Q:** *I'm starting my career and would like my career to be lucrative. I don't need to be crazy rich — just comfortable. You seem to understand the world of business. How do I make good money in America without sacrificing my integrity?*

**A:** You'll make money in America if you understand three facts. Number one — focus on finding solutions, not just identifying problems. Number two — make sure people can see the connection between your work and the problems you solved. Number three — always play the long game.

We may believe idealistically that just doing good work is enough... but it's not. Conversely, you may have heard that success belongs only to the arrogant and the brash. Aim for a balance between humility and clarity about your results. Don't just figure people will always see what you've done.

Before performance reviews, do summaries of problems you've solved. In meetings paraphrase when the group decides to implement your suggestions. In meetings with your manager, review your latest achievements.

Don't buy into the myth that the only people who make money are braggarts. There's

a saying that an empty drum always sounds the loudest. Shouting your accomplishments from the rooftop will undermine your credibility.

People are often overwhelmed at work, and your latest achievements are not top of mind. Being able to highlight your achievements with humility is your best combination.

There's a saying about effective communication which suggests, "Tell 'em what you told 'em, tell 'em what you told 'em again, and lastly tell 'em what you told 'em." Spe-

## 'Shouting your accomplishments will undermine your credibility.'

cific redundancy on the solutions you created lately is powerful.

When people thank you for your work say, "I'm hearing you appreciate that I figured out how to solve these problems." Don't have false humility where you don't acknowledge compliments or appreciation. Your efforts are more tangible when you paraphrase a compliment. People will also give you more compliments, if you acknowledge praise.

In meetings paraphrase problems and say, "I'm wondering if we took these actions if this problem would improve?" If you ar-

rogantly say, "Well, I can see we should do this!" you'll alienate co-workers. If you keep quietly suggesting ideas, people will notice when you're around that solutions happen!

When you make important career decisions, you'll make more money if you make decisions based on providing quality services or products to customers. Avoid basing decisions on the short-term quick buck.

Customers figure out if we have their backs on what we sell. If we are more concerned about quick profits, customers will suffer. Customers who suffer will not be repeat customers.

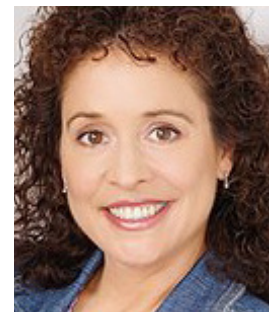
By starting to think of yourself as a walking solution, you'll have a new attitude when you go to work on Monday. Any employee can identify what is wrong with the workplace. The employee that sees what's wrong and creates solutions is the valuable, and well-paid unicorn.

### The last word(s)

**Q:** *I want to apply for more interesting jobs, but am concerned I'm not perfect at what I'm already doing. Is there a way to motivate myself to be braver when all I can see is more opportunities for improvement?*

**A:** Yes, remember that even broken crayons still color. Anyone that succeeds does so with their imperfections, not by waiting till they achieve perfection.

*Daneen Skube, Ph.D., executive coach, trainer, therapist and speaker, also appears as the FOX Channel's "Workplace Guru" each Monday morning. She's the author of "Interpersonal Edge: Breakthrough Tools for Talking to Anyone, Anywhere, About Anything."*



## Financial caregiving

The Alzheimer's Association will host "Managing Money: A Caregiver's Guide to Finances" on Wednesday May 15, 2024, at 1:00 pm at the Greenwich Senior Center

meeting at 26 Church St., Greenwich, at the Bottskill Baptist Church. If you or someone you know is facing Alzheimer's

disease, dementia or another chronic illness, it's never too early to put financial plans in place. Join the group to learn tips for managing someone else's finances, how to prepare for future care costs and the benefits of early planning. Visit. alz.org/CFR to register online and walk ins are welcome.



# Louis Leone is parade Grand Marshal

**Darren Johnson**  
*Journal & Press*

Greenwich's lively Memorial Day Parade will take place Friday, May 24, starting at 6 p.m. and traveling up Main St., turning at Abeel Ave. to the sponsoring VFW, where food, refreshments and some brief speeches will be had.

The parade Grand Marshal will be former Mayor of Greenwich, LTC USA (Ret.) Louis Leone, 88, a highly decorated veteran. Starting in 1959 and continuing with service in Vietnam, Leone served 24 years of active duty in the Army and retired to live in Greenwich with his family in 1984, after traveling the world as an officer, often being assigned to dangerous locales.

In an interview, he noted, "Being shot at is a very humbling experience. It puts everything else into perspective."

Leone said he rarely talks about his military career because it's not something he's comfortable rehashing but found the peacefulness and beauty of Greenwich a great place to retire and start anew.

"I retired to Greenwich because I didn't want to be near a military base, sitting around and telling war stories," he said. "That was a completely different life."

Still, his honors speak for themselves:

He earned the Combat Infantryman's

Badge, Senior Parachutist Badge with more than 55 jumps, qualified as Expert in rifle and pistol. He was awarded the Legion of Merit, 3 Bronze Star Medals, the Air Medal, 5 Meritorious Service Medals, Army Commendation Medal for Valor, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with 4 Bronze Service Stars, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Korean Defense Medal, the Valorous and Meritorious Unit Awards, Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation Badge with Palm, Army General Staff Department Identification Badge and several Army service ribbons.

VFW Commander Don Ward said that picking Leone for Grand Marshal was an easy choice.

"He's very active in the VFW and also instrumental to our Voice of Democracy program in the high school and middle school," Ward said. "These are important for teaching patriotism and democracy to our youth."

Leone's productivity didn't end when he retired from the Army. As Mayor of Greenwich from 1986-1995, he helped spearhead many of the things we still have today: the

creation of the Gazebo and Chamber of Commerce, the



Youth Center, the curbside recycling program, the creation of Livery Square and bringing back the Halloween Parade.

"His service to the community as well as our nation are major," Ward added.

Leone said moving to Greenwich was a great choice. "Of all the places I've been – and I've been around the world – I wanted to live and raise my kids here. You can't find a more picture-perfect piece of Americana."

He and wife Susan will celebrate 67 years of marriage this summer.



A scene from last year's parade at the corner of Main St. and Abeel Ave.

## Honor scouts

In cooperation with Upstate NY Cornhole, the Greenwich Boy Scout Troop 127 will be holding a Cornhole fundraiser at the Greenwich Elks Lodge, 130 Bulson Rd, on Saturday, May 11. Registration starts at 10 am and bags fly at 11 am. Players can also preregister at [share.scoreholio.com/SST0E2DvwIb](https://share.scoreholio.com/SST0E2DvwIb). There will be social and competitive games in a Switcholio format. \$25 per person. Drinks, food available for purchase.

# Where do America's Jews stand?

**Lance Allen Wang**  
*Journal & Press*

Passover again. A year does pass like nothing sometimes, doesn't it? Passover – a time for reflection upon our individual and collective journeys. My usual spiel about this season of metaphorical liberation from what enslaves us has well... gotten preempted. Instead of using this time to evaluate where we are going, I feel like instead we need to ask a question which many a journey has been interrupted to ask (sometimes with a torrent of invective regarding the directional skills of the driver).

Where are we?

America, of all places, is now being looked at for its explosive growth in Jew-hatred, a far more direct and correct way to describe anti-Semitism. Do we encounter it in our personal, daily lives? Not all of us. With very few notable exceptions, I don't encounter it for the most part. But as we are a microscopic percentage of the world's population, when some of us feel it, it affects all of our world. If you are Jewish, and have felt particularly conspicuous of late, you know what exactly what I mean.

There was a time when anti-Semitism in America was extremely overt – signs at beaches and golf clubs, “Gentiles Only,” right next to “No Dogs Allowed.” It was not nearly as overt and intrusive as Jim Crow was to black Americans, but it was conspicuous enough that Gregory Peck's 1947 “Gentleman's Agreement” detailed the polite, white-collar discrimination of the time. More fascinating was the New York Times movie review, which said that the lead character's shock at finding the extent of anti-Semitism in the executive suites was “extraordinarily naïve.” In other words, if Jew-hatred was a dirty little secret at the time, it was a poorly kept one.

Now, in a time where Judaism and Zionism become conflated in the minds of friend and enemy alike, either through ignorance or intention, many of us need to

consider that while Jews may not be out trying to find controversy, through no act of their own, it can find them.

I've often said that Jew-hatred is a bellwether. It is a sign of something unhealthy in society, and if unchecked, generally leads to a bad place for everybody. And while the conspiracy-addled white nationalist brand of Jew-hatred has been violent and consistent with the rise of Jewish immigration since the late 19th Century in America, the same hatred from some on the left is currently fueled by the war in Gaza against Hamas, placing Israeli government actions and policy squarely upon Jewish people everywhere.

Ambassador Deborah Lipstadt had an interesting take on Jew-hatred along the political spectrum:

“Rather than the right-left [divide], a more accurate predictor of antisemitic worldviews is the adherence to conspiratorial worldviews, anti-hierarchical aggression, and a preference for authoritarianism. This, of course, can describe someone at either end of the political spectrum. This might help us understand how people with conflicting views on a host of – if not all – other issues converge on antisemitism...”

She followed that comment with an answer to a question regarding “Which is worse – Jew-hatred from the right or left?” She later stated that were she not testifying in Congress at the time, she would have channeled Yiddish writer Sholem Aleichem and said, “...such a question is akin to asking, ‘Would I rather be struck by cholera in Odessa or dysentery in Kyiv?’ Neither thank you.”

So, if that is my answer to “Where are we?” at the Seder table this Passover, I'm afraid that makes for a pretty depressing meal, one that is meant to be festive. After all, Jews are commanded to tell the story of



A 1940s beach sign speaks for itself.

a most consequential journey from west to east, the Exodus.

Perhaps I was premature in saying one should spend this time wondering “Where are we?” It is pretty apparent where we are. The question is how do we respond, and where do we go from here? That is an individual decision.

I know where I'm going from here. Tomorrow is another morning in my America. I will not hide my face, nor my practice, nor my people. I intend to take my knowledge and lifetime of experience, such as it is, tie it to the morals and ethics that my parents and forefathers have given me, and continue to commit deliberate acts of Tikkun Olam – “repairing the world” – such as I can, and as we are called to do. This is a flexible and scalable formula. Is it a miracle formula? Well, in a way, yes. Yes it is.

And therein is the journey, and it turns out it is unavoidable in a Passover discussion after all. To my friends and family celebrating the Passover - may it be a meaningful one.

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



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## ACC offers hospitality microcredential

To further meet the needs of the region's booming tourism industry, SUNY Adirondack will offer a Hotel, Resort and Hospitality Associate microcredential.

Beginning in the fall semester, the college will offer a series of four courses that prepare students for employment in the thriving regional market. The microcredential — completion of a series of courses that indicates expertise in the area of study — comprises four courses and industry certification through Hootsuite social media management system, a Pathways Up for Success in Hospitality (PUSH) badge through Warren County, and state NARCAN emergency use and Human Trafficking Awareness and Training.

The Hotel, Resort and Hospitality Associate microcredential includes Principles of Marketing, Principles of Hospitality & Tourism, Hotel/Resort Management, and Social Media, Marketing & Advertising.

"The hospitality industry is always growing and is the No. 1 industry in our region

of New York state," said Kelli Hatin, distinguished professor of Business at SUNY Adirondack. "This microcredential will convert into a career for students who want to be in the industry."

According to the New York State Department of Labor, long-term projections for Capital Region employment in hospitality and tourism are high, with a 57.2 percent increase in tour and travel guides, 90.2 percent increase in entertainment-related workers, 20.4 percent increase in travel agents, 53.9 percent increase in meeting, convention and event planners through 2030.

The series of courses is "stackable" — or counts as credits — toward completion of the Hospitality Management; Management, Marketing and Entrepreneurship; and Liberal Arts and Sciences: Individual Studies degree and Hospitality certificate programs at SUNY Adirondack, but also stand alone as indication to prospective employers a candidate has professional-level skills.



"These courses offer students multiple pathways in this exciting, fast-paced service industry," Hatin said. "There is a multitude of positions available with room to grow."

To learn more about SUNY Adirondack's Hotel, Resort and Hospitality Associate microcredential, please visit <https://www.sunyacc.edu/academics/microcredentials>, or contact College Access at [admission@sunyacc.edu](mailto:admission@sunyacc.edu) or 518-743-2264.

## OBITUARIES

# Elton C. Howland, 69

Elton C. Howland Jr., a resident of Greenwich, New York, was born on April 14, 1955, in Albany, NY. He passed away on April 23, 2024. Known for his smart and humble demeanor, Elton lived his life with a passion for understanding, empathy, and creativity.

Elton was a 1973 graduate from Greenwich Central School. He achieved two associate degrees in applied science (Accounting) and in Arts (History) from Siena and Adirondack Community College as well as a Bachelor of Arts in History from Skidmore College.

He dedicated 35 years of his life to serving the people of New York as a State Auditor for New York State Insurance Fund, a role he retired from in 2015. His diligent work for the New York State Government was not only a testament to his intelligence but also his unwavering commitment to public service.

Elton was a man of many interests, the most notable being his love for researching history. This hobby stemmed from his unwavering curiosity and his creative approach to uncovering the past. His dedication to genealogical research led him to find his father's biological family and his mother's roots in Ireland, a feat that demonstrated his tenacity and passion. Above

all, what mattered most to Elton was his family.

Elton is survived by his sister, Harriet Lubiniecki, and her husband Dr. Anthony Lubiniecki of West Chester, PA; his niece, Dr. Amelia Peterson and her husband James Davis of Albuquerque, New Mexico; and his nephew, Sean Peterson of Pittsburgh, PA.

He was preceded in death by his beloved parents, Elton Sr. and Edith Howland. A funeral service will be held in honor of Elton on Thursday, May 2, 2024, at 11:00 am at Flynn Bros, Inc., located at 80 Main Street, Greenwich, New York, 12834.

His interment will follow at 12:00 pm in Greenwich Cemetery, County Road 52, Greenwich, New York, 12834.

Donations in his memory may be made to the American Lung Association at [www.action.lung.org](http://www.action.lung.org) or American Heart Association at [www.heart.org](http://www.heart.org) or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org).

The family invites those who knew and



loved Elton to share their memories and upload photos of him to his memorial page at [www.flynnbrosinc.com](http://www.flynnbrosinc.com).

## Salem Community

The Advisory Board of the Salem Community Foundation announced its formation, and invite those who love Salem to a kickoff event on Saturday, June 1.

The Foundation, formally established in December 2023 with an anonymous gift of \$250,000, seeks to evaluate local needs and opportunities and to fund projects which address community development, education, art and culture, environment, health, or social needs in the Town of Salem. Members of the Start-up Board included Peter Askin, Jim Carrolan, Sue Clary, Jon McClellan, Herb Perkins, and Kay Tomasi. Inspired by the continued success of the nearby Granville Community Foundation, an affiliate of the Glens Falls Foundation, the Start-up Board connected with the Glens Falls Foundation, a 501(c)(3), and founders of the Granville Community Foundation. Advisory Board members are Sue Clary, Scott Durkin, Carole Lewis, Herb Perkins, Meg Southerland, Kay Tomasi, and Dan Snyder.

To celebrate Salem and the formation of the Salem Community Foundation, "Salem's Community Table," a community potluck dinner, will be held on Saturday, June 1 on the lawn of the Historic Salem Courthouse. More details about the event are forthcoming, but everyone who lives in or cares about Salem is encouraged to attend this event.

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# Norma Skellie, 92

Norma Skellie, 92, of Jackson, NY, left this world Sunday, April 21, 2024, on her own terms with her children by her side. She was able to enjoy the last two years of her life at home with the help of Jean and Jill. Born August 20, 1931, at Mary McClellan Hospital in Cambridge, NY to the (late) David McGuire and Janet McMorris.

Norma graduated from Salem Washington Academy and Muskingum College in New Concord, Ohio with a degree in physical education. She joined the Air Force, graduating from Officers Candidate School and was commissioned as a lieutenant during the Korean War. Following the Air Force Norma was the director for the Girl Scouts of Greater St. Louis, Missouri.

In 1960 she married Warren Skellie and began their partnership in Hi-Brow Dairy Farms in Jackson, NY. Their registered Holstein cattle were sought by farmers and breeders both far and wide for their pedigree. Many a tour bus stopped at the farm with both farmers and non-farmers

alike. Some came from as far away as Japan. They came to seek cattle or enjoy the bucolic view of the farm on the brow of the hill. All were always welcomed around the farm table.

Norma was best known for her 21 years as a milk test supervisor for the Northeast Dairy Herd Improvement Association and briefly taught physical education at Cambridge Central School. She was a past director for the Tri-County Holstein Club and a 50-year member of the New York Farm Bureau.

History and agriculture were her passions. As a member of the Washington County Fair Board, Norma helped make the Farm Museum the gem it is today. She was the Town of Jackson Historian for 40 years and a regent for the General John Williams chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Faith was a big part of her life, and she was an elder of both the East Greenwich United Presbyterian church and the First United Presbyterian Church of Salem.

Besides her parents, Norma is predeceased by her husband, Warren, and her sister, Marian Thomas. Left to cherish her memory are her brother, Richard McGuire of Jackson and children, Jay (Kim) Skellie of Jackson, Jill (Tim) Robinson of Salem and Jean Skellie of Jackson. Five grandchildren, Jase (Megan) Skellie, Tyler (Jessica) Skellie, Cassandra (Cameron) Ross, Warren Robinson, and William (Aliesha) Robinson. Seven great grandchildren, Carter and Camden Ross, Ava and Bree Skellie, Owen, Eila, and Eddie Robinson and twin grandsons due on her birthday. Many in-laws, nieces



and nephews.

Calling hours were Friday, April 26th from 5-7 pm at the McClellan-Gariepy Funeral Home, 19 East Broadway, Salem, NY. A funeral service was held at the First United Presbyterian Church of Salem (Old White Church), 13 West Broadway, Salem, NY on Saturday April 27th at 11:00. (Services will be streamed on the church Facebook page.) A burial with military honors will follow at Woodlands Cemetery, 76 North Union Street, Cambridge, NY. The family would like to thank Robin Daly for her care and Tracy and Karen from Community Hospice for all their support. Donations may be made to the First United Presbyterian Church of Salem PO Box 606 Salem, NY 12865 and Community Hospice, 179 Lawrence Street, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866.

To offer condolences to the family, please visit [www.gariepyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.gariepyfuneralhomes.com).

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# You're never too young for the oldies

**Greg Schwem**

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Janine, the spin class instructor, breezed into the room, mounted her bike and greeted the already sweating class with her normal Saturday morning salutation.

“Is everybody ready to WORK?”

Mumbles and groans abounded. A few raised thumbs signaled that at least some participants eagerly awaited 45 minutes of torture.

“I made an oldies playlist for today’s class,” she said, her legs spinning faster. “Hope you all like it.”

With that, an unrecognizable, to me anyway, song blared from the speakers. Over the THUMP THUMP THUMP of an electronic bass line, I heard Janine say, “What was everybody doing back in 2012?”

“Celebrating my 49th birthday,” I yelled back. “I thought you said we were going to hear some ‘oldies.’”

“I was a high school sophomore when I first heard this one,” came a voice from the row of bikes behind me.

“This was our prom theme,” said another.

I hesitated to ask the song’s title and artist; by now, I had firmly established myself as the class’s doddering curmudgeon. How much worse could I feel?

“Who is this?” I asked, while heeding Janine’s instructions to, “GIVE ME A FEW MORE GEARS!”

“Calvin Harris,” somebody yelled.

“Calvin Harris,” I repeated. “Didn’t he date Taylor Swift for a while?”

I have no idea how that piece of information escaped the recesses of my brain, but the class was impressed.”

“Very good,” one cyclist yelled, as if he were a doctor diagnosing a potential Alzheimer’s patient.

“Come on, everyone,” Janine interrupted.

“We’re here to WORK!”

The class settled into the task at hand, pedaling, grunting, perspiring and, in my case, contemplating the definition of “oldie” as it relates to music. I associate the word with 1970s artists like ABBA, Three Dog Night and David Bowie. I’d add The Rolling Stones, The Eagles and Bruce Springsteen, yet all continue defying age while selling out stadiums and arenas. Last summer I saw Springsteen hold 40,000 Wrigley Field patrons in his hand. That man is not old, although I can’t say the same for his fan base.

So, how would Sir Mick Jagger, 80 years young, define an “oldies” playlist? Choked full of tunes from Bill Haley, Pat Boone and the McGuire Sisters? If so, he should share that playlist on Spotify. My 88-year-old mother would love it, assuming she knows how to access Spotify, download a Spotify playlist and can pair Spotify with a bluetooth speaker so those sweet oldies sounds resonate through her entire unit in the independent living community.

As class ended, I realized that, no matter one’s age, there will always be an “oldies” or “classic” list of tunes to satisfy a craving for nostalgia. Even tattooed-covered rappers who, in their 20s made millions rhyming about gangstas and cribs, will eventually find their music being played in the background of a party that begins at 5 p.m. and ends at 8:30.

Yeah, I’m talking to you, Gen Zers.

Right now you enjoy beginning your evenings at 10 p.m. and stumbling home with the sunrise, but that’s going to change. You, too, will arrive at that party, discuss your aches and pains, complain about your kids’ soccer schedules and compliment a fellow Gen Z partygoer on her gluten-free spinach



dip. Then, as you hear Drake over the din of kitchen conversation, you’ll think, “OMG, I made out to this song in high school!”

Of course, I’m assuming this age group will actually ATTEND parties. The way the world is moving, those parties may be created by artificial intelligence. And what does one bring to an AI-generated get-together?

Music has the power to make one feel old or young. I choose the latter. A little Foreigner or Styx on my AirPods makes my knees hurt a bit less as I walk to my local grocery store. Those of you in your 20s, try it some time.

It will help prepare you for 30 years from now, when you’re in exercise class and the instructor yells, “So, what was everybody doing back in 2037?”

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*Corporate Comedian,” available on Amazon.*

# They aren't really solar farms

### To the Editor:

I applaud The Greenwich Journal for publishing the article regarding Solar Farms in our area. However, there are a few items of contention I'd like to bring to your attention.

The very first is the use of the term "solar farm." This land being used is not to raise crops or animals to feed the people of this area; this land is being destroyed and desecrated to send whatever power is being generated to cities outside our area. A better term for what is happening here is "Solar Blight".

Second, the premise of the entire renewable energy movement is predicated on "Climate Change," a premise we've had beaten into us for decades, even though there are many, many climatologists and scientists who dispute the entire premise. There is much data that does not support the climate change doctrine as promoted by many.

Third, the article states that solar farms are "a direct outgrowth of the state and federal governments' goal of transitioning from fossil fuels to clean energy." Except in its current form, solar energy (or EVs for that matter) are not clean or renewable energy; the minerals used to produce solar panels are all mined from the earth, several of which are rare and toxic – minerals are NOT renewable (this is the same for EV batteries), meaning there is a finite supply. And the article says that one of the solar companies which will lease the land and install and manage the solar "farms" states that the panels will have a 30-40 year lifespan, which according to all information I can find, is patently untrue; 25 years of full efficiency is the expectation with 30 years being the probable replacement point.

The article lists a couple of concerns that county town supervisors have, including that there is a justifiable concern that companies installing the "farms" will not be around to replace or decommission them. Additionally, the eyesore factor of the "farms" is discussed. However, there are

several concerns that the article does not address: What happens to the solar panels after they are decommissioned? As of now, they are not being recycled due to the current technology and cost of doing so. The article states that there are 806 solar projects operating currently in Washington County (with many more to come) with the average project using 100 acres of land – imagine the number of solar panels that will have to be disposed of in 20 years and on, These panels contain toxic chemicals that will seep into our land and water tables or dumped into our oceans. This all goes for the storage batteries that will be installed on some or many of these solar "farms" – what will be done with the toxic chemicals from these? Lastly (for this letter), we have seen entire solar "farms" destroyed by hail and other weather related events. In a nutshell, finding ways of producing clean, renewable energy is certainly not wrong. But this isn't it.

Finally, I understand that farmers and landowners believe that they should be able to do what they wish with their land; I empathize with their belief. However, NONE of us gets to do with whatever we want to do with our property; planning boards and zoning laws put an end to that long ago, which was done (at least in theory) to promote the greater good of our communities. Those whose lands are involved should not be exempt from those laws and rules. A bigger question might be, "Why can our farmers make more money leasing their land to these solar companies than farming their land?"

Thank you.

**Roger H. De Korp**

Greenwich

### Remember the Birds

#### To the Editor:

Thank you for the excellent article about local solar farms by Maureen Cary and Robin Lyle.

One correction: part of the 102,000 acre

Washington County Grassland Bird Conservation Center ("WCGBCC") actually *does* fall within the Town of Greenwich. The 13,000 acre Audubon-designated Important Bird Area is right in the middle of the WCGBCC and that's where Boralex plans to build its 660 acre 100 MW solar farm.

As the article states, the WCGBCC is critical habitat for Short-eared Owls, of which only 50 to 100 breeding pairs remain in New York State. The WCGBCC is also home to threatened Northern Harriers and "at risk" Bobolinks, Eastern Meadowlarks and American Kestrels, as well as other grassland birds.

Grassland birds can only live and survive in large, open grassland fields. They need this type of habitat to hunt, breed, and raise their young. Most hayfields are not grasslands; grasslands are a very specific, rapidly vanishing, type of bird habitat.

While the Grassland Bird Trust supports renewable energy, the WCGBCC is a particularly poor choice for a large commercial solar farm. Grassland birds are the fastest disappearing type of birds around the World. The 660 acre solar farm Boralex proposes to build - covering an area larger than 66 football fields - poses an enormous threat to precious grasslands already threatened by development.

The WCGBCC is one of the largest areas of grasslands remaining in New York State.

The Grassland Bird Trust has asked, and will continue to ask, Boralex to make up for the 660 acres Boralex is taking away from grassland birds by conserving much more land around the solar farm than the fraction of 660 acres Boralex may be legally required to conserve. This is necessary to maintain the integrity of the Important Bird Area and the WCGBCC. To do otherwise may mean that our children and grandchildren will never see these birds flying free in Washington County again.

**Katherine Roome**

Grassland Bird Trust Board Member



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## Marital strife, a tractor accident

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

### 110 Years Ago

May 13, 1914

Mrs. Alga Blowers of Rupert, Vermont, is in custody, charged with murdering her husband in a quarrel that followed a visit to Granville during which the husband became intoxicated. The woman admits hitting her husband over the head with a piece of stove wood.

Mrs. Blowers told the sheriff, who placed her under arrest at her home early Sunday morning, that the quarrel began when her husband became intoxicated while they were at Granville, on Saturday, May 2, and was continued all the way home. She claims that he threatened to kill her with a pair of shears, and she struck him in self-defense.

Rupert is a small hamlet in the town of Sandgate, and the Blowers lived near there on a small farm. Mr. Blowers, who had a wife and three small children, made a living for

the family by working his own farm and assisting neighboring farmers in their work. Sheriff Fred Godfrey, and deputy sheriff Gardner of Bennington, who went to the Blowers home early Sunday morning to make the arrest, found Mrs. Bowers in a hysterical condition as a result of brooding over her crime. She freely admitted to the sheriff that she had killed her husband ... According to the woman's story, she upbraided him for drinking to excess when she was with him, and did not stop finding fault even after they had entered the house. Becoming angered at her cutting words, he grabbed a pair of shears and threatened her life, but she quickly took a piece of wood off the kitchen wood pile and struck him over the head with it. The blow made him unconscious, but a short time later, he partially regained consciousness and went to bed. He remained in bed in a dazed condition all the week, and died last Saturday evening at 6 o'clock, without having had the services of a physician.

### 100 Years Ago

May 7, 1924

Darwin Townsend met with a painful accident Friday while on his way to Cambridge. As he was driving down the Catholic cemetery hill, a bit broke in one of the horse's mouths and the team started to run away. Mr. Townsend was thrown out but hung to the reins. He was dragged quite a distance before the team broke away and ran to the upper end of the village where they were caught and put in a stable.

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### 80 Years Ago

May 10, 1944

Vernon LaMountain, 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank LaMountain of North Whitehall, was killed Sunday morning when a tractor he was operating on the farm of his sister, Mrs. Alfred Arquette of

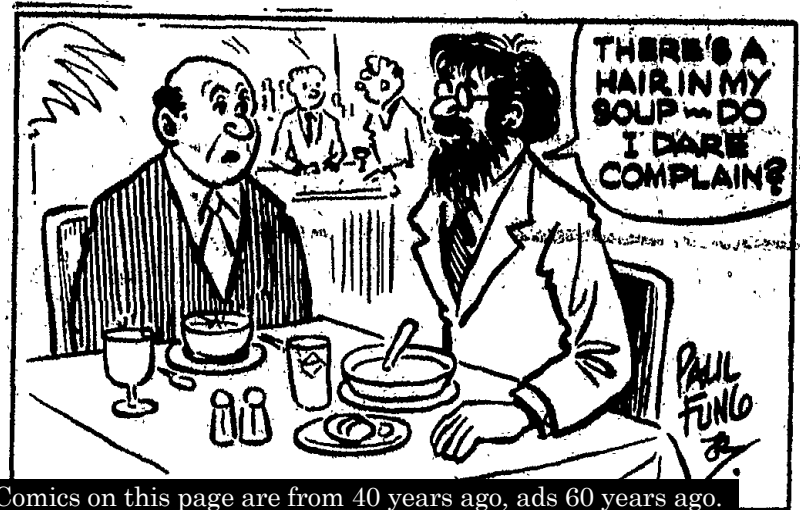
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# THROUGH THE DECADES

(cont.)

North Whitehall, tipped over, pinning him beneath it. The accident happened on the same hill where on September 19, 1942, the youth's brother-in-law, Mr. Arquette, died in a similar accident.

A nephew of the LaMountain boy, Alberto Arquette, 10, was working in the field nearby and saw the tractor turn over. ... Dr. Leslie A. White said LaMountain suffered a crushed chest, punctured lungs and other internal injuries. Death was almost instantaneous.



Comics on this page are from 40 years ago, ads 60 years ago.

## 60 Years Ago May 7, 1964

James McReynolds has taken over the McReynolds Grocery store which has been operated since 1954 by his mother, Mrs. Dorcas McReynolds. Mrs. McReynolds started a grocery business on the Merrill property on Corliss Avenue in 1954, and 1955 purchased the Kinnin Grocery store on lower Hill Street, where the business is now located. Her

son has been associated with Mrs. McReynolds for the past five years in the grocery business, and now has purchased the store. Mrs. McReynolds will continue to work in the store mornings.



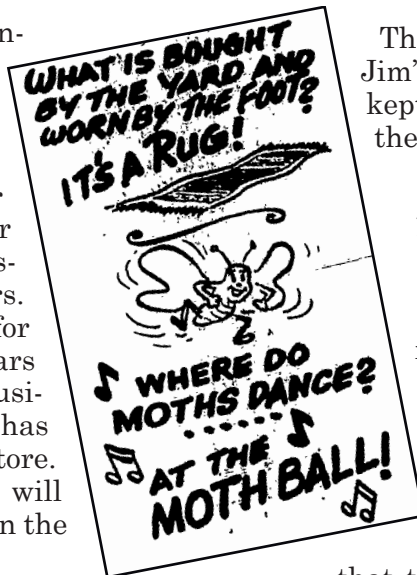
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## 40 Years Ago May 3, 1984

Jim Robinson, minister of the Bottskill Baptist Church, ran another race last weekend, this time in Saratoga State Park.

He ran in the Key Run, a 10 km or 6.2 mile race open to both men and women. Jim was the first contestant over the finish line but he called himself the "unofficial winner." Unofficial because Jim did not register for and enter the race officially. He said he basically was just looking for a hard run and that was why he participated.

There was no official time on Jim's run other than what he kept and figured he finished the race in a 33:20 time.

## 10 Years Ago May 15, 2014

Salem's Village board met Wednesday under new mayor Sonia Trulli to discuss Salem's upcoming dissolution vote and process, and to hold their regular board meeting. "I want to stress

that this is a regular meeting," Trulli said. "There is not a whole lot of info ready right now on the dissolution. We have to get a plan in order, but we couldn't manage one before we met tonight. We will be setting a date tonight for a vote, and the signatures have been certified."

Trulli went on to add that the board has yet to begin the required study on the subject, but that planning was in the works, and the results of that study would hopefully be due and open to public discussion before the public vote on the dissolution.

"There's a misconception you may have that you'll save on utilities," Trulli said. "You won't. You'll still pay water and so on, but you'll see savings in village employee salaries being dissolved. Don't be disappointed if it's not a big savings."

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Town: Greenwich

Location: 20 Sloan Drive, Greenwich, NY 12834

Date: May 9, 2024

Time: 6:30 PM

The purpose of the caucus is to nominate candidates for the following offices:

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Only enrolled Democrats are entitled to vote at the caucus, and no write-in or floor nominations will be accepted at the caucus. Those wishing to seek any of the above offices should submit a letter of intent to the Town Chair:

Mary Lou Stern, Chair  
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The letter must be postmarked no later than: May 4, 2024

By Order of the Town of Greenwich Democratic Committee,  
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## S'ville scholarship

The Old Saratoga Historical Association will award the Francis Ostrander Scholarship of \$500 to a member of the senior class at Schuylerville High School who will be attending a two- or four-year college in the fall.

A \$350 scholarship will be awarded to the runner-up. Complete a 600-word essay on one of two topics: *The role Philip Schuyler played in the development of Old Saratoga* OR *How living in an historic village or area has influenced my life.*

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## Plattsburgh

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# Review: ‘What Works in Community News’

**Darren Johnson**  
*Journal & Press*

The ambitiously titled, 200-page “What Works in Community News: Media Startups, News Deserts, and the Future of the Fourth Estate” (Beacon Press, \$29.95) by prolific media monetization researchers and pundits Ellen Clegg and Dan Kennedy is, ironically, a printed book, like the printed newspapers the book also assumes are dead on arrival – by the time they print, their news feels “old” in our now 24/7 media culture.

That isn’t exactly said in this book – and, sure, you could get “What Works in Community News” as a long-form e-edition via Kindle or similar – but the book’s almost sole focus on digital media entities is saying print-is-dead by omission.

“What Works in Community News” captures a moment in time – this brief period we’re going through where both printed and digital newspapers exist. Perhaps you can liken it to times when both horse-drawn carriages and cars shared the road, or when both silent films and talkies were simultaneously in cinemas.

Can we assume that printed media may be soon dead, that it’s the Blockbuster to streaming Netflix? Probably someday, maybe soon, or print will exist in some boutique format, like how some young people are still into vinyl records and shooting on film today.

But, for now, if we are talking monetization and startups, print is still a very viable route, and one could also say that most digital-only media startups may generate funding but are otherwise houses of cards. All of the big names in digital-first news publishing are now floundering, some spectacularly – though many had a windfall of seed funding.

Because of the nebulous nature of digital startups – for example, something called The Messenger, aiming to be a national online paper, recently fell apart in less than a year, despite raising \$50M – I can’t expect most of the lesser-funded startups mentioned in the anecdotes in “What Works in Community News” to be around in, say, five or 10 years. Frankly, a lot of the “success stories” in this book aren’t all that impressive; many of these startups are more akin

to hobbies, unable to actually raise enough capital to pay journalists a real wage.

Like the authors, I have a foot in both the academic and publishing worlds. Of course, because I teach Journalism and run a student newspaper and campus radio station and podcast studio, my skills are completely up-to-date. And I teach these modern skills. Few of my students will end up at print newspapers, even though the campus paper still has a print edition. I get that.

But, at the same time, print is a part of the monetization equation, and is still funding my extended foray into the digital realm, so to ignore it in a book about media startups is odd. While it isn’t a trendy topic for podcasts and social media virality, there are some people still taking the blue-collar approach and putting out a tangible product. And we’re not just talking 100-year-old legacy papers, but new ones. I see these people at the local newspaper printing plant, picking up their print bundles of joy. I’d love to see stories about them.

“What Works in Community News” isn’t helpful for me as a publisher because – even as I accept that the future is digital – the anecdotes about the various types of digital startups out there aren’t fleshed out enough to work as a “how to” manual to replicate. Listed are general ideas about how these digital entrepreneurs are doing it – free models, paywalls, ad-based, donor based, non-profit, niche, e-newsletters, grant funded, angel-invested – but the problem with talking to business owners about their businesses is, of course, they are going to cheerlead. They have to be publicly optimistic because there are employees, investors, subscribers, who need to believe in the effort.

The book also isn’t useful for me as a college instructor or advisor. Will any of these subjects become classic case studies for students to learn from? Not likely. I’d also worry about the near-\$30 cover price, as students are looking for cheaper/free textbook alternatives nowadays.

Is the book a good cheerleader for this transitional moment in time we are in – the time when print goes the way of the silent movie, giving way to full color and Dolby stereo? Sure. It captures that gritty spirit of

where small, digital pioneering publishers are right now. But so do some really good podcasts on the subject. Do we need this commentary in 200-page linear, non-visual format?

Some chapters are a bit over-long about media entities that are marginal at best. While other chapters are shorter and could be expanded. Some chapters feel old already because they are based on previous work these authors had done. Sometimes mere podcast transcripts are pasted into the copy.

Clegg and Kennedy are very important figures in new media analysis, and they accomplish this most effectively through podcasts, blogging and social media posts and other digital avenues, attracting lots of well-deserved views and likes.

But because of that, this book already felt old despite its 2024 copyright because I’d heard most of the stories in it – or at least similar stories – before, online.

So, yes, print newspapers also are suffering this dilemma, and that irony isn’t lost on this reviewer, but it’s hard to dismiss tangible media when it’s apparent even this printed book sitting in front of me has its own monetization strategy.

Eventually, the printing presses may rust out and dry of ink, and many communities that only have print publications will suffer, unless such publishers have a practical roadmap to monetize online. I don’t think anyone – even the subjects featured in this book – have a reliable path to digital success; and that’s apparent when reading their stories, which are oftentimes modest and uncertain. While I applaud the tireless and insightful work of Clegg and Kennedy online, I do feel the book is a missed opportunity to offer practical, step-by-step solutions for everyday news outfits to make a complete digital transformation and be able to hire real journalists at a living wage to tell our modern stories at the same local level print newspapers had for centuries.

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# Student loans — past and present

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Welcome to the 2024 college acceptance season, which has befuddled and elated students and their families.

Normally, this is the time of year when I remind you that financial aid packages are not always what they seem to be.

Families often confuse loans, which must be repaid with interest — and grants, which is essentially FREE money.

This year, the problem is even more problematic due to the FAFSA fiasco.

If you have not followed the drama around FAFSA, here's a quick synopsis: Because there had long been complaints about the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form for federal financial aid, the government overhauled the whole thing.

The promise was that applicants would be able to utilize a streamlined form and process for the 2024-25 school year. The NEW FAFSA was supposed to save time and help more families qualify for federal loans, but from the early days of the rollout, there has been widespread frustration and complaints.

The good news is that the initial technical issues that caused delayed applicant sub-

missions have mostly been resolved. But there is now another problem: Some colleges received incorrect information from the government.

The Department of Education (DOE) acknowledged the problems in late March and provided daily updates to help families make FAFSA corrections and to navigate the process. The department notes that a whopping “30% of FAFSA forms are potentially affected” by known processing or data errors.”

OK, so where does this leave borrowers?

Some families are in a holding pattern until they receive their financial packages. DOE expects that most of the problems should be resolved by the end of April. As a result, many colleges are pushing back their usual May 1 deadlines to allow applicants more time to make a final decision on which college they will attend.

During this period of time, I encourage families to have realistic conversations about the large financial investment that they are about to make.

It is imperative that borrowers, their parents, or their grandparents avoid signing up for a plan that could effectively impoverish them if things go astray.

What could possibly go wrong? You ask. Maybe the student won't graduate, maybe the post-graduate job market will be lousy, or maybe the graduate will choose a profession with a low starting salary.

After the candid (and yes, difficult) discussions and armed with all of the financial offers in hand, it may be worth having the student contact the college to ap-

peal a decision, especially if something has changed (think: job loss, illness) since the application was submitted.

With all of these hoops, are you wondering if a four-year degree is worth it?

The answer is yes, with a caveat. The data show that college graduates have lower unemployment rates, earn more money over their careers and are able to build a larger net worth over their lifetimes. But if you borrow too much money, those advantages start to narrow.

One last note: The Biden Administration recently rolled out more plans to reduce debt on some outstanding federal student loans, subject to income limits. If the rules stand up to the expected legal actions, they will assist borrowers by potentially canceling the debt of those who:

— Owe more than they did at the start of repayment.

— Are otherwise eligible for loan forgiveness through plans like Saving on a Valuable Education (SAVE) Plan, Public Service Loan Forgiveness, or other programs, but have not yet applied.

— Have had undergraduate debt for more than 20 years and graduate student debt for more than 25.

— Are experiencing hardship paying back their loans.

— Have enrolled in low-financial-value institutions or programs that failed accountability measures.

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It's Plant Sale time! Saturday May 11 9-11am, on the commons in Greenwich.

We've been working toward this since the short dark cold days of December, perusing the seed catalogs, over-choosing, our enthusiasm building. We place the seed order in January then when the seeds arrive, we are mildly surprised at the cost and the number of varieties we chose in an easy moment. And then there's the planning. How much to seed, what do we need more or less of than last year? There are those days with no snow and mild weather that trick us into pushing the soil around, plotting what will go where, only to be blanketed again with poor man's fertilizer.

People have been gardening for millennia, crafting a consumable product. There's nothing new. It's easy to start. Get seeds, put them in soil, and learn from there. Not enough sun? Or no yard? There are plenty of varieties that are quite happy in the shade, both edible and decorative. Container planting is the way to go for those with little space. The thing about gardening is, those who do are very enthusiastic about showing those who want to know. There are no secrets. Books abound. Some gardeners may have some techniques that they swear by, certainly not proprietary, that they will happily tell you to try. It's all about a sharing of knowledge. And a passion.

There's a lot of truth to the \$50 tomato. We give little consideration to the amount spent on potting soil, pots, garden tools, compost. We trek to the village composting pile at Thunder Mountain (thank you Village Crew for doing this!) and fill our buckets (or truck bed), beg manure from our friends with horses, or buy from our local composting company. We spend hours preparing beds, carefully setting out our lovingly tended seedlings, watering, feeding and weeding, sometimes till dusk. This is a passion that connects us to the elements. To the earth



as we enrich it and turn it over to plant our seeds, respecting its ability to bestow us with what it yields. To the air, full of sunshine, the sounds of bees, the distant sounds of human activities, birds, peepers, and even traffic noise. To the value of water as we dole it out during a drought or the power

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of it during a deluge. It is an immersive environment, without need for the distraction of a mobile device. The mind can travel far and wide while in the garden! The rewards we reap from our efforts far exceed the mere cost of input.

We gardeners are in good company. This same passion compels us to paint or sculpt, play music or cook. Our community abounds with such passions. Sharing is a big part of that. Some of you volunteer with the library gardens and help us with the Library Plant Sale as well as bringing extra seedlings and perennials for our sale. It's this passion that drives small farmers, like those at our local

farmer's markets, who express their respect for our environment by farming responsibly and sustainably. These farms are part of a healthy local economy, and illustrate the true cost of good honest food. What we can't grow, they can supply. And their excess production benefits our local food pantries. Good for everyone! And by buying at the Greenwich Free Library Plant Sale, you are supporting all those passions the library represents! Get started!

The library is incredibly fortunate that Ted, Jan and Nate Blomgren at Windflower Farm in Valley Falls and Andrea Grom and Jason Heitman at Green Jeans Market Farm offer their guidance and support for this sale by sharing their knowledge and their generous donations of plants and material. If you aren't able to have a garden, Windflower Farm offers shares of their CSA (community supported agriculture) locally. Check out their CSA site if that interests you: <https://windflowerfarmnycsa.wordpress.com/>. And make sure to stop by the Green Jeans Market Farm stall at the Saratoga Farmers Market. We are indebted to these farmers!

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# Wallie's Mother's Day BRUNCH

May 12th  
10am-3pm

## BREAKFAST SELECTIONS

*Fruit & Berry Parfait (Fresh Diced Fruit & Berries, Raspberry Mint Yogurt) •  
Assorted Breakfast Pastries • Scrambled Eggs •  
Silver Dollar Pancakes • Cinnamon French Toast •  
Smoked Bacon • Sausage Links*

## CHEF ATTENDED STATIONS

*Omelet Station*

*Pink Peppercorn Crusted Beef Tenderloin*

*W/ Merlot Demi Glaze*

*Honey Baked Virginia Ham*

*W/ Pineapple Chutney*

## ENTREES & SIDES

*Lemon Pepper Salmon*

*Pan Seared Salmon Filet,  
Caper Butter*

*Pesto Chicken*

*Roasted Red Tomatoes,  
Mozzarella Cheese*

*Rosemary Roasted Potatoes*

*Vegetable Medley*

## SOUP & SALAD

*New England Clam Chowder*

*Garden Salad Bar*

*Artisan Rolls & Butter*

## DESSERT

*Ice Cream Sundae Bar*

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Adults \$40 • Children 5-10 \$25 • Under 5 \$15

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