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A chat with senior athlete Jesse Kuzmich

Darren Johnson
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We caught up with Jesse Kuzmich, the standout Greenwich three-sport senior who on Jan. 18 vs. Cambridge notched his 1000th basketball point for the Witches basketball team as their point guard. The 6-foot, 180-pounder will be 18 this month and is averaging over 23 points a game. He also was a quarterback on the ultra-successful football team, that went undefeated in a special pandemic shortened spring season and then the team went to the Class D semi-finals in the fall, only losing once, in that final game. His third sport is baseball, where he's a winning pitcher, and that's the sport he may play in college, when he decides on a school. He sometimes spends weekends on the road, attending clinics to perfect his athletic skills. Our conversation:

First off, congrats on your 1000th point. How did that feel?



Thank you. It was a good feeling. I'm happy I hit and got it over with so I can focus on the rest of the season now.

So, you're heading to Tennessee. What's happening there?

I am going to pitch at a baseball camp.

How do you think the basketball team will fare this season?

I think we can make a run in sectionals. We have a deep team and are hard to slow down when we get hot.

Are the Covid protocols (masks, for example) getting in the way, or, since all teams have to do it, you don't let it distract you?

It obviously sucks and nobody wants to do it but I'm not going to waste my time caring about something I can't control, so I just deal with it.

What are some of the memories you're trying to create your senior year?

I just want to have fun and win with my teammates. Obviously I'm boys with everyone on the team, but I love competing with Gavin [Blair] and Jayden [Hughes] just because we grew up together and have played together for so long.

You also just had a tremendous football season. Which sport do you prefer? And is there a spring sport you also enjoy?



Jesse Kuzmich is congratulated by his parents Brian and Candace on score his 1000 career point against Cambridge.

Thank you and I wouldn't say I prefer a sport over another sport but there is no denying we had some crazy football seasons. Going 24-3 in the past 3 years is impressive especially without a full season my junior year. I also play baseball in the spring and plan to play in college.

Have you decided on college yet? Do you plan to play a sport or two there?

I have not decided on a college yet. I definitely want to play baseball and possibly football next year.

Greenwich seems to be a great sports school all around. What does Greenwich do differently than other schools to nurture so many quality teams and players?

The young athletes from Greenwich are forced to grow up quickly. Since it's a smaller school, if you are good enough to play varsity at a young age then you will. I played varsity baseball in 8th grade and

started in every sport since 9th grade so that's just an example. Having your coaches and teammates believe in you at a young age gives you a different type of confidence, and it shows in a lot of athletes that come out of the school.

Anything else you'd like to add?

Thank you to my coaches and teammates throughout the years.



—dan pemrick photos

BOA: What's next?

Pam Fuller
Journal & Press

This past month was on the BOA schedule as the timeframe when we would hold public meetings to present the draft plan and hear what the public thinks about what we've done and what should be refined for the final draft. To summarize, we are racing against the calendar to submit our final report by the deadline necessary in order to apply for and (we hope) receive a "BOA designation" in time to submit at least a couple of applications for parts of the overall project by the state Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) deadline this summer.

Through this past year, we have heard from some observers that the grant is "just another planning grant," which will end up with pretty plans that sit in the file cabinets in our municipal offices but that don't go anywhere. In fact, this is not true for the BOA grant, because this first stage, with all the work the committee and our excellent consultants have done, is part of a series of well-defined benchmarks that lead to grant applications with priority status and then funding for real projects. The steps are well defined and sequential, each step building on the previous one. While we don't have a guarantee of acceptance into the next phase, we know the requirements and are doing our best to meet them.

The public comments were planned to be incorporated as part of the last phase of proposal development, but like so many other events these days, we had to change our plans for public meetings to protect public safety. Instead, we implemented a number of other means of presenting the BOA plan—we held open house sessions at the Greenwich Free Library for two nights in a row; the presentation posters that were

displayed for these open houses were left up in the library for a period of time; we also posted the plans on the Village and Town websites as well as on Facebook; and we encouraged residents to send us comments. Thank you, Greenwich Free Library, for letting us use your facility for this process.

We want to thank all the people who came to the open houses and/or provided comments through that event, at the library, and in phone calls to our consultants. We will continue to accept comments through the end of January, and we welcome them. The BOA plan is a community plan, developed by a community advisory group, and it should reflect the goals of the greater community.

One of the most frequent questions we heard was what will happen next. Here is a summary of what we expect.

- o The BOA Plan will be finalized, incorporating the comments that we've gotten from members of the Greenwich community. The plan were presented to a joint meeting of the Village of Greenwich and Town of Greenwich boards on January 25th. At the February Village meeting and Town meeting the plan will be submitted for votes for adoption.

- o Once the plan is adopted by both boards, the Village Board (as the lead agency on the BOA grant) will submit the completed document to the New York Department of State to receive what is called a "BOA Designation." This designation will open up new funding opportunities, and it will give the Village and Town higher priority status in other grant application programs, and in addition has property owner benefits (tax credits) attached to it.

- o Our hope is that the Village will be successful in receiving this designation by the summer. This



would give us time to prepare and apply for several additional grants to begin implementing the recommendations in the plan.

- o Meanwhile, another first step we hope to achieve is hearing that we were successful in our bid to receive the EPA Assessment grant to determine the level of contamination in the soil at the site of the former Dunbarton Mill. We submitted the application for this grant in the fall, and we should hear about it in the spring of this year (2022).

Here are some related areas where we have already been successful in planning future work on several initiatives that further plan goals of activating underutilized properties and improving connectivity and waterfront access. Regarding Main Street, the community was clear that they want to enhance Main Street without it losing its character.

Main Street projects:

- NYSDOT application to fund streetscape improvements (new sidewalks, plantings, etc. consistent with 2019 plan). This application was submitted in the fall.

- Main Street zoning code updates – A project began last spring through Adirondack/Glens Falls Transportation Council funding, with the goal of ensuring that any new development is consistent with the walkable, pedestrian-friendly existing character. This plan would create more oversight on new development in this area of the Village, where currently we have little to no oversight. A public open house was held on this project in the summer, and I will be

writing more about this project in a forthcoming article.

- A New York Main Street grant was won by the Village to renovate up to 10 buildings

The former Dunbarton Mill property:

- The buildings on the site are deteriorating, and we feel that we need to move forward with taking possession of the property. We have been stuck in the process of acquiring the property since 2015.

- See above: an EPA application was submitted in December to develop a plan (and cost) for remediation and also to determine the site's eligibility for additional development incentive programs. The awardees should be announced in the spring.

Infrastructure:

- The water main replacement project will commence this spring, 2022, to support new and future businesses along the Main Street corridor and enhance water accessibility for the wider Village.

- Recent WWTP grant. The Village received a grant to help defray the costs of adding a disinfectant process for the effluent from the wastewater system. This will further protect the waters of the Batten Kill.

If anyone has questions, please reach out to me at mayor@villageof-greenwich.org.

Pam Fuller is Mayor of the Village of Greenwich.



Free media training

The publisher of The Greenwich Journal & Salem Press will host a free Media Training Workshop for small non-profits and small businesses on Friday, Feb. 4, at 2:45 p.m. via Zoom. The event is expected to run about 45 minutes to an hour.

The goal of the training is to provide small operations that can't

afford to hire a professional PR representative some techniques to do that effectively themselves.

The training will help organizations improve their communications, especially with local media organizations, earning them free publicity and better placements for their news releases, in multi-

ple mediums: print newspapers, TV news and social media.

Darren Johnson teaches Journalism and Marketing part-time for two local colleges. He's also been a college marketer, conducting similar workshops for in-house PR teams.

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The Farmers Market at Gather at 103 Main St. in Greenwich will be held once a month on the first Wednesday of February, March, April and May from 3 to 6 p.m.

The upcoming “Monthly Markets” will host a variety of local makers, artisans, and farms. When visiting the market, you can expect to find an array of one-of-a-kind products that are designed, made, and grown by small businesses throughout the region.

Since becoming host of the Farmers Market in 2019, Gather has significantly expanded the market’s offering by sourcing and supporting over 40 local vendors. The line-up of vendors varies from month to month (or week to week during their regular season) offering goods such as fresh produce and meat, flowers, hand-crafted jewelry, baked goods, handmade soap and bath products, candles, maple syrup, and more.

Valentine’s Day is right around the corner! Need something special for a loved one? Jewelry, sweets, the perfect card, or maybe the makings for a delicious dinner? The market on Wednesday, February 2nd will be loaded with a variety of local products to meet your shopping needs.

Vendors include:

Whistle Wing Prints (handmade greeting cards and nature-inspired prints)

Wild Hill Maple (maple syrup products)

AJP Designs (hand-crafted fine jewelry)

Flower Bandit (floral bouquets and assorted flowers)

With Love from Loretta (baked goods and vegan beauty products)

Joint Venture Farm (chicken, pork, and eggs)

Estherland Wagyu (grass-fed wagyu beef)

MW Farmstead (goat milk soap, lotion, and bath products)

Lodestar Lights (hand-poured soy candles)

Small businesses rely on our community for support. By shopping at the Farmers Market and buying local, you are not only supporting the efforts of these talented individuals, but also contributing to the growth and sustainability of our local economy. The team at Gather hopes to see you at the upcoming Monthly Market on February 2nd! Thank you for supporting local!



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Marilyn (Mimi) Joyce Boyd, 93

Marilyn (Mimi) Joyce Boyd, 93, of Greenwich, NY, and formerly of Delmar, NY, died peacefully with her loving family by her side on Sunday, January 2, 2022. Mimi was predeceased by her adoring husband of nearly 70 years, William (Bill) Boyd, her parents, Charles and Myrtle Joyce and her sister, Charlyn Fox. She is survived by her daughters, Lynne Weygint and Laura Boyd, both of Greenwich, NY, and their spouses, Patrick Weygint and Keith Weber. She is also survived by four grandchildren: Will Weygint, Allison Clogg, Bryan Clogg, and Jamie Weygint, and three nephews: Jim Pulliam, Don Marshall, and Steve Boyd.

Mimi was born in Dixon, MO, on 5/29/28. After the untimely death of her father in 1934, she spent the rest of her childhood in Clinton, IN, a part of the country she always treasured. With a master's degree in English from Indiana University, Mimi enjoyed teaching high school English for several years before settling into motherhood, a career she loved more than any other. She was wonderfully creative, planning imaginative activities and parties for her girls, and seasonal craft parties around Halloween, Christmas, and Easter. Her creative interests included weaving on a full-sized loom, sewing, and jewelry design incorporating silver and stones she traveled to collect. She was a master gardener and was well known for her garden design skills and beautiful flowers. She had a wonderful sense of humor and was very funny. She was an excellent cook, loving to entertain. Dinner parties for eight were her favorite. In later life Mimi loved to travel. She and Bill had several European adventures, the last being a memorable trip to Scotland and the Isle of Skye.

In mid-life, Mimi earned a second master's degree in counseling, and worked as a guidance counselor for the high school students of St. Agnes School in Loudonville, NY, until its closing. Shortly thereafter Bill retired, and he and Mimi built their dream home on a lovely hill in Greenwich, whose sunsets they enjoyed until their very last days. In Greenwich, Mimi was known for her feisty political acumen and regular attendance at Town Board meetings

where she often expressed her opinions forcefully and eloquently. She was tickled pink when her vote helped flip the Town Board to a Democratic majority in the 2021 election for the first time in many years. With Bill, she often volunteered at the Greenwich Free Library, especially in the gardens there, as well as with regional environmental causes.

Her crowning achievement, and maybe her greatest joy in Greenwich, was producing the variety show "Greenwich: The Musical." The experience brought townspeople together in a joyful and meaningful way and included everyone from very young children to farmers whose families had been in town for years. She made many enduring friendships from the show and was proud to donate \$10,000 of the proceeds to the Greenwich Free Library.

Mimi lived life to the fullest, laughing at every opportunity, despite being legally blind for the past 30 years. At the end of her life what she loved most were visits from family and friends, especially from her dear grandchildren, watching "her" birds and the omnipresent deer in the woods, listening to books on tape, watching Judy Woodruff on "PBS: The News Hour" each evening, and walking her hill. She was well loved, and we will miss her always, fondly remembering her spunk and passion for her little family.

The family wishes to thank, first and foremost, Debbie Anderson (the fun sister!) for her years of love and devoted friendship with Mimi, and also the nurses at Fort Hudson Home Health Agency, and Hannah Tefft, RN, in particular, for Mimi's excellent care in the last few weeks of her life.

Family and friends are invited to join for a gathering to celebrate Mimi's long life in the Community Room at the Greenwich Free Library on Saturday, May 7, 2022, from 2:00 to 3:00 pm, immediately followed by a showing of the DVD, "Greenwich: The Musical." Whatever Covid protocols are in place at that time, we will abide by them.



Donations in Mimi's memory can be sent to the Greenwich Free Library, 148 Main Street, Greenwich, NY 12834, or the Glens Falls Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Inc., 144 Ridge Street, Glens Falls, NY 12801. Thank you.

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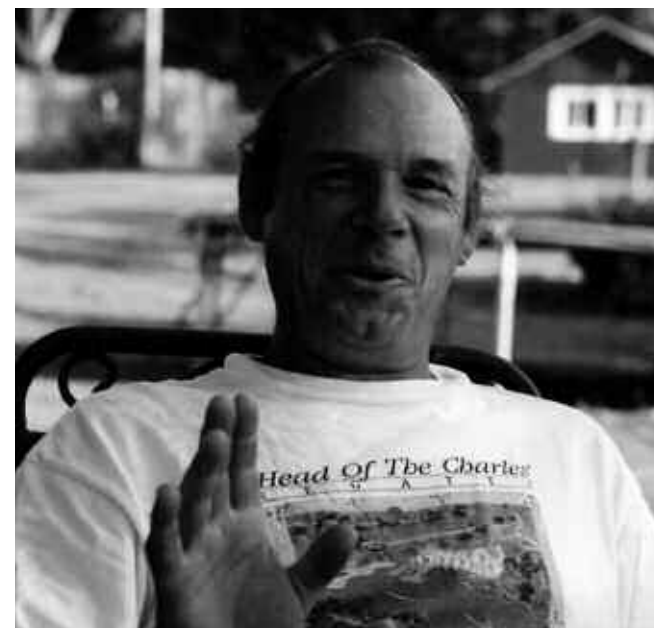


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E. Andrew Todd, 70

E. Andrew Todd, 70, passed away suddenly January 11, at St. Anthony's Hospital, Lakewood, CO. He was born in New London, NH, the first son of Edward A. and Louise J. Todd. He graduated from New London High School in 1969 and shortly thereafter began his life adventures with a road trip to Anchorage, AK, to look for work, accompanied by two of his classmates. Upon his return, he sailed a skipjack with a friend on a portion of the inter-coastal waterway and later crossed the country assisting a quadriplegic HAM radio operator. He had an affinity for all things mechanical and, upon returning to New London, began working on foreign cars, first at Heath & Lull, Main Street Texaco, and later operating a repair shop with the late retired CSC professor Dan Connell, in Andover, for several years. He

then moved to Greenwich, NY, he cooked at the Eagle Bridge Inn, and later formed a foreign car repair partnership with Tom Izzo, and they spent their free time power boating on Lake George in the summers. Following the death of Tom Izzo, he moved to Pine, CO, where he worked on the community water system and at the Bucksnot Saloon. He travelled all over the western states in the summers with a mobile repair trailer, attending BMW Rallies and repairing the attendees' motorcycles. He had a keen eye for architecture, and remodeled several homes and apartments over the years. He never ceased to amuse family and friends with stories of his latest projects, travels, and adventures. He is survived by his brother, W. Michael Todd, Esq., of New London, NH, a niece, Hunter Leigh Pepin, and several



cousins. A celebration of Andrew's life will be scheduled in New London during the summer.

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Learning Spanish for all the wrong reasons

Greg Schwem

Special to Journal & Press

I have vowed to make 2022 the year I learn a second language, a goal I will achieve for purely selfish reasons.

I should already be bilingual, as it would place me in the company of, by some estimates, more than 40% of the world's citizens who can converse in something other than their native tongues. Alas, in my 59 years on earth, I can only marvel at those folks in foreign countries I visit, so adept in their skills that they automatically address me in English when they see me approaching. How do they know? Apparently, I give off a "lazy American" vibe from a distance.

How shocked and impressed would they be when I instead began the conversation in French? Or Italian? Or most likely Spanish, since I plan to spend some time in Spanish-speaking countries this year.

Learning a second language so I could fluently travel the world was the plan back in high school, when I studied German, a four-year academic pursuit that, due to laziness in subsequent years, has left me with the ability to order a beer in Munich but little else.

Several years ago, while preparing to give a speech in Poland, I sought guidance from my Polish neighbor, Stan, a fun-loving individual

known for raucous outdoor parties in which he and his relatives sit on the patio and happily converse in their native language for hours, pausing only to refill their glasses with vodka. He was happy to help when I asked how to say, "What a beautiful country you have."

"Write it down," I requested. "Then I'll say it back to you aloud a few times until you're certain I have it right."

Stan complied and listened while I butchered the sentence, offering pointers until he was satisfied at my diction. Feeling confident, I asked for more.

I asked how to say, "I had a delicious meal last night." Stan's brother took the pen and paper and translated, assuming the role of tutor while I doubled my Polish language skills.

As I walked home, my smugness turned to nervousness and then terror as I wondered if my jovial, vodka-addled neighbor and his brother were not playing the mother of all practical jokes on me.

"How do I know he was telling me the truth?" I asked my wife. "That I'm not going to walk on stage next week and say, 'My nostrils are coated in chocolate.'"

"Stan wouldn't do that to you," she replied.

"Were you at his last party?" I countered. "I think I'll just use Google Translate."

I ended up doing neither, beginning my presentation in English, and apologizing to the audience for my lack of manners.

Now I want to be the "Stan" of my friend group; the guy everyone turns to when a language situation arises. I will conceal my skills as if I were carrying a weapon used only in emergency situations. Meaning, when my friends and I take a boy's trip to Mexico and we are struggling to communicate with the waitress, I will raise my hand, calmly say, "I got this" and then order for the entire group in



Spanish. My status among the group will rise instantaneously; who would dare lob insults at the one member who holds the key to communication? I won't buy a beer for the remainder of the trip.

See my reasons? I'm not learning Spanish because I'm polite; I'm learning it because I'm cheap.

Of course, my boys trips don't occur with the frequency necessary to master the language. So, I will have to find fellow Spanish speakers who will indulge me as I slog my way through a new vocabulary. My now-grown children claim to know Spanish, although I have never heard either speak it around the house.

There is a Mexican restaurant near my home. I could converse with the staff, but that would require ordering, and paying for, food. Most restaurants don't have a "Just talking" section.

I WILL master this language, as I have always been a big believer in setting goals and achieving them. Once this column is finished, I plan to open my Spanish language tutorial app and practice a bit. Today I will learn to say, "I am trying to understand your beautiful language. Please be patient."

Or maybe I'll learn, "My butt makes noises when I walk." Just in case my friends ask for some tips.

Greg Schwem is a corporate stand-up comedian and author of "Text Me If You're Breathing: Observations, Frustrations and Life Lessons From a Low-Tech Dad" and "The Road To Success Goes Through the Salad Bar: A Pile of BS From a Corporate Comedian."



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The American Red Cross blood supply is at historically low levels. Those who come to give blood Feb. 1-28, 2022, will receive a \$10 Amazon.com Gift Card via email, thanks to Amazon. (Terms apply. Visit rcblood.org/together.) One place where you can donate is at the Old Saratoga Reformed Church in Schuylerville on Sat., Feb. 19, from 8 a.m. to noon. Visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS.

Want to play a game of bridge?

Michael Levy
Journal & Press

Youngsters view the world with fresh eyes of wonder. Their curiosity fuels the soul. While kids are known for their imagination, sometimes this creativity leads to some very wrong conclusions. This happened to me back when I was a child, which was about half of a Betty White lifetime ago. When I heard about playing bridge, I genuinely thought the game involved those large structures that crossed rivers. And I wanted to play but I did not know how.

Some inventive concepts percolated in my pre-adolescent mind. I wanted to play on famous bridges like the Brooklyn Bridge or even the Golden Gate. But it was not long before I learned that bridge was a card game and the competition had absolutely nothing to do with the structures that vehicles drive on.

Now and after many decades, I feel comfortable bringing forth my childish ideas for a “real” bridge game. And best of all, my bridge game will be played right here in Washington County, which is easy given the number of bridges around here. But which idea of my youth do I want to go with?



Batten-Dugan

Here are some of the versions that were considered:

4. The Covered Bridge Motorcycle Game

There are five covered bridges in Washington County but only three are suitable for vehicle traffic. These are Buskirks, Eagleville, and the Rexleigh Covered Bridges. The Shushan Covered Bridge is a museum with an eclectic collection worth seeing. The Rice Foot Bridge in Cambridge, over Owl Creek, is a worthy stop but not designed for motorcycles.

I am not alone amongst my fellow Washington County residents who observe that our covered bridges attract a fair number of motorcyclists in summertime. I know most who ride, do so responsibly. But a small number of riders love to rev their engines while journeying inside our covered bridges. The loud cacaphony of their V Twin exhausts reverberates in these structures, ruining the Battenkill River experience for everyone else nearby. I am a biker myself, but I get really annoyed when the few decide to do things like this.

For these select riders, this version of the Bridge game involves taking sound level meter readings as they rev engines inside each bridge – with the highest noise level reading being the “winner”. And in addition to posting decibel readings, entrants must also post their IQ scores. The results will be shared with behavioral scientists who will confirm the inverse correlation between the highest noise levels submitted versus the intelligence of the competitor who presented the reading. Ultimately, I decided against this version of the Bridge game because some of the “losers” might be smart enough to figure out the real purpose of this version.

3. Game of Chicken on the Batten-Dugan Road Bridge (built 1916)

This version of the bridge game is being played every day



Cambridge foot bridge

on the single lane truss bridge over the Batten Kill on Batten-Dugan Road (Route 61 just east of Route 22). You and your opponent approach the bridge from opposite sides. The two vehicles begin to race toward each other, and the first to pull off to the side of the road is the “chicken”. Additional variants of this version include the Amish horse buggy option – especially challenging for our powered vehicle contestants on dark nights. Since some people driving a small Kia are easily frightened of a Ford F350 coming at them, this becomes a contest of size rather than skill, meaning this version is out for me.

2. The Timber Bridge Game

There are at least two wooden bridges in Washington County. These bridges are the Mettawee Street Bridge (built 1930) in Granville, just east of Route 22, and the Hunter Road Bridge (built 1928) near Ft. Edward, spanning the Moses Kill.

Contestants will put as much weight as possible on each bridge, but if the bridge breaks, they lose. Unfortunately, after playing a few rounds of this version, there wouldn't be any wooden bridges left standing in the county.

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Bridges (cont.)

1. The “Tour de Washington County” Bridge Game

This bridge game is my number one and the version that I am going with! For the bridges listed below, contestants develop their own course to these bridges and in any order they choose. All bridges listed must be visited in a single trip and

contestants must drive across the full span of each bridge. All traffic laws must be strictly adhered to!

Competitors must post their trip mileage to the nearest 1/10th of a mile, along with the exact route taken, on the Greenwich Journal and Salem Press’ Facebook page. The shortest distance posted by midnight EST on February 28, 2022, will be the winner. There aren’t any prizes (unless our publisher coughs up something), so all that the winner receives are bragging rights. **(EDITOR’S NOTE: We have T-shirts!)**

Here are the bridges for the 2022 game (in alphabetical order)- 1) Archibald Street-White Creek Bridge, Salem (beam bridge over White Creek); 2) Fly Creek Bridge,



Clothing management



The Greenwich Central School seventh and eighth Grade FACS (Family and Consumer Science) classes have been learning about Clothing Management, which includes learning about fabric types, laundering clothes, and sewing. In December students learned how to sew on buttons and how to operate a sewing machine. Students applied their knowledge with a hands-on sewing project – stuffed fabric stars and masks.

Greenwich (steel arch bridge on CR 74/Eddy St); 3) Fort Miller Road Bridge (truss bridge over Champlain Canal on Fort Miller Road. West of US 4); and 4) the Moses Kill Bridge, Argyle (stone arch bridge over Moses Kill on NY 197).

And if more than 2 or 3 people play the game, we might make this an annual event with different bridges to try. Just a random thought!

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



Salem Library holds annual meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Bancroft Public Library in Salem met on Tuesday, January 11, 2022 for their annual meeting and their regular monthly meeting for January. At this meeting, officers were elected for the coming year. Edward A. Donoghue was elected board president, Kim Erbe was elected to the vice president position, and Rebecca Brown was voted in as secretary and financial officer. Library board liaisons with the Salem Town Board are Kim Erbe and Rebecca Brown.

It's been a busy year for the Bancroft Public Library. After a very long process, the library was granted its Absolute Charter in February 2021. This had to be done after the dissolution of the village. Through a library construction grant, work began in October to update parts of the building to better our ADA compliance. On the outside of the library, new handicapped accessible ramps were installed along with new handrails. The other part of the construction project has been in Proudfit Hall. New ADA compliant bathrooms have been completed along with new drinking fountains, a kitchenette, hallway, and storage closet. After a lot of planning and work, we are excited to report the building project is nearing completion.

In March the Bancroft Library began the Farm-2-Library program. With help from the Southern Adirondack Library System and the Comfort Food Community, we now have a refrigerator in our foyer. Each week the Comfort Food Community delivers fresh, healthy food to the library. The food is free and can be picked up any time the library is open. This program has made it possible for the library to meet a need in our community and has been well received by our patrons and community members. Another new and exciting offering at the library this year is our Game Lending Library. We now have a large cabinet in the library that houses games for kids and adults that can be borrowed by patrons using their library cards. Many of our patrons have been enjoying the games. Thank you to Dave Culver for making the beautiful cabinet for us.

During the year we did our best to find safe ways to help our patrons interact with the library. Over the summer the library had a Solar System reading program. Planets, along with information about each one, were placed throughout Salem. The planets and space between them were built to scale. Kids finding all the planets could come to the library and get a free book. We also offered our patrons a chance to learn how to play Mahjong. In

October the library participated in The Great Give Back where libraries across New York State have programs that benefit their communities. The library and Books In Kids' Hands worked together and gave away over a hundred children's books to kids in our community. In December the library sponsored an Elf Hunt throughout the town where kids could find Santa's Elves and receive a free book.

Throughout 2021 a committee of community members, library trustees, and the library director met to develop a Five-Year Strategic Plan for the library. The committee started by asking community members what they feel our community needs. Considering their answers, the committee worked to find ways the library could help to meet those needs. The committee developed a comprehensive, five-year plan with goals and objectives to work on during the coming years. A copy of the plan can be found at the library or on the library website.

Several new public computers were installed in the library during the past year. Many thanks to the Friends of the Bancroft Public Library for purchasing the computers for the library. The Friends group meets quarterly; their next meeting will be on Thursday, April 14, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

We have a lot to look forward to at the library this year. Through a grant, we will be replacing the windows in the back of the library. In the spring, work will begin on the courtyard behind the library. The courtyard will have tables and



gardens and will be a great space for our patrons to use during good weather.

Last year was a challenging year due to COVID, and we truly appreciate the cooperation, patience, and flexibility of our patrons and our community.

The library board meets the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in Proudfit Hall. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, February 8, 2022. Check the website before any meetings to see if there are any changes.

Online 'Grain School' via Zoom

Cornell Cooperative Extension's Capital Area Agriculture and Horticulture Program will present "8th Annual Hudson Valley Value-Added Grain School: Best Management Practices for Processing and Storing Food & Feed Grains" via Zoom on Friday, February 4, 2022, 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Learn: how to plan and operate your food or feed grain operation to ensure food and feed safety; what NYS Ag & Markets requires for a food processing facility; how to control rodent and insects pests in a grain processing facility.

Topics/speakers:

§ Food Safety Modernization Act for Food &

Feed Grains - Richard Kralj, PSU

§ NYS Ag & Markets Regulations for Food Processing - Shannon Prozeller, Cornell Agritech

§ Rodent Management in Grain Processing Facilities – Matt Frye, NYS IPM

§ Insect Pest Management in Grain Processing Facilities – Ken Wise, NYS IPM

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Pre-registration (\$10) is required by 5 p.m. on February 3rd. Registration is open at shorturl.at/mwNU7. For registration questions contact Courtney Churchill at cmc534@cornell.edu or 845-340-3990. For program question contact Aaron Gabriel at 518-380-1496 or adg12@cornell.edu.

ACC art exhibit

=Alberto Rey admires how artists of the Hudson River School brought the vastness of the United States — then uncharted wilderness — into homes across the country.

“They used to go out with scientists to explore their environment and make that information accessible to the public,” said Rey, an artist and professor at SUNY Fredonia. “I’ve always had a love for the sciences and history, and it seems like art is a good way to make complicated issues accessible.”

Rey’s “Lost Beauty,” an exhibition sponsored by Southern Adirondack Audubon Society, will run Feb. 3 through April 14 in SUNY Adirondack’s Visual Arts Gallery. The show includes Rey’s examination of Iceland’s changing icebergs, the impact of a river’s pollution on surrounding communities and studies of extinct bird specimens.

“As the majority of the population in the United States moved from rural areas to urban areas, they’ve lost their connection to the environment,” Rey said. “And I think losing that connection is one of the reasons why we aren’t aware of what’s happening in our local areas and, if we don’t know what’s happening in our local environment, we’re less likely to understand what’s happening globally.”

In his “Iceberg” series, Rey studies the impact of climate change on icebergs in Iceland. “The ones I painted are now all gone,” he said. “I portrayed them with minimal light source, almost like they’re being lost in the dusk, lost in their own environment.”

In works drawn from “Biological Regionalism: Bagmati River, Kathmandu Valley, Nepal,” Rey focuses on Nepal’s Bagmati River, which has been ecologically decimated by systematic pollution and lack of government regulation, and the underrepresented people who live along and depend upon it.



“Lost Beauty”

Talk about markets

The Greater Greenwich Chamber of Commerce cordially invites you to a discussion on “Why Markets Tend to Go Up,” hosted by Edward Costello, CFP, First Vice President and Portfolio Management Director of Morgan Stanley’s Table Rock Group.

The event takes place on Thursday, February 10, 2022, at Gather 103, 103 Main Street, in Greenwich. Beverages and light fare will be served.

RSVP by calling (518) 793-4181 or email Group Director Joyce Rice at Joyce.Rice@morganstanley.com by Monday, February 7th.

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The economy: What's new for 2022?

Jill Schlesinger

Special to Journal & Press

It may have taken a brutal twenty-two months of a pandemic to do it, but when it comes to personal finances, there is one silver lining of the New Year: 84% of Americans say that they have learned to stop worrying about what they can't control. That tidbit was just one data point that jumped out from the Fidelity Investments Annual Financial Resolutions Study for 2022.

Before we get too jazzed about these results, the survey was conducted Oct. 18-24, 2021, long before we all had to learn how to pronounce Omicron. That said, one positive outcome of enduring the near two-year COVID era is that when faced with a financial crisis, we now understand that the old saying, "KISS" -- or "Keep It Simple Stupid," really works. When encountering a difficult financial crunch, the Fidelity respondents said that the best solution is to reduce expenses (54%) -- and then to dip into those precious and vital emergency savings (39%). Notably, the survey also found that compared to last year, stress levels -- those things keeping people up at night -- have "significantly decreased."

We don't know why financial stressors are down, but the government's massive stimulus efforts have helped a lot. The extra money, along with surging economic growth and job opportu-

nities aplenty, has helped many to let go of money-related anxieties. The combination has also boosted our general moods, with 72% of respondents confident that they'll be in a better financial position in 2022 and six in 10 Americans are optimistic about the future. Despite the more upbeat outlook, Americans are concerned about rising prices, with respondents citing inflation as the top concern for 2022. For workers, it's time to ask the boss for raise. This is a tight labor market, with 11 million job openings, which means that the power has shifted from employers to workers. To use the newfound leverage, conduct research for your industry and your specific job to find out the range of what people like you earn. Respectfully ask your boss if she can do better for you and if not, it may be time to seek another position.

For retirees, it's a more difficult, because while you will see a 5.9% increase in Social Security benefits, Medicare Part B, which covers doctors and outpatient care, will jump by a whopping 14.55%. As a result, 2022 may not be a great year to assist those adult children.

Finally, the one aspect of what's new in 2022 is what is not new. Diane Swonk, Grant Thornton Chief Economist noted "Living through the pandemic has been a bit like being Bill Murray's character in the 1993 film Groundhog Day. We

emerged from the first wave of infections and lockdowns hoping to return to the world we left behind only to realize we were entering a loop of recurring infections and disruptions that proved hard to escape."

As the world adjusts to yet another variant, it's time to address financial resolutions in a more informed way. The COVID period has provided a crash course in how to identify financial priorities, and it has also shown us which expenses are critical and which are not. When I talk about resolutions, I usually trot out my "Big Three" (1) Fund an emergency reserve that can cover 6-12 months of your living expenses (2) Reduce credit card or other high interest debt, and (3) Fund retirement plans to the best of your ability, especially if you have a company match. Until the pandemic, I advocated an equal weight for each of the three, but what's new in 2022 is that funding the emergency reserve should take precedence over the other two.

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Vinnie Mark and Scott Baker

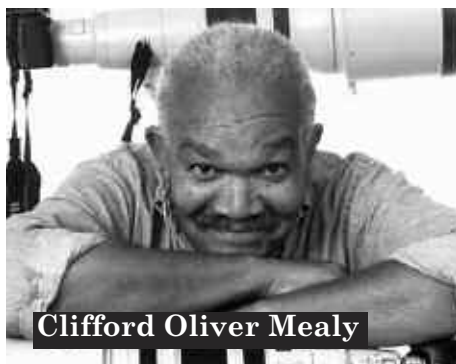
Mealy honored by town board; DAR event

In recognition of African-Americans and the role Blacks Americans played in U.S. History, the Town of Greenwich has declared Feb. 1, 2022, as Clifford Oliver Mealy Recognition Day.

The town, with assistance from the Willard Mountain Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, unanimously passed a resolution on Tuesday, Jan. 18, at a town board meeting to honor Mealy, a prominent figure in the community.

Mealy, who has lived in the community for 31 years, is well known for his work as a historian and volunteer.

He has spent many hours at the Greenwich Free Library researching local historical African-Americans and sharing his knowledge in events throughout the region from New York City to Plattsburgh.



Clifford Oliver Mealy

Among the events he started are regular tours of Greenwich homes that were stops on the Underground Railroad. He has also re-en-

acts the lives historic figures such as Solomon Northrup, Sgt. Henry Johnson, Lemuel Hayes and John Henry in an effort to bring greater understanding to the public on the struggles of African-Americans throughout history. He also has done research and presented programs on lesser-known African-Americans locals like Vince Taylor, a World War I veteran and member of the Harlem Hellfighters.

The Bronx-born Mealy is a professional local photographer who excels in both fine and commercial art with a concentration on the sport of polo. The retiree with the New York State Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation has also served as a crossing guard with his dog, Sophy, and a photography instructor with the summer L.I.F.T.S. program for children. He is also a regular volunteer at the Greenwich Free Library where he also sits on the board.

“Cliff is a special man who has enriched Greenwich and surrounding communities through his love of bringing history to life and at the same time, educating people to the contributions of African Americans who have lived in our community,” Supervisor Nolan said. “We are all the better for his many community endeavors.



Cliff embodies what Martin Luther King Jr. taught us: “The time is always right to do what is right.”

The DAR, whose membership arranged the honor with the town, agreed.

“Cliff didn’t have to adopt Greenwich as his own, but he did and we’ve reaped the benefits,” DAR Regent Sandy McReynolds said. “Through his community engagements over the years, especially his dedication to educate all ages about the influential role Greenwich played in the Underground Railroad-- he deserves this recognition. This could have all stayed a mere passage in a old book long forgotten, but Cliff has made sure that didn’t happen.”

The DAR will host a reception to honor Mealy at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, at the Greenwich Free Library, 148 Main St., Greenwich.

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Wayne R. Morris, 75

Wayne R. Morris, age 75, passed away on Sunday, January 9, 2022 at Jackson South Medical Center in Miami, FL from Pneumonia.

A Celebration of Life Service will be on March 12, 2022 at St Paul's Lutheran Church in Saratoga Springs, NY at 11am in person. This service is also available live virtually <http://www.spalutheran.org/live> A private funeral service will be held at The Saratoga National Cemetery.

Wayne R. Morris was born in Scranton, PA on March 5, 1946 and the son Doris and Jack Morris. He grew up in Lake Carey, PA enjoying boating and fishing. At age 14, Wayne was introduced to his next door neighbor, Susan Kropa. She quickly became his best friend and high school sweetheart. After his high school graduation, he enlisted in the United States Navy as an aircraft mechanic and air traffic controller. Wayne's entrepreneurial spirit began in the Navy where he sewed and loaned money with interest for extra money. On December 16, 1967 he married his high school sweetheart Susan Kropa. After completing his 4-year commitment in the Navy, he returned to Tunkhannock PA to start his family and begin an hourly production job with Proctor & Gamble. Between 1969 and 1975 he had two beautiful daughters and was consistently being promoted at work. He was offered a managerial position with P&G and transferred to their facility in Albany, GA. Wayne defined hard work and ambition and was actively sought after by companies within the paper industry. In 1975 he was offered a career advancing position with Georgia Pacific in Plattsburgh, NY. In 1978 he was scouted again, and accepted a Plant Manager position with Erving Paper in Brattleboro, VT. During his time with Erving Paper, Wayne also earned his Associated Degree in Business management. In 1986, American Tissue pursued Wayne to become their Plant Manager at their Saratoga Springs, NY facility. In 1987, after a 22-year career in mechanics and paper converting, Wayne and his wife Susan made the decision to start their own business and created Morcon

(Morris Converting) in Cambridge, NY to produce napkin, towel and tissue products. Wayne was a trusted businessperson known for his hard work, relationships and versatile converting. He served the paper industry with a rare passion. After 27 years of owning Morcon and 46 years in the industry Wayne and Susan sold Morcon and began their retirement in October of 2013. Although Wayne was a workhorse, he was an incredible husband and father. He dedicated his life to his family and simply enjoyed being with them. Through the years he enjoyed

traveling, hunting, fishing, farming, sporting dogs, maple syrup producer, wood working to name a few. Whatever he was interested in he became skilled at. The last 8 years of retirement, he enjoyed the Florida Keys, Greenwich and Lake George, NY creating endless memories with his family. He was a role model, proud husband, father, grandfather (poppy), and friend to all. Wayne was preceded in death by his daughter, Tammara Camp in 2015. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Susan Morris, daughter and son-in-law Laura and Chris Panarese and his 4 grandchildren, Samantha and Johnathan Panarese, Gus and Lukas Camp. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Memory of Wayne R. Morris to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 149 Lake Ave, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866.



RC churches news

Sunday Mass at Holy Cross Catholic Church is at 8:15 AM and Tuesday at 9 AM. St. Patrick's celebrates on Sunday at 11:30 AM and Wednesday at 9 AM. Immaculate Conception in Hoosick Falls is Saturday at 4 PM and Sunday at 10 AM and Monday at 9 AM. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available before Mass at Holy Cross at 7:45 and at St. Patrick's after the 11:30 Mass, or by appointment through St. Patrick's office.

Visitors are always welcome. The coffee hours have temporarily been put on hold due to the increase of COVID cases.

The Church wants everyone to be safe. If you are concerned about the weather, don't drive, be safe. If you are not feeling well, please stay home and take care of yourself. Masks are required. People may request their annual donations statement by calling St. Patrick's office at 677-2757.

Information about the Synod, Battenkill Catholic Lifelong Faith Learning Center: A Listening Church can be found on the parish website; battenkillcatholic.org. The site has articles, video, webinars, and a link to the Lifelong Faith Learning Center.

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Talking with Salem Super Evera Sue Clary

Felicia Reich
Journal & Press

Washington County's town of Salem saw significant enhancements last year and is set to continue their improvements in 2022. I had a chat with Salem Town Supervisor Evera Sue Clary to discuss these changes.

"When I ran for office, I wanted to encourage our young people to move back home and make it a place that they would want to move back to," said Clary. Since Covid, Salem has welcomed many young people back home, her family members included. Salem's newest residents also include young families, many of whom moved from the city, Clary said.

Through that process of making the town more attractive to younger populations, the town conducted a housing characteristic income survey. Volunteers went door-to-door to 350 residences to collect data on the town's median income. The town partnered with housing non-profit RCAP Solutions to help issue the survey.

Results from the survey make the town eligible for grant funding, according to Clary.

Clary recently applied for a United States Department of Agriculture grant to help fund the town's sewer system. The town had a feasibility study done about five years ago, Clary estimated. They will now focus on a preliminary engineering study, which will be more accurate to current needs and New York State sewer laws.

Information on the sewer system should be up and running on the town website in the next few weeks, according to Clary. Public access to the referendum will be available for people to look at what the benefits of the project will be and what it will cost.

Another major town project 2021

saw for the town of Salem were upgrades to the library. Included in those upgrades were ADA compliance and energy efficiency changes. "The town has put almost \$50,000 toward those upgrades," said Clary.

This year, new windows are slated to be the library's next project.

The cancellation of events due to Covid presented the opportunity for Clary and the rest of the town officials to carry out some improvements on the Georgi House.

"I look at these Covid times as a building time."

The Georgi House enlisted a third party firm to update its architectural assessment, and provide a guideline on how to best move forward in order to secure grant funding. Currently, the Georgi House is a non-entity which makes it difficult to secure grant funding, Clary said. However, the assessment, along with the new

'They are an energizing spark plug for our downtown.'

town attorney, will help them to apply for the right status.

Two of the latest additions to the Salem community include Kyle and Jared West, new owners of the Fort Salem Theater. Moving from their most recent home in Texas, they bought the theater in 2020.

"They are an energizing spark plug for our downtown," Clary said of the pair.

According to Clary, the Salem community plays a major part in town successes. "I look at the town of Salem as working hard together and networking together to make good things happen."

Another exciting Salem addition

last year: "The Hudson Headwaters Mobile Health Van pulled into town and started providing service beside the community courthouse."

The mobile health initiative started in Salem, and has since expanded its services to the surrounding region including Adirondack Community College.

All of these town improvements happened in the last 6-8 months, Clary noted.

In the summer of 2021, Salem Courthouse's Lunch, Learn, and Play program partnered with Fort Salem Theatre to present *Schoolhouse Rock Live! Jr.*, a production that featured children of all ages. Local artists community and nonprofit Salem Art Works contributed to the success of the show.

The day I spoke with Clary, she had a meeting scheduled with Chazen Engineering, the engineering group working on the new Salem Community Pedestrian Loop. "That will start having public information soon. We're going to start working on the schedule for that today."

Part of the 2022 plan for the pedestrian loop includes ADA compliance, according to Clary, who hopes to put in a grant for that soon.

The Town of Salem has also received a \$50,000 grant from Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner through New York State Department of Transportation to put in new sidewalks on East Broadway. Work on that project is set to begin this year.



The Georgi House



Fort Salem Theater -evera sue clary photos

Property transfers were taking place at extraordinary rates last year, according to Clary. "Every time you turned around, another property was selling in 24 hours."

"What's interesting is it's not retirement people that are buying these properties. It's young people...I think they're looking for quality of life."

Two local churches will continue to do their part in making the town an even more beautiful place to live for new and longtime residents, alike. Last year, volunteers repainted the entirety of the First United Presbyterian Church and restored their steeple, according to Clary. The Episcopal Church is set to repair their bell tower, as well.

Volunteers have played a big part in the town improvements. "All of these people have had to learn to network together," Clary says of the various town projects.

"Everyone's outside working. Getting things done. It's really terrific... I call it the building year."

Dress for success

Daneen Skube

Special to Journal & Press

Q: *I'm still working remotely and wondering how informal I can be when dressing for work these days. Everyone in my office has gotten pretty casual but for important meetings what do you recommend for your clients?*

A: I recommend my clients dress for the position they want not the position they have. Even in remote meetings you want the clothes on your upper body, hair, make up, or jewelry to convey a professional image.

There's an old saying that clothes make the man (or woman). Even though we've become casual during the pandemic this saying is true. Physical appearance is a powerful part of our nonverbal communication. If we slouch during a meeting we communicate indifference. If we wear an old T-shirt and look disheveled we convey a lack of respect for our work.

Imagine you're going on a date with someone you're excited about. You would put your best physical foot forward and pay attention to your appearance. You don't need to compete with a gorgeous news anchor but you would put energy into your appearance.

There are many good books on how clothes or styles communicate professionalism in different careers. Generally the more conservative your industry the more conservatively you dress. In finance, insurance, and top positions you'll still benefit from short hair (men), trimmed facial hair (men), suits (both genders), pearls (women), and tasteful make

up (women).

The color of your clothing also expresses emotion. Blue conveys truth, black seriousness, brown grounded, green soothing, or yellow welcoming. You can imagine how a pink multicolored outfit with colorful tattoos showing might influence an interview in finance.

To readers that say, "I gotta be me!" I'd advise expressing your unique personality during off hours. I have a brilliant male client with a ponytail that's working hard to climb a banking ladder. He has repeatedly not received promotions. You may think your hair should not influence your promotions but it often does.

You may believe you don't want to succeed in a world that judges your book by your cover. Unfortunately you cannot avoid this problem. People do not have enough time or telepathy to see your soul. Others will scan the cover you present and indeed judge your book by your appearance.

Dressing for success does not mean competing with the men or women on television. These personalities have fitness trainers, cosmetic surgeons, personal chefs, and makeup artists. A television career requires these people run their lives around beauty. Yes prettier people have an easier time at work but trying to compete with television personalities will make you neurotic.

In 2022 examine photos of people you admire that are successful in your industry. Evaluate how they present themselves. Clothes are the costume you wear to signal where you want to go in your career. Be willing to let your clothes signal all green

lights on the road for your success.

The last word(s)

Q: *When you personally evaluate your top priorities at the beginning of a new year is there a strategy you use to think about what matters to you?*

A: Yes I call it the "rocking chair strategy." Pretend you're 90, rocking on a porch, and look back on your life. What matters will jump right out at you?
Q: *I'm still working remotely and wondering how informal I can be when dressing for work these days. Everyone in my office has gotten pretty casual but for important meetings what do you recommend for your clients?*

Q: *I've noticed a lot of the worst coming out in people during this pandemic but also the best. Is there a reason that adversity affects people so differently?*

A: Yes, serious adversity introduces us (and everyone) else to our true selves. Adversity is the ultimate truth serum of each person's character.

Daneen Skube, Ph.D., is an executive coach and appears on FOX's "Workplace Guru" each Monday morning. You can contact Dr. Skube at www.interpersonaledge.com or 1420 NW Gilman Blvd., #2845, Issaquah, WA 98027. Sorry, no personal replies.



GCS grad's teaching award

The Greenwich Teachers' Association (GTA) presented Anna Watkins, a 2016 GCS graduate, with a \$500 stipend. Anna will be student teaching this spring at Queensbury High School in their Business Department with Sarah Hogan-Gauci. She is obtaining her Master of Science in Education at the SUNY Oswego. Anna has also been a substitute at Green-

wich Central School District.

The GTA offers a \$500 stipend to Greenwich graduates who are completing the student teaching portion of their college degree. Student teaching internships are unpaid and these students are often unable to work elsewhere during the student teaching semester. The stipend

helps to offset the expenses incurred when obtaining teacher certification.

Former GCS graduates may apply for the stipend during their student teaching semester. Contact Brenda Lee Saunders, GTA Treasurer, or another GTA member if interested in applying.

Saunders and Watkins, pictured.



Things for kids to do this February

Shirley Renauld
Journal & Press

Hope you like red, For the next two events, you still need lots of red.

February 1 is Chinese New Year this year, now more broadly called Lunar New Year (What does that mean?) Red is the lucky color. so for decorations get out your red paper again. Hopefully you still have red tissue paper to make wall hangings. It will be easier to cut multiple layers after you fanfold it. Cut snip-pets from the edges. Open the total paper, very carefully, and string them along your windows or walls. Now make lucky money and give it to someone – hopefully you'll get something green in return. With it, and of course wearing red, patronize a local Chinese restaurant. Remember to use chopsticks. In the fortune cookie, hope you get a good fortune. You can easily make your own meal: Cook noodles and add what you like. Make your own fortune cookies and give some away.

This is the Year of the Tiger of the zodiac (what is that?) of the Chinese calendar, so make paper plate masks. The celebration al-

ways ends with the Lion Dance parade, with a dragon at the end., Get enough people together to make a long one outside so you make sure you scare away everything bad from the old year. Of course, it's got to be very loud so it might be time to enlist Chelsie Henderson from Rural Soul Studio for drumming. The day traditionally ends with fireworks. Can you get help for that? Maybe you can get help from members of your local fire department in exchange for doing some community service for them. Maybe they're going to have a fundraiser bake sale for Valentines Day.

2022 Winter Olympics are in Beijing this year. Enjoy Opening Ceremonies on Feb 4, Closing ones on the 20th and your favorite Winter sports. What is the mascot? Why? You can do some of these sports locally. Where?

To everyone: Gung Hay Fat Choy!

Time to bake. Cookies of course. For muffins, put a marble between the paper and the tin before baking to get the heart shape. Make a big brownie heart. Make your pancakes and biscuits into heart shapes. Then there's candy...

Let's get on to decorating. Good time to get creative with papers (reds, pinks, purples; different weights), foam, scissors with designing edges, other tools like crimpers, paper punches... Make hearts into an indoor tree full of hearts. 3-D hearts make the best mobiles. Recycle some plastic into a sewing card. And then there's valentines. Who do you make them for? Good time to use riddles in them (Where do snowmen keep their money?). Rebus messages are fun, too: What words can you replace with pictures in "I can be a deer for U"? Try your hand at calligraphy, especially with paints and brushes.

Outdoors: Make hearts in the snow with food-colored water. Add birdseed hearts to your bird-feeding tree.

Oh, outdoors? It's almost Winter Recess. Start planning your fun.

A word about Super Bowl Sunday: Enjoy! If you don't want to make your own soup, order and pick up from the Easton Church's Souper Bowl Sunday afternoon.

Catch-and-release ice fishing tourney

A Saturday, February 19 ice fishing tournament at the Scout's Camp Wakpominee on Sly Pond Road in Fort Ann, a lake that has been closed to the general public for 100 years, is open to any interested angler.

The fund raising event will give ice fisherman a chance to fish 41 acre Sly Pond. The lake has been fished mostly by Boy Scouts attending events at the camp since 1920, so fishing pressure has been minimal.

Fish species found in the lake include Black Bass, Rock Bass, Yellow Perch, Pickerel and Pike.

Cash prizes will be awarded for the longest bass, and the longest fish that is not a bass. The tourney starts at 6 a.m. on February 19 and ends at 2 p.m. on February 19.

A "side pot" competition will award cash prizes for the longest aggregate species measurement of

Black Bass, Rock Bass, Yellow Perch, pan fish, and Pickerel caught.

This is a catch and release competition so date and time stamped photos must be submitted to compete. Cost to compete will be \$30 per person and \$60 per two-person team for anybody who registers prior to January 31.

The competition cost after that goes up to \$35 and \$70 per team afterwards. A patch will be provided to all participants.

Food will be available at the camp dining hall. Interested ice fishers can read the tournament rules and sign up in advance on the Twin Rives Council website here: <https://scoutingevent.com/364-52442>

Funds raised will be used for projects at the camp.

Camp Wakpominee is one of two camps operated by the Twin Rivers Council of the Scouts BSA. The council provides Scouting for boys and girls in eastern New York from Columbia County to the Canadian Border. For more information contact Rob Pattison at pattison_r@yahoo.com.



Three branches

Roger De Korp
Journal & Press

The Omicron variant may actually be the death knell of COVID 19 if we let it. Omicron presents itself in the upper respiratory system which is the reason it is so transmissible, but creates milder or no symptoms in most people. These two factors can create herd immunity which would truly end the pandemic. Despite the “mainstream” media’s continued efforts to panic everyone, on January 9th CDC Director Rochelle Walensky stated, “We may see deaths from Omicron, but I suspect that the deaths we’re seeing now are still from Delta”. As usual, however, there’s mixed messaging from the administration with the President of the United States stating, “We’re looking at a winter of severe illness and death” which, also as usual, is total fear mongering. Speaking of COVID, how many lives could’ve been saved if the administration

(and the “mainstream” media” had embraced early treatment of COVID patients instead insisting that the emergency use drugs (“vaccines”) were the only answer? The administration’s campaign against the use of therapeutics certainly contributed to the high death rate of those who had to eventually be hospitalized; one only has to look at the results of the proactive state of Florida to see that this is true. One case in point: Florida purchased thousands of doses of monoclonal antibodies, which they made available to state residents as needed; the Biden Administration, seeing the success of this, restricted Florida from purchasing additional quantities and reserved purchase for the Federal government. Instead of purchasing enough for all states, the Administration continued to push “vaccines” as their exclusive effort. On top of which, instead of purchasing COVID test kits in October in anticipation of a winter

surge, they waited until the Omicron surge happened to take action. Now test kits should arrive just about the time the surge is over. And instead of continuing to panic as many people as possible, the Administration should recognize natural immunity and start promoting antibody tests to ascertain how many people are truly at risk. Even liberal politicians and media are finally recognizing how poor the President’s response to

the pandemic has been.

Democrat leaders are skewering Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV) and Kyrsten Sinema, who refused to vote for BBB and are now refusing to vote for changing the Filibuster in order to pass Voting “Reform”. Senate Dems and the Left media are claiming that these two senators are in the vast minority in regards to both because there are 48 Democrat senators who will vote for it. The reality is that those 48 senators are the minority because 50 Republican sena-

‘Where are the supposed moderate Democrats the media speaks of?’

tors will also vote no, which means there are 52 opposed. Democrat leadership, as well as their confederates, are doing all they can to bully the two into acquiescing; never mind that Manchin and Sinema almost always have voted along party lines, including the earlier Liberal wish list, AKA the Infrastructure Bill; they both have stated that they’re actually in favor of the Voting “Rights” bill. BTW, one of the key pieces of the Voting “Rights” bill is the elimination of Voter ID, which supposedly is specifically to help empower more Blacks to be able to vote even though polls show that Blacks overwhelmingly are in favor of Voter ID. And if you oppose this bill and support election integrity, you are (naturally) a racist according to the President of the United States. In regards to the Filibuster, current Majority Leader Chuck Schumer railed against changing the Filibuster in 2005 when he was worried that Republicans were going to change it themselves, saying that, “They [Republicans] want to make this country a banana republic” and “It’ll be a doomsday for democracy if they do

[change it]”.

Speaking of which, besides Manchin and Sinema (who aren’t really moderates based on their voting records), where are the supposed moderate Democrats that the media speaks of? Since over the last five years almost no Democrat has crossed party lines on any vote in the House and Senate, how can any be considered “moderate” when they all support and vote for these Leftist bills? And how is it that with almost all bills there are Republicans who cross the aisle and vote with Democrats, but except for the rare instance of these two aforementioned bills, Democrats never cross over with their votes?

The Supreme Court just ruled against the Biden vaccine mandates on businesses, and upheld the mandate against health care workers. In addition to changing the Filibuster rules, Chuck Schumer and his gang want to pack the Court because he says it is overwhelmingly Conservative, Wrong again, Senator. Chief Justice Roberts – a big disappointment to conservatives – has ruled with the liberal justices many times, and now Justice Kavanaugh (you know, the one Democrats smeared so badly during his confirmation hearing) is following suit; both Justices sided with the Liberal members of the court in upholding the mandates against health care workers. This is just another case, in a long line of cases, that supports maintaining the traditional nine-member court.

Hoping for better from our three branches in 2022.

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Teaching: Electric Boogaloo

Cody Fitzgerald
Journal & Press

If you recall, I did some field experience for teaching at an anonymous local school (coined Mr. Johnson's by myself), and I recently went back. All together, it was a great experience and reaffirmed my love for teaching, but that's not what sells. Here's all my mishaps:

- I began telling the kids I was 32 and it helped significantly with making me look a little more like authority. I even went through attendance, picked a random kid and said "You know what, I think I went to school with your mom." He informed me his mother was 52.

'I began telling the kids I was 32 and it helped. I told one I went to school with his mom.'

- When I was working in elementary gym, most of the classes were fine, but the Kindergarteners were understandably easily distracted. We were indoors, and there was another class outside, so I tried to get the teachers' attention for a little bit of help. I quickly pulled back when I realized that putting "SOS" on a piece of paper and taping it to the window implies much worse than children misbehaving.

- The water fountains were closed and a child asked me for a cup to get water, but their teacher was out. When they went to gym, I went to the cafeteria and bought this student a water. This got out quick and all hell broke loose.

- I let students play UNO when they were done with their work one day. Imagine the embarrassment of calling the nurse and saying I'm sending a child down because they got a paper cut in their eye.

- Each study hall can send five students

to the library, so I quickly scoped out what children were giving me issues and sent 2-3 of them every class. This was quickly picked up on by other students and I did receive a reaming out by an 11 year old after the period ended.

- The Friday before Martin Luther King Jr. Day, I let the kids play trivia in study hall because it was right before a long weekend. This is now a daily occurrence where I am asked to play trivia and am no longer popular when I say no. I'd like to add that I have no issue playing, but I do just feel that playing games with kids every day may be frowned upon by the administration.

- Broke the copier machine.

- I did actually get to teach a little bit, and the students had a reading on the Constitution. We had a 30 minute block and the activity only took about 10, so I had to improvise. I began talking to them about the Constitution, and was asked if they can change the amendments after they've been set. After fighting my internal dialogue of "Well, your parents probably don't think so, but yes, it was written when they had slaves," I did answer the question and used the example of the Prohibition. I had to stop after I realized I'd been unintentionally monologuing about alcohol to 5th graders.

- This one is not necessarily a mishap, because I caught myself, but a kid told me he couldn't breathe in his mask and I said he was fine, and cited that I was wearing two. He replied, "Hmmm, you must be a Democrat." I bring this up not to do my usual politi-

cal speech but to beg you to please stop forcing your politics on your children. I don't care if you voted for Trump or Biden. (The previous statement was a lie.) Honestly though, regardless of your views, they are *yours*, not your kids. I see political attire on both sides of the aisle, and these kids get alienated by classmates who have different opinions. That being said, if we zoom out, THESE KIDS SHOULD NOT HAVE OPINIONS ON POLITICS. It's good to inform kids, I'm not arguing that. That being said, I know full well that the kids running around in "Let's Go Brandon" t-shirts have no clue what they're talking about, but mommy and daddy think it's a good idea to use their own child as a political pawn and make them lose potential friends. Feel how you want to feel, but DO NOT push this on your children, and shame on you if you do.

All together, this sounds like I'm complaining, but I truly am not. I love teaching, I love working with the kids, and all together I know education is where I belong. I've learned quickly that kids are nicer than adults, too, so get on that.

Cody Fitzgerald is a 2021 Schuylerville High School grad satirizing anything and everything he can get his hands on. Aspiring to become "one of the cool" High School English teachers, he now attends Siena College and hopes to share this outlook/coping mechanism with future generations.



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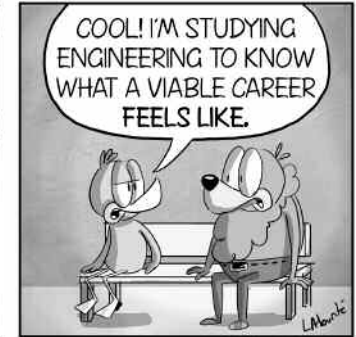
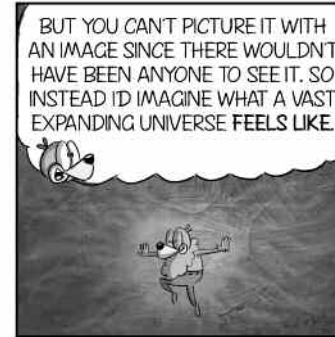
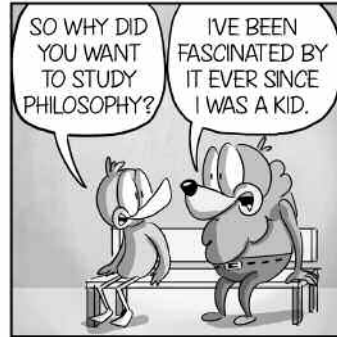
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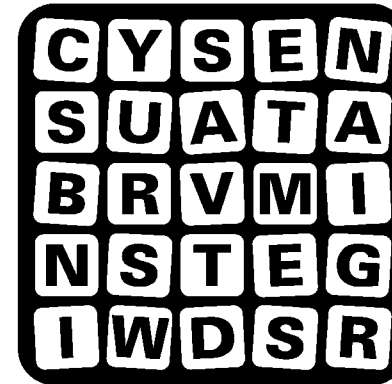
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A bridge collapses

Kaylee Johnson
Journal & Press

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

110 Years Ago

February 07, 1912

The town of Easton is, it appears, likely to be made the defendant, or one of the defendants, in damage actions for amounts aggregating \$13,340 and some odd cents as a result of the collapse of the Schuylerville bridge on October 30 last under the weight of an automobile loaded with furniture, and the dumping of truck, furniture and driver into the Hudson River. In fact, papers have already been served on the Easton town authorities in three actions growing out of the case.

It was on Monday afternoon, October 30, that the big truck owned by William A. Lee of Troy and driven by Ernest Marcelle started to bring a load of furniture belonging to James L. Leeds from Troy to Schuylerville. The Washington County end of the bridge was crossed in safety, but the second bent west of the island near the middle of the river collapsed under the weight, and the whole outfit went into the river.

90 Years Ago

February 03, 1932

Captain Walter P. Harris of Lake George claims to have been the first and only person to navigate the waters of Lake George in February. Driving his motorboat, "The Snub," Captain Harris left Lake George at 8:45 o'clock Monday morning and arrived at Baldwin at the north end of the lake three hours later. The morning was the coldest of the season, and while the lake was open for its entire length, the spray froze as it fell upon the boat and the tiny craft was covered with ice when Captain Harris brought it to dock at Baldwin.

70 Years Ago

February 06, 1952

Perhaps local people are not spending so much of their spare time before the television screen, lis-

tening to the radio, at the movies, or otherwise occupying themselves with entertainment and relaxation, and instead are borrowing books at the Greenwich Free Library. Whatever the explanation, there has been a slight increase in the circulation of books from the library this past year, according to the report submitted at the annual meeting of the library.

60 Years Ago

February 07, 1962

It was a full and exciting day for 24 international students for R.P.I. of Troy, who spent Friday visiting in this vicinity. Their experiences were all new for them, and included visiting the local school and a dairy farm skiing and an evening of relaxation.

Several of the visitors, most of whom are graduate students at R.P.I., had not been outside Troy since they came to this country this past fall.

Mrs. Philip Peters of Easton made all the arrangements for their visit here. They came in several private cars and their first stop was the Greenwich School. Twenty of the group visited the elementary school. They went to most of the classrooms, visited with the children, and had lunch in the cafeteria.

40 Years Ago

February 04, 1982

The Greenwich Historical association has been notified by Arthur Angrisani, of the Washington county highway department, that the project to replace Hegeman bridge has been disbanded.

He notified the association's secretary Helen Hoag by letter January 27 that the state department of transportation had informed the county in November, 1981, that the estimate for a new bridge was \$2,025,000 as opposed to the earlier estimate of \$946,000. The county highway department said the price was escalating beyond what they could afford and asked the state to look into the possibility of rehabilitating the existing structure.

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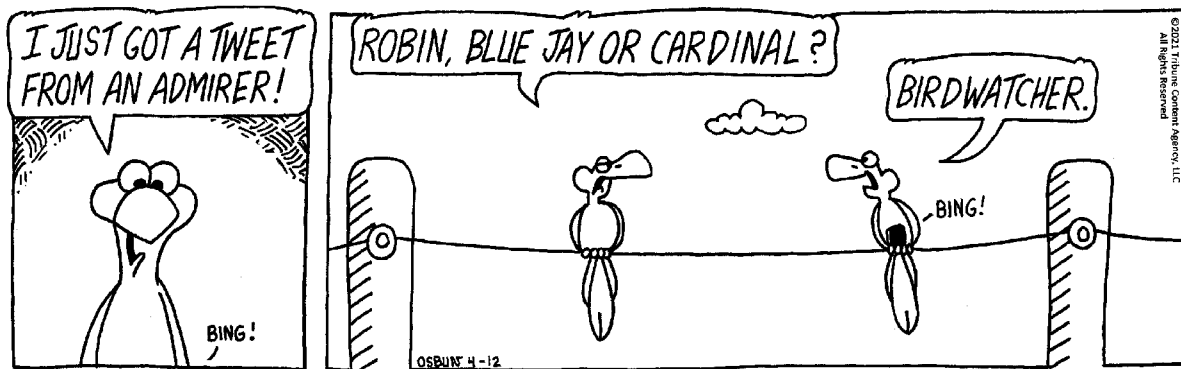
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Novelist and playwright Edna Ferber wrote the original, "Giant." ... The musical version of "Giant" is the work-in-progress of Michael John LaChiusa...

The show stars Kate Baldwin, an actress who was nominated for a Tony award, as Leslie, Aaron Lazar as Bick; and P.J. Griffith as Jett, Dee Hoty plays Luz and Andrea Lynn of Greenwich is Lil' Luz. ... Andrea wants everyone to know she is not "starring" in "Giant" – she appears in a supporting role – but she speaks and dances and sings ("a couple of songs"). Her mother will be seeing her in the production in Dallas later this month. Maybe other of Andrea's fans will be able to see her in the show when it returns to New York. With a lil' luck, Lil' Luz will return from the big state of Texas to the Big Apple in the big production.

The Funny Page

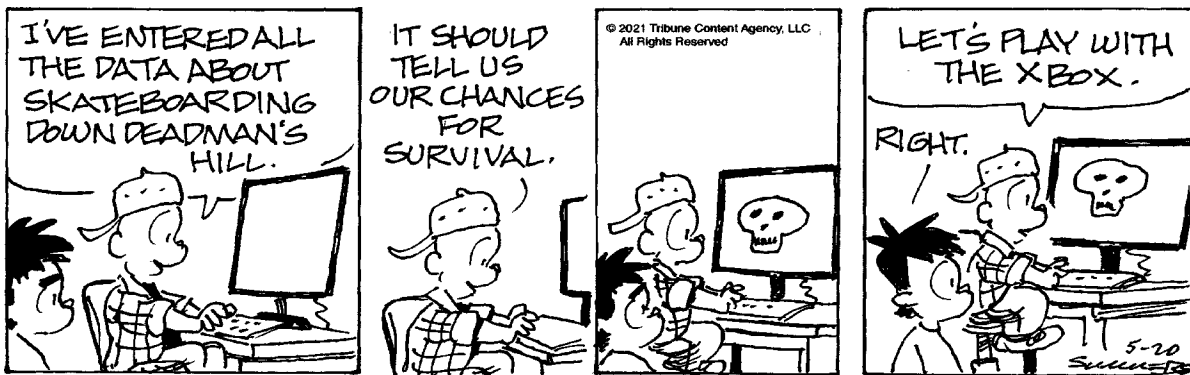
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Gasoline Alley by Jim Scancarelli



The Middletons by Dana Summers



Broom Hilda by Russell Myers



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

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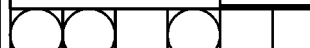
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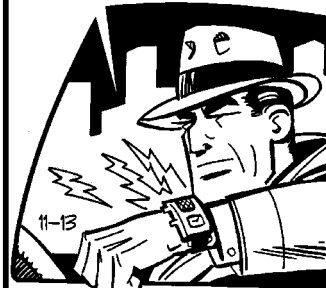
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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Today's Guest JUMBLER is
JOE STATION
Artist for DICK TRACY

CALLING DICK TRACY!
GREAT JOB SOLVING
THE LAST CASE. GET HERE ASAP
WE HAVE A NEW CASE FOR YOU



THE CITY WAS SAFER
BECAUSE OF
DICK TRACY'S ---

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



Puzzle
Answers
Page 24

Work to understand the vaccine hesitant

Darren Johnson
Journal & Press

About once a week, I have someone ask me to run a column telling people they should get vaccinated against Covid.

The county even ran a series of ads in this paper, saying the same, and we have run the occasional column or press release on the subject. We always notify people when there are vaccination pods in the area.

And I say this as someone who is triple-vaxxed, and as someone who was one of the first in line to get vaxxed when I became eligible — telling some unvaccinated people to get vaxxed actually has the opposite effect.

They've gotten the message that they should get vaxxed. They don't. Washington County has one of the lowest vax rates in the state.

I have to travel the state regularly, and see much higher mask rates in other parts of the state, as well.

But I'm not preaching. That's exactly what you shouldn't do if you want hesitant people to do something that's potentially unknown.

People have gotten the message and still resist. You have to ask yourself why is that?

'People have gotten the message and still resist. You have to ask why.'

Sure, some of it may be fear of needles or hesitancy about medical science in general. Many have friends who go onto mind-bending web sites adamantly discouraging vaccination, and they trust their

friends more than their local government, pastor or media.

Ultimately, let's not treat grown adults like children. "Eat your vegetables, or else!"

Let's reason that the average unvaccinated person does know the dangers and can weigh risk and reward. That's what I did when I chose to triple-vax. But, I could see, in another existence, choosing something else.

In an old Smiths song, the subject of the lyrics states: "I smoke 'cause I'm hoping for an early death/And I need to cling to something!"

Everyone has a different perspective on life and living.

Yes, I understand the danger that an unvaccinated person may be a spreader of viruses (a vaccinated person may, too, but to a lesser extent). And I read the various obituaries. I've noticed that among middle age people who die of Covid, they are almost wholly unvaccinated, though some older people who are vaccinated do die from Covid. People who are vaccine hesitant wonder about "comorbidities" — they say, "Well, he also had diabetes/heart disease/etc." But, while, yes, those other illnesses would eventually kill these people, that wouldn't happen *today*. Covid was the final straw, the preemptor of life.

These concepts are hard to explain to the vaccine hesitant, especially if they already see the world through a jaundiced eye.

Life isn't precious for everyone. Few people will admit that, or maybe their despair is subconscious. But, ultimately, it's a question of philosophy or psychology.

When weighing risk vs. reward,

if life itself is undervalued, one would decide that the vax doesn't matter much, bigger picture.

So the response to an anti-vaxxer is not to scold them. It's to be nice to them, to convey that life is worth living, and even a long-shot chance of dying isn't worth the risk. Ask them how they are doing. Is everything OK?

Tell them you care about them, and you're there for them.

The vaccinate conundrum isn't just about physical health. It also is about our larger mental health, as a society. If a large number of people are choosing not to get vaccinated, what does that say?

They may be saying that they aren't happy, that the system doesn't work for them.

Some pro-vaxxers cite past vaccination efforts, last century, when there was a much higher rate of compliance; say, for Polio.

Could you imagine if we had large numbers of anti-vaxxers then? How many more people would have suffered?

But maybe society was more cohesive then, maybe people, as a whole, were happier. They felt like they were a part of a community.

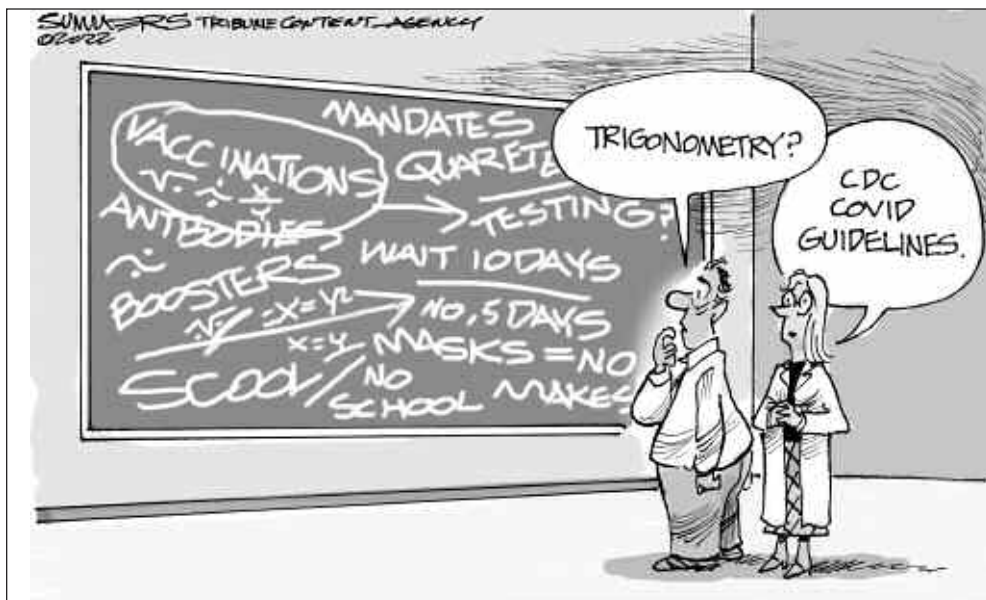
If, for the overall public good, we want more vaccine compliance, maybe we all need to work harder to make the public good.

Darren Johnson lives in Greenwich and publishes this paper and a higher education newspaper, Campus News, and teaches Journalism part-time at area colleges.



An Artist's Take

Political Cartoon of the Week by Dana Summers



Cambridge Crossword

(solution page 24)

Across

- 1 Impertinent talk
5 Man ___ : 1920 Horse of the Year
9 Avoid failing
13 Sunburn-soothing balm
14 Earring holder
15 ___ God: earthquake, e.g.
17 *Test of hand strength
19 Danger
20 "It's the ___ I can do"
21 Grown-up
22 Take place
25 Refine, as skills
27 Drink with a polar bear mascot
28 Gave voice to
29 *Ski resort purchase
31 Diagram for Web navigation
33 "Game of Thrones" channel
34 At some future point
35 It's given in the form of a question on "Jeopardy!"

- 40 Soccer official
42 "Goosebumps" series author
43 *Accidentally call without touching one's cellphone
48 Contributes
49 Ohio border lake
50 Pungent flavor
51 Brittany port city
52 Give in (to)
54 Patronized, as a diner
56 Circle or polygon
57 Express lack of interest on Tinder ... or a hint to the answers to starred clues
61 Downy duck
62 Compress, with "down"
63 Idris of "The Wire"
64 Fix, as socks
65 Salon selections
66 Lose traction

Down

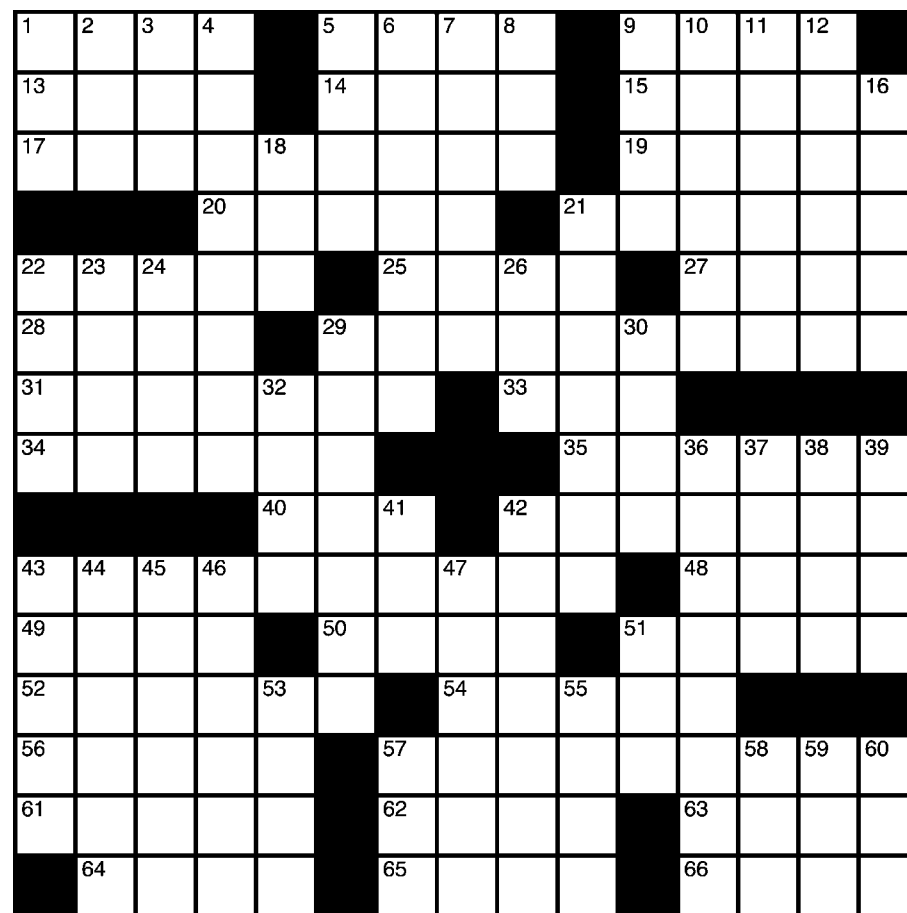
- 1 Maple-syrup-to-be
2 "Baby Cobra"

comic Wong

- 3 Jaden, to Will Smith
4 Peacefully hidden, as a retreat
5 Lingerie brand
6 Bow down to, perhaps
7 Not very much
8 Sales agent
9 Daddy
10 Acid type found in vinegar
11 Found in abundance, as oil
12 Evening party
16 Group of ships
18 Billy Joel's "Tell ___ About It"
21 NYC museum's fundraising gala
22 Bone, in Bologna
23 Biblical brother
24 Make mention of
26 High math degree
29 Baby shower gift
30 Charged particles
32 Female in a stable
36 Takes by surprise

- 37 Double-___ trailer
38 What means may justify
39 "Don't play" symbol, in music
41 Med-approving agcy.
42 Scott Joplin's music
43 "___ porridge hot ..."
44 Corsage flower
45 Loud insect
46 Lighthouse guardian
47 Sort of
51 Modern honey
53 Laura who won an Oscar for "Marriage Story"
55 Omar of "House"
57 Part of EST: Abbr.
58 Rockies bugler
59 DOJ division
60 Wee amount

ANSWERS ON PAGE 26.



Word Find

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

Find these words that are associated with electricity.

Ampere

Battery
Bulb
Cable
Charge
Cord
Current
Electric
Energy
Flow

Force
Fuse Box
Generator
Insulate
Juice
Light
Lines
Magnet
Nuclear

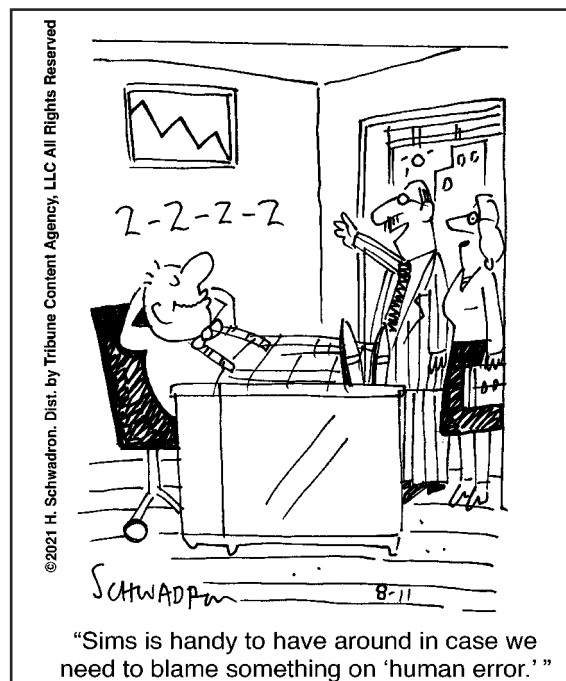
Outlet
Plug
Power
Shock
Solar
Spark
Splice
Volt
Watts

Wiring

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

9 to 5 by Harley Schwadron

Science Matters



Thin, bright ... what is an OLED?

High-quality televisions today have OLED (organic light-emitting diode) screens, but your 15-year-old camera may also have one.

Light fundamentals

Combining colored light is not like combining colors of paint.

Additive primaries: Red, Green, Blue

Light combinations: Cyan, White, Yellow, Magenta

LEDs versus OLEDs

An LED (light emitting diode) screen needs a glowing layer behind.

An OLED display makes its own illumination, lacking a backlight. It has infinite blacks, high contrast.

A grid of small colored pixels

The "organic" part: A grid of organic molecules that emit red, blue or green light when stimulated with electric charge.

Early uses of OLEDs

- 1997: First OLED product, a car audio display
- 2003: First digital camera with OLED external display
- 2007: First OLED television
- 2008: First OLED cell phone display
- 2013: First OLED smart watch display
- 2018: First foldable OLED screen phone

Promising new applications

Solid-state lighting is now commonly done with LEDs; can also use OLEDs.

They replace older lighting technology: incandescent filaments, plasma or fluorescent tubes; neon gas.

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Source: I.D. Case, "Lighting: The OLED Revolution," The New York Times, 1/11/2022



Are we reconstructed yet?

Lance Allen Wang
Journal & Press

The Civil War has taken on a whole new life in the mind of America over the past few years. As a history buff, I find it to be a great thing. That is, if it results in more Americans actually learning more about the Civil War. I've spent a whole lot of time reading and writing about American history, military history in particular. In graduate school I wrote papers about the Civil War, and as I often do, I found interesting little corners of history to focus on – for instance, I wrote about Confederate prisoners who, after swearing fealty to the Union, went and fought on the frontier against Native American tribes. They referred to themselves as “galvanized Yankees.” I also wrote about Confederates who went on to fight for the United States during the Spanish-American War, including former rebel cavalry commander “Fighting Joe” Wheeler, who wore the stars of a Federal Brigadier General and was the immediate superior of Col. Teddy Roosevelt’s “Rough Riders.”

‘Voices of participants who were previously marginalized are heard.’

General Ulysses Grant said it best when he concluded his memoirs with a simple statement about the Confederate cause – it was “... one of the worst for which a people ever fought, and one for which there was the least excuse.” In case there was doubt that the Civil War was about slavery, General James Longstreet, in my opinion one of the most talented of the Confederate generals, made it abundantly clear when he said that “I never heard of any other cause of the quarrel than slavery.”

I wrote a while back about how the post-Civil War “reconciliation” of the North and South was basically between whites. Some Northern whites were comfortable with the re-imagining of the Civil War to match the tales that an organization called the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) spun starting in the late 19th Century. Their re-imagining is sometimes called “The Lost

Cause Myth.”

Reconstruction was the United States’ response to the end of the Civil War. Former Confederate states would be “reconstructed” to bring them in line with the rest of the country. Secessionist governments would be replaced, and blacks would be properly integrated into society, including enforcement of their right to vote. Federal troops would help maintain order until such time as Reconstruction was completed. Ulysses Grant took over as President in mid-Reconstruction. While there were Southern blacks in the United States Congress by 1876, all was hardly well in the South. Some whites in the South were so angry about Reconstruction that they formed a racist militia called the “Ku Klux Klan.” They terrorized freed blacks and their white supporters, including assassinating Arkansas Rep. James M. Hinds in October, 1868 (who, in a bit of local history, was born and educated in Washington County, New York). President Grant crushed the KKK during his term through effective use of the Justice Department and his Attorney General. The Klan would re-emerge, however, following the rise of the UDC and the “Lost Cause” myth.

At its 1913 convention, the UDC unanimously endorsed a book called “The Ku Klux Klan, or The Invisible Empire,” written by one of their own historians, which held that the Klan was the rescuer of the South from racial violence inspired by Northerners. They built a memorial to the Klan in Concord, North Carolina. The Klan was portrayed as champions of Southern manhood in the 1915 silent film, “The Birth of a Nation,” which President Woodrow Wilson, a southerner, had shown at the White House. This now quite shocking title card was showed within the film: “The white men were roused by a mere instinct of self-preservation ... until at last there had sprung into existence a great Ku Klux Klan, a veritable empire of the South, to protect the Southern country. Woodrow Wilson.”

Ultimately, Reconstruction failed, a victim of political turbulence in Congress and a desire to move past the war, and the South slid backwards. Evidence of its failure was everywhere in the South up until the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Legal segregation was the rule, not the exception in the South, even as 1.2 million black G.I.’s came home from World War II. The military and civilian leadership of the Confederacy were li-



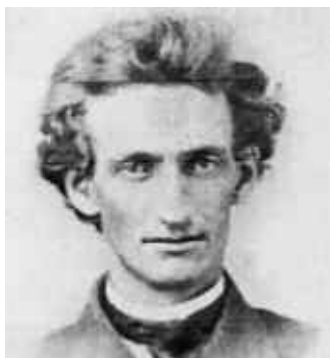
“Birth of a Nation”

onized and memorialized as heroes, even though the fundamental basis of the antebellum Southern economy and way of life specifically required this article of faith – because of who they were, one race must be dominated and stripped of its human rights.

What does this mean to you? To start with, we love our myths. Just as we love the myth that Christopher Columbus proved the world was round and discovered America, we love the UDC’s “Lost Cause” myth that the Civil War was about states’ rights, and it was about proud, honorable men fighting proud, honorable men. It makes history clean and easy, and doesn’t confront us with difficult questions about our ancestors – and ourselves. It is a product of my upbringing that I run TOWARDS difficult questions.

History is never complete. There are always new perspectives to apply to it. Voices of participants who were previously marginalized are heard. New documents are discovered or declassified. Archaeology results in new discoveries. And then there are ongoing discussions and debates as to the relevance and import of new information. Sometimes this results in new interpretations. Rather than being angry that history is “changed,” be glad that you have a clearer picture of who we were. It makes it easier to figure out who we are and how we got here, and ideally, a better understanding of who we can become.

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



Rep. James Hinds

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING GREENWICH CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a resolution adopted by the Board of Education of the Greenwich Central School District on January 18, 2022, a special meeting of the qualified voters of the School District be and the same is hereby called to be held in the cafeteria of the Greenwich Primary School Building, 10 Gray Avenue, Greenwich on Tuesday, March 15, 2022 from 12:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of voting on the following proposition:

PROPOSITION

Shall the Board of Education of the Greenwich Central School District be authorized to (1) construct, reconstruct, renovate and improve various School District buildings, facilities and sites, acquire original furnishings, equipment, machinery or apparatus required for the purpose for which such buildings, facilities and sites are to be used and pay costs incidental thereto, at a maximum cost of \$3,605,000, (2) expend \$925,000 from unappropriated fund balance to pay a portion of the costs of such purpose, (3) levy the necessary

tax therefore, taking into account state aid and the amount expended from unappropriated fund balance, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education, and (4) in anticipation of the collection of such tax, issue bonds and notes of the School District at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$2,680,000, and levy a tax to pay the interest on said obligations when due?

The vote upon such proposition shall be by ballot registered upon voting machines and by absentee ballot. The hours during which the polls shall be kept open shall be from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. or for as long thereafter as necessary to enable qualified voters who are in the polling place at 8:00 p.m. to cast their ballots. A qualified voter is one who is (1) a citizen of the United States of America, (2) eighteen (18) years of age or older, and (3) resident within the School District for a period of thirty (30) days next preceding the date of the vote. The School District may require all persons offering to vote to provide one form of proof of

residency pursuant to Education Law section 2018-c. Such form may include a driver's license, a non-driver identification card, a utility bill, or a voter registration card. Upon offer of proof of residency, the School District may also require all persons offering to vote to provide their signature, printed name and address.

Absentee ballots may be applied for at the office of the School District Clerk.

Applications for absentee ballots must be received by the School District Clerk at least seven days prior to the vote if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or on or prior to March 14, 2022 if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. The Education Law also makes special provisions for absentee voting for "military" voters of the School District. Specifically, the law provides a unique procedure for "military ballots" in school district votes. Whereas absentee ballots must be received by the voter by mail, a military voter may elect to receive their absentee ballot application and absentee ballot by mail, email or facsimile. The military voter must, however, return their original military ballot application and

military ballot by mail or in person.

The District Clerk of the School District shall transmit the military voter's military ballot in accord with the military voter's preferred method of transmission. All absentee ballots must be received in the Office of the District Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m. on March 15, 2022. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available in the office of the School District Clerk from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. prevailing time on each business day prior to the day of the election. Any qualified voter may challenge the acceptance of the ballot of any person on such list, by making his challenge and reasons therefor known to the Inspector of Election before the close of the polls.

Dated: January 18, 2022

Rachel Logan

District Clerk

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Salem K-6 raises funds

Salem Washington Academy students grades K-6 are participating in the Read for Ronald McDonald House Charities program (Read for RMHC). The program supports Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Capital Region (RMHC-CR), an organization dedicated to helping children and families, especially those struggling with childhood illnesses and injuries. They work to keep families together and close to the care that they need.

Reading for RMHC began Wednesday, January 12 and runs through Friday, February 11. Students are encouraged to gather donations from family and friends in support of their reading. Donations raised will be used to support the families served by RMHC-CR.

Pictured (L-R): Landon Sullivan, Mrs. Meredyth Junco, Leah Valigorsky and Gracelynn McCullough.



Salem: Order your Easter pies

The Deacons of the First United Presbyterian Church in Salem are selling pies for the 9th year from Smith's Orchard Bake Shop.

The price is \$13 for these homemade pies. They come frozen ready to bake when you need a large full pie for your guests. This is just in time for Easter. The Orders are due by March 15th for delivery at the church on April 2nd. There are many varieties of pies offered.

Please call Jane Keys at 518-854-3418 to place your order. The Deacons appreciate your support for their fundraiser and give back to the community and church with the profit earned.

Valentine's cabaret and 'Little Shop'

Fort Salem Theater has just made two exciting announcements: an intimate Valentine's Day-weekend cabaret concert has been added to the 50th Anniversary Season lineup, plus casting details for their upcoming production of Little Shop of Horrors!

The Valentine's-themed concert, starring actress and singer Janelle Farias Sando, titled "Gettin' Over That Rainbow" takes the Fort Salem Theater cabaret stage for one night only on Saturday, February 12 at 7:30PM. Tickets for the event are \$35/each, sold 2 or 4 per table, with less than 50 seats available total.

Hailed by American Theater Magazine as one of "20 Theater Workers You Should Know," and recipient of the Sammons Center Cabaret Artist of the Year, Dallas Voice Actress of the Year, and DFW Theater Critics Forum Award, New York City-based Janelle Farias Sando's powerhouse vocals and astute storytelling skills have taken her across the country, starring in intimate cabarets, large-scale musicals, and world-premiere works like Broadway Backwards (Broadway Cares Equity Fights Aids, New Amsterdam Theatre, NY), Cabaret (Sally Bowles), End of The Rainbow (Judy Garland), Guys and Dolls (Sarah Brown), The Boy From Oz (Judy Garland), The Cuban and

the Redhead (Carole Lombard), Thoroughly Modern Millie (Millie), Light In The Piazza (Clara), The Last Five Years (Cathy), South Pacific (Nellie Forbush), Lady in the Dark (Liza Elliot) and Nine (Claudia). A member of Actors Equity Association, Ms. Sando is represented by The Ann Steele Agency, New York.

On the mainstage, Little Shop of Horrors opens March 11, running through March 20. Starring in the musical is Salem favorite Iris Rogers as Audrey. Rogers is known not only for her skills on stage, but by her 1.4 million TikTok followers (@irisrora) as the owner of the Washington County hemp farm, Homestead Hemp, where she's been famously searching for the farm's missing deed in a series on the social media platform. She co-stars opposite Francesco Carlo Archina, a Denver, Colorado resident temporarily returning to his upstate roots, as Seymour. They are joined by Dan Costello as Mr. Mushnik, Sam Jaffe as Orin Scrivello, D.D.S, Jedidiah Shortte as Ronnette, Michaela Torres as Crystal, Alina Jennings as Chiffon, Maureen Cossey as the Voice of Audrey II, and Anna Threet as the Audrey II puppeteer.

The production is directed and choreo-

graphed by guest artist Harry Turpin, who appeared in the 30th Anniversary National Tour of Annie. Turpin has directed professionally across the country, including staging titles like Guys and Dolls, White Christmas, Beauty and the Beast, The Who's Tommy, Sweet Charity, Anything Goes, Hello, Dolly!, Grease, and West Side Story, among others. For his work, he has been recognized with the Gregory Award, several BroadwayWorld Awards, and "Best of the Fest" at Seattle Fringe. Little Shop of Horrors marks Turpin's Fort Salem Theater debut.

Dr. John Norine Jr. returns to Fort Salem Theater as Music Director and Technical Director, having visited as a guest artist for The Marvelous Wonderettes and Next To Normal, among other events. Originally from Utica, NY, Norine has his Bachelor of Music from the Crane School of Music at SUNY Potsdam, where he studied music theory and history. He then continued his graduate studies at the University of



Janelle Sando

North Texas, where he graduated with Master and Doctor of Musical Arts degrees in Performance, studying Orchestral Conducting under Anshel Brusilow and Clay Couturiaux.

Ethan Drinkwine serves as stage manager, with Charles J.I. Krawczyk as scenic designer, Janelle Sando as costume designer, Courtnie Harrington as hair & makeup designer, and Michael Gallagher as the rehearsal & performance accompanist.

Little Shop of Horrors performs on Fort Salem Theater's mainstage March 11-20, kicking off the theater's 50th Anniversary Season. Tickets are on sale now, starting at only \$15. For more information, visit www.FortSalem.com.

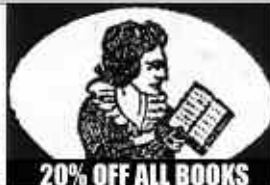
Help Wanted: CDL Class A driver

CDL Class A driver needed for local bulk feed deliveries. Loads originate out of the Cargill Animal Nutrition plant in Salem, NY. Local work – home every night. Average of 50 hours per week – Monday thru Friday. Would consider part-time. Full time benefits include health, dental and vision insurance, 401K, and vacation time. We are a small, family owned business with the benefits of a large company. Applicants must be able to demonstrate good attendance, attention to safety and competent driving skills.

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