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Jeff Derby being sworn in this past January.

After just four months and before the summer pavings, town is back to an interim.

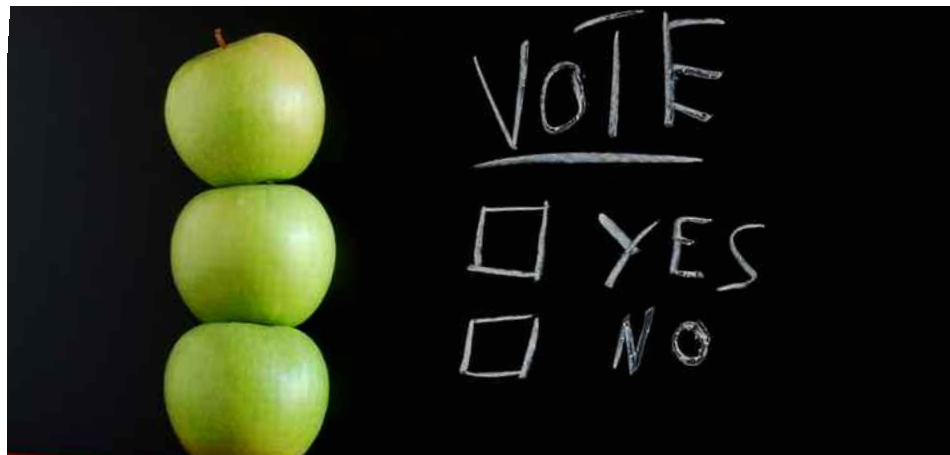
Drama with Greenwich Town's Highway Department continued as recently elected superintendent Jeff Derby handed in his letter of resignation, which was accepted at a council meeting on April 19. He had only served four months in the elected post, and the previous year had also been filled by an interim.

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Greenwich CSD vote

School budget and board elections are May 17. Greenwich CSD's 2022-23 proposed budget is \$23.3 million; this would be an increase of \$719,081, or 3.18%, over last year, if voters say yes. There also are three contested school board races. Polls open 8 to 8.

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Planning and planting for the future

Kate Sausville
Journal & Press

Spring is here. Aside from a quick snow storm last week, the weather has been warming up nicely. Grass is turning green, trees are budding, and allergies are in full force. It's a small price to pay for being able to walk outside without having to first bundle up. Even our dog appreciates the warmer weather and prefers to spend her time sunbathing in the backyard. Earth Day was also this past week, and it featured activities like neighborhood clean ups and planting trees. Local nurseries and big box stores are busy with weekend warriors picking out plants, trees, and other items to make their yards a spring and summer oasis.

When we bought our current home, it was a complete blank slate when it came to landscaping. For several years we had to put money into projects that were necessary but not very exciting. First, the drainage, so much drainage. You gotta love the clay soil of Washington county. Then we had to clear land that had been pasture. Rocks, so many rocks. More recently we have been able to finally get planting some trees and plants to enhance the yard and hide some problem areas. Initially we went to some big stores and picked up the least expensive trees, shrubs, and plants. Some lived, most died. Ever the optimists, we left an obviously dead tree up for a couple of years in hopes it would come back to life. It didn't.

We learned that having a landscape plan is important when it comes to putting new plants in your yard. There are of course apps that you can purchase, and each one has its own pros and cons. Ideally going to a local garden center and speaking to someone who is familiar with the local environment is preferable. We have found the big box stores tend to want to push products but are not necessarily well versed in what will do well in your soil or area. Thus you wind up with either something that dies quickly or takes over to the point it is difficult for anything else to grow.

Unfortunately most of the big nurseries sell nonnative plants, and sometimes even invasive plants. This has catastrophic consequences to the local environment. In some cases invasive species may look attractive from afar, such as the Bradford pear tree, but have ugly impacts on their environment. The scent of the trees' flowers has been com-



pared to rotting fish and baby poop. The tree can cross breed with other pear trees, and those offspring have thick thorns which are sharp enough to puncture tires. They choke out native plants and trees, and wildlife will not nest in the tree. And any local resident can tell you about the invasive giant hogweed, which was introduced years ago as an ornamental garden plant. It is so pervasive, it flourishes along the roads and in pastures. It produces a sap that causes chemical burns and can leave scars.

As stewards of the land, we need to be thoughtful and careful about what we are planting, with an eye on the future. There is a saying that even the smallest stone makes a ripple in the water, and the same is true about what we plant. Native plants can attract pollinators such as bees and butterflies, which in turn helps our gardens, and allows us to grow food. As climate changes impact our environment, we can do our best to mitigate the effects by caring for the land.

For more information on invasive species, or advice on native plants to use in your landscaping, you can access the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. <https://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/95383.html>

Kate Sausville is a resident of Greenwich.



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Vets parade returns

The Greenwich Veterans Parade will return for the first time since before the pandemic began. VFW Post 7291 Commander Tim Taylor tells us: "I would like to invite and encourage all Veterans to join us in the Memorial Day Parade on Friday, May 27. If you cannot do the entire parade, fall in as we pass on Main Street or attend the service at the Post following the parade. It is hoped that we can provide rides for those who cannot march." More details in our next issue.

Greenwich CSD board election, budget vote

Felicia Reich
Journal & Press

Washington County has seen many important races lately, with the May 17 Greenwich school board election and budget vote being just one of them. The 2022-23 proposed budget is \$23.3 million; this would be an increase of \$719,081, or 3.18%, over last year, if voters say yes. Polls will be open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The current school board positions open for re-election are/were held by Laura Lemoine, BOE Vice President, Stacy Perkins, and James Nolan.

Lemoine is the only board member who continues to presently hold their board position, a position which expires later this year. Perkins and Nolan vacated their seats at the end of their term limits on October 24th, 2021 and December 22th, 2021, respectively. Lemoine's term is set to expire on June 20th, 2022.

The person elected to fill Lemoine's seat will begin their five-year term on July 1st, 2022. The candidates for this position include Amy Wise Foster and Erin Bovin.

Wise Foster, a resident of the district for 18 years, holds Bachelors of Arts in Psychology and Italian from Mount Holyoke University and a Masters of Education in Counseling from Boston University. In a response regarding the most important issue facing our district, Wise Foster replied, "Mental health needs of our students after two years of the Covid pandemic."

"With 22 years in the field of social work and human services," she continued, "I am well aware of community resources, programs and initiatives to link students to these services."

Bovin, a district resident for 35 years and a Board of Education member for four years from 2018-2022, aims to "foster a collaborative environment for all parties," including parents, staff, students, and the community, for more transparency, amidst Covid-19 challenges and New York State mandates.

The person to fill Perkins's seat will serve for 2 years, effective March 18th, 2022. The candidates for this position include Thomas Powers and Liv Thygesen.

Thygesen is the President of the Greater Greenwich Chamber of Commerce. She holds a Bachelor of Education, Spanish with Elementary Extension, from St. Rose, Masters of Education, English as a

Second Language from Meredith College, and a certificate in Anti-Money Laundering - Accounting from Schenectady Community College.

"In a school system where student enrollment has been declining at an average of 16% annually and the budget has been increasing 17% annually, it is critical to analyze the school's financial priorities and budgeting," she said of the district's need for financial due diligence and community involvement. "I have a strong financial background and specialize in big picture financial planning... I will review the budget, ask critical questions and help other board members to better understand the numbers and figures that they are looking at. I will be the voice of the community to help them better understand the financial situations ahead of them in the district."

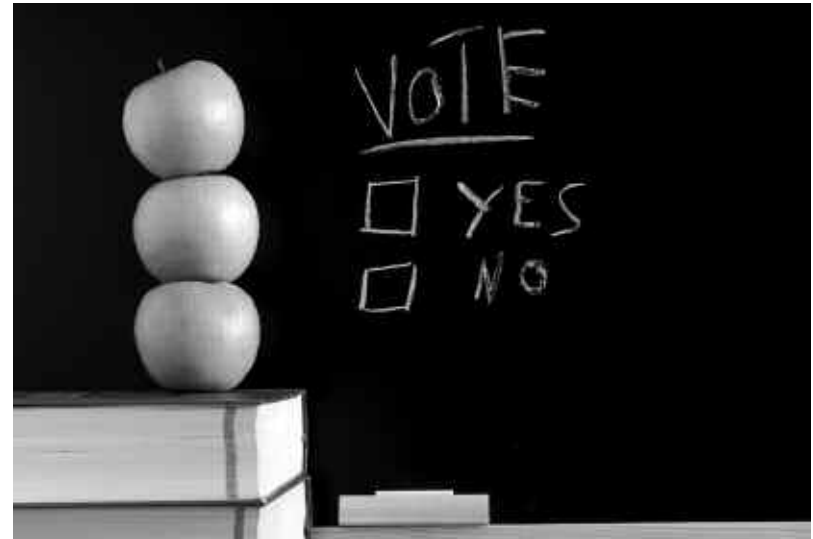
Powers is a school psychologist by trade with undergraduate and graduate degrees from SUNY Plattsburgh. "I believe the effects of Covid-19 had on student achievement and continued changes and demands of the 21st century economy are the most important issues," he said. "My education and experience will bring a unique perspective to the Board of Education. I hope to bring an openmindedness and problem-solving approach to help administrators and teachers provide high quality education for all students within the district."

Regarding the third and final position open for re-election, the person to follow Nolan in the one-year-term-limit position will come into office on May 18th, 2022. The candidates to fill Nolan's position include Colleen Burgess and Heather Mattison.

A 45-year resident of the district and 1995 graduate of Greenwich Central School, Burgess is a massage therapist and holds a Bachelor of Science in Physical Education from SUNY Cortland. For Burgess, the most important issue facing our district is "the involvement of the parents, admin, and teachers at the school board level."

"I want to create an inviting environment that people are comfortable to come and express any questions, comments, or concerns," said Burgess.

Mattison, a member of the Washington County Headstart Policy Council and district resident for 8 years, studied human services and early childhood education.



"The Covid 19 pandemic and encouraged isolation to prevent community spread acted as a catalyst for increased mental health and substance use issues amongst our families with decreased access to services and social support," Mattison said of the most important issue facing the district.

As a Harm Reduction Specialist and Outreach Coordinator, Mattison has "keen awareness of associated behaviors and impact. I'm also familiar with services, supports, and evidence based practices for best possible outcomes."

Mattison has also served on the Salem Area Opioid Task Force and the Council for Prevention.

Among the other changes to the Greenwich Central School District include the upcoming \$23.3M budget vote. (See legal ad, page 12.)

This year's annual budget vote will also decide on new equipment for the district, the establishment of a capital reserve fund, and increases in appropriation for the Greenwich Free Library and Easton Library. New equipment includes one school bus and two transportation vehicles. The total cost of these vehicles is not to exceed \$195,500.

A capital reserve fund would be established for projects on school buildings, either new construction, maintenance, or services attached to the buildings, such as "furnishings, equipment, machinery or apparatus required in connection with such buildings, facilities and sites," according to the school district.

Regarding library funds, the school board will vote on an increase of roughly \$3,000 for the Greenwich Free Library and \$2,000 for the Easton Library.

Argyle Town Board meeting notes

Robin Lyle
Journal & Press

The Argyle Town Board meeting took place on Wednesday, April 13, at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were Supervisor Bob Henke, Town Councilmembers: Steve Bonhote, Kevin Hayes, Scott Lufkin, Highway Superintendent Mark St. Jacques and Town Clerk Shelley McKernon. Attendees included Argyle Village Mayor Darren Smith, Town Justice Stacy Davis, and Dan Sill, owner of Tamarack Compost. Councilman Patrick Sullivan was absent.

The Board elaborated on plans to get community input on the use of American Rescue Plan (ARPA) dollars distributed to Argyle. Hayes stated: "The regulations just became final at the first of this month. This is a very unusual funding process. The rules are very general, but that makes it more difficult to pigeon hole acceptable use of the funds." The Town of Argyle has already received half of the approximately \$344,000 designated for the Town and the remainder should arrive in July.

The Board scheduled the ARPA community meeting for Wednesday, May 25, 6:00 p.m. at the Fire Department. Speakers will be limited to 10 minutes each and should become familiar with the guidelines to ensure their project meets the regulations. ARPA requirements may be found at: <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/SLFRF-Final-Rule-Overview.pdf>.

Supervisor Bob Henke reported that the town received an application for a solid waste permit from Tamarack Compost for a food composting facility at 5898 State Route 40 in North Argyle. Owner of Tamarack Compost, Dan Sill, is currently operating a livestock composting operation at the same site. He was present and briefly de-

scribed the plan. Sill stated that the food composting operation "will be in a separate area from the large animal composting and will use the usual three parts carbon to one part food waste."

The NYS Food Donation and Scrap Recycling Act took effect on January 1, 2022. The law requires producers that average two or more tons of food waste a week to compost if they are within 25 miles of a facility. Sill stated that, currently, the nearest food composting facilities are in Bethlehem, NY and Rutland, VT. He said that local groceries such as Hannaford and Price Chopper and two correctional facilities would meet the criteria for mandatory composting.

"Currently 40% of all food produced goes into a landfill," Sill said. The law is intended to reduce greenhouse gases, such as methane, that are released from decomposing food waste sent to landfills. Henke stated that the Solid Waste Committee will be convened to allow public comment on the proposal.

In other news:

- Town Justice Stacy Davis asked the Board to approve a pay increase for the Town Court Clerk. The Board passed a \$2 per hour increase.

- Supervisor Henke introduced the new Argyle Village Mayor Darren Smith. Henke stated that Mayor Smith is leading the Village to work on a Water Source Protection Plan with the Lake Champlain - Lake George Regional Planning Board. "Argyle Village is one of the first in the area to start working on a plan," Henke stated. Henke suggested that a member of the Town Board be included on the working group because most of the water sources are located in the Town. Councilman Lufkin volunteered and was appointed.

- Highway Superintendent Mark St. Jacques stated that a shoulder machine for roadside maintenance was for sale online for \$30,000. He said that the Town of Salem might be interested in sharing the equipment with Argyle. The town of Kingsbury has a machine currently and does loan it to other towns, but the demand makes it hard to access. Hayes stated that he's "in favor of anything we can do jointly with other towns because it cuts costs."

- Councilman Scott Lufkin said that his family will donate to the Town an old Argyle Town Highway Department truck that they purchased at auction. The Councilmembers discussed restoring the truck body to its historic period and displaying it outside the Town garage.

- Two residents from properties on North Street Road sought explanation for why the Town doesn't maintain their portion of the road. Supervisor Henke explained that the Town "has to go by what New York State has on inventory for our roads." If that portion of the road is not on the inventory, the Town is not authorized to maintain it. Superintendent St. Jacques will check the inventory and notify the residents.

Stimulus Meeting

Supervisor Henke announced that the Town of Argyle is holding a public forum to collect proposals for projects to use the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funding. The meeting will be held at the J.A. Barkley Hose Company on Route 40 in Argyle on May 25, 2022 beginning at 6 PM. Presentations will be limited to 10 minutes to ensure time for everyone to be

heard.

Presentations should include the following information:

1. Name of the organization requesting funds
2. Time period when the funds are needed
3. Not-For-Profit status. If not a 501(c)(3), explain fiscal status
4. Contact information for an organization representative
5. Specific amount of the request
6. Description of specifically how the funds are to be used
7. If funds are to replace revenue lost due to COVID, provide a fiscal summary.
8. How the proposed use fits into the funding rules.

Regulations for use of the funds are quite specific and presenters should have carefully reviewed them. The regulations governing the use of ARPA funds may be found at the following website: <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2022-01-27/pdf/2022-00292.pdf>.

As a starting point to help understand the regulations, an overview of the ARPA requirements may be found at: <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/SLFRF-Final-Rule-Overview.pdf>.

For further information contact: Town of Argyle, (518) 638-8681.

Bird walk

Dionondehowa's annual Bird Walk will be held from 9AM to Noon on Sunday, May 15 at the Sanctuary, 148 Stanton Road, Shushan. Those attending are asked to dress for the presence of ticks. A donation is requested for this event.

Questions: 518-320-0502 or dionondehowa@yahoo.com,

'Seeing Jesus' talk

Join Paul Murray, Ph.D., and Dr. MaryNell Morgan as they converse about Dr. Murray's new book: "Seeing Jesus in the Eyes of the Oppressed: A History of Franciscans Working for Peace and Justice." This takes place in the Community Room of the Greenwich Free Library on Thursday, May 12th, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Dr. Murray is a Professor Emeritus of Sociology at Siena College. He is a veteran of the Civil Rights Movement and has published numerous articles about Catholic activists in the movement. His latest book tells the stories of eight Franciscans – four priests, three sisters, and one brother – who struggled to create a more just and equitable society in the United States after WW II. From the book jacket description: "Following WWII, the United States enjoyed unprecedented prosperity as the post-war economy exploded. While Americans pondered affluence, U.S. Franciscans focused on the forgotten members of U.S. society, those who had been left out or left behind. Murray explores Franciscan efforts to establish racial and economic justice and to promote peace and nonviolence."

Introducing the conversation is Dr. MaryNell Morgan, a Professor Emerita of the Social Sciences at SUNY-Empire State College and she continues to sing as her avocation. Much of her teaching and singing has focused on the life and work of William Edward Burghardt (W.E.B.) Du Bois, a founder of Sociology as a field of study, a founding member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), and a scholar-activist who worked throughout his life for social justice, civil rights, women's rights, world peace, and more – much like the Franciscans whose stories are told in Dr. Murray's book. Dr. Morgan recently presented her program of "The Sorrow Songs in The Souls of Black Folk" at the Greenwich Free Library.

Health and safety at the event: The event is limited to 40 participants, and all must register for the event in advance. To register, email grn-director@sals.edu, or call the library at 518-692-7157, or visit www.greenwichfreelibrary.org to reserve your spot.

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Your property tax assessment: What does it mean?

To the Editor:

By now you have received your property assessment and no doubt are concerned about its effect on your property taxes. In Greenwich the property tax is the primary source of revenue making up almost 70% of Greenwich's \$1.9 million 2021 budget. It is also a significant expense for homeowners, year in and year out.

In its simplest form, the real property tax is calculated by multiplying the value of land by the tax rate.

The key words here are the "tax rate." Unlike the sales tax or gas tax the property tax rate is not fixed but varies each year depending on how much the Town needs to raise to pay for the budget. So even though your assessment goes up the tax rate may actually go down if the Town doesn't increase its spending. *Although, Town assessments increased I reduced the tax rate in two years from \$2.75 [2020] to \$2.64 [2022] without decreasing Town services. It is all about the taxable portion of the budget!*

During my two years in office, we worked to prioritize spending between "must have" such as infrastructure and "like to have" with an overall goal of not increasing the tax rate. That meant looking at every expenditure to see if was critical, necessary, desirable

or just plain nice to have. Lastly, we calculated the impact of the budget on the homeowner because in Greenwich most of the budget is paid for by the residential home taxpayer. Greenwich does not have a large or extensive commercial tax base like Saratoga or Wilton. Seventy dollars of every one hundred dollars raised by the property tax is paid by a homeowner.

While you are undoubtedly justified to be concerned about the effect of an increased assessment on your taxes, I urge you to also pay attention to the way your town goes forward in the coming years with spending your taxpayer dollars. *This is true for village and school tax rates. The school places the largest tax burden on property owners and should receive the most scrutiny.* Whatever impact this increase will have will depend on the budget put together this coming November and later years. Remember: the starting point for determining your property tax is the Town Budget.

Don Ward

Greenwich

(Town Supervisor, 2019-21)

After-school puppet program

Sisters Debi Craig and Dorothea Casey are bringing their puppetry program to Hebron in May 2022 for children who are in grades 3, 4, and 5. Debi had run a program in Wilton's Dorothy Nolan School. Dorothea recently retired after a long career teaching elementary vocal music in New York, Vermont, and Ohio. She spent much of her career at Tanglewood Elementary School in South Glens Falls. Puppetry, movement, and creativity were a large part of her lessons.

Rehearsals will be held at the former East Hebron Presbyterian Church at 6559 State Rte 22 in East Hebron. Salem students will be able to ride the bus to the church where they will be met by Craig and Casey. Home-schooled students can be driven to rehearsals. The first play will depend on the number of children

who join the group. It will be either "The Pied Piper" or "The Three Little Pigs." Children will participate in try-outs, recording the script, learning how to manipulate the puppets, learning all the aspects of putting on a performance working as a team.

The group will meet Tuesday and Thursday beginning on May 10 from approximately 3:15 until 5 p.m. with the final dress rehearsal on June 2. The performance will be Sunday afternoon, June 5 at 2:00 p.m.

No experience is necessary. There is no charge to participate in the group. If your child is interested in taking part, please contact Dorothea Casey at 518-692-9947 or simply email dort.casey@gmail.com for a participation form.

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The winning film editor would never smack the victorious hair stylist

Greg Schwem

Special to Journal & Press

Attention, Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences: Maybe it's time to give all those Oscar-nominated movie stars a time out. Or at least cede the stage to the folks who make them look and sound so good, but whose talents always seem to get washed away in an ocean of six-figure jewelry, an inability to correctly read an envelope's contents or, in the case of last week's ceremony, physical violence.

Even before the Will Smith "slap heard 'round the world," the 2022 Oscars were a hot mess. The academy elected to hand out eight awards prior to the ceremony, when stars like Smith were most likely still in their mansions, getting fawned over by an army of aides. After all, Mr. Smith must look amazing as he sits calmly in his seat, hoping his name ... wait, never mind.

In the meantime, winners of categories including film editing, makeup and hairstyling, production design, original score, and sound were accepting their awards in the Dolby theatre. There was no anticipation of who might win, because the winners had already been announced ... on Twitter. Congratulations Joe Walker, winner of best film editing for "Dune." I'm not sure how many weekends and late nights

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Donate Blood

The Red Cross blood supply remains vulnerable and those interested in giving are urged to make a blood or platelet donation appointment in the days and weeks ahead.

You can donate blood on Saturday, May 14, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the American Legion on Clancy St. in Schuylerville; or on Thursday, May 19, from 12 to 6 p.m. at the Salem Fire Department.

Just show up or visit redcrossblood.org to learn more.

you spent, or how much family time you missed, editing the two-and-a-half-hour sci-fi drama, but now you have an Oscar. And a hashtag.

Perhaps it's time we turn the tables.

How about next year, the four awards that get all the hype – best actor and actress and best supporting actor and actress – are handed out ahead of time? Jessica Chastain doesn't need any more publicity, and everybody knows winning a best supporting Oscar is the kiss of death when it comes to a lasting career. Just ask Cuba Gooding Jr. Why thank an audience of your peers when what you really want to say is, "Thank you for honoring me for my work in what will certainly be my last job before I start auditioning for What-a-Burger commercials."

Instead, let the ignored categories move front and center and command the ceremony. I know, I know, who would host? Don't we need a comedian like Billy Crystal or Amy Schumer or Ricky Gervais or Chris Rock to make fun of the nominees and their ... wait, never mind.

Let's draft a host from within. I haven't been on a lot of movie or TV sets, but I've met enough personnel who work behind the scenes on these sets to know there are some hilarious personalities among the bunch. Once, while dabbing powder on me for an industrial film shoot, a makeup artist had me in tears with a story of a professional football player whose nose was especially ticklish.

Then there was the graphics editor who had a knack for quoting just the right movie line to ease the tension during a long day of rehearsal for a corporate awards ceremony. As the show's director and the teleprompter operator argued over phonetic spellings of award winners, the editor snuck up behind both and, doing his best "Will Ferrell in Anchorman" impression said, "Ron Burgundy will read anything that is put on that teleprompter. And when I say anything, I mean an-y-thing."

The trio cracked up and went back to work.



Three-hour-plus ceremonies would no longer be the norm. Hosts from within would keep the Oscars moving, because they know the pitfalls of tardiness. How many costume designers have been screamed at for taking too long to produce a hem stitch, or find a suitable jacket color that will compliment an actor's dreamy blue eyes? Throw a tantrum? Not a good idea, particularly if they want to keep their jobs, collect paychecks, and hopefully continue making enough money to afford health insurance.

Acceptance speeches would be short, heartfelt and educational, as viewers would learn so much about what it takes to create a blockbuster. Can we try that for just one year? The ceremony could still end with the Best Picture category, a love fest because it features so many of the winning film's participants on stage, offering each other congratulations, hugs and kisses.

Not hands to the face.

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," available at Amazon.com. Visit Greg on the web at www.gregschwem.com.



Grave stone cleanup

On Thursday, May 5th, 6:30 pm, the Washington County Historical Society will be sponsoring a program on stone cleaning. The program is being coordinated with the Kingsbury Cemetery Association, who will have representatives on hand to answer any question pertaining to the Kingsbury Cemetery. Brian Raymond will be presenting the program. The public is welcome to come and learn how to properly clean gravestones. The rule is, "do no harm."

The presenter, Brian Raymond, a former professional cemetery restorer, will explain the do's and don'ts of stone cleaning. Mr. Raymond will first instruct people in the proper techniques of cleaning different types of stone. The first rule is to clean the stones with soap and water, a soft bristled brush and plenty of elbow grease. He will also discuss chemical cleaning products such as "D2" and "wet and go" and the best ways to use them. This session is very preliminary in stone cleaning as there several different types of stone and different degrees of deterioration of a gravestone which need to be handled differently in each case.

The order of the program will be a brief overview of the proper techniques used to clean gravestones. Mr. Raymond will answer questions and then break off into groups to work on a gravestone. WCHS members work be incorporated into each group to

help clean and guide participants. Mr. Raymond will circulate through the groups to oversee the process of cleaning. The program will run from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm. The program is a brief overview and if there is enough interest the society might conduct further sessions.

The program will be conducted at the Kingsbury Cemetery located on Route 4 next to the Kingsbury Firehouse. The Kingsbury Cemetery Association asks that participants not park in front of the firehouse doors. The society asks that anyone attending please bring a clean bucket, soft bristled brush, tooth picks and rubber gloves. You might also want a towel to dry off after the program. This is the first of the Cronkite Lecture Series which will be presented every Thursday in the month of May. The Please call the Washington County Historical Society for a reservations as the class is limited. The society's phone number is 518 747-9108. Donations to defray the costs of the Cronkite Series are gladly accepted.



Old Saratoga Seniors

The Olde Saratoga Seniors' next meeting will be on Wednesday, May 4, at Town Hall, Spring St., Schuylerville at noon.

It will be a sandwich luncheon. Cookies will be provided and the group will have an ice cream social. They will be discussing birthday luncheon in June. All are welcome. Guests included. For more information call Pat at 518-338-2329.

History book club

Washington County Historical Society's local history book club will meet at noon on Friday, May 13, at the society's Wing-Northup House, 167 Broadway, Fort Edward. The club meets on the second Friday of the month. Historical Society membership is not required.

The May meeting of the book club will focus on two works by Dr. Hollis Palmer of Saratoga, "Maggie's Revenge" and "To Spend Eternity Alone." Both feature unsolved murders in our local area. The first is about the circumstances of the death of a 19-year-old Irish maid servant in 1889. The second reports on the shooting death of the wife of Jesse Billings, prosperous builder of canal boats and owner of potato farms.

Note that Dr. Palmer will be the speaker at the Greenwich Free Library on June 7 at 7 PM, sponsored by the Washington Co. Historical Society.

The June 10 meeting of the book club will discuss "A Home in the Battenkill Valley – The Earlier Years of Susan B. Anthony" by Theodore Corbett. Attendees are encouraged to read this and other books about Susan B. Anthony and her years in Washington County.

Future selections will include books about the larger Adirondack area as well as some works by local authors. For additional information, email Connie Harris Farrington at connieandlee@roadrunner.com.

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There is a mostly non-descript building on Hill Street in the Village of Greenwich which seems out of place when compared to the nearby historic downtown district and the quaint old houses adjacent to it. Its cinder block construction is shielded these days by a “No Trespassing” sign on one side of the building and a few “No Parking” signs along the curb in front of the property. There are windows in the front but none on its sides. Whatever is inside this Hill Street structure is obviously especially important and worthy of this extra level of security. The only clue to this mystery is the Verizon sign on its front and the bucket trucks parked in the adjoining lot.

Why was this unappealing building even built? One might suggest that a deal was made with the devil so that folks in southern Washington County could direct dial each other on their landline telephones. It is also why most telephone numbers in Greenwich begin with 692. Here is the story.

On March 10, 1876, Alexander Graham Bell spoke the sentence, “Mr. Watson, come here! I want to see you!” using the telephone he invented. Bell’s U.S. patent No. 186,787 was issued on January 30, 1877 for his electromagnetic telephone using magnets, iron diaphragms, and a bell.

The first “telephones” came to Greenwich around July 1877. One telephone went from W.T. Moore’s store to the offices of the People’s Journal (an earlier name for this newspaper). It was reported that one could hear “every word spoken with perfect distinctness”. Another “telephone” of similar design was set up from the east end of the Union Hotel and connected to Ensign & Johnson’s store.

And so, it appears that one of the very first telephone systems in the entire country, a technological marvel of its day, was installed here in Greenwich. Well, not exactly. These “telephones” involved drawing tight either a string or a wire between two pieces of tightly stretched membranes. The W.T. Moore “telephone” used a wire while the Union Hotel/Ensign & Johnson “telephone” used a string. These telephones were a bit more elaborate than the tin can and string telephones of our childhood but not by much. “Telephones” using vi-

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brating strings or wires were commercially marketed as serious competitors to the electrical telephone, because they did not run afoul of Bell’s patent.

Aside from this now seemingly humorous historical footnote, Greenwich received one of the first telephone offices in upstate New York. The first switchboard here was a hand crank system and was installed around 1880. In 1885, it served twenty-five customers in Greenwich, East Greenwich, Salem, Middle Falls, and Center Falls.

In the early 1900s there were two competing phone companies in town: Hudson River Telephone and Commercial Union. The Hudson River company connected some two hundred telephones while Commercial Union had about one hundred. In 1909, New York Telephone (a predecessor to Verizon) bought out Hudson River Telephone. In 1911, it purchased the Commercial Union company.

Back then, local calls were not free. Auspiciously, toll rates were reduced in 1913 with the introduction of “Number” service. If you asked the operator to connect you to a number, it was easier for the phone company because the operator did not have to look up the number for the connection, hence the lower cost. In those days, a call from Greenwich to Saratoga, Salem, or Hoosick Falls was fifteen cents if one used the “Name” system but only ten cents if the caller used the “Number” system. There was no difference whether you used Name or Number when calling from Greenwich to Cambridge, you still were going to pay ten cents. Ten cents in today’s money is about \$2.84 while fifteen cents is \$4.26.

Making a telephone call was simple then. You simply turned the crank on your telephone and an operator would answer and connect you to your party. That all changed in 1949. In a new build-



The Verizon Building

ing that New York Telephone built on Hill Street, telephone users in Greenwich, Salem, and Schuylerville were switched to a new dial system, known as a step-by-step switching system. This is an automatic dialing system in which calls were made through a series of switches that move a step at a time, steps being made in response to the dialing of a single digit on a rotary dial phone.

In 1949, Greenwich had 1,250 subscribers, Schuylerville about 1,000 and Salem 750. Cambridge had its dial system put in place a few months prior. Telephone users now could just dial

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the local number they wished to connect to by just dialing the correct number, but they still had to go through an operator for long distance calls. Greenwich and Schuylerville customers could dial one another without going through the operator as there was no toll charge between these two cities. Salem residents still had to go through an operator to reach Greenwich, Schuylerville, and Cambridge phone numbers. Phone numbers went from four digits to six by adding a prefix – GR (or 47) for Greenwich and SC (or 72) for Schuylerville. These letters correspond to the letters above the number on a telephone’s dial. Salem still only had to dial four digits with no prefix needed. There were eighteen operators employed to assist callers on their toll free or long-distance calls. By 1950, Greenwich had 1,500 telephone subscribers.

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Schuylerville troupe heads to Salem

Schuylerville Community Theater (SCT) is thrilled to once again be back on the stage producing the magical, musical extravaganza *Seussical*. While there have been a couple of plays produced, large musical productions from SCT have been on hold since the pandemic shut down their 40th Anniversary Celebration show of “Annie” in March 2020. *Seussical*'s colorful characters are about to change all that as they transport audiences from the Jungle of Nool to the Circus McGurkus to the invisible world of the Whos.

Talk to anyone involved in the production and you will find the excitement and anticipation around the opening night of *Seussical* (Fri. May 6th, 7:30pm) is contagious. The cast and crew are eager to be singing and dancing again in colorful costumes surrounded by a delightful and whimsical set that will transport you to the *World of the Whos* and in a theater of incredible atmosphere, The Fort Salem Theater in Salem NY – a few miles from SCT's home base of Schuylerville NY.

Successfully executing a large musical production (still with the presence of Covid) presented many challenges including accessible rehearsal space, the wearing of masks while singing, and shuttered locations for the production to name a few but the cast and crew kept moving forward to make quality theater happen for the faithful patrons and the audience of SCT. And what is a fantastical, amazing show without an incredible theater space? It's happening now with all the thanks going to Kyle and Jared West of the Fort

Salem Theater. SCT will be performing in the gorgeous theater and appreciate the West's generosity of space and talent for hosting shows.

The SCT production is Directed by Tim Frost and features Musical Director, Carol Hawks. Tony winners, Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty (*Lucky Stiff*, *My Favorite Year*, *Once on This Island*, *Ragtime*), have lovingly brought to life all of our favorite Dr. Seuss characters, including Horton the Elephant (played by Ben Dunlavey), *The Cat in the Hat* (Michael Nicols-Pate), *Gertrude McFuzz* (Kathryn

Capalbo), lazy Mayzie (Stephanie Willis) and a little boy with a big imagination – Jojo (Delaney Sano). Others in the cast include Leslie Eliachuk, Trent Sano, Megan Anderson, Isabella Barrett, Zander Barrett, Katherine Beaulac, Charlotte Berry, Mark Booth, Rachel Deck, Jamie Gargano, Giulietta Gargano, Jillian Reilly, Beverly Seinberg, Sally Snowden, Sarah Whiteside, Ella Wilborn and Camille Wilborn.

The Cat in the Hat tells the story of Horton, an elephant who discovers a speck of dust that contains the Whos, including Jojo, a Who child sent off to military school for thinking too many “thinks”. Horton faces a double challenge: not only must he protect the Whos from a world of naysayers and dangers, but he must guard an abandoned egg, left in his care by the irresponsible Mayzie La Bird. Although Horton faces ridicule, danger, kidnapping, and a trial, the intrepid Gertrude McFuzz never



Ben Dunlavey rehearses the role of Horton

loses faith in him. Ultimately, the powers of friendship, loyalty, family, and community are challenged and emerge triumphantly.

Show Dates are: Friday, May 6th at 7:30pm, Saturday, May 7th at 2pm matinee and again at 7:30pm Saturday evening and Sunday May 8th matinee at 2 PM.

Tickets are \$22 for Adults, \$18 for Seniors and Students and \$10 for under 12. Get them on the Fort Salem Theater Website at fortsalem.com; on the SCT Website at scttheater.org; or by calling the SCT phone line at 518-695-5480.

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On July 20, 1957, the prefix system changed again. For both Greenwich and Schuylerville phone numbers. The prefix was changed to MY (or 69) using the mnemonic “MYrtle”. An additional digit was added for a now modern total of seven integers for a phone number. To reach someone in Greenwich, you would call MYrtle-2 (MY2 or 692 for the prefix) with their four-digit number. Schuylerville subscribers were identified using the prefix MYrtle-5 (MY5 or 695). Salem subscribers had phone numbers that began with ULYssez 4 (UL4 or 854). There are many folks that still have telephone numbers beginning with these prefixes.

In 1974, direct long-distance dialing became

available in Greenwich and the need for telephone operators to assist became outdated.

In 1990, Greenwich residents with the MYrtle-2 (692) exchange entered a more modern era of telecommunications. Touch-Tone dialing and related services became a reality when a new digital call switch system replaced the old switches. This change enabled 2,600 customers to enjoy such services as touch tone dialing, call forwarding, call waiting, three-way calling, and speed calling. Similar digital equipment was installed in Salem, Cambridge, and Hoosick Falls shortly afterwards.

Which brings us back to our bland building on Hill Street that was built beginning in 1948. After 73 years, it is now a permanent component in the diversity of Greenwich's buildings and there is not much that can be done about it. And yes, Verizon should really do something to spiffy up this build-

ing. Perhaps they will upon reading this!

Winston Churchill wrote, “Those that fail to learn from history are doomed to repeat it.” In the Washington County of the year 2022, at least one cell phone company is adding additional coverage areas while other entities are striving to extend broadband internet access to all of Washington County. This is needed progress but at the same time, let us not permit these same efforts to become architectural blights for 22nd century Washington County residents to wonder about. Just some random thoughts.

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Legal Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION

GREENWICH CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a public hearing of the qualified voters of the Greenwich Central School District, Washington County, Greenwich, New York, will be held in the High School building in said District on Monday, May 9, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. prevailing time, for the presentation of the budget.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a vote will be taken of all those qualified to vote at School District Meetings in said District at the Greenwich Primary School Building, Greenwich, New York, on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 and the polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. E.S.T. until 8:00 p.m., E.S.T.; at such time the voters of the District will vote upon the following matters:

ANNUAL BUDGET

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION SEATS

To elect one five-year term commencing July 1, 2022 and expiring June 30, 2027, to succeed Laura Lemoine whose term expires on June 30, 2022.

To elect one two-year term commencing May 18, 2022 and expiring June 30, 2024, to succeed Stacy Perkins who vacated her position on October 14, 2021.

To elect a one-year term commencing May 18, 2022 and expiring June 30, 2023, to succeed James Nolan who vacated his position on December 22, 2021.

PROPOSITION #1 - EQUIPMENT

Resolved, that the Board of Education be authorized to: (1) acquire one (1) school bus and two (2) transportation vehicles at a cost not to exceed \$195,500; (2) expend such sum for such purpose; (3) levy the necessary tax therefore, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education in accordance with Section 416 of the Education Law, taking into account state

aid and trade-in values; and (4) in anticipation of the collection of such tax, issue bonds and notes of the District and/or enter into installment purchase agreements at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$195,500, and levy a tax to pay the interest on said obligations when due?

PROPOSITION #2 - ESTABLISH A CAPITAL RESERVE

Resolved, that the Board of Education be authorized to establish a Capital Reserve Fund in an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000, with a probable term of ten (10) years, for the purpose of financing the construction, reconstruction, renovations, additions and improvements to various District buildings, facilities and sites, and the acquisition of furnishings, equipment, machinery or apparatus required in connection with such buildings, facilities and sites, with such Capital Reserve Fund being funded from unallocated fund balance and future budget surpluses?

LIBRARY PROPOSITION

Shall the Board of Education be authorized to increase the appropriation to support the Greenwich Free Library from \$103,519 to \$106,044 and the appropriation to support the Easton Library from \$44,123 to \$45,190 annually?

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required to fund the School District's budget for 2022-2023, exclusive of public monies, may be obtained by any resident of the district during business hours beginning fourteen days before the vote, except Saturday, Sunday or holidays, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education shall be filed with the Clerk of said School District at her office in the Middle Grade school, not later than Monday, April 18, 2022, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Each petition shall be directed to the Clerk of the District and shall be signed by at least 25 voters of the District, must state the name and residence of the candidate and shall describe the specific vacancy for which the candidate is nominated.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots/military ballots will be obtainable between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, except holidays, from the District Clerk. Completed applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m., prevailing time, on Tuesday, May 17, 2022.

A list of persons to whom absentee ballots are issued will be available for inspection to qualified voters of the District in the office of the District Clerk on each of the five (5) days prior to the election between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on weekdays prior to the day set for the annual election and on May 17, 2022, the day set for the election. Any qualified voter present in the polling place may object to the voting of the ballot upon appropriate grounds for making his/her challenge and the reasons therefore known to the Inspector of Election before the close of the polls.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the qualified voters of the School District shall be entitled to vote at said annual vote and election. A qualified voter is one who is (1) a citizen of the United States of America, (2) eighteen (18) years of age or older, and (3) resident within the School District for a period of thirty (30) days next preceding the annual vote and election. The School District may re-

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

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to a rule adopted by the Board and in accordance with Sections 2035 and 2008 of the Education Law, any referenda or propositions to amend the budget, otherwise to be submitted for voting at said election, must be filed with the Greenwich Central School Board of Education at the Middle Grade Building on or before April 18, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. prevailing time; must be typed or printed in English, must be directed to the Clerk of the School District and signed by at least 25 qualified voters of the District; and must state the name and residence of each signer. However, the School board will not entertain any petition to place before the voters or any proposition for the purpose of which is not within the powers of the voters to determine, or any proposition which fails to include a specific appropriation where the expenditure of monies is required by the proposition.

Rachel Logan
District Clerk

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New Greenwich highway chief steps down

Darren Johnson
Journal & Press

Drama with Greenwich Town's Highway Department continued as recently elected superintendent Jeff Derby handed in his letter of resignation, which was accepted at a council meeting on April 19.

Derby had been elected this past fall as part of a Republican slate that ended up losing the supervisor's race as well as two council seats, giving the town a non-GOP majority for the first time in memory.

His term began with the start of the 2022 year, when he was sworn in with the new board members. The Democrats did not run a Highway candidate, but were buoyed by the endorsement of former GOP highway superintendent Stan Mattison, who had broken ranks with

his party in a very public feud with then-supervisor Don Ward.

After the popular Mattison's resignation, Ward had worked with the then GOP-majority board to try to create a Department of Public Works for the town, where the superintendent would be a civil servant who was appointed, not elected. This plan was derided by the public and lacked overall support. Another plan was bandied about that would change the law so that people who live outside the Town of Greenwich would be eligible to run for Highway. That idea ended up being tabled.

Derby was chosen by the GOP slate and ran unopposed. The position pays \$55,000 a year, the highest town salary. According to his letter of resignation, his last day was first listed as May 26, but amended to "effective immediately" on April 26 instead.

"The Highway Superintendent told me three weeks ago he had had enough; I told him to submit it in writing, which he did," said current town supervisor Jim Nolan.

Nolan said that this shows a lack of care the opposing party put into selecting a candidate. "We [the Democrats] did not find someone qualified and willing, so did not put someone on the ballot."

Ken McPhail, who lives outside the town borders and had served as interim superintendent after Mattison's departure, is back to handling day-to-day duties for the department as foreman.

"The timing couldn't be worse because we have serious needs within the department. The employees are good, but we need leadership and expertise," Nolan said.

The supervisor said that there are no plans to revisit previous proposals to either make the highway superintendent appointed or to allow candi-



Jeff Derby being sworn in earlier this year

dates from outside town to run.

The town board can appoint an interim superintendent to serve out the rest of this year, but a special election for a new superintendent must be held this November, according to state law, on the same ballot with state and congressional races. If the interim happens to live within the town limits, this person could run for a permanent spot in the fall.

"If we find a very suitable candidate, we're going to snatch him up," Nolan said. The town board next meets May 10 at 7 p.m., where this issue is expected to be discussed further and an interim may be named.

The town will also call upon the county to help provide roadway services this coming summer, at no additional cost to the town, Nolan said. A Cornell program will also database town roads, to create a baseline for future improvements. Recently, the board had had many local residents come to meetings to complain about roadway conditions.

"We will use data to make decisions year after year," Nolan said. "That's the smart way to do things."

Reached via Facebook, Derby said he did not want to comment on his departure.

Georgi gardening show

On Saturday, May 21st, from nine to noon at The Georgi Community Room, 21 Adams Lane, Shushan, kick off your gardening season! Choose from perfect Annuals, Houseplants, Vegetable Starts and hardy Perennials – including selections from the Georgi Gardens. And, don't forget to check out the pieces of memorabilia remaining from the deaccessioning project available for sale in the Community Room.

The Georgi is owned and operated by the Town of Salem with an annual budget built around the interest from a Trust left for the care of the facility along with donations, memberships, and fundraising. All funds raised will be used for the upkeep of the Museum/Grounds/Park. If you would like to volunteer to help with the Sale or Donate Plants from your gardens, contact Laura Dunham at ldunhamtos@yahoo.com.

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Paying for college

Jill Schlesinger

Special to Journal & Press

As college acceptance letters pour in, it's time for families to get real - and to make decisions that could have long-term implications.

Let's start with a mathematical fact: although we are in a tight labor market and wages are rising, an undergraduate degree is still worth it. According to research from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, a college education can add nearly \$1 million in earnings over the course of a career, which is a 15% rate of return above what those without a degree earn.

Even those who borrow money to attend school are likely to be better off than they would have been without the degree. The big issue is that it is important not to borrow too much money to earn it. But how much is too much?

College funding experts recommend that students should borrow less than what they will earn in their first-year salary. For parents, who are increasingly helping to foot the bill, a good rule of thumb for borrowing for all children should be less than annual income, including cosigned loans.

Even when families limit the amount of borrowing, the numbers are astounding. By the end of 2021, the Federal Reserve reported the total amount of student loan debt was \$1.749 trillion held by 43.4 million borrowers.

The numbers are a little less daunting when we drill down. According to the Education Data Initiative, despite horror stories of six-figure loan balances, the average federal student loan debt

balance to attain a bachelor's degree in 2021 was \$37,113 (\$30,030 for public university students). Given that the average starting salary for the graduating class of 2020 was \$55,260, it would seem that the numbers work.

But average is average, and many struggle to whittle away the debt they have accumulated. It is likely to take the average borrower 20 years to pay back their student loans and this year's graduates are projected to take 10 years to pay back \$44,595 of debt if they make monthly payments of \$372.

Carrying debt means that many borrowers delay at least one major financial milestone, like paying down outstanding credit card and other debt, establishing an emergency reserve fund, or saving for retirement.

There is also a non-financial cost of student loans. In *Psychology Today*, Kate H. Choi Ph.D. cites research which shows that "having a sizable student debt may be hurting the mental health of young adults. Students with high debt tended to have poorer psychological functioning than those with little financial concerns." Borrowers report higher levels of tension, anxiety, and can also lead to sleep issues.

To state an obvious fact: the decisions families make about financing college will impact their lives for years and sometimes decades to come, so it is important to underscore that financial aid pack-

ages are notoriously difficult to read and compare because there is no single way that schools are required to detail scholarship, grant, and loan information.

When you have detail in hand, consult two government search tools, College Navigator and College Scorecard, which are designed to help families consider costs, graduation rates, job placement rates, and earnings of various schools. There is also a Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) portal that can help.

Forbearance Update: Various government actions helped nearly 37 million student borrowers push the pause button on their loans since March 2020. Beginning May 2, 2022, the clock restarts, which means that loan servicers will resume collection of payments, interest accrual, and involuntary collection of defaulted loans.

Although many are hoping for another extension, or even White House action to eliminate these loans, experts caution not to count on any further action.

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Drumming in the park

West African drum and dance instructor M'Bemba Bangoura will be in Schuylerville on May 7 at Hudson Crossing Park for an afternoon of uplifting drumming and movement workshops. The event is organized by Chelsie Henderson (Rural Soul Music Studio). The day will be fun and celebratory as it is also the culminating gathering of the 100 Resilient Drummers program, a virtual drum and dance experience with RSMS that started in January. The schedule:

- 2:00-3:15 Community Intergenerational Drum + Move Circle *By donation | First come, first served on available drums!
- 3:30-4:30 Krin (African log drum) Workshop *Pre-registration required.
- 5:00-6:15 Dundun Dance Workshop with M'Bemba *Pre-registration required.

For more information and to register or donate: ruralsoul.com/resilientdrummers. Rainy day location: Town of Saratoga building (12 Spring Street, Schuylerville).



Big events to return to Salem this summer

The Salem Area Chamber of Commerce announces the return of the annual Salem Fourth of July Parade and Art & Plow Fest. The event will take place on Monday, July 4, in Salem, New York, showcasing the region's arts and agriculture. This year's parade will also celebrate the "Champions of the Community" showcasing essential workers, fire departments, rescue workers, police, food banks, front line workers and store clerks who have all held the community together over the past two years.

"We are thrilled to announce the return of Salem's cherished Fourth of July events, and to invite the community back together for this exciting

tradition," said Chamber President Kyle West. "We are excited to once again highlight the incredible arts and agricultural organizations in town and to see the community mix, mingle, and make new memories together."

Community support is encouraged for this event sponsored by the Salem NY Area Chamber of Commerce. Parade entry applications are now available on the Chamber's website for floats, performers, walkers, tractors, farm equipment, classic cars and trucks, farm animals with themes that embrace the arts, agriculture and/or community spirit. Participation in the parade is free and open to individuals, groups, organizations and businesses across the region.

Fundraising is crucial to the success of the event. Business sponsorship opportunities and individual donations are greatly appreciated, as event costs are expected to total approximately \$10,000.00 for 2022. New this year is a GoFundMe campaign for individuals to donate whatever they can to help with the cost of the parade. Businesses are invited to sponsor the event at one of the sponsorship levels in return for recogni-



4th of July Parade

tion during the event. Links to the GoFundMe site and Business Sponsorship Forms are available on the Chamber's website.

Art, craft and artisanal vendors are invited to submit applications for the event's marketplace that will take place on the green following the parade. Vendor fee is \$25, applications are available on the Chamber's website.

Information and forms for all opportunities can be found at www.salemnychamber.com/events. For questions, contact the Chamber by email: salemnychamber@gmail.com.



New book on 'The Heart of Salem'

Historian Al Cormier has captured the essence of life in Salem from its origins to the 20th Century in his latest book, *The Heart of Salem*. Cormier will talk about his book and sign copies at a special event at the Historic Salem Courthouse on Thursday, May 5th at 7 p.m.

In particular, the author says, "I have chosen to talk about one of Salem's most interesting people – Salem Washington Academy Graduate, Ethel Magee, stage name, Jane Gail – a silent movie film star whose story is in the book. I will show one of her early films, *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*, 1913." Cormier says, "When I came to Salem in 1965 as the high school principal, I was told by one of Salem's prominent citizens that Salem had a lot of interesting characters. It was true, and he was one of the biggest characters and full of stories. I have never been at a loss to find something exciting about Salem's people."

Personal accounts of people who lived through both good and bad times, supporting each other and their country in selfless ways are found in the seven chapters of the 414 page book, enhanced by 102 photographs. The reader will find personal stories about everyday life: the witch of Salem, Civil War and WWII letters, Salem women serving in WWII, farming, Delaware and Hudson railroading, recreation on the nearby lakes, the Northern Turnpike, vaudeville, minstrel and circus shows, Washington Academy and student activities, early banking and Bancroft Library, Washington County Courthouse, noted authors such as Maria

Audubon and St. John Honeywood, diary of entomologist Dr. Asa Fitch Jr., floods, fires, and pestilence, historical connection between West Rupert, Vermont and Salem ("No Man's Land"), the abolishment of slavery, tales and legends like the "old Grimes" tale, homegrown humor, and personal stories of growing up in Salem in the first half of the 20th century.

Attendees may purchase the paperback book (\$34.95) or hardcover (\$60) at the event. Cash or checks only. Checks must be made out to the Dr. Asa Fitch Historical Society. All proceeds will benefit the Revolutionary War Cemetery restoration.



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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

McClellan grant winners announced

In 2021, the Mary McClellan Foundation awarded grants to 10 non-profit groups in the towns of Cambridge, Easton, Greenwich, Jackson, Salem, White Creek, and the Town of Hoosick, totaling \$223,682.87. Recipients include:

The Historic Salem Courthouse Preservation Association, Inc. was awarded \$7,560 to help enable the Hudson Headwaters Health Network (HHHN) Mobile Unit in Salem, NY. The Mobile Unit serves to fill the gap in access to primary medical care. One of our new grantees, The Historic Salem Courthouse Preservation Association, and Town Supervisor Sue Clary, have been working tirelessly to bring this idea to fruition. Following the downsizing of the GFH Salem Family Health Center in 2017, access to primary care became even more difficult, rendering well visits and preventative care a significant challenge for many residents.

The Southern Adirondack Health Initiative was awarded \$5,000 to help fund the first annual 2021 Rural Area Medical (RAM) free Southern Adirondack Health Clinic at the Washington County Fair Grounds. RAM clinics work to mitigate this need by assembling armies of volunteer doctors, nurses, and support staff to provide care to whoever needs it at no cost, in remote and rural areas. They hope to increase that number in September 2022, and offer extended services such as Spanish translators.

Parent to Parent of NYS, was awarded \$13,653.65 to fund family care and support for children with developmental challenges

in Warren & Washington Counties.

Battenkill Community Services, Inc. was awarded \$20,000 to purchase Nu-step machines, treadmills, and elliptical machines for their physical fitness room in Greenwich, NY. When an MMF director recently toured the facility, the take away was so encouraging, "the folks at Battenkill Community Services are providing such creative and exciting opportunities!" Parsons Child and Family Center was awarded \$20,000 to continue the vital Behavioral Health Center at Cambridge Central School. Providing access to mental health care is difficult and extremely important in our rural communities. MMF funds will help offset the cost of providing mental health services to the Cambridge school district.

The Cambridge Valley Rescue Squad was awarded grants to reimburse for COVID-19 vaccine and testing delivery, funding to create a Training Officer Position and a Medic Flex Position, continued Paramedic Tuition assistance, and funding to purchase an onboard ventilator, IV pump, and several controlled substance boxes. Grants totaled \$103,386.

The Tri-County United Way was awarded \$11,000 toward driver reimbursement for their RSVP Medical Transportation Program.

The Mary McClellan Foundation has also agreed to help repay medical loans for two local Glens Falls Hospital doctors as part of a retention package totaling \$200,000 over five years.

Garage Sale

The Journal & Press offers free garage and yard sale classified ads all summer long. Send yours to ads@journalandpress.com.

Here's our first one...

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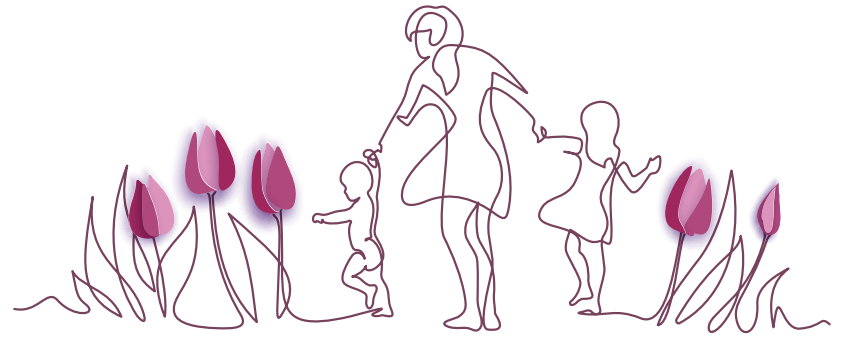
Multi-family garage sale with patio set, lots of household items, tons of baby items (pack-n-play, swing, stroller, bouncer, etc.) infant/toddler clothes & shoes sizes newborn-4t, women's clothes/shoes, teens clothing/shoes, outdoor kids' toys, Barbie house, puzzles/games and more!

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New scholarship for Greenwich CSD grads

A new scholarship will award a graduating Greenwich CSD senior who is entering into healthcare training or college to study a related field \$2000, to be announced at commencement ceremonies next month.

However, the application deadline is May 15. Visit wecscholarship.com. Donations are also accepted via the site. The Dr. William E. Carroll Memorial Scholarship remembers its namesake, a popular physician who passed away last year.

The scholarship is administered by son James Carroll, also now a physician, and sisters Anne and Julie Carroll.

The Carroll family moved from Philadelphia, where the elder Dr. Carroll had recently completed his

medical training, to Greenwich in 1978. "My parents chose Greenwich because they liked the close knit community, the schools were good and it was close to their roots and family in Saratoga Springs where they grew up," James Carroll said.

He said he was inspired by his father to become a healthcare professional, and hopes the scholarship will also inspire others to do the same.

"My father played an instrumental role in me becoming a physician. I used to go to the hospital when he went on rounds and sometimes would ride out on house calls with him when I was a young boy. When I was a medical student, I did my community medicine rotation with him and worked in his Greenwich office for a month or two as a medical student.

He was my most important influencer of what kind of man and what kind of

physician I wanted to become."

—Darren Johnson

New Salem Super

Salem Central School District's Board of Education appointed Julie Adams as the district's next Superintendent of Schools at the April 26, 2022 board meeting. Adams is currently the Middle/High School Principal with the district, and will begin her duties as superintendent effective July 1, 2022.

Salem Board of Education President Anne Dunigan and Adams are pictured signing the employment agreement.



RC churches news

Sunday Mass at Holy Cross Catholic Church is at 8:15 AM. St. Patrick's celebrates on Sunday at 11:30 AM. Immaculate Conception in Hoosick Falls is Saturday at 4 PM and Sunday at 10 AM. The covid infection rates in our community continue to rise. You are encouraged, but not required, to wear a face mask in Church and other large groups. The booster shots are also encouraged. Thank you to all who permitted in the rice bowl program. People can still donate by going on line to crsriebowl.org/give.

Thursday, May 19, Immaculate Conception Church Hall will be holding a Gift Card Bingo. Doors open at 5:15 and games begin at 6:30. Admission is \$10 at the door for 18 regular games, \$13 at the door, and \$5 for 3 special games. There will also be a Penny Auction, 50/50 raffle and food and drinks available to purchase. Advance tickets can be purchased at the Immaculate Conception Rectory, or at Thorpe's Pharmacy. Please call Ellen (518-686-5075), or Karen (518-686-4737). Proceeds will benefit the Parish.

The Wings of Care ministry's focus is for the elderly and homebound and is in great need of volunteers. Some of the needs involve socialization or companionship, light housekeeping and transportation. If someone has an extra hour or two to give, please contact St. Patrick's Church at 677-2757.

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Proactive mental health at work

Daneen Skube

Special to Journal & Press

Q: *After a tough few pandemic years, I'm considering therapy to help my mental health at work. My job is stressful and got worse during COVID. When do you know your mental health is bad enough to need therapy? What should you expect to get out of therapy? I'm not in a crisis yet and unsure whether therapy is really necessary for me?*

A: Therapy, like exercise, is something you want to do before you're in crisis. Waiting until you have a crisis is like waiting until you need back surgery before you're willing to exercise or stretch.

Effective therapy is an interpersonal gym where you work out regularly to build stamina, flexibility, and strength. Most adults do not need therapy but all adults benefit from being proactive about health including mental health.

Each of us gets to choose whether we're reactive or proactive in our decision making. Adults that are reac-

tive often feel like observers in their lives while they watch "things" fall apart. Adults that are proactive see issues coming and solve problems before they happen.

My clients view their weekly counseling work with me as adult graduate school. What you should expect to get out of therapy depends on what you are willing to put into it. If you are willing to go for at least a year of weekly sessions, you should expect to learn the process of improved decision making.

Most adults rarely notice the habitual way they make choices. Good therapy helps us see areas in which we consistently use processes that undermine our effectiveness.

For instance, many of us have a habit of scolding people who do not act as we want. People feel ashamed and angry when we do this and then get even. Yet we may not know a better way to handle conflict.

Doing yoga is a good analogy. Why is counseling helpful when we're not in crisis? Most yoga practitioners do

not wait to go to classes until they have physical injuries. Most people who regularly attend yoga go because the flexibility and strength they develop prevents physical problems.

I find that clients who wait until they have an emergency before they call for therapy are often the same clients who avoid the work to prevent the next emergency. Obviously, there are times when life throws a crisis at us that we cannot avoid. Clients who call me with an unavoidable emergency tend to do effective work in counseling. People who confuse mental health with a 9-1-1 emergency service and wait until a crisis falls upon them are hard to help for the same reasons they avoided being proactive.

Here is the best mental framework for therapy: You're not signing up to work on how broken you are, but on how problems are breaking you open to better habits and tools. Whether therapy is necessary is less the issue.

Spiritually oriented teachers tell us the development of our soul in-

volves eternal and liberating education. Being in effective therapy means you're learning to turn the lemons of problems into the lemonade of wisdom and power...one week at a time!

The last word(s)

Q: *I tend to be sarcastic. People tell me they get annoyed with me, but I'm trying to tell truth with humor. Does sarcasm ever work in communication?*

A: Nope, the trouble with sarcasm is the only message received is you are being offensive. You're better off learning strategic negotiation skills and delivering your message clearly!

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.



Online auction for Courthouse

Don't miss out on your opportunity to get in on the bidding at the Historic Salem Courthouse Online Auction that ends at 8pm on Thursday, May 5th! The proceeds of the Auction help to support the preservation and revitalization of the Courthouse and its many programs, including the free Lunch, Learn & Play and the Community Garden, as well as the Battenkill Kitchen, and much more!

Some of the many Auction items available include artwork by Tom Kerr, Heather Bellanca, Harry

Orlyk, Matt Chinian and many others! Take home a gorgeous blanket chest handcrafted by Paul Kobyluch, a chandelier from Authentic Design, or a poured acrylic clock from Jon McClellan. Win a vacation on Lake Dunmore or Lake Champlain, drink craft brews from Great Flats Brewery, or take to the nearest lake or river with a fantastic fly-fishing package. You and friends can go "glamping" at Blind Buck Valley Farmhouse, fly high with Tauno Wirkki, or tube down the Battenkill. You can find gift certificates to local favorites such as Gardenworks,

Matthews Automotive, Battenkill Valley Creamery, and so much more! Also, jewelry from local artisans, pottery from Jordan Becker, and summer necessities such as a grill and a Telescope furniture set. See the auction items and place your bids at <https://historicsalemcourthouse.betterworld.org/auctions/historic-salem-courthouse-spring>

The Historic Salem Courthouse is located at 58 East Broadway, Salem, NY in beautiful Washington County. Take a look at what's happening at the Courthouse at <https://salemcourthouse.org/>

Chicken & biscuits

Chicken & Biscuit dinner – American Legion Post #278, 6 Clancy St., Schuylerville, NY is having a Chicken & Biscuit dinner on Saturday 4/30/22, \$12.00 per person – eat in or take out. Serving from 4PM to 6PM. For any questions please call (518) 695-3011 after 2 PM Tuesday through Sunday.

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING, BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION

ARGYLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a public hearing of the qualified voters of the Argyle Central School District, Washington County, Argyle, New York, will be held in the school library in said District on Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at 7:00 PM, E.D.S.T., for the presentation of the budget. The budget will be available for review on May 3, 2022 at the Argyle Central School.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the annual meeting of the qualified voters of the Argyle Central School District, Washington County, New York, will be held in the atrium of the Argyle Central School in said District on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at 8:00 PM, E.D.S.T., for the transaction of such business as is authorized by the Education Law.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that said vote and election will be on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 between the hours of 12:00 PM (Noon) and 8:00 PM, E.D.S.T., in the atrium at Argyle Central School, at which time the polls will be opened to voting by ballot upon the following items:

1. To adopt the annual budget of the School District for the fiscal year 2022-2023 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District.
2. To elect one (1) member of the Board for a five (5) year term commencing July 1, 2022 and expiring on June 30, 2027 and to succeed Travis Dessaint, whose term expires on June 30, 2022.
3. To appropriate monies to the Argyle Free Library and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the

amount of money which will be required to fund the School District's budget for 2022-2023, exclusive of public monies, may be obtained by any resident of the District during business hours beginning Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at the Argyle Central School.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education shall be filed with Clerk of said School District at her office in the School, not later than Monday, April 18, 2022, between 8:00 AM and 3:00 PM. Each petition shall be directed to the Clerk of the District and shall be signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the District, must state the name and residence of the candidate and shall describe the specific vacancy for which the candidate is nominated, including the length of the term of office and the name of the last incumbent.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots (where applicable) will be obtainable between the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM Monday through Friday, except holidays, from the District Clerk. Completed applications must be received by the District clerk at least seven (7) days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk not later than 5:00 PM, prevailing time, on Tuesday, May 17, 2022.

A list of persons to whom absentee ballots are issued will be available for inspection to qualified voters of the District in the office of the District Clerk on and after May 13, 2022, between the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM on weekdays prior the day set for the annual election and on May 17, 2022, the day set for

the election, and said list will be posted at the polling place at the election. Any qualified voter present in the polling place may object to the voting of the ballot upon appropriate grounds for making his/her challenge and the reasons therefore known to the Inspector of Election before the close of the polls.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the qualified voters of the School District shall be entitled to vote at said annual vote and election. A qualified voter is one who is (1) a citizen of the United States of America, (2) eighteen years of age or older, and (3) resident within the School District for a period of thirty (30) days next preceding the annual vote and election. The School District may require all persons offering to vote at the budget vote and election to provide one form of proof of residency pursuant to Education Law 2018-c. Such form may include a driver's license, a non-driver identification card, a utility bill, or a voter registration card. Upon offer of proof of residency, the School District may also require all persons offering to vote to provide their signature, printed name and address.

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Saratoga history events

Upcoming events sponsored by the Saratoga County History Center:

May 5 - 7 p.m. County Life in Photographs exhibit opening includes 26 images of gatherings in Saratoga County between 1870 and 1950, interpreting the ways in which county residents interacted in social, political, and celebratory contexts. A prime example is the panoramic photo of the Jonesville Methodist Church clambake in 1922, a wildly popular annual event that ran for 66 years until ending in 1962. The research was carried out by three students from the history department at Skidmore College. This is a free in-person event, sponsored by the Saratoga County History Center, that will take place at Brookside Museum, located at 6 Charlton Street in Ballston Spa.

May 15 - 1 p.m. Sheep to Shawl Community Day. The long-running "Sheep to Shawl" program returns to the Saratoga County History Center. Sheep, lambs, farmers, herders, and shearers, including the famous Fred the Shearer, and the Rock Day Spinning Guild will assemble on Brookside Museum's lush front lawn to demonstrate every facet of sheep husbandry, shearing, and weaving to produce the wool clothing that was so ubiquitous in early America. Sheep to Shawl is an interactive, family-friendly event. This is an in-person event will take place at Brookside Museum, located on 6 Charlton Street in Ballston Spa, NY 12020.

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Roger De Korp
Journal & Press

A couple of months ago for what was going to be another “I Can’t Help but Notice” article, I wrote that the NY State legalization of marijuana was not going to be the tax revenue boon that proponents stated it would be because the high tax rate placed on legal marijuana sales created the opportunity for illegal suppliers to considerably undercut the price of state authorized retailers. I wanted to confirm that my conclusion was accurate, so I reached out to Washington County District Attorney Tony Jordan to ask him if he could confirm that I was correct (or wasn’t). The simple answer was not only yes, but he offered to share information in regard to what states that previously legalized marijuana have experienced, and what is going on here in NY state, as well as Washington County.

Two studies that D.A. Jordan shared with me regarding states that previously legalized recreational marijuana were conducted by Rocky Mountain High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (RNHIDTA), covering Colorado, Montana, Utah, Wyoming, and Chicago High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (CHIDTA), covering Illinois; these reports studied in detail the impact of legalization of marijuana in their respective geographical areas. Here are only a very few of the top-line findings;

From RMHIDTA (RMHIDTA-Marijuana-Report-2021.pdf (dfaf.org)): 1) Since recreational marijuana was legalized in 2013, traffic deaths where drivers tested positive for marijuana increased 138%, while all Colorado traffic deaths increased 29%. 2) In 2012, the year before Colorado legaliza-

tion, the percent of suicides in which marijuana was present in toxicology reports was 12%; in 2019, it grew 29% (236 vs. 86); 3) Black Market marijuana in Colorado in the years 2013-2020 resulted in 5.54 tons of marijuana and 86,502 plants being seized by RMHIDTA Colorado Drug Task Forces; the number of parcels seized was 48% higher than the four years prior to legalization.

From CHIDTA (Chicago HIDTA 2021 Marijuana Legalization Impact Report for Illinois — Chicago HIDTA (chicago-hidta.org)): 1) The average THC level in marijuana products has risen from 3 percent to 23 percent in smokable marijuana and from 56 percent to 99 percent for other forms (waxes, oils, and edibles) – this isn’t the semi-harmless stuff it used to be; 2) Problematic use among adolescents aged 12 to 17 was 25 percent higher in states with legalized marijuana use compared to states without; 3) There

‘District Attorney Tony Jordan shared studies from states that have legalized.’

are studies that show medical use of marijuana can alleviate pain and nausea; however the Illinois American Medical Association does not endorse either recreational or medical use of marijuana due to the other health issues it’s been shown to cause; 4) In 2020 CHIDTA initiatives seized approximately 11,395 pounds (5.7 tons) of illegal marijuana compared to 6,874 pounds seized in 2019.

These reports give information and data to the ramifications of legalizing marijuana in states that have previously done so. Let’s look

at NY State and Washington County.

As it pertains to New York and its counties including Washington, it’s important to note several points: 1) Legalization was enacted as part of the 2021 state budget, which was proposed by former Governor Cuomo, and passed by the Democrat controlled Senate and Assembly; there was no debate on the legalization as a piece of legislation onto itself; 2) The legalization of marijuana was enacted for *revenue generation* – the title of the law is “The Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act” (the total pages in the budget for legalization was 128 pages, only five of which dealt with what was illegal and prosecutable); the Office of Cannabis Management is closeted in the Department of Tax and Finance (DTF) (the word “Cannabis” was chosen as having the least negative connotation in titling the management board); DTF

is responsible for enforcement of the law 3) Estimates on NY state tax revenue from marijuana sales are varied, but even on the high end, revenue is less than .23% (that’s point two-three) of the total state budget of \$220 billion; municipalities do not share in the revenue collected via the state sales tax on marijuana; they share in an optional 4% local excise tax which distributes 25% of that revenue to the county and 75% to the cities, towns, or villages; 4) Municipalities can basically opt out of receiving revenue from marijuana sales, but cannot opt out of marijuana being used in their communities; once a municipality opts in to have marijuana dispensaries, they cannot opt out.



Coming soon.

In our conversations, District Attorney Jordan discussed some of his observations of legalization in NY State:

Neither law enforcement or district attorneys were consulted in the legalization of marijuana; up until 12 hours before budget passage, the NY State District Attorneys Association was told legalization was not in the budget.

The considerable potential medical and health issues from using marijuana haven’t changed simply because the state legislature legalized its use; legalization removes the stigma of purchase and use, helping to fulfill the goal of increased tax revenue.

There are expenditures related to legalization; administration and enforcement of the law will sap millions from the tax revenue generated from marijuana. There will also be increased medical costs. As D.A. Jordan said, “There’s a cost to the revenue”.

There also are challenges regarding legalization from law enforcement and societal perspectives:

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Unlike most other states where it's legalized, an individual can possess up to 5 pounds of marijuana; this is a tremendous amount of marijuana and strongly encourages black market sales; 5 pounds is equal to approximately 6,873 marijuana joints, or 19 per day for an individual. This is at cross purposes to driving tax revenue and increases the potential for additives such as fentanyl in unregulated black market product.

Because the NY State Department of Taxation and Finance are responsible for enforcement of the law, the normal law enforcement agencies have no jurisdiction for underage users; for example, police cannot respond to a complaint of a group of school age kids smoking marijuana on your community's Main Street or anywhere else where cigarettes are allowed.

Prosecuting impaired drivers of vehicles due to drug use is problematic. There is no breathalyzer for drug impaired drivers; currently there are only a couple of law enforcement officers in Washington County trained as ARIDE (Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement) – this training is a long and expensive process. In NY State, prosecutors must be able to specifically pinpoint the drug that has caused the impairment; As Mr. Jordan observed to me, “If an impaired driver causes a fatality, does the victim's family care what substance caused the impairment?”

One of District Attorney Jordan's biggest concerns of legalization pertains to school age children. Yes, the legal age to use marijuana is 21; legalizing it at age 21 and not discussing the dangers of it, especially to adolescents/teenagers sends a message to that age group, and even their parents, that its use is acceptable, even promoted. An extra concern are Cannabis edibles, usually in the form of gummies and chocolates; they are tempting to children of all ages and are packaged in a way that over-consumption is very possible. Additionally, they contain almost pure THC; the effects from THC in candy versions take longer for the body to assimilate, which makes taking more than one piece much more likely. Again, it is universally agreed by medical experts that NO school age children should be using cannabis in any form.

Mr. Jordan related an experience he had very recently: “I spent Tuesday with Greenwich High School government classes students and in each

‘Prosecuting impaired drivers of vehicles due to drug use is problematic.’

class they all understood that the reason for changing the name to “cannabis dispensary” instead of “pot shop” was marketing only - less stigma. The next question I asked is how many of your parents talked to you about the dangers of drinking and driving and driving. Virtually

everyone raised their hands. And that is a good thing. When I asked the same question about smoking pot and driving, almost no one raised their hand, and all told I probably spoke to 55 +/- students. That is scary. Hopefully with it now being legal that will spur a conversation by parents to discuss this with greater urgency. The common response to the question why didn't parents talk to them about the dangers of drugged driving is what was expected: 1) My Johnny would never do

drugs”. Or 2) “fear that if we talk about it, they will do it.”

I share D.A. Jordan's concerns about the legalization of marijuana. As New York and other states continue to spend outrageous sums of money, without regard for limiting that spending and then reach the limit of the amount they can tax state residents who are actually working, the legislature must find new sources of revenue; as such, what once were considered vices become legalized and promoted (see Darren Johnson's article on legalized gambling in the April 1-15 issue of the J&P); can legalized hard drugs and prostitution (which among other things, promotes human trafficking) be far behind? Having said that, I personally know several people who use marijuana for medical reasons, and each receive positive results for treating the symptoms they're using it for; I assume they've measured risks vs. rewards; I believe that people with legitimate medical issues should have access where marijuana improves their quality of life. For CBD users, there is a big difference between CBD and THC.

I'll end with this from the Illinois office of the American Medical Association:

“Cannabis is not a harmless drug. Cannabis directly affects the brain, specifically the parts of the brain responsible for memory, learning, attention, decision making, coordination, emotions, and reaction time. Developing brains, like those in babies, children, and teenagers are especially susceptible to the harmful effects of cannabis. Cannabis' effects may last a long time or even be permanent. This means someone who uses cannabis may not do as well in school and may have trouble remembering things. Although scientists are still learning about these effects, studies show cannabis use by mothers during pregnancy may be linked to problems with attention, memory, problem-solving skills, and behavior problems in their children. There are no reports of teens and adults dying from using cannabis use alone, but cannabis can cause some very uncomfortable side effects, such as anxiety and paranoia and, in rare cases, extreme psychotic reactions. Cannabis use can lead to substance use disorder, often referred to as addiction.”

Roger De Korp is a retired retail multi-unit supervisor. He resides in Greenwich with his wife Colleen.



An Artist's Take

Political Cartoon of the Week by Joel Pett



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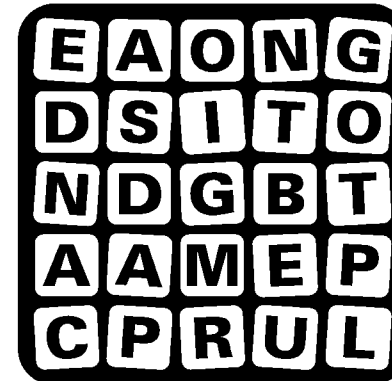
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By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



Boggle BrainBusters Bonus

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

Find AT LEAST EIGHT TWO-SYLLABLE MAMMALS in the grid of letters.

Answers to Last Sunday's Boggle BrainBusters:
FIG DATE PLUM KIWI LIME MANGO APPLE LEMON ORANGE

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Handing out gasoline ration cards

Kaylee Johnson
Journal & Press

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

120 Years Ago

May 14, 1902

The trustees of the Greenwich Free Library have been for some time actively engaged in making preparations for the opening of the library; the plans are now rapidly assuming definite shape, and the library will probably be opened to the public by June 1st, or earlier.

The building has been repaired throughout, and the rooms devoted to the library and reading room are fitted up for this purpose, for which they are especially well-adapted. The library will occupy the front room of the main part of the building. Shelving for the books has been placed in position, and the books from the school library, a catalog of which has been prepared by Mr. Dorr, the former librarian, are now being classified and arranged in position. The reading room is in the wing of the building and is separated from the library by a hall. The room is large and well-lighted and will serve an ideal apartment for the purpose.

100 Years Ago

May 10, 1922

Field days for the children of the rural schools of this section are being arranged in each township. Teachers, with the co-operation of Mrs. Gibbons, district superintendent, are making the arrangements. A program of field sports will be carried out and badges will

be awarded to the winners of each event

The first of these field days will be held May 23 at North Greenwich, and pupils of all the rural schools in the town of Greenwich are expected to take part. The program will begin at 10 o'clock a.m., standard time. A community dinner will be served at noon, and in the afternoon the program of sports will be carried out. If the day should be rainy, the field day will be held the following day.

80 Years Ago

May 13, 1942

Gasoline rationing registration for Washington county began yesterday and will be in progress today and tomorrow, Wednesday and Thursday, at the elementary schools. The six school superintendents of the county will again act as organizers and general supervisors of the registration, as they did for sugar, and teachers will act as registrars. Registration places are open from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Motorists from this village and vicinity thronged the Greenwich School last evening and it was crowded, almost as it might be on graduation night. In spite of the crowd, there was little delay in handling the applicants, and nobody had to wait long. Registration took place in the auditorium, where twenty-six faculty members working at long tables interviewed applicants, made out necessary papers, and handed out ration cards. Occasionally, a question arose as to the amount of gasoline an applicant was entitled to, which was the occasion of some conferences.

60 Years Ago

May 15, 1962

"I am probably as fond as covered bridges as anyone," Ralph McKernon, superintendent of highways for Washington county, said the other day when discussing the fate of the covered bridge at Shushan in a press interview. "However, I have a responsibility to the public and I would hate to try to defend myself and the county if we permitted continued use of the bridge for present-day traffic."

Mr. McKernon explained that in 1858 of untreated wood. It is a lattice type, truss wood pinned. The floor system is untreated wood stringers, four by four and a half inches, supported by wood cross beams... "The strength of the timber is unpredictable for wood of this age," he said, "in view that no preservatives were used in the original construction."

40 Years Ago

May 6, 1982

The friends of the Bancroft Library in Salem are currently sponsoring a display of illustrated manuscript pages from a forthcoming book by Salem residents, Stanley L. Williams and William Sundmacker. Mr. Sundmacker exhibited his painting of Washington county Americana last winter at First National Bank of Glens Falls

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in Salem and Mr. Williams is a free-lance writer whose observations have been published in England, Spain, and the United States.

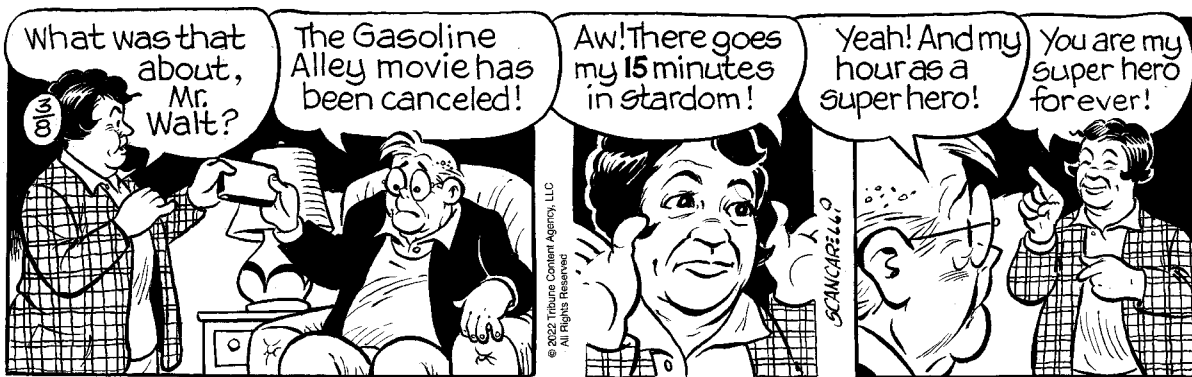
Entitled, "The Phoebe Stores: Pleasant Times," this hand lettered and illustrated book for children narrates the adventures of a turn-of-the-century girl named Phoebe. The stories are set in an imaginary rural village - and Mr. Sundmacker has used Salem as the pictorial model - around 1895.

The Funny Page

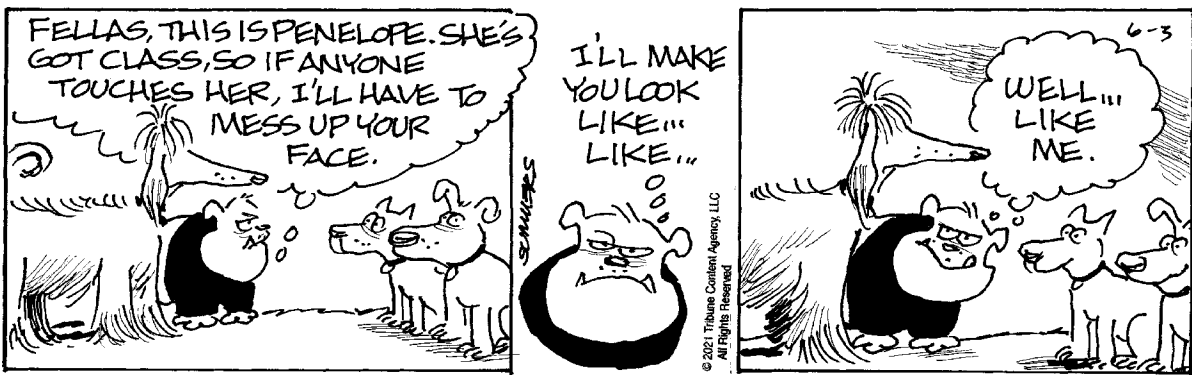
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E ₁	I ₁	U ₁	K ₅	G ₂	L ₁	R ₁

RACK 1

A ₁	I ₁	D ₂	D ₂	P ₃	K ₅	S ₁

Triple Word Score
RACK 2

A ₁	A ₁	I ₁	O ₁	P ₃	C ₃	T ₁

RACK 3

A ₁	E ₁	U ₁	H ₄	L ₁	N ₁	S ₁

3rd Letter Double
RACK 4

A ₁	E ₁	O ₁	U ₁	S ₁	L ₁	Z ₁₀

RACK 5

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JUMBLE

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

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

GNEBU

SUHEO

SMIRPH

VTINEN

Some examples are: ran, walked, sang, talked and learned. There are lots more. They represent action.

DREW
WRITE
TAUGHT

All right already. We get it.

THE TEACHER WAS EXPLAINING ACTION WORDS TO THE STUDENTS AND WAS BEING ---

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

Print answer here:

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Women in War Symposium

The Marshall House's Women in War: The Revolutionary Experience – A Symposium will be held on May 14, 2022. The event will bring together regional and nationally-known historians of the American Revolution to provide insights into the experiences and actions of some extraordinary women.

“Women played an important role and often the little-known history of the American Revolution,” explains Saratoga County historian Lauren Roberts. “This symposium is a great opportunity to start commemorations for the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution by gathering some of the leading scholars to talk about camp followers, Loyalist women, officer wives, prisoners, and an American Indian.”

Featuring keynote speaker, Dr. Holly Mayer, Professor Emerita in History at Duquesne University, a visiting instructor at West Point, and author of *Belonging to the Army: Camp Followers and Community during the American Revolution* (2001), the Women in War symposium will provide engaging opportunities for attendees to meet with leading historians. Session topics include women warriors, Loyalist women, the Army's essential support – “Camp followers,” Baroness Frederika Riedesel, a general's wife, and Molly Brant, a Mohawk leader in Colonial America. Speakers also include historian Todd Braisted, author of *Grand Forage 1778: The Battleground Around New York City* (2018), social historian Jenna Schnitzer, researcher Jonathon House, and the biographer of Molly Brant, Lois Huey.

The Marshall House, in partnership with the Saratoga County 250th American Revolution Commission and the Saratoga County History Center, is hosting the Women in War symposium. The symposium will take place on Saturday, May 14, 2022, at the Saratoga Town Hall in Schuylerville, NY. Tickets may be purchased at themarshallhouse.org or by calling 518-695-3765.



An historic reenactment at the Marshall House this past fall.

Registration for the symposium is \$50 per person for the entire day, including lunch, refreshments and a visit to Marshall House. Speakers' books will be available to purchase and have signed by the authors. Registration information is available at themarshallhouse.org. Registration must be completed no later than May 11. Walk-in registration is not permitted.

“We are very pleased to host this symposium,” said Bruce Venter, Vice President of the Marshall House. “The Marshall House served as a British field hospital and refuge for Baroness Riedesel and her three children during the Saratoga campaign in 1777. Riedesel's journal is one of the most compelling writings of the war, so it is fitting to host

‘The Marshall House has been continuously occupied since 1771.’

this symposium in Saratoga County.”

History Center Vice President and Saratoga Town Historian Sean Keller said, “The History Center strives to tell our community's important national story from all perspectives especially those that are seldom heard. We are excited to welcome this symposium and work in partnership with the Mar-

shall House and the Saratoga County 250th American Revolution Commission. We all hope this will be the first of many events to highlight the American Revolution in Saratoga County.”

Please direct any questions or comments to Libby Smith-Holmes esmithho@nycap.rr.com or Tim Holmes tim3holmes@gmail.com from the Marshall House from the board of trustees

The Marshall House, just north of Schuylerville, NY, has been continuously occupied since 1771. The Marshall House was cannonaded during the siege of Saratoga which concluded with the surrender of British General John Burgoyne in October 1777, the turning point of the Revolution. On occasion, the house is open for tours and a presentation by Baroness Riedesel, as portrayed by re-enactor, Debbie Bailey relating the story of her ordeal during the Battles of Saratoga and captivity in America. Please visit the website themarshallhouse.org

The Saratoga County 250th American Revolution Commission was created by the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors in 2021 and is tasked with organizing ceremonies, events, activities, and celebrations recognizing the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution in Saratoga County.

The Saratoga County History Center is dedicated to preserving and sharing the diverse histories of Saratoga County. In addition to the Brookside Museum, the History Center offers a variety of innovative, exciting, and educational programs in person and on-line. Please visit the website (www.brooksidemuseum.org) and social media accounts (@SaratogaCoHistory) for news and announcements.

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Cambridge Crossword

(solution page 24)

Across

- 1 It's found in a lock ... or a loch
 4 Founder of one of Israel's Twelve Tribes
 9 Multilevel marketing giant
 14 "WALL-E" FX
 15 __ territory
 16 Lake near Squaw Valley
 17 Beneficial tree tapping?
 19 Leaning
 20 Vex
 21 Come into
 23 Willing subject?
 26 Renowned
 29 Wildebeest with a habit?
 32 Wells' Weena et al.
 33 Mississippi river to the Mississippi River
 34 The Aire runs through it
 35 Common online interruptions
 38 Domed building
 41 "Give or take"

Down

- 42 Actress Tierney
 44 Projectionist's stack
 46 Otherwise
 47 Hoop site?
 52 One-named "Unapologetic" singer
 54 Pang
 55 "That completely overwhelmed me!"
 58 Favorable points
 59 Range
 61 Reversed, in a way ... and a hint to the creation of five puzzle answers
 64 Garçon's hand-out
 65 Go on the stump
 66 Oklahoma native
 67 Binge-watching mealtime aids
 68 Not cool at all
 69 Mint holder

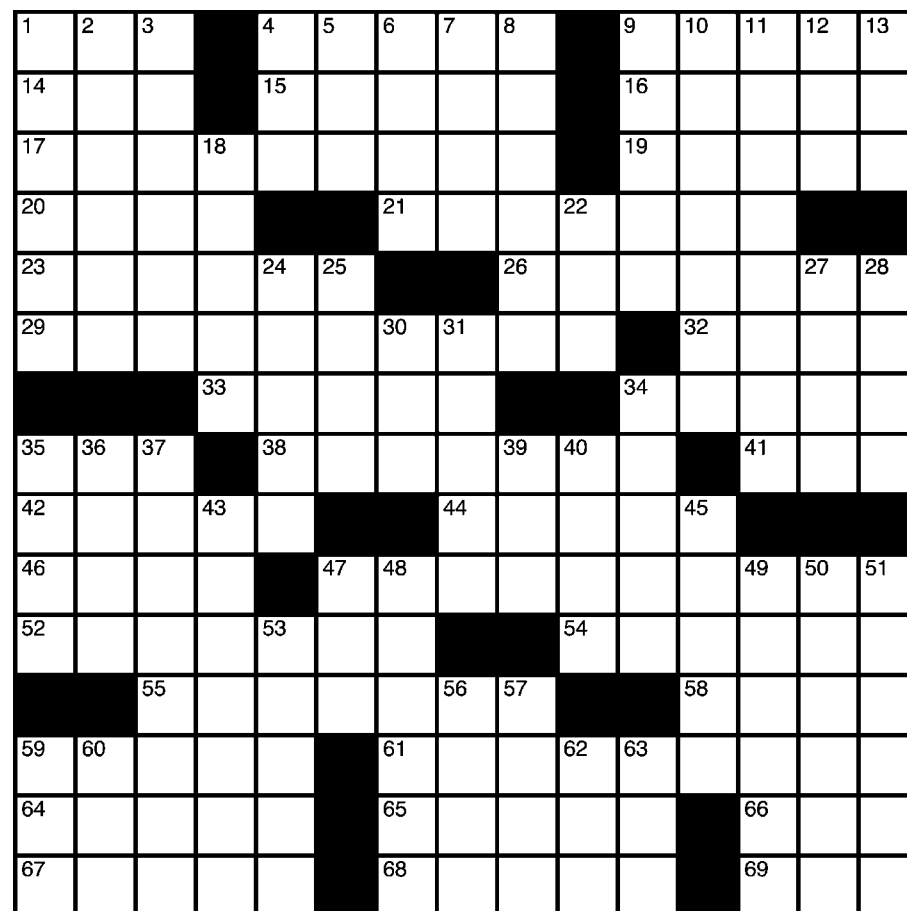
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- 4 Contrail source
 5 John Irving alma mater: Abbr.
 6 Lucy's guy
 7 "___ Called Ove": 2015 film
 8 Honky-tonk line?
 9 Big name in games
 10 Play before supper
 11 Hawaiian wedding accessory?
 12 Early internet co.
 13 Still
 18 Needing caulking
 22 LiMu __: ad bird
 24 Prom queen topper
 25 Carmaker Ferrari
 27 Subtle approvals
 28 Morticia, to Gomez
 30 Came down with
 31 Melon, e.g.
 34 Bochco series
 35 OAS part: Abbr.
 36 Surrealist friend of Garc'a Lorca
 37 Top for a Japan-

ese dish?

- 39 Prefix with con
 40 Dexterous
 43 "Survivor" genre
 45 Wading bird
 47 Half of nine?
 48 One with an anthem
 49 Plant deeply
 50 Rainforest rodent
 51 Lie atop
 53 Score in a score
 56 Memo intro
 57 Old despot
 59 Pretend to be
 60 Deface
 62 "___ be fun!"
 63 34-Down actress

ANSWERS ON PAGE 26.



9 to 5 by Harley Schwadron

Fast Facts

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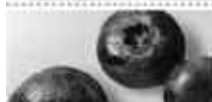
Red sweet pepper 128



Navel orange 458



Sliced fresh tomato 138



Blueberries 98

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Word Find

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

Find these words that are associated with nursing.

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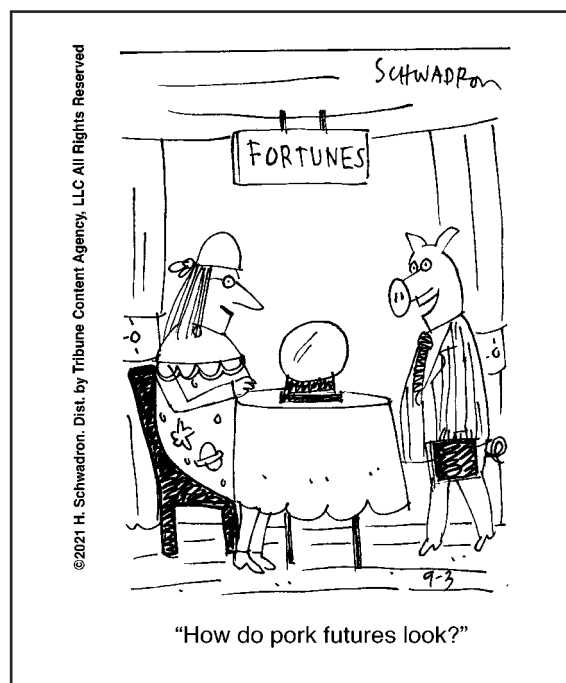
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 Manager
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Reports
 Rooms
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 Therapy
 Vaccine
 Ward
 Weight

Wound

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



A chat with the Cambridge Grand Marshals

Lance Allen Wang
Journal & Press

Cambridge's American Legion Captain Maxson Post #634 selected Bob and Jane Wright to serve as co-Grand Marshals for this year's Memorial Day Parade. Know that it took a lot of restraint to not title this "The Wright Stuff" or "Fun with Bob and Jane." I talked with them on April 21st about their history with the village.

Lance: *Bob and Jane, you are not veterans, but you were selected by a group of veterans from the American Legion to represent the Village as Grand Marshals for our Memorial Day parade because of all you do for our community.*

Bob: (laughs) Unfortunately I was 4-F [medically disqualified from the draft]. I had high blood pressure and was told by the doctor at the draft board that I needed to step outside before I exploded!

Lance: *We know you and Jane do a lot in the community. What have you done in the community that means the most to you?*

Jane: We are true locals. We both were born at Mary McLellan Hospital, high school at Cambridge Central School where we were sweethearts, and we decided to raise our family here.

After we had kids, I took on the job as the Village's Youth Commissioner in the mid-1970s. Bob was the Mayor, and Jim Nolan was the supervisor at White Creek, Barney McClenithan at Jackson, and Charles Clark at the Town of Cambridge. I had to work with all of them. Our goal was to come up with a girls' field ("This was prior to Title IX," says Bob). We were able to get a girls' field. I worked with Carson Fuller on a good swim program. We taught everything from swimming lessons to advanced lifesaving. That was my summers!

Bob: I became Mayor when the current Mayor resigned. They asked if I'd do it and I said OK – I did it for nine years. The reason I didn't run again was that we had a winter where the temperature did not go above zero for two weeks. Hospital Hill was a sheet of ice, and I'd get calls from poor nurses who couldn't get up there. But after that winter, I decided that it was a good run, but I wanted to move on.

Jane: He had a great Board!

Bob: Yes, I had Tom Dunn, the "elder statesman." Tom was on the school board. I had "Doc" Pender, Don Cummings, and Stanley Ford. We

always seemed to talk things out and come to agreement. I have to mention your predecessor [as Village Clerk] – Orville Burton. He had done the job for years – he kept me out of trouble. There was Art Center's mother, she was treasurer.

Lance: *What is your best memory of any of your roles?*

Bob: I've never come out and looked for jobs. I just accepted opportunities that came my way. I was a charter member of the Washington County Traffic Safety Board. I was on the Mary McLellan Hospital Board. I was on the Cambridge Valley National Bank Board. I was President of the Lions Club.

Jane: He was also asked to be on the School Board, but he didn't, thank heavens. Too many phone calls!

Bob: (laughs) That's one place where I fell down on my obligations.

Lance: *What about you, Jane? What is your best memory?*

'He was asked to be on the School Board, but didn't. Too many phone calls!'

Jane: Raising three sons who went on to good colleges. Two graduated RPI and one finished at Alfred University – a ceramics engineer with six patents.

One thing I did after our children grew up; I had my own clothing business. I took on a partner in Pat Anderson, we opened The Corner Closet in Hoosick. Then we split off because we grew so large, so we opened a location in Greenwich. We stayed in business for 10 years and sold the business.

Bob and I are both very active in our church.

Bob: My Mother raised me a Christian, taught me to love Jesus. I wouldn't be here without him.

Lance: *Do you have any memories of veterans, either here in Cambridge or in your own family backgrounds?*

Jane: My Brother was a veteran in the mid-40s stationed in England. Married an English gal. He has since passed. My father said he was



in between – too young for WWI and too old for WW2. He and my mother moved to Cambridge and ran Beacon Feeds.

Bob: The closest military situation in my family was my Uncle George – who joined the Navy during World War I, training on Long Island. He died in the Spanish Influenza epidemic of 1918.

My Brother-in-Law, my sister's husband, John Weeks, flew P-38's out of England, primarily photographic reconnaissance missions over Germany.

Lance: *What memories do you have of Cambridge veterans?*

Bob: I knew a lot of veterans; one fellow was named John Seaman who built our first house. He was a contractor who built model homes. He had served in the Pacific and would tell of the horrific problems they had flushing the Japanese out of their tunnels. I'd hear lots of war stories from lots of people. I respect that the wars were awful, I learned that from our veterans. I have great respect for everyone who served.

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.



My morally grey behavior, written by friends

Cody Fitzgerald
Journal & Press

I'm writing this after a day long road trip with four of my friends, who I've come to realize have had to put up with several character flaws I exude on the daily. When I told them I was going to write a column, they suggested that they can help me out with this one. I present, without further adieu, "A List of Cody's Morally Grey Behavior":

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- I bought a fried dough for my friends at Six Flags, ate the entire thing while they were on a ride, and still felt good about myself for doing something nice for them

- When my friend was attempting to speak with a boy she liked, I proceeded to jump in and have a 30 minute conversation with him about Kanye West

- I proudly order a cheese and mayo sandwich at Subway

- After my first kiss, instinctively said "thank you"

- I was stuck behind a funeral one day and put my hazards on (pretending I was a part of the funeral procession) to get through a red light

- I am a bleeding heart liberal but "become a capitalist at amusement parks" because I pay extra to skip the lines

- At a young age, met my great-grandmother for the first time and apparently said "what is death like?"

- Waiting in line for a slushee at Target, I finished it while I was waiting, so I just threw it out and left (the statute of limitations is up on this one so I did not just incriminate myself)

- I did not pay for a parking pass at my college, but rather put a fake ticket on my windshield every day, so they would think they already got me

- I will bring several shirts, hats and pairs of sunglasses to a mall, and then go to different food locations in various outfits to get several rounds of free samples

- On a first date, took my girlfriend to a truck stop, Six Flags and then Burger King

- I, one time, claimed I "know comedy"

- Watching Breaking Bad has become at least 20% of my personality

- This April Fools, I spent over an hour convincing my friend that I had been killed and replaced with a robotic

version of myself (and did really good at it), sending him into an existential crisis

- I play Candy Crush unironically

- "Raging main character syndrome"

- I eat the pizza crust first to "save the best for last"

- Proudly sat back and basked in the attention I will be getting after my friends write this article

How do we put up with him?

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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Library wins grant; teens learn photography

The Schuylerville Public Library is the happy recipient of an Arts Education grant through Saratoga Arts. This summer, the Library will offer two sessions of Nature Photography courses for children and teens.

From July 9 through July 23, the Teen Nature Photography class will meet each Saturday from 10:30am until 11:30am for ages 13-17. Then, from July 30 through August 13, the Pre-Teen Nature Photography class will meet each Saturday from 10:30am until 11:30am for ages 9-12. Initial meetings for both sessions will occur at the Schuylerville Public Library, with the following classes held

outdoors for hands-on photography sessions at nearby beautiful Hudson Crossing Park.

The instructor is Susan Meyer, who has been photographing nature for decades and received first place in the Erie Canal Photo Contest in 2020. Susan will display examples of her work and review topics like composition, lighting, and more. The instructor will work with any type of camera or smartphone that participants own and provide useful tips on dealing with whatever type of device brought to class. Registration will open on May 1st and may be done online (<https://bit.ly/libeventcal>) or by

phone (518-695-6641). There will only be twenty spots available in each age group. Saratoga Arts made this program possible through the Community Arts Regrant Program, funded by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature.

Separate from this grant, the Schuylerville Public Library is also offering a free three-part iPhone photography course



with instructor Susan Meyer for all people ages 15 & up in June and registration for that course is now open.

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Mother's Day at Salem Fire Dept.

Celebrate Mother's Day on May 8, from 7-11 a.m. at the Salem Volunteer Fire Department. The breakfast menu will offer the following: Sausage, gravy, biscuits, scrambled eggs, homefries, bacon, omelets, French toast and more.

Chicken biscuit to go

Cambridge Valley Lodge #481, Free and Accepted Masons, a Fraternal Order and institution in Cambridge since 1860, will be holding a TAKE-OUT ONLY Chicken Biscuit Dinner on Sunday, May 8th, from 12 Noon until sold out. \$12/meal. Includes world-famous "Craig's Own" Chicken Biscuit. Pick up at the Lodge, 6 Coila Road. Stay tuned for "Malcolm's Own Chicken BBQ" starting in June.

Fort Miller visit

The IT and counseling department at Greenwich High School joined forces to bring awareness to the job opportunities in the area. Students were invited to tour the Fort Miller Groups where they heard presentations by carpenters, engineers, welders and management about all that is being done there and employment options (at Fort Miller and beyond). Greenwich's Counseling Department is part of a regional Workforce De-

velopment Team, working together with industries, policy makers and schools to help promote and build the area's workforce.

Some thoughts from the students:

"The various shops were fun to explore."

"I learned that they build things that go all across the world such as safety gates for Ukraine."

"I learned about burial vaults...which was surprising. I didn't even know they made those. They

do a lot more than I expected."





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