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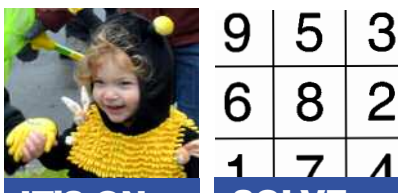
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Historic facades

Our history writer, Jim Nolan, tours Schuylerville and Victory and tells us about some of the area's more interesting and durable classic buildings. Pictured here is Bullard Block. It was built in 1881 and is a rectangular two-story brick building on a limestone foundation in the High Victorian Gothic style.

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Finally, mine wins unanimous approval

Annabel Gregg
Journal & Press

The Greenwich Planning Board unanimously approved the Special Use Permit for Greenwich Materials, LLC to build a sand and gravel mine on Christie Road at the September 17th meeting. After Chairman Bill Tomkins proposed the final motion at the end of the meeting to approve the mine operation with a two-year permit, the remaining members of the Planning Board all voted in approval in a roll-call vote. The permit was conditioned on the promise that the applicant joins the two adjacent land parcels and produces a receipt that they have applied to the Department of Transportation for a work permit.

The vote came after a long process over the past few months, including a controversial public hearing in August that drew over 50 members of the public opposing the mine project. Residents offered many reasons to not approve the permit, including traffic safety and visibility near the entrance of the mine, water quality and preservation of the nearby Whittaker Brook, air quality impacted by dust, and noise pollution. The Board addressed some of these concerns at the September 17th meeting before the final vote.

One concern that the Board wrapped up with fairly quickly was the issue of visibility regarding entrance and exit of vehicles to and from the mine. This was an issue that was also brought up by members of the public at the August hearing.

“Where I was concerned there would be limited visibility, it was not as bad as I was expecting it to be,” explained Planning Board member Liv Thygesen, who accompanied Chairman Tomkins on the final site visit before the meeting. “Trucks even higher up from where we were — you could see forever. Cars coming around — it’s still enough where you can see, but it was still enough where we wanted to contact the Department of Transportation to get their recommendation, to see if signage would be needed as a just-in-case. We literally drove on the road, we sat in seats and drove around, and you can see. Which I was surprised, I really thought it would be more difficult [to see].”

The NYS Department of Transportation said in a letter provided by the applicants that they typically use warning signs in locations along

Route 29 if the driveway is limited in visibility. However, “in the brief review [DOT] did using Google Earth images, there does not appear to be site distance limitations of this driveway that may warrant a warning sign in either direction of travel. A more in-depth review may be considered,” said a representative responding for DOT in the letter.

“The need for the sign will be determined by the DOT when they issue a work permit,” concluded the Chairman.

Another issue addressed at the final meeting was one raised by the Battenkill Conservancy at the last two meetings regarding the two small bodies of water adjacent to the mine. The board read aloud the response to Lorraine Ballard’s initial letter to the DEC, explaining that “after careful review, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation issued a mine land reclamation permit for the effective date of July 3rd,” and “based on the fact that no mining activities will occur within 100 feet of Whittaker Brook or the key regulated freshwater wet-

‘It’s just that people get emotional, and I understand that.’

land...we determined that this project will not have a significant negative impact on these resources.”

“I think that speaks for itself,” said the Chairman.

Laurel Cole, representing Greenwich Materials, made a statement after the decision. “The special use permit for Greenwich Materials, voted unanimously by the Town Planning Board members; is a testament to the level of rigor and highest standards we have met as part of the permitting process,” she explained. “We are



The gravel operation will take place beyond the polo property. —darren johnson photo

thankful to members of our local community who participated in a transparent process and were willing to ask many questions — a rigorous process resulting in a great outcome.

“We are very fortunate in our town to have members of a Town Planning Board who volunteer their personal time to be members of the board. The Board did an excellent job being open minded and assertive, listening to feedback from all parties and examining every detail of the permitting process to ensure a fair and balanced outcome. I look forward to serving the socioeconomic needs of our community and doing my part as a small business owner to grow Greenwich.”

At the end of the meeting, Tomkins wanted members of the public to know that they were still heard throughout the process, despite the unpopular passage. “I didn’t say that what the neighbors [to the mine] said doesn’t matter. Of course it matters, and we considered it. And I think we altered the project based on what the neighbors had to say,” he explained.

“The Special Use Permit does not become a right for one property owner’s use for the land to be put up as a referendum about whether the surrounding neighbors want it. That’s not what a Special Use Permit is...it’s how we examine how it fits into that area. We consider, certainly, as we did in the public hearing, what other people have to say...It’s just that people get emotional, and I understand that...but our job is to separate that emotion and deal with the regulations and what’s written here [in the bylaws].”

Slate Valley Museum reopens for tours

After several months of closure following the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in March, the Slate Valley Museum reopened its doors on September 25, the Museum has begun welcoming guests for scheduled visits.

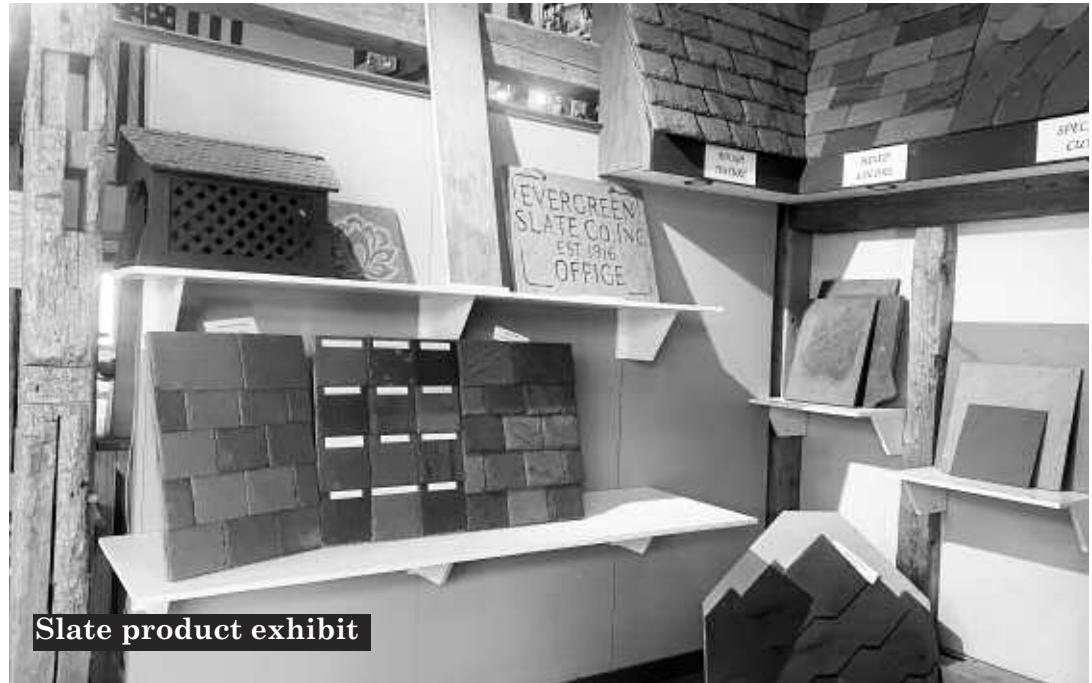
“The Museum opened 25 years ago this month, and we are excited to reopen and begin our anniversary year by welcoming people back to visit us,” shared Interim Director Sarah Kijowski, “We’ve reviewed guidelines and recommendations, and we’ve looked toward other museums of our size to see how they are handling visits and programs. We really wanted to take our time, learn from our peers, and open in the safest way possible for our visitors and our staff.”

That means visits will work a bit differently than they have in the past. All tours will now be by appointment only, will require advance reservations, and are limited to the members of one party

(up to a maximum of 8 people). Only one group will be scheduled at the Museum at one time. These self-guided visits will be limited to two hours to ensure that the Museum is available for the next scheduled group. Staff members will be available to answer questions.

As in many other public places, museum visitors are asked to wear face masks and practice social distancing during their visit. “We will be asking visitors many of the same questions they’re hearing elsewhere right now regarding their travels, how they’re feeling, etc. We want the Museum to be accessible, but we also want to be safe for everyone who enters,” explained Kijowski.

In addition to changes in the admissions process, visitors will also get to enjoy new experiences inside the Museum. A new display



Slate product exhibit

highlighting diverse uses of slate, installed in one space, will encourage guests to explore and contemplate slate in the world around them.

Those interested in scheduling a visit can call 518-642-1417 or email associate@slatevalleymuseum.org

seum.org to make their reservation. From September 25 through December 19, visits will be available at the following times: Tuesday through Friday at 12pm or 2pm; and, Saturday for 10am, 12pm, or 2pm. Reservations are first come, first served. To secure a preferred time, the Museum staff recommends calling a few days in advance, especially for weekend time slots.

As for the 25th anniversary, Kijowski says that planning is in full swing. “We are going to celebrate our anniversary over the course of the next year,” she said. “We look forward to sharing our plans with everyone very soon, and hopefully bringing about some joy during this difficult time.”

Museum admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for seniors (65+), and free for members of the museum, children under the age of 12, and slate industry workers.

The Slate Valley Museum is located at 17 Water Street in Granville, NY. Call 518-642-1417 or visit slatevalleymuseum.org.

10 local farms on Fiber Tour

The 2020 Fall Farm to Fiber Tour will take place Saturday and Sunday October 3rd through 4th and October 10th through 11th from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM each day. Admission is free and will offer a unique and educational experience for the whole family. The Tour is also a great opportunity for people thinking of joining the area’s robust textile industry as a farmer or maker to meet other producers and learn about the fiber supply chain.

Ten of the 30 farms participating in this year’s fair are from Washington County, including Battenkill Fibers, Hebron Hills Farm, and Ensign Brook Farm. Farms in the county will be offering hand-spinning and weaving demos, animal showings, and fleeces. Visitors will also be able to shop for fleeces, yarn or finished goods at all locations. A full list of Tour locations and a map is available at www.soadkfiberproducers.org. Some of the open house events and demonstrations will take place outdoors. Dress for the weather. Masks and social distancing will be required. The event is coordinated by the Southern Adirondack Fiber Producers Cooperative. Sponsors are the Hudson Valley Textile Project and Taproot Magazine.



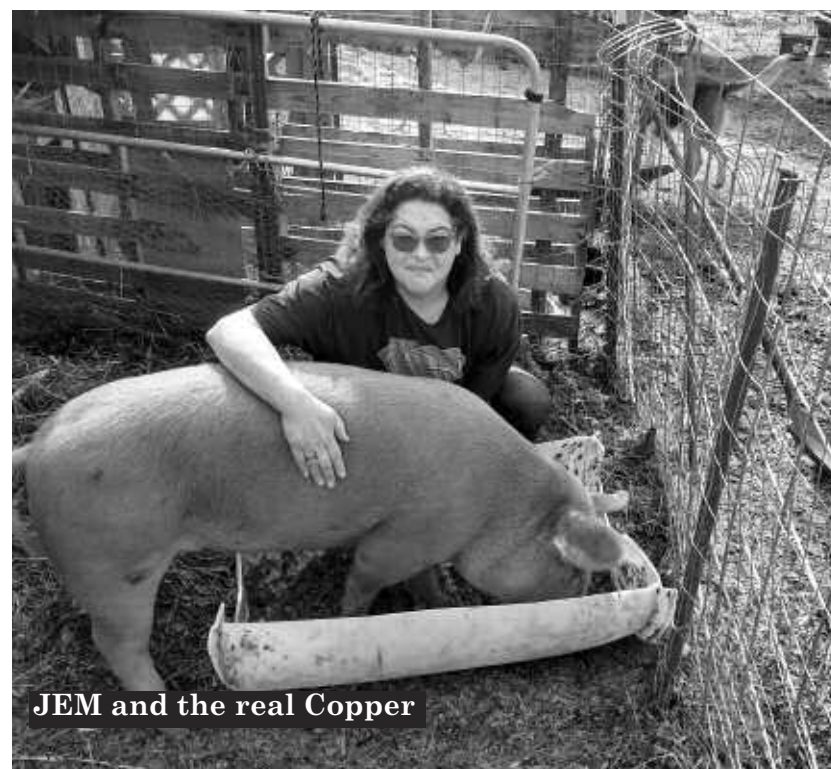
Argyle author publishes children's book

"Copper the Pig" is a new children's book published by Argyle author going by the pseudonym JEM. About the book: Copper was given to a lady to take care of him. Her three dogs help out, play with him and sleep with him. Will Copper make it?

About the Author: JEM (aka Joyce Doty) is a down-to-earth country girl. She enjoys her animals and loves the country life. She started out as a cashier years ago and in the early 2000s got into working on farms. Back in 2008, after her father died, she met her soulmate. They were working for the same person and ended up working with firewood together. Now they have a small hobby farm in their backyard called "Doty's

Farm." They have calves that they are raising for a farmer, they have chickens, and a pig. That is what inspired the author to write this book. Copper came to her a week old; his momma and siblings didn't make it. She had Copper in the house for a few weeks and her dogs; Prince, Bruiser, and Annie helped out.

"Copper the Pig" by JEM is published by Austin Macauley Publishers and is available on Austinmacauley.com/us, Amazon and all good booksellers. Prices range from \$4.50 to \$21.95.



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Dems hold virtual meetup; next one Oct. 12

Annabel Gregg
Journal & Press

The Washington County Democratic Committee hosted a Virtual Town Hall with some of the locality's candidates for Congress, State Senate, and State Assembly on September 23rd. The forum kicked off with opening remarks by Executive Committee Chair Sara Idleman, commenting on how the Democrats hope to fare in the November elections. "There is a tremendous amount of energy out there. That became very clear to me after I got my 100th phone call for signs," explained Idleman. "It's the most important election of a lifetime. What's really at stake here is the Constitution, the rule of law, and equal justice under the law."

Virtual listeners heard from 45th Senate District challenger Kimberly Davis, NY-21 Congressional hopeful Tedra Cobb, and current 113th Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner. All of the candidates got a chance to introduce themselves to the Zoom crowd, telling their stories of how they got into the race and what they hope to achieve.

"One of the reasons that I'm running is that it's very important that we have somebody with a financial background in Albany," explained Davis, who has been the Clinton County Treasurer for the past seven years. "We are a very taxed state. And although most people don't mind paying taxes for the services that we have, we really need to spend our money wisely, especially with the huge budget gap that we face."

Davis also spoke about the frustrating nature of the country's current divisiveness along party lines. "One of the other reasons I'm running is that there's a difference be-



tween being political and being partisan. We are all tired of hearing and seeing the incredible negativity that we see both in Washington D.C. and in Albany," she explained. She mentioned her opponent and how he posts negatively "a third if not half of the time," and how "you're supposed to be representing all people, not just those that got you elected. I don't care about if a Democrat or a Republican comes up to me with a bill – tell me how we're going to pay for it, and then we can sit down and have a discussion. Because that's really what is lacking, the discussion. The 'give a little,

'We need someone with a financial background in Albany.'

take a little,' and then get the work done."

Elise Stefanik challenger Tedra Cobb also spoke on her background. "I am in this race because of healthcare," she said bluntly. "In 2010, I was done with the [Saint Lawrence County] legislature, and I never thought I would run for office again. A career in politics is

not what I envisioned for myself. Fast forward to 2015, my daughter Ada lost the ability to walk and stand, and she needed to have emergency back surgery. As you can imagine, it was absolutely terrifying. But as you can imagine, I had a job, and I had insurance, so Ada got the surgery that she needed. A month later, I lost my job. And we lost our insurance. So in 2017, when Elise Stefanik voted to repeal the Affordable Care Act, and to kick 64,000 people off their insurance and gut protections for people with pre-existing conditions like Ada, that was it, I knew I had to run."

The Congressional hopeful also spoke about how COVID-19 has changed the North Country and the country. "200,000 people have lost their lives due to COVID. Millions are unemployed, millions are sick, and we still have no testing and no contact tracing, we have no PPE, we still have no realistic federal response to this pandemic. Instead of putting people first, this administration has put politics first."

Assemblywoman Woerner also spoke about COVID, and how it has been at the forefront of her reelection campaign.

"During the last six months, our communities have really pulled together. And I know that so many of you have found ways to give back to your community and help those in need, and it has been a privilege to roll up my sleeves and help out at these distribution sites and revive my somewhat-rusty sewing skills to join you in making masks for the folks who weren't able to get access to PPE."

Woerner also highlighted what has been an important campaign issue for her — small business. "Strengthen our economy, strengthen our state, and get ourselves back on track," she explained. "Over the last 6 years, my focus has been on small business. From Easton and Greenwich and up to Hartford, it is really the small businesses that make up the economy of Washington County and similarly in Saratoga County."

Another Virtual Town Hall will be held Monday, October 12, 7:00-8:00 PM, featuring Patrick Nelson, candidate for State Senate District 43, and Brittany Vogel, candidate for State Assembly District 107. The events provide an opportunity to interact with the candidates. Contact argyledems@gmail.com to get the link for the Zoom meeting.



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Washington County scenes

The Washington County Historical Society is releasing a new publication that investigates the storied past of Washington County through photographs of what life was like from the 1840s until post-World War II. The title of the book is “Historic Washington County: A Photographic Portrait”.

Early settlers to Washington County arrived before the Revolutionary War, relocating from New England and emigrating from many European countries bringing with them diverse cultures, lifestyles, religions and talents. The bucolic foothills between the Adirondack and Green Mountains boasted the Hudson, Battenkill, Mettowee and Champlain valleys where water-power was abundant and gave rise to the textile factories, sawmills and grist mills which sprang up along the banks of these rivers. Drawn by the fertile soil, farmers grew crops and raised sheep availing themselves of the avenues to market provided by construction of the Champlain canal.

By the mid-1800s, Washington County boasted a population of over 45,000, the third largest in New York State at that time. In 1861, when young men were conscripted into the Union army, the county was one of the most prosperous areas in the country. The decades following the Civil War and through much of the 20th century were a time of invention and prosperity for many, where people were able to achieve a better way of life for themselves and their children.

“Historic Washington County: A Photographic Portrait” is a beautiful collection of photographs. It depicts a day in the life of how Washington County’s ancestors dressed, what they did and how they lived. It is a tale of the people and by the people told through photos from private collections and archives. There are also short stories and reminiscences acquired from letters and diaries which help bring the images to life.

“Historic Washington County: A Photographic Portrait” will be available in the spring of 2021,



but it will be possible to pre-order in advance of the publication date. The Washington County Historical Society has an on-line bookstore: WCHSbookshop@yahoo.com or patrons may attend the Holiday event, “Heritage Home: A Celebration at Willowlea” on Saturday, December 5th, where Salem historian Judith Flagg and author Elizabeth Cockey will present a compelling look into the past. For more information about the “Heritage Home” celebration contact the Washington County Historical Society at wchs-ny.org or call 518-747-9108. There will be 3 time slots available (one hour each) to accommodate 25 individuals per group.

Logistics and the art of moving

Liv Thygesen
Journal & Press

There was a time when my entire life fit inside two olive-green sea bags. One sea bag contained uniforms, and the other my personal effects. There was a time when my entire life was Marine Corps uniforms and my civilian attire: half a dozen shirts, many pairs of pants and three pairs of shoes.

I was first issued my sea bags in boot camp in 2003. There is a specific way that a bag must be packed. The game of Tetris is made real when Drill Instructors are screaming “Boots!” “Socks!” “Skivvy shirt!” “Uniform blouse!” “Uniform pants!” “Personal hygiene kit!” “More skivvy shirts!” and you must put the mentioned items in the sea bag exactly as instructed. However, once completed and followed to the “T”, one’s life does fully fit inside two olive-green sea bags. Apparently, I had been packing things incorrectly my entire life.

Packing in this manner not only teaches valuable visual special abilities, it also teaches one how to prioritize what and where items should be packed. Sea bags are “top load” and do not have rummage room to dig for things. The most important and readily needed items must be packed last so that they are on top. The heaviest and least likely to break items must be placed at the bottom of the bag. This keeps the bag upright when not being carried. Anything fragile gets wrapped in extra skivvy shirts and placed at the center of the bag, cushioned by clothing on all sides.

There were many items that would not fit in the two bags. Often these items would have to be left behind or be mailed home. For example, before deploying to Japan, I had to leave behind a ten-disc CD player and a car. These clearly would not fit in my olive-green sea bags. “If it’s not issued to you, then you do not need it,” quote the Marine Corps. This also includes children, spouses, friends and other sentimental effects, as these items also do not fit in a sea bag. The packing and prioritizing what is placed into a sea bag is a critical skill.

When full, the sea bags weighed as much as

I did. They were so heavy that if I did not wear one on the front and one as a backpack at the same time, I would tip over. These two bags travelled the world with me. They were an easy marker for “We’ve got a traveling Marine over here” when travelling commercial air. The sea bag is the iconic marker for military moving from one duty station to another or deploying overseas. Every other month or every three years, packing and moving the two olive-green sea bags. Heavy. Bulky. Iconic. Yet simple, practical and easy to heft from one duty station to the next with minimal logistical planning. Just two olive-green sea bags with my last name stenciled on the bottoms. My entire life literally fit in two olive-green sea bags.

Today, I sit here gazing across my house. Open boxes and bins. Stacks of boxes and bins. Hundreds of them. Two couches, three antique armchairs, countless bookshelves, three beds, a crib and more and more boxes. Power tools, records, antiques. The list goes on for days. We sold our house recently, which is causing this massive logistical nightmare. Kids’ toys, kids’ clothing, kids’ furniture. Half of the stuff I am now paying someone else to move is not even mine! If I had to find an item of importance now, I do not believe I could. Moving is awful. Life is now sorted into partially filled mislabeled boxes, broken bins with mismatched lids and all our sweaters are packed. How did it come to this? How did two olive-green sea bags turn into an entire house filled with so much stuff? Stuff that is not even mine? And who convinced me to pay someone else to move it

‘How did two olive-green sea bags turn into an entire house filled with so much stuff?’

all? Where did I go wrong in life?

Despite the ungodly stress of this move, I am grateful that I no longer must leave behind that which does not fit in my olive-green sea



bags. I never again want to leave behind my children, my husband or anymore CD players. As stressful as moving is, when placed into perspective, this move is one of the best relocations ever.

Liv Thygesen has been a marine, educator and community advocate. She owns Sip & Swirl in Greenwich.



It's Ashby vs. Vogel for 107th Assembly seat

Annabel Gregg
Journal & Press

Like many races this election, the 107th Assembly District seat is a hotly contested one. Currently held by Republican Jake Ashby, the one-term incumbent is known as a veteran and a former Rensselaer County legislator. “You know, when I first ran and when I first got in office, a lot of people said, ‘Why do you want to do this? You’re going to be in the minority, it’s very difficult to get things done in the minority.’ And that’s certainly true,” explained the Assemblyman in an interview with the Journal & Press. “But I will say that there are opportunities to build relationships and advance ideas and policy through the relationships that you make. And to me, that was also something that I learned while I was in the Army, and while I was working in healthcare.”

During his first term, his military ties have inspired many of the bills he has sponsored relating to veterans’ affairs. “Some of the pieces of veterans’ legislation I put forward, I was happy to find bipartisan support with those, both in my own conference in the Assembly and the Senate. We put forward a package of veterans’ legislation that gained sponsorship in the Senate by the Senate Veteran’s Committee Chairman, so that was very important to me,” he said.

And although he admits that it is tough to get your name attached to successful bills in a majority-Democratic Assembly, that’s not the most important part of being a representative to Ashby. One of his most successful strategies as a legislator? “Looking for areas to find common ground and advance them,” he says.

If he moves into a second term, he hopes to reconcile some of his prior votes during the COVID era. “I feel like as a whole within the state legislature, I think...ceding these powers to the Governor and giving him really the authority to have too much influence over the state, I think many people, including myself, regret voting in favor of that,” he explained. “But at the time we were working with the best information that we had available. Looking back, that’s one of the votes I would have taken back.”

Brittany Vogel has been working at a grocery store in Kinderhook for the last 12 years. She’s 28, one of the youngest people running

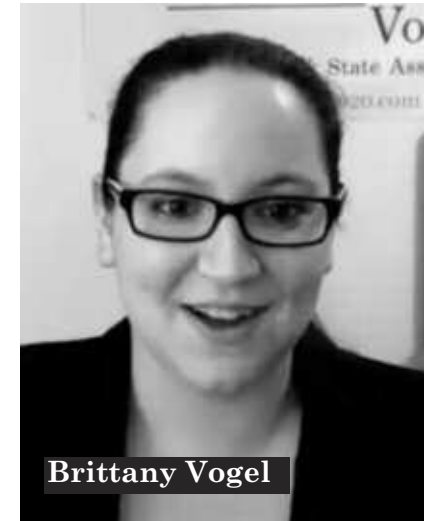
for the legislature this cycle. Her enthusiasm for politics and her community is infectious. “I come from a working-class family. My dad works 80 hours a week and they still live paycheck to paycheck. My mom has healthcare problems and issues, and she’s burdened with those health problems that she’s going to live with for the rest of her life. So all of those experiences that I’ve had, and the issues I’ve dealt with, have brought me to this moment,” said the Rotterdam native to the Journal & Press.

Though Vogel now works as an Assistant Store Manager, she is also known for starting a non-profit organization in her community. “When I was 23, I started a nonprofit called Upstate Cakes for Kids. At the time, I was a bakery manager,” she explained. “When the cakes go out of date, we were giving them to the local pantries. And they were getting dented and damaged, and the food bank

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brought it to our attention.” This inspired Vogel to get some volunteers together and start making personalized cakes for kids in the area. “Sometimes it would be the first cake they’d ever had. The biggest reason [I started] was that I thought these kids deserved more. I wanted them to know that there’s people in the community that care about them and want them to succeed.”

Vogel has a lot of policy goals, spanning from protections for the working-class and healthcare equity, climate change and the Green New Deal, and getting money and corruption out of politics. “You can’t make change without getting to the root of corruption,” she explained.



“Getting rid of that rot in our system and securing our elections, making sure that people feel that their vote counts. We want people to vote and try to get them active in democracy. We all need to be in this together and be active participants in democracy.”

For Assemblyman Ashby, his most important issue is correcting imbalances. “There are so many areas that are out of whack, and we see that influencing people’s lives; through the Governor’s disproportionate amount of power right now, that’s imbalanced,” he said. “Whether it’s how we’re functioning right now as a state or as a legislature, there’s an imbalance there in representation, and I think that’s reflected in the legislation that’s been passed. There’s an opportunity there to restore balance through this election and I hope we’re able to do that.”

Of course, both candidates have seen their campaigns and their lives impacted by COVID-19. “It does span across all different avenues of people’s lives, and you can feel kind of subdued in the way that we’re approaching things and going through things,” explained Ashby. “But I think that there’s reason for that, and there’s also a push to get back to normal and try to go about that in a smart way. I think we have to remember to be balanced, and not just forget what happened over the last 6 months and knock everything down. We have to go about it in a smart way.”

Vogel is frustrated with the lack of a solid effort federally to handle the virus. “There should be a federal plan to tackle COVID, and

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Greenwich CSD board: Challenges ahead

Annabel Gregg
Journal & Press

COVID was the main topic of discussion at the September meeting of the Board of Education.

District Business Manager Troy Tyler gave the BOE an update on the 2020-2021 district budget, which will be facing a \$2,060,000 revenue shortfall due to the 20% withholding from the New York State Division of Budget. This means that the district's estimated total state aid, including UPK and Cares Act Funding, is \$10,333,031. "This budget was approximately \$700,000 less than we originally planned for," explained Tyler, equating to a nearly -9% reduction in spending.

Tyler points out that "it is a withholding; it is not a permanent cut yet. We have not been given

any information on what will be permanently cut, and it may not be known until Quarter 3 or 4 in the spring." The district will be working for the next two months to figure out how to adjust to the financial setbacks for the year.

Superintendent Mark Fish also adds that the district will be adjusting its budget shortfalls by switching up their typical funding advocacy. "We typically advocating for school funding at the state level, but now we're working on representatives in Washington D.C., expressing how devastating this reduction in funding would be to our school districts," says Fish. "Elise Stefanik was on the phone with a group of us last Friday for an hour. She is certainly committed to bringing school funding to our region, so we're greatly appreciative of her time."



Board Member Michael Conlin points out that the "cuts are still at the discretion of the Governor," and the district will still continue to work to acquire funding at the local and state levels.

Students first arrived on campus on September 10th, with half of students in-person and others online. "Students on campus are making the best of it certainly, but it's hard not seeing the kids smile," said the Superintendent.

The first days of school reopening at Greenwich were eventful, with two positive cases of COVID within the first 24 hours and an entire second grade class going into 14 days of quarantine. "When we were told by the county that we did indeed have two positive cases, we put out a message that we jointly put together [with the county], and then we put another message together – the first young person had not come to school, so all the tracing done there were ac-

tivities outside of school. The second young person was traced because he was in the school," Fish explained. "When they start the tracing, they're really looking for people who had direct contact or exposure to a positive COVID person. So if I'm a teacher and...one of my kids is reported, that classroom and that teacher would then have to quarantine."

"The Greenwich CSD continues its strict adherence to our reentry plan and appreciate the support of our Washington county partners in this process," said Mark Fish in a press release. "Additionally, the district is required to report daily to the NYSDOH all COVID positive tests cases for students and staff. This information will be available by district on the state's webpage dashboard. "

'An entire second grade class going into quarantine.'

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A COVID-adapted declassified school survival guide

Cody Fitzgerald
Journal & Press

It's that time of the year again—back to school! That being said, this year was a little weird. Obviously, given the circumstances, the general atmosphere has been unusual. I, for one, can speak to this because usually I should be fat and sad right now, and you know any year where I'm fit and happy is a bad one. People were actually excited to go back to school, which is not a day I thought I'd live to see. In all the mess, we haven't seen many back to school survival

guides – so I thought I'd provide one here today.

Organize Your Folders – It's important to keep track of all your papers, so nothing gets lost throughout the year. I've color-coded my folders so my local outbreak tracker, math homework and list of places I'd consider moving to if Trump gets reelected don't get lost.

Pack a Healthy Lunch – It's important to stay energized during the day, so you can be productive. Pack yourself a filling, healthy, Pringle-free lunch so you can stay

on top of your work.

Good First Impressions – It's important to get off on the right foot with your teachers. You could try the classic “bring them an apple” technique, but with social distancing guidelines, you may have to throw it at them.

Make New Friends – You're always going to meet new people when you start a school year, so you might as well make some friends in them. Remember, the most relevant topics right now are the coronavirus and politics, so make sure you begin your introduction with some blend of both. They'll love it.

Stand Out – You don't want to just be another student in the mix, and you need to make yourself recognizable. One tactic is to play “hard to get” when it comes to homework.

Wear a Mask – There's no joke here. Don't be an idiot.

Find the Bullying Equilibrium – You've got to find a healthy medium where you're not the worst bully there, but you're still the boss. You should politely steal a kid's lunch money.

B.Y.O.B. (Bring Your Own Belongings) – It's important to keep to yourself, so you should re-



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ally buy and store your own supplies. Grab the usual pens, paper, ruler, calculator, folder, clothes and binder and you should be set.

There you have it. Follow these tips and your school year should go flawlessly! I am legally obligated to say that I'm not responsible for anything that happens to you if you use this guide.

Cody Fitzgerald is a Schuylerville (NY) High School senior aspiring to become a screenwriter and comedian.



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Church news and notes

Salem Holy Cross Catholic Church celebrates Mass on Sunday at 8:30 a.m. If the weather cooperates Mass is held outside. Please bring a chair or one will be available, otherwise Mass will be inside and people will be seated appropriately. The obligation for Mass remains suspended.

St. Joseph's in Greenwich continues to post Sunday Mass on YouTube with Fr. Kacerguis and Maureen Casey as music minister at 10 a.m. The link is www.tinyurl.com/SJG-liturgies. A second collection was held Sunday for those suffering from recent natural disasters. Next weekend, a second collection will be held for those suffering in Beirut as a result of the enormous

explosion there last month. Thank you to all those continuing to support the parish.

Congratulations to Quinn Korzeniecki and Tim Brown who celebrated their marriage at Holy Cross on September 26.

In observation of the Feast of St. Francis, there will be a Blessing of the Animals on October 3 at noon at Immaculate Conception, Hoosick Falls, and at St. Patrick's in Cambridge at 1 p.m. People will gather outside with masks and social distancing. New Skete Monastery is planning a virtual event on October 4 to bless your pets. Please check their website for information.

HVCC online lectures

"Voices: A Library Lecture Series" is presented each semester by Hudson Valley Community College to broaden and enrich the scope of studies at the college with talks on timely and enduring issues that are shared with the community. The lectures are 50-minutes long and this fall will be streamed live online due to the current COVID-19 restrictions on public gatherings. All are welcome to attend; each lecture has a unique virtual address (see below).

Elections 2020: A Perspective from Albany; Thursday, Oct. 15, 11 a.m. to 11:50 a.m.

While the United States presidential election is getting most of our attention, all of New York's congressional and legislative seats are up for re-election. Spectrum News political reporter Susan Arbetter will share her insights on what could happen in the national, state, and local elections and what those results could mean for New York State. Virtual event: livestream.com/hvccstreaming/events/9235041

Tiny Homes... From Pinterest Dreams to Affordable Housing;

Tuesday, Oct. 27, 1 to 1:50 p.m.

The tiny home trend is everywhere – on television, on social media and at tiny home festivals popping up throughout the county. The same questions persist: Why go tiny? Who chooses tiny homes? Are these homes really less expensive? Local businesswoman Brittany McAndrew of Upstate Tiny Homes, who served on the board for the Tiny Home Industry Association, will illuminate this new tiny world.

Virtual event:
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Using Adversity to Fuel Positive Change; Wednesday, Nov. 11, noon to 12:50 p.m. Bridie Farrell, a three-time American record-holding speed skater, is the founder of NY Loves Kids, a non-profit advocacy organization for child victims. Farrell, a national spokesperson for sexual abuse survivors, will discuss how surviving child sexual abuse became a platform for change. Virtual event: livestream.com/hvccstreaming/events/9235044

Visit www.hvcc.edu/culture to learn about these and more offerings.

‘Jurassic Park,’ ‘Hotel Transylvania’ at Fairgrounds

The Salvation Army is hosting a “Movies in the Pumpkin Patch” three-night event at the Washington County Fairgrounds from Friday October 9 to Sunday October 11. The Drive-Up family fun movies will be projected onto 4 of the world’s largest inflatable movie screens, each with 1000 watt sound systems. “Jurassic Park” will be shown on Friday night, “Hotel Transylvania” on Saturday night, and “Ghostbusters” on Sunday night. Each movie starts at 7 p.m.

The event will take place at the Washington County Fairgrounds parking area located at 392 Old Schuylerville Rd, Greenwich, NY 12834. Fairgrounds gates will open at 4:30 p.m. each day. Tickets for the event are \$20 per vehicle for general admission parking each night. Premium vehicle parking passes for first two rows from the

screen, along with discounts for multiple night parking passes are available on the Facebook page of either The Salvation Army of Glens Falls or the Washington County Fairgrounds.

Face masks will be required by all participants when not in vehicle or assigned vehicle space. The fairground parking area contains acres of open space and have four enormous screens to show movies, so there will be ample room for safe distancing.

Vehicles will be parked more than 6 feet from each other in each row and each row separated by more than 14 feet. Every other row will be staggered so each vehicle will have unobstructed views of the screen.

The event is the first one of its kind organized



by the Salvation Army’s newly formed Doing the Most Good Events team. To help sponsor the event contact leo.lloyd@use.salvationarmy.org.

Social justice events in Salem

Salem for Social Justice will be showing “Harriet” at the Courthouse lawn on October 2, with a rain date of October 4. This event is free. Space is limited to 50 tickets which will be available at 6:15 p.m.; the film will begin at 6:45pm. Patrons are advised to dress warmly, bring lawn chairs or blankets. Participants are expected to follow mask and social distancing guidelines until they have located their spot on the grass. The film focuses on the life story of Harriet Tubman and her work with the Underground Railroad. “Harriet” has a runtime of 125 minutes and has a rating of PG-13 due to “thematic content throughout, violent material and language including racial epithets.”

On Sunday, October 11, Salem for Social Jus-

tice will be holding an “Abolitionist Underground Railroad Walk” from 1 to 3 p.m. led by local historian Clifford Oliver. This event is also for free. The walk will begin at the Greenwich Public Library and continue for four miles of leisurely walking, during which participants will view the exteriors of the homes of 12 families who started the Underground Railroad in Greenwich.

Salem for Social Justice is a group of community members dedicated to celebrating diversity, educating the public, encouraging equality, kindness and empathy and starting open-minded dialogues. The group consists of 5 subgroups that each focus on working with a different part of our society including the school and local law enforcement. The political advocacy subgroup has



been present at the Route 22 Farmer’s Market hosting a voter information table. You can find more information about Salem for Social justice on their Facebook page.

It’s Ashby vs. Vogel in the 107th (cont.)

there’s not. It’s everyone for themselves,” commented Vogel. She also mentions how the pandemic has specifically hit the working class in especially disturbing ways. “Healthcare shouldn’t be tied to our jobs. So many people lost their jobs during the pandemic, and then lost their healthcare. I mean, that’s just backwards thinking.”

Ashby seems overall thankful at the prospect to continue to serve in the Assembly

if re-elected. “My message for voters is, first of all, thank you. Thank you for your participation in the process and paying attention. This is what makes our country and our state great, by having people who are willing to do so and pay attention.”

Overall, Vogel’s campaign seems to be focused on optimism and thinking for the future. “We have to think forward. We think about the next quarter or the next year: we’re not think-

ing about 100 years from now. Who is thinking that far ahead? We need leaders that do.”

Both candidates will be on the ballot for the 107th Assembly District seat — spanning parts of Rensselaer, Columbia, and Washington counties — on November 3rd.

How to run a controversial commercial

Brian Steinberg

Variety

Special to Journal & Press

Just as ABC was getting ready last night to show "Tiger King" figure Carole Baskin on the dance floor, the family of her ex-husband devised plans to trip her up - and they weren't difficult to put into motion.

Viewers watching ABC affiliates WFTS in Tampa and WJXX in Jacksonville at just past 8:30 p.m. Monday night saw a commercial featuring three daughters of Don Lewis, Baskin's second husband who has been missing since 1997 and was declared legally dead in 2002. In the spot, the trio and family attorney John Phillips ask area residents to come forward if they know anything about Lewis' disappearance - or if they know that Baskin was involved.

"Don Lewis mysteriously disap-

peared in 1997. His family deserves answers. They deserve justice," says Phillips in the commercial. "Do you know who did this or if Carole Baskin was involved?" The family mentions a potential reward of \$100,000. Baskin's ties to Lewis have been in the spotlight since Netflix launched "Tiger King" earlier this year. In the documentary, zoo owner Joe Exotic alleges Baskin, a rival animal sanctuary operator, murdered Lewis. No one has been arrested or charged in relation to the investigation of Lewis' death.

ABC welcomes all kinds of commercials on "Dancing With The Stars," where a 30-second spot has in years past gone for between \$100,000 and \$120,000. The series in 2019 captured nearly \$43.4 million in ad revenue, according to Kantar, a tracker of ad spending, from top-flight companies such as Target, Eli Lilly and Walmart. But network executives probably didn't appreci-



ate the local ads that cast a negative spotlight on Baskin at a moment when one of ABC's most durable series is in the midst of a renovation, with a new host, Tyra Banks; new restrictions due to the coronavirus pandemic; and a new set.

The broadcast networks have little control over the local commercials that dozens of affiliates sell to smaller advertisers in their home regions. Even though the purpose of his commercial would clearly cast aspersions on Baskin's appearance on "DWTS," Phillips says he had no trouble booking his ads on the two Florida ABC affiliates. "Nobody gave us any issue," the attorney says in an interview. "It was tastefully conceived."

Some very large advertisers have exploited this tiny loophole in the past. In 2009, MillerCoors put a one-second ad for Miller High Life on 25 local NBC stations during the network's broadcast of Super Bowl XLIII - knowing full well that rival Anheuser-Busch InBev has locked up rights to be the sole beer advertiser in the national broadcast of the event. In 2004, TNT, the cable network then owned by Time Warner, started running ads on local NBC stations during "E.R." to remind

viewers about the missing-persons drama "Without A Trace," and to tell them repeats were available on TNT. The catch? First-run episodes of the series ran opposite "E.R." in the same time slot on CBS. NBC banned the ads once executives were alerted to the stunt.

Getting a message about Carole Baskin on the local ABC stations was easy to do, says Phillips. "It was \$6000 for Tampa and \$500 for Jacksonville," he says. Production cost nothing, he adds, because his firm handled those duties on its own.

The attorney got the idea to run the commercial, when an ad-sales staffer from one of the local stations approached him about placing an ad for his law firm on its air. "It was a garden-variety lawyer commercial," he recalls. "I don't do those." Since Lewis was active as the operator of an animal sanctuary in Florida, the attorney says, he felt the ads would reach viewers who might have run in his circles.

Response to the commercials, he says, has been robust. "The tip lines have dozens and dozens of calls," he says, suggesting the family may be interested in running more TV ads at a later date.

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The return of vinyl is music to my ears

Greg Schwem

Special to Journal & Press

Finally, and I do mean FINALLY, I have solid evidence that some things were actually better in "the old days."

No longer do I have to stare at my kids' skeptical, sometimes horrified, facial expressions while I wax poetically about the merits of a television that could only pick up five channels (OK, six if you knew how to manipulate a TV antenna); a phone mounted to a wall; or a high school romance that began with spoken words as opposed to written texts and TikTok videos.

Perhaps I was too hasty when I threw away my AM/FM clock radio, my Pong game and my three-piece polyester suits. At the very least, I should have kept my turntable, a major component of my hi-fi system and my youth.

The reason? Vinyl is back, baby!

Recently released data from the Recording Industry Association of America showed that, for the first time in more than 30 years, vinyl albums (Google that phrase, kids) outsold CDs. True, services like Spotify and Apple Music are still the preferred way to obtain tunes; but for those of us who like to hold our albums as opposed to streaming them, the reemergence of the black, long play record album, and the hisses and scratches that come with it, is a victory of sorts for middle-aged music aficionados like myself.

My vinyl collection is long gone, as I succumbed to the superior sound and portability of CDs in the 1980s, but the memories endure. Growing up in suburban Chicago, I was a fixture at Polk Brothers, a home appliance and electronics retail outlet. While customers in one aisle shopped for refrigerators, I was in the adjoining aisle, flipping through recently arrived albums in search of the latest Elton John release. My Christmas wish list always included half a dozen albums, some of which my mother probably purchased in horror.

"They're called Kiss, Mom. Just look for the album cover featuring a guy wearing white makeup with blood dripping from his mouth."

Ah, yes, the album cover! And the back cover featuring the song list! My closest encounter to a broken bone occurred when I was pedaling home with my latest purchase and neglected to



see a rut in the road, so fixated was I on the song titles. If I arrived home in one piece, I promptly retreated to my bedroom, dropped the stylus on the album and read the lyrics to each song, often laughing when I realized what I had been singing up until that moment.

"Oh, so it's 'Rocket Man, burning out his fuse up here alone.' I thought it was, 'Rocket Man, burning out his shoes, the pair I loaned.' "

'I thought it was "Rocket Man," burning out his shoes, the pair I loaned.'

I memorized the names of every musician who played on every track, eventually realizing a select group of drummers and horn players were in high demand when it came time for my favorite rock stars to cut new albums. I was playing guitar at the time and took heart knowing that, if I never found a band to play in, I could make a great living as a studio musician.

When I became a disc jockey at my high school radio station, I learned the art of "cueing" a vinyl song by dropping the stylus on a particular groove and then spinning the album backward so, when I pressed "play" on the turntable, the song started immediately. I knew that skill didn't improve my status with girls, but I was sure

they would have been impressed were outsiders allowed in the studio. They weren't.

I learned wooden crates from grocery stores were the perfect width to hold my album collection. I never resorted to alphabetizing my LPs, but they were sorted by genres; and the "Greatest Hits" albums occupied the front spaces, with the Eagles getting top status. And why not? In 2018 the band's greatest hits collection surpassed Michael Jackson's "Thriller" as top selling album of all time.

So, Gen Z and Internet Generation members who brag about the 10,000 songs you carry on your phones, along with the 20,000 photos, take a deep breath. Find Drake's best seller "One Dance" on vinyl, seek out a turntable and enjoy the experience.

And read the lyrics. It's "I had to bust up the silence," not "I had to bust up the sirens."

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



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On September 14, 100 Women Who Care Northeast Chapter (100WWCNE) donated \$4,000 to WAIT House in Glens Falls. Wait House is a local program dedicated to providing a variety of services to homeless youth, including emergency shelter and living programs, case management, and life skills training. Since opening its doors in 2003, WAIT House has provided 27,000 bed nights to more than 1,800 homeless youth and young adults.

The 100WWCNE Adirondack Chapter has been in existence for over two years and currently has 187 active members. All members in good standing are encouraged to nominate a 501c3 charitable organization located in Warren, Washington, or Saratoga County. The organization with the most votes at the end of their monthly meeting then receives a \$100 donation from each of the



100WWCNE members.

The group is beginning to resume their recruitment efforts and hopes to grow to 100 members. "To think that a group of 100 women coming together every 3 months and collectively donating \$10,000 in just one hour is amazing and incredibly helpful to local charities who rely so heavily on donations from the community," said Cheryl Meyers, co-founder of the Northeast Chapter.

To learn more about the services that WAIT House provides and how you can help, visit their website at www.hcwaithouse.org or follow them on Facebook at www.facebook.com/wait.house.

Hartford's safety award

Hartford Central School District earned Utica National Insurance Group's "School Safety Excellence Award" at the Titanium with honors level for the ninth consecutive year. This honor recognizes school districts' safety efforts as they work to help keep students, staff, and visitors safe.

Superintendent Andrew Cook was presented with a plaque to commemorate the district's safety efforts and a \$500 award for use in furthering those efforts from Utica National representatives.

Superintendent Cook commented, "The Hartford Central School District's first priority is ensuring the safety and security of our students, faculty, staff, and visitors. I am proud to accept this award on behalf of the district and all our faculty and staff who consistently demonstrate their due diligence in ensuring the safety of everyone who enters the facility."

Utica National's School Safety Excellence Award Program has three levels – titanium, platinum, and gold in which schools can earn a meritorious distinction by meeting specific criteria to enhance overall safety. Through the program, schools with their own transportation, schools with contract transportation, and BOCES are evaluated. Categories covered include bullying prevention programs, playground safety, and other areas, and are measured using specific, quantifiable surveys.



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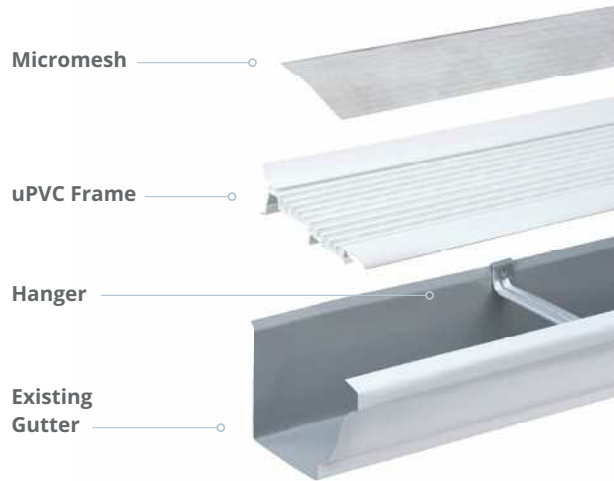
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Explaining the deficit

Jill Schlesinger

Special to Journal & Press

In a Q&A column this summer, I wrote about the nation's ballooning debt and deficit. Many of you followed up and wanted a deeper dive about federal borrowing, so here goes.

To calculate the deficit, take the nation's revenue (the amount of money that the government takes in), and subtract the amount of money that the government spends. For fiscal year 2020, the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) projects a federal budget deficit of \$3.3 trillion in 2020 (\$3.3 trillion in revenue and \$6.6 trillion in spending), which, according to CBO, "is more than triple the shortfall recorded in 2019, mostly because of the economic disruption caused by the 2020 coronavirus pandemic and the enactment of legislation in response."

Deficits (and their rarer siblings, surpluses) are calculated on an annual basis. The federal debt held by

the public is the amount a country must borrow to fund its annual deficit. CBO notes that next year will be a milestone, and not a good one: in 2021, the US debt will grow larger than the total economy for the first time since 1946, right after the government financed World War II. The calculation, known as debt-to-Gross Domestic Product (GDP), is a way to make sense of these huge numbers.

Debt-to-GDP was already getting pretty big last year, increasing to 79%, primarily due to the 2017 tax cuts. But the pandemic recession, along with all of the spending associated with keeping the country afloat, has increased that share to 98% for fiscal 2020, which concludes in September, and it is expected to surpass 100% in 2021 and increase to 107% in 2023, which would be the highest in the nation's history.

For years, economists have warned that deficits are necessary in extreme times--and a global health pandemic certainly qualifies. But many of you

asked what's the problem with persistent, large deficits? The traditional answer is that as the government is forced to borrow more money, interest rates rise, and those rising rates "crowd out" investment in the private sector. Here's a simple way of thinking about crowding out: if the government has to pay higher interest rates on its debt, then investors would likely lend money to the government, rather than the private sector, because it would be seen as a safer alternative. If the private sector can't access financing, then growth and productivity would be lower, reducing future economic growth.

Just in time for historic deficits, is a new book by economist Stephanie Kelton, "The Deficit Myth: Modern Monetary Theory and the Birth of the People's Economy." Last year, I moderated a debate between Kelton and Marci Rosell, the former chief economist for CNBC, during which Kelton laid out the thesis for Modern Monetary Theory (M.M.T.): budget deficits are not three-alarm fires for those governments with their own currency (like the U.S.), as long as there is full

employment and until those imbalances create inflation. When inflation becomes a problem, federal legislators would step in and would provide economic stabilizers. Rosell countered by saying that M.M.T. is a "beautiful theory", but the devil is in the details and she does not believe that we could rely on fiscal policy (meaning Congressional action) to come to the rescue.

The pandemic response may illustrate both of their cases: early on, Congress acted and spent \$2.2 trillion to spur the economy, while recently, lawmakers remain stalemated on new stimulus. M.M.T. may not be the answer, but given that the Federal Reserve is likely to keep interest rates at zero for a long time, the U.S. could be conducting a real-time, long-term experiment on the impact of debt and deficits on economic growth.

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Irrational co-workers

Daneen Skube

Special to Journal & Press

Q: *How can you work when all around you seem to be completely losing their minds?*

A: You can if you lower your bar of mental health expectations and focus strongly on your own functioning. The problem is we keep expecting normal and we are working in the middle of so many crises including mental health issues.

Psychologists have researched the way people decompensate during stress (which means they disintegrate to their lowest functioning). You can see how stressed everyone is by kids being at home, too much time with family, work, health and money. You'll function much better if you anticipate stupid, irrational, and crazy

as a baseline and work on your reactions.

People have not literally become more stupid it is just that anxiety makes people act stupid. They end up not being able to see the brick in front of their feet and trip. When people are upset their brain is sending out a chemical cascade which people have a hard time swimming upstream against.

You can see that anything you do to make sure you settle your brain down is brilliant. Start meditating. Get daily exercise. Sleep and eat well. Avoid drifting toward too much bad food, alcohol, or drugs to manage your stress as these will delete feel good chemicals from your brain.

Realize most people have not read the above paragraph nor are they following these guidelines. Many people

are instead turning to the quick fixes like bad food, alcohol, smoking or drugs. You can see what a toxic combination these poor choices would be in face of a mental health crisis.

I used to believe when I was young and had less life experience that most people's normal mental health on a ten point scale was a six. I now know most people's mental health on a ten point scale is usually a three. Since people are dropping mental health points fast you can imagine a lot of people have moved into negative numbers with their emotional health.

When you see stupid, or crazy going on take a deep breath, paraphrase and keep your goal in mind. Don't react defensively or try to point out that the other person is nuts. Paraphrasing another person well will instantly add mental health points to their functioning. When people hear you understand them almost everyone settles down and acts better.

To paraphrase effectively you do not need to agree you just need to restate with empathy how the other person is thinking and feeling. When you repeat his/her words it is usually the first time he or she heard those words. People will often shift immediately because they hear that what they are saying doesn't make sense.

You'll have more conflict now than you have ever had. Use paraphrasing and asking questions as your first line of defense. In interpersonal conflict the best strategy is to win a war. If you lower your expectations, immediately paraphrase, and ask questions you'll often achieve your goal and sidestep the stupid and irrational.

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Darren Johnson
Journal & Press

The Journal & Press has had several iterations. At one point there were separate papers called The Greenwich Journal and The Salem Press. And for decades, the newspaper owned other historic papers, The Fort Edward Advertiser and The Schuylerville Standard, but dropped that from the masthead. You can find archives of these papers and more in the Greenwich Public Library's excellent Gill Room or online at nyshistoricnewspapers.org.

Here are some snippets from past editions from early Octobers many decades ago:

140 Years Ago

October 13, 1880

Hartford Notes: Mrs. Geo. Larkham of East Hartford was buried on Sunday. Diphtheria and whooping cough are raging in this vicinity.

Faxon Bros. have received a large and well selected stock of horse blankets and lap robes, which they will sell cheap.

The Adamsville band was up here Saturday evening waiting on the corner for an invitation from the club to play for them, but wanted \$10 for their service for the evening. They finally consented to play two pieces gratis, which they did. It was good music, but it worked so on the boys' nerves that they wanted to take a collection and pay them to go home.

120 Years Ago

October 10, 1900

Robert Malcolm, aged about 65 years, and for the past four weeks foreman of the Saratogian job office, fell dead at his case about 5:30 o'clock Monday afternoon. Mr. Malcolm had just finished the job on which he was working, dumped his pan, and placed the stick in the rack with a "well, that's finished," when he was seen to waver, and before anyone could reach him, sank to the floor. Death was said to have been due to heart failure. The remains were removed by Undertaker Thompson to his home, No. 182 Lake Avenue, and from there the funeral will

take place probably today.

100 Years Ago

October 6, 1920

Saturday of this week will be the first day of voter registration. Whether you realize it or not, an important presidential election is less than four weeks away, and it is time to consider it. ... Women will vote for president for the first time in this state this year. It is especially important that women who did not vote last year go to the polls on one of the registration days and see that they are registered. ... Another law that is in effect this year is the absent voters law. Persons who are away from home may vote if they are registered.

70 Years Ago

October 11, 1950

Two cases of infantile paralysis (polio) have been reported in the town of Greenwich this month, the first cases this year. Dr. M.A. Rogers, town health officer, reports that there is one case in Thomson and one in Bald Mountain. At the end of September, the state health department reported a total of 280 new cases.

40 Years Ago

October 2, 1980

Fire of a suspicious origin struck a building at 57 Main Street in Greenwich, heavily damaging the newly opened Steve's restaurant and the Republican Headquarters. Smoke from the fire was spotted shortly before 3 p.m. by Michael Karp of M&H Auto service across the street. "The fire broke my heart," said Steve Duket, owner of the new restaurant. "But we'll be opening up again soon."

20 Years Ago

October 12, 2000

Following the Homecoming dance on Saturday night, Sept. 30, a group of GCS students attended a house party where alcohol was served. A number of students were identified



by adults who happened upon the scene, and following an investigation, 14 students were suspended from participation in sports and extracurricular activities. The case was referred to the district attorney ... A lack of cooperation by GCS students has hampered past investigations and prosecutions.

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Yes for the Halloween Parade, no for Tractors

The Greater Greenwich Chamber of Commerce announces its 29th Annual Halloween Parade & Costume Judging on Sunday, October 25, 2020 in the village of Greenwich.

Participants should plan to gather at 1:00 pm at the corner of Washington Street and Main Street. The parade will march along Main Street to Academy Street and the parking lot of the Town of Greenwich building at 2 Academy Street, to the right of the Greenwich Free Library, where judging will be done.

Everyone gets a treat for marching in the parade. Candy and a participant ribbon will be given to all participants and judging will take place in five categories: The Best Dressed Pet, The Most Original,

The Funniest, The Scariest, and The Best Group/Family. Ribbons will be awarded to first, second, and third place winners in each category. The Best in Parade will be chosen as the winner of the \$100 prize.

"The Greenwich Chamber is excited to have a fall activity for kids during this year of seemingly endless event cancellations and uncertainty," said Kelly Stephen Eustis, Managing Director. "We are pleased to continue the almost 30-year tradition of holding a Halloween Parade in the Village of Greenwich."

Children must be accompanied by an adult. This event will be in conformance with all applicable laws, rules, regulations, and executive orders related to the coron-

avirus. Masks will be required and all in attendance will be asked to adhere to social distancing protocols.

No Tractor Parade

The Holiday Lighted Tractor Parade in the Village of Greenwich will not be held this year. After consulting with

the community, the Tractor Parade Committee, and much discussion between the Board of Directors, the Greater Greenwich Chamber of Commerce has decided to not hold the parade this November due to the ongoing coronavirus situation and subsequent restrictions.

"We waited as long as we could to make this unfortunate decision," said Kelly Stephen Eustis, Managing Director. "All aspects were considered, especially the health and safety concerns for the participants and spectators. We know how much this signature event means to our community so the idea of not having a parade this year was very difficult. This does not mean we will not be celebrating the holiday season."



Last year's parade -file photo

The Chamber plans to place lighted tractors around the village as well as hold other holiday activities that will be announced soon to engage both businesses and community members.

"It is important that we still create a holiday atmosphere and brighten spirits during this year of disruption," said Eustis. "As details become finalized, we will be letting the community know. Any plans will be in conformance with all applicable laws, rules, regulations, and executive orders related to the coronavirus."

Every year a portion of the funds raised through the Holiday Lighted Tractor Parade go toward an agricultural scholarship for a graduating senior of Greenwich Central School. The Chamber will conduct a fundraising campaign to ensure that tradition continues.

Less financial stress

Cornell Cooperative Extension Washington County and RethinkingDebt is offering a free workshop, via Zoom, on Monday, October 19 at 6 p.m.

They will assist attendees in reviewing a plan to stay organized and get a budgeting system

together.

Pre-registration is requested by Monday, October 19 and can be done by contacting the Cornell Cooperative Extension Washington County office at washington@cornell.edu or at 518-746-2560.



WREATHS — across — AMERICA

Please help Schuyler Hose Company Remember, Honor, and Teach on December 19th by sponsoring a wreath. Go to our page at wreathscrossamerica.org and look for our sponsor page reference #NY0300 or use the QR code to link directly to it.

Thank you in advance for your support.



October events at the Greenwich Free Library

Here is what's planned at the Greenwich Free Library this month:

Build Your Resume and Become G-Suite Certified! October 12- November 30th

Participants will learn all they need to know about Google Cloud Programs (Slides, Docs, Sheets, Gmail, etc.) to take and pass the G-Suite exam. Participants will join a library hosted Google classroom and will watch 11 video classes (45-90 minutes each). This can be done on one's own schedule as long as participation is during October 12- November 30. All class members will have access to study materials, practice exams and assistance. Exam fees will be covered by the Greenwich Free Library (reg. \$75) and is made possible through a grant from the American Library Association and Google. The G-Suite Certification exam is 2 hours long and is able to be done online. Sign up Now by calling 518-692-7157- Limited Space available! Residents of the Greenwich Free Li-

brary service area will be given preference when registering.

Book Character Pumpkin Decorating Contest for All AGES coming in October!

Decorate a pumpkin like your favorite book character and enter to win a pumpkin pie from the Village Cafe! The Library will be providing patrons a pumpkin to use for this contest. Limited number available. Call the library to reserve one today! To learn all about this contest please visit greenwichfreelibrary.org/pumpkin/

Photography Workshop – October 21st 6PM-8PM

The library welcomes back its Community Room Artist of this past February, photographer Risa Scott as she leads a series of online photography instruction classes. Each session will run



Captain Underpants, an entry last year

as a stand-alone class with a variety of topics. Join one or join all. Limited capacity, ages 13 and up. Please call the library to register

A Spooky Halloween Family Party – October 31st 2 PM

Storytime! Halloween Craft Tutorial! Pumpkin Book Character Winners Announced! Everyone who joins the party on Zoom will receive a free book! Please e-mail esargent@sals.edu or call 518-692-7157 for Zoom information and to reserve your craft kit.

Tuesdays – Bedtime Story Time

Join Ms Emilly at 7:30 PM for a FB live story time.

Wednesdays – Family Story Time

Every week at 11 AM we join up with Schuylerville Library, Hudson Crossing Park and Rural Soul Studio for a half hour of stories, music, crafts, exploring and special guests. You can find our videos on You Tube!

Fridays – Farm Story Time

Come explore a different local farm every week! The group will visit all kinds of farms and see how they change through the seasons! Find the group's videos on Facebook and Instagram.

Thank You!

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to all who donated and/or participated in the Mike Dow Golfing Benefit. Whether it was golfing, handing out food, cleaning carts, selling raffle tickets or sending prayers and well wishes.

All of you have helped make life a bit easier during this difficult time. Couldn't think of a better place to live! We love you all.

–Mike Dow and Family

Movies/TV series now available on video

Jay Bobbin

Special to Journal & Press

You can go out and buy the DVDs or simply download these via your home streaming service. Here are some new video releases:

"JOHN LEWIS: GOOD TROUBLE": Widely and prominently mourned upon his recent passing, a genuine American icon is recalled in this fine documentary, initially released during what would be the final stage of the politician's life. Director Dawn Porter recalls Rep. John Lewis' teen years as a participant in the civil rights movement, when his actions regarding segregation helped make him a close associate of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. His subsequent activities sometimes placed him in physical jeopardy, yet through the years that ultimately took him to the literal halls and chambers of power, he never stood down from advising others to potentially get into "good trouble" in adhering to their beliefs. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, former President Bill Clinton and Dr. Henry Louis Gates Jr. are among those offering comments. The special features include an Oprah Winfrey conversation with Lewis, plus extended interviews with Hillary Clinton and former Representatives Elijah Cummings and Stacey Abrams.

"DC'S STARGIRL: THE COMPLETE FIRST SEASON": One of the past summer's viewing treats, this latest addition to The CW's group of DC Comics-inspired series also streamed on DC Universe (though it will be exclusive to The CW for its second season). The extremely agile Brec Bassinger is a delight in the central role of an initially average teen who reluctantly moves to the Midwest with her mother (Amy Smart) and the stepfather she resents (Luke Wilson) ... until she learns he was the sidekick of a deceased superhero who may have been her biological dad. A very strong hint is the magical staff

the late man left behind, now powerful again in the hands of the young woman who uses it to become Stargirl and create a new league of youthful fighters for justice. The show sprang from a comic that co-creator Geoff Johns, also an executive producer here, based on his late sister. Henry Thomas also has a prominent role.

"PENNY DREADFUL: CITY OF ANGELS: SEASON ONE": Though it shares the title of an earlier Showtime series, this saga goes very much its own way, as indicated by the setting -- late-1930s Los Angeles, where two detectives (played by Daniel Zovatto and Nathan Lane) investigate a murder that has much to do with the history of the city and the era in general. John Logan, who also was a prime creative force on the original "Penny Dreadful" as writer and executive producer, serves the same functions here; rich in production design, the drama has a cast that also includes Natalie Dormer (in multiple roles rolled into one), Kerry Bishe, Rory Kinnear ("Spectre") and Michael Gladis (husband of "The Neighborhood" co-star Beth Behrs). The late Brian Dennehy had his final television role here, in an episode dedicated to him ... part of what now is the show's only season, since Showtime decided not to renew it.

"FOCUS FEATURES 10-MOVIE SPOTLIGHT COLLECTION": One of several collections being released by Universal Pictures Home Entertainment, this set (on Blu-ray only) features some of the most acclaimed films of this century so far, including a couple of Oscar winners: "Brokeback Mountain," the drama of the relationship between two cowboys (Heath Ledger, Jake Gyllenhaal); "Lost in Translation," with Bill Murray as a celebrity who becomes involved with a fellow Amer-



ican (Scarlett Johansson) while making a commercial in Japan; "The Theory of Everything," starring Eddie Redmayne as physicist Stephen Hawking; "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind," casting Jim Carrey and Kate Winslet as a couple who mess with their memories; and "Atonement," an examination of the fallout from a teen's (Saoirse Ronan) accusation.

"AGATHA CHRISTIE'S DEATH ON THE NILE": With a new movie version of the classic mystery slated for release soon, this 2004 take on the tale offers David Suchet in a role he made his own on television over nearly 25 years, master sleuth Hercule Poirot. Romantic ties ultimately have lethal implications as the passengers aboard an Egyptian cruise include a newlywed who stole the beau of a then-friend; also on the ship is Poirot, whose investigative skills are needed in sifting through the suspects. Notable among the co-stars is Emily Blunt, in an early screen performance shortly before "The Devil Wears Prada" set her on a path to film stardom.

"JAWS 3-MOVIE COLLEC-

TION": The original shark thriller is universally considered the best film in the franchise, but its huge success inevitably yielded sequels; all three of which are included in this new Blu-ray set, released earlier on DVD. Relatively speaking, the best of the bunch is "Jaws 2," which sees Amity Island police chief Brody (returnee Roy Scheider) having to battle another dweller of the deep ... though the picture's emphasis is on the teen co-stars who pretty much serve as bait for two hours. Also included: "Jaws 3-D," which added the title gimmick to the tale of a water-based theme park gone awry with Dennis Quaid, Louis Gossett Jr, and an early-in-her-career Lea Thompson starring; and "Jaws: The Revenge," in which Ellen Brody (Lorraine Gary) thinks a shark has a personal vendetta against her family. The latter film is notable mainly because the filming caused co-star Michael Caine to miss accepting the Oscar he won for "Hannah and Her Sisters."

More elegant politics from a bygone era

Lance Allen Wang
Journal & Press

Back in a bygone era of more well-mannered politics, Republican President Ronald Reagan and Democrat House Speaker Thomas “Tip” O’Neill presented an example of how politics could remain professional even in the face of disagreement. To me, they reminded me of Ralph Wolf and Sam Sheepdog from the old Looney Tunes cartoons. It seemed like they would punch in at the timeclock, each holding their lunch pail, engage in idle chitchat, and then begin their day. Their day consisted of the Wolf would try to kidnap the sheep, and the Sheepdog would constantly stymie the Wolf’s plans. Sure enough, the bell would ring, and they’d punch out at the end of the day, “See you tomorrow Ralph.” “Yes, tomorrow Sam!”

Of course, it was not all fun and games. As Tip O’Neill used to say, “Before 6 PM it’s all politics,” and sure enough Reagan verified, they were friends after 6 PM. But before 6, it could be brutal – O’Neill referred to Reagan once as “the most ignorant man who ever occupied the White House,” and Reagan once referred to O’Neill as “Pac-Man” in a speech, to wit – “a round thing that gobbles up money.” But they also ensured that this animus was professional, not personal – they were cordial, and both had kindnesses to share about the other

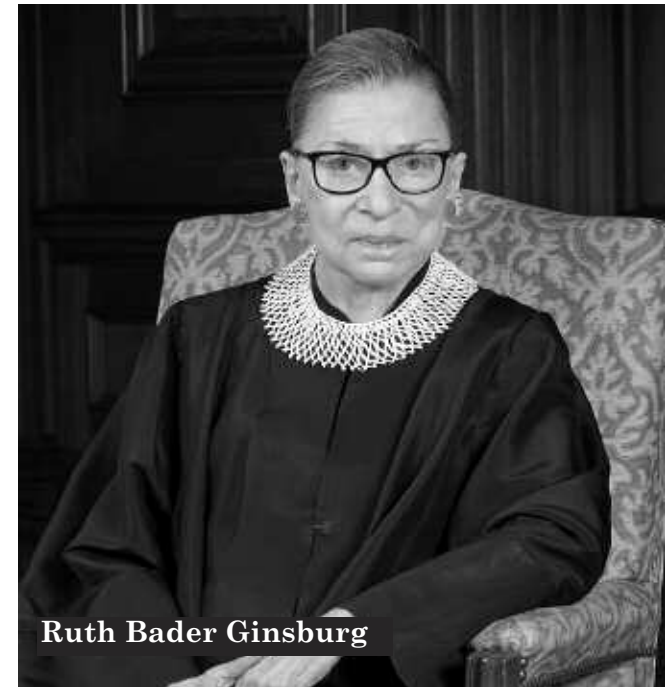
in their memoirs.

Most importantly, their ability to work together where they could find common ground moved the country forward, rather than using Congress as a place where legislation was sent to die. Famously, Reagan once told his aides, “We don’t have enemies, we have opponents.”

The friendship of the late liberal Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg and conservative Justice Antonin Scalia is another that represents civil politics. Although they were often diametric opposites in rendering court opinions, they were close friends with each other for forty years. Their friendship was epic enough that an opera called “Scalia/Ginsburg” was made about them in 2013. When a friend of Scalia’s jokingly asked “When was the last time [Ginsburg] sided with you in an important 5-4 decision?” Scalia said, quite seriously,

‘Ginsburg and Scalia were close friends with each other for 40 years.’

“Some things are more important than votes.” Indeed. Justice Ginsburg, in turn, acknowledged the brilliance of Scalia when she eulogized her friend in 2016 – “A jurist of captivating brilliance and wit, with a rare tal-



Ruth Bader Ginsburg

ent to make even the most sober judge laugh.”

As the nation moves forward and evolves, it is important that we not lose sight of what these friendships represent; the common humanity that each saw in the other. The vulnerability that each showed by opening up to the other. The willingness to see the other as more than just their political opinions.

With apologies to the late Justice Scalia, until we get past the fundamental “jiggery-pokery” of populist politics in this country, we cannot get back to the most important free market in our country – the free marketplace of ideas. When fellow Americans are viewed as enemies, when politics is fundamentally driven by emotions, these types of epic friendships will be written off as suspect. In a country where someone who doesn’t agree with you is treated as an enemy, the free marketplace of ideas and our fundamental humanity is laid to waste. I, for one, am looking forward to America bringing that kind of politics back.

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.



SUNY ADK/SUNY Poly transfer

SUNY Adirondack and SUNY Polytechnic Institute announced a Dual Admissions Program between the two institutions, granting students accepted to the community college admittance into a bachelor’s degree program at SUNY Poly.

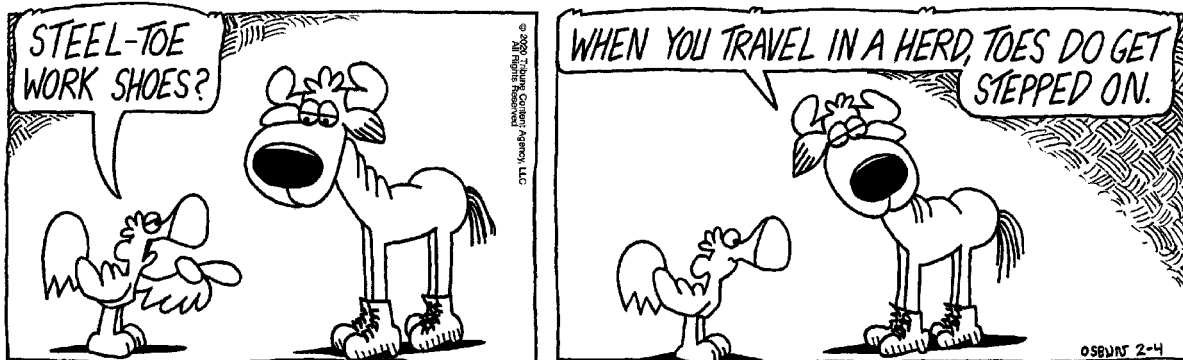
“SUNY Adirondack is committed to providing our students seamless pathways to our four-year partners, including SUNY Polytechnic Institute,” said Kristine Duffy, Ed.D, president of SUNY Adirondack. “We are excited to provide these opportunities for our students accepted in our Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) programs starting in Fall 2021.”

The formal transfer agreement stipulates that students accepted into the program must earn an Associate of Science or Associate of Applied Science degree in a STEAM-based major with a grade point average of at least 2.5 to transfer to a SUNY Poly program within two years of enrolling at SUNY ADK.

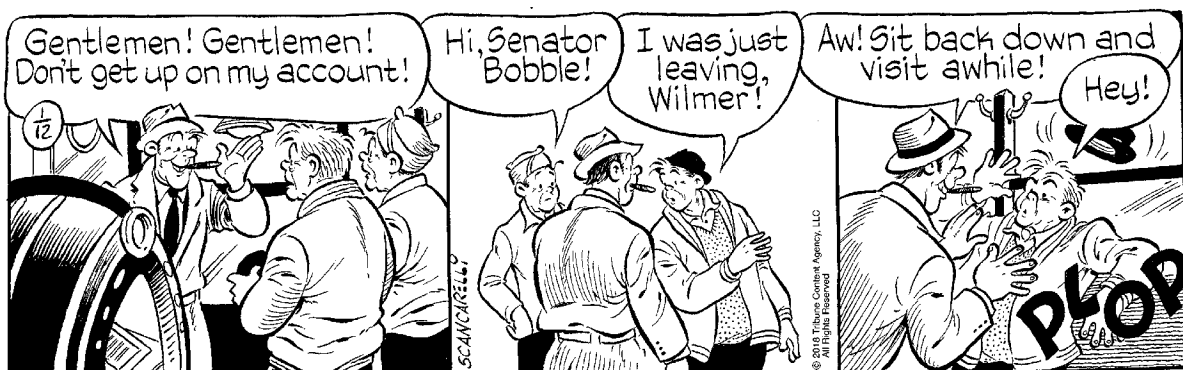
The seamless transfer provide students a direct route from SUNY Adirondack degree programs to SUNY Poly bachelor’s programs. Apply at www.sunyacc.edu/apply. Contact Robert Palmieri, vice president for Enrollment & Student Affairs at Adirondack Community College, at palmierir@sunyacc.edu with any questions.

The Funny Page

Animal Crackers by Fred Wagner



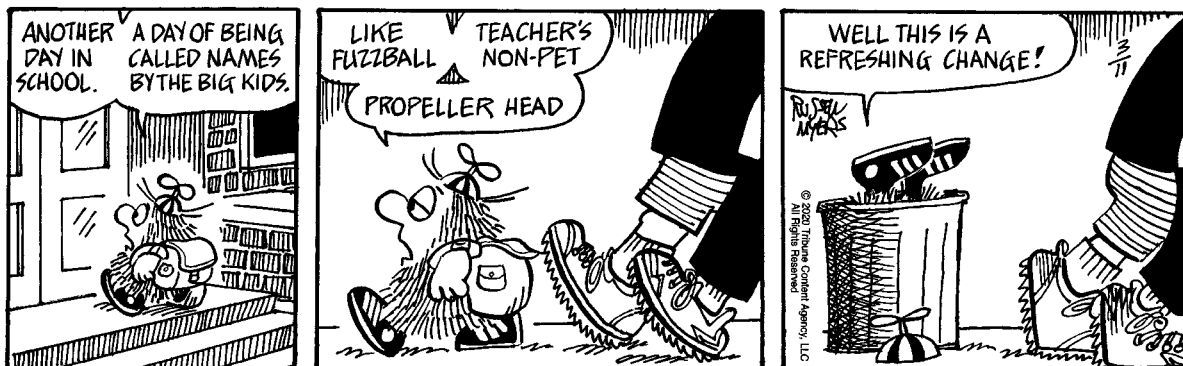
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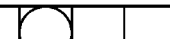
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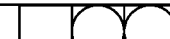
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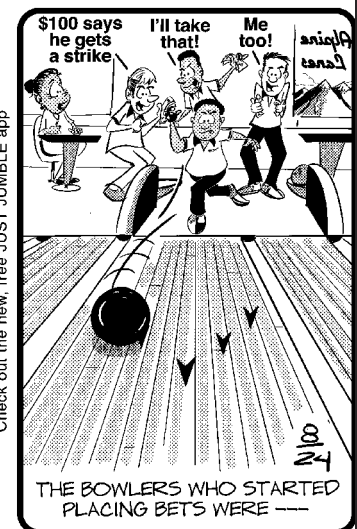
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Watching New York's congressional race

To the Editor:

I live in Cornwall, Vermont, a few miles from Crown Point. I urge my neighbors in northern New York to vote for a local leader for the 21st Congressional seat. Tedra Cobb is an articulate former St. Lawrence County legislator who has fought for health care and the North Country economy her whole professional life.

It matters to Vermonters who represents northern New York because we share a rural economy. Our residents commute back and forth to work. We share health care resources. Many North Country residents seek care at the UVM health care system. We share the same environment. What goes into our drains and streams ends up in our precious Lake Champlain. We share air quality; emissions and exhaust commingle over our heads. Our intact forests store carbon and release oxygen for us to breathe. We are more than neighbors.

Stefanik endorses an extreme agenda. She is not looking out for the needs of northern New York. She voted against the Affordable Care Act without an alternative. She voted for the Farm Bill, gutting conservation programs and adding work requirements to SNAP. She is part of a movement to cut common sense protections for our air, lakes, and streams. Her votes are slaps in the face to northern New Yorkers.

And worst, she has not stood up to protect us from COVID-19. She stands by a disorganized, politically motivated response to a pandemic that has killed 200,000 Americans. If you can't get a test, if your school or your mom's nursing home seems to be winging it, blame Elise and her mentor.

Unlike Stefanik, Tedra Cobb will address income inequality, overturn Citizens United, adopt the National Health Insurance Act, and pursue ethics reform. Please vote for Tedra Cobb, a compassionate proven local leader. I wish I could.

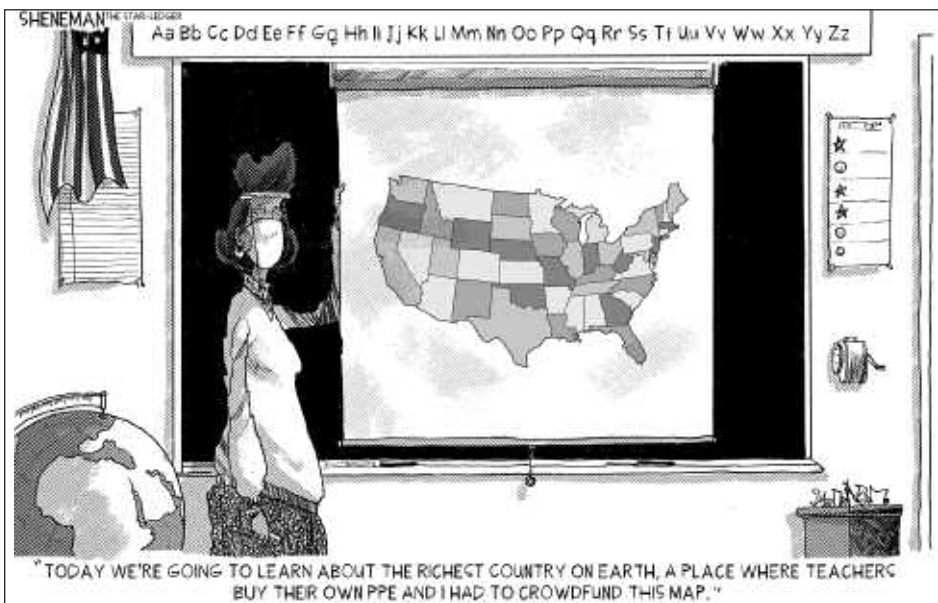
Lisa Anderson
Cornwall, Vermont

A family affected by fire

On the night of September 27th, the Stortzes of Schuylerville lost their home to a fire. The family and their dogs made it out safely, but they lost everything. Please consider helping this family in their time of need. Go to gofundme.com/f/stortz-family-house-fire to find a donation link.

An Artist's Take

Political Cartoon of the Week by Drew Sheneman



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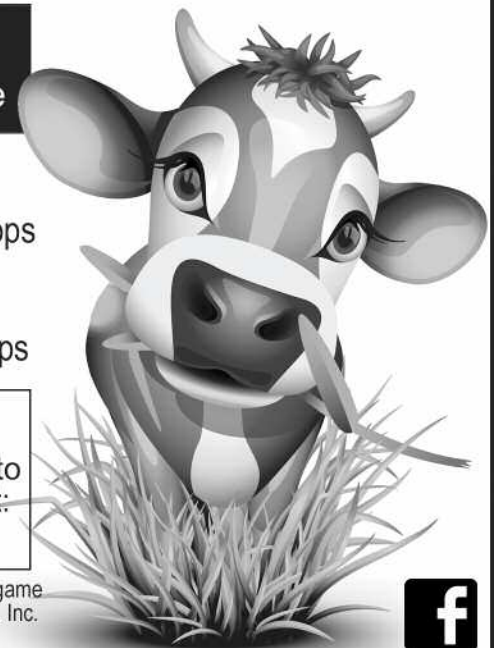
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A stroll through historic Schuylerville

Jim Nolan
Journal & Press

Inhabited by Native Americans as early as 800 A.D., the area now known as Schuylerville was eventually settled by Dutch settlers from Albany, New York in 1691, who called the region Fort Saratoga. These settlers included the influential Schuyler family. In early years, several conflicts occurred among the French, Mohawk, Mohican, Dutch, and English peoples. The community that developed near the fort was originally called "Saratoga", but was partly destroyed by the French and their Native allies in 1745 during King George's War. The peace of 1763 between France and England (the end of the Seven Years War, also known as the French and Indian War) resulted in this area being available for more permanent settlement. Homes and mills were built by European Americans, including General Phillip Schuyler's flax mill in 1767 (the first of its kind in the

American colonies). Fish Creek provided water power for the mills.

In 1777, the British Army under General John Burgoyne crossed the Hudson River one-half mile north of Schuylerville (known then as Saratoga) on their campaign from Canada to Albany in an attempt to end the American Revolution by splitting the colonies in two. The British marched south about 9 miles to Bemis Heights, near present-day Stillwater, where American troops engaged them in the two Battles of Saratoga, the first on September 19 and the second on October 7, 1777.

The British advance was stopped by the American forces and the British retreated back northward to an encampment along Fish Creek just outside the village. The Saratoga Battle Monument in the Village of Victory is located near the site of the British encampment.

American forces blocked further British retreat and surrounded the encampment. With winter approaching and no hope of escape, the British were forced to surrender. On October 17, 1777, General Burgoyne surrendered his army to American General Horatio Gates, marking the turning point of the American Revolu-



Bullard Block

tion. The British laid down their arms in what is now Fort Hardy Park in Schuylerville. The American victory at Saratoga was enough to convince France to throw their support to the American cause, and Spain eventually followed France's lead.

The Old Saratoga Reformed Church was organized in 1770, and was used as a hospital during the Revolution. The current Old Saratoga Reformed Church is a historic building at the junction of Burgoyne and Pearl Streets. It is part of the Reformed Church in America and was built in 1857 in the Greek Revival style. It was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1997.

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church is a historic stone structure at 1 Grove St. Built in 1868, it is a cruciform plan church building in the Gothic Revival style. It is built of quarry faced stone block laid in random ashlar. It features a steeply pitched gable roof and polygonal steeple, both covered in ornate polychrome slate. It



Old Saratoga Reformed

was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2005.

Bullard Block is a historic commercial building. It was built in 1881 and is a rectangular two story brick building on a limestone foundation in the High Victorian Gothic style. It has five storefront bays and originally housed the National Bank of Schuylerville. It made the National Register of Historic Places in 2009.

A resident of Greenwich, Jim Nolan is a Professor of Business Analytics at Siena College and serves on several Greenwich area non-profit boards.



St. Stephen's - darren johnson photos

Obituaries

William H. 'Beaver' Watkins, 72

William H. "Beaver" Watkins, 72, a resident of County Rte. 60 and owner of Hillview farm in Cambridge, passed away peacefully Saturday, September 12, 2020, at home surrounded by his loving family, following a long valiant battle with cancer. He was born in Cambridge, NY on September 30, 1947 to Francis E. and Betty (Curtis) Watkins.

Beaver was born and raised in Washington County the land he loved and admired. He was a graduate of Cambridge High School and after graduation worked his way up the ranks at the NYS Department of Transportation. He began plowing snow back when roads were salted by hand. Beaver was an outside the box thinker, he was instrumental in implementing DOT protocols and training programs throughout his 42 years of service.

Beaver was a people person; he knew people from sea to shining sea. His smile and sense of humor was contagious and everyone that knew him instantly became a friend. He served as the Town Supervisor in Cambridge for 2 terms and

was co-chairman of the Washington County Conservative Party. He was devoted to serving the N. Cambridge Stump Church where he took care of the building and cemetery grounds and carried on the tradition of their chicken BBQ fundraiser.

His world changed on a hayride in Cambridge, where he met the love of his life for the past 52 years Constance (Thomas) Watkins, together they had 3 beloved children. Beaver was a hobby farmer tending to his beef cows, he was an avid hunter, and he loved spoiling his grandchildren. You could always find him hanging out at Stewart's smiling and socializing with anybody and everybody and he loved a good banana cream pie.

He will be deeply missed by many from all over the state and country, but his smile will never be replaced. He was predeceased by his father Francis Watkins and brother Michael Watkins.

Survivors include his loving



wife of 52 years Constance (Thomas) Watkins of Cambridge; children Chaughn (Connie) Watkins of Cambridge, Amy (Daniel) Mazzio of Danville, IN, and Tracey (Benjamin) Wardwell of Greenwich; mother Betty Watkins of Cambridge; grandchildren Megan, Anna, Carrissa, Garrett and Rachel; siblings, Bonnie (George), Chuck, Alan (Marion), Anne (Greg) and Diane (Tim); several nieces, nephews and cousins; special friends, John Foster and Paul Galbraith.

A celebration of life for close family and friends will be held privately at the convenience of the family.

Kenneth Blackler, 50

Kenneth Charles Blackler, 50, of Salem, passed away quietly on Wednesday, September 16, 2020, after a long battle with brain cancer. Kenny joined his beloved wife, Roxana. He is the son of Claudia Norton Blackler and the late Stephen Paul Blackler, Sr. Kenny is also survived by a brother, Stephen Paul Blackler, Jr. and his wife Ann Villet; his sister, Laura Lemoine and her husband Allan; his aunts and uncles, Lorraine and Simon Zweighaft, Donna Napoli and her husband Joe, and Patricia Blackler and the late Gary, as well as many loving nieces, nephews, and cousins. He leaves many friends behind. He was born in Suffolk Co. NY, January 7, 1970 and grew up in Oakdale, NY. He spent his time climbing the Adirondack Mountains, skiing the trails in New York and Vermont, fishing, and building his solar house in Salem. A special thank you to the wonderful caregivers at Granville Center for Rehabilitation and Nursing and also his many friends. Services will be held privately. Those who wish to remember Kenny in a special way, please make a donation to your favorite charity. To offer condolences to the family, please visit www.gariepyfuneralhomes.com. The McClellan-Gariepy Funeral Home, Inc. in Salem is assisting the family.



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Cambridge Crossword

(solution page 24)

Across

- 1 Baseball warm-up word
 5 Brazilian music genre word meaning "trend"
 10 Secured
 14 Ebb
 15 Nailing, in a way
 16 Weather ___
 17 Kitchen fixture
 18 Mountain slope debris
 19 Welder's output
 20 Home improvement team
 22 One of two sts. admitted to the Union 11/2/1889
 23 Elder of an '80s-'90s country duo
 24 Metaphorical casino loss
 25 Formed by solidified magma
 26 Is ___: imminently will
 27 Turndowns
 28 Perceived Cold War weapons dis-

Down

- 31 Propelled, as a raft
 32 Words preceding an important reminder
 37 Power eponym
 41 Antagonism
 42 Amazon, notably
 44 Singer for whom Bernie wrote lyrics
 45 Remit, nowadays
 47 "Contact" author Sagan
 48 Comes to terms
 49 "I'll do it"
 50 Formal "Who's there?" response
 51 Letter-bottom abbr.
 52 Bit of progress
 53 Atlantic food fish
 54 Pak of the LPGA
 55 Artist's pseudonym formed from the French pronunciation of his initials
 56 1953 Ladd classic
 57 Casual wear

Down

- 1 Like court witnesses
 2 Try it
 3 Buttercup family member
 4 Biological mapping subjects
 5 Parachutist using low-altitude starting points
 6 Blockage
 7 Brought into being
 8 Dummy Mortimer
 9 Quite a while
 10 Rowena's lover
 11 Bouncer's job
 12 Early Wikipedia competitor
 13 Icon locale
 21 Giovanni's god
 24 Roman sun god
 26 Like a pendulum's movement
 29 ___-mo
 30 Saw
 32 Like Hollywood

films before censorship guidelines were introduced

33 LeBron, since Jul. 2018

34 One in a 1K, say

35 Follower

36 Certain youngster's nickname

37 Least civilized

38 Property recipient, in law

39 Like a good-sized farm

40 Plant support

43 Santa follower

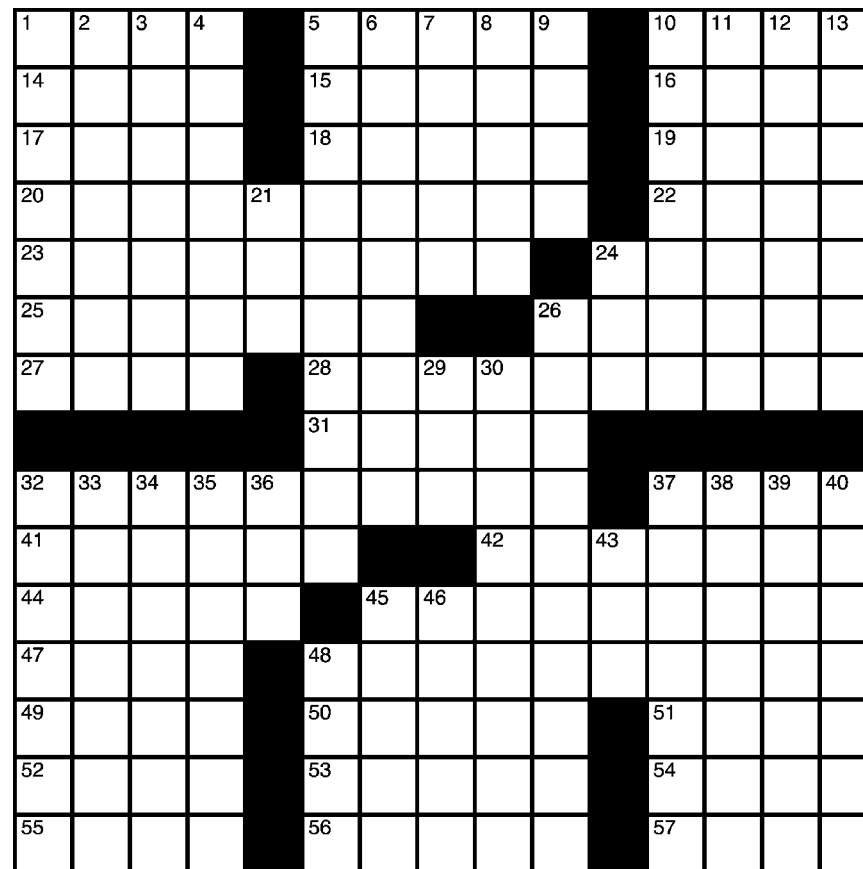
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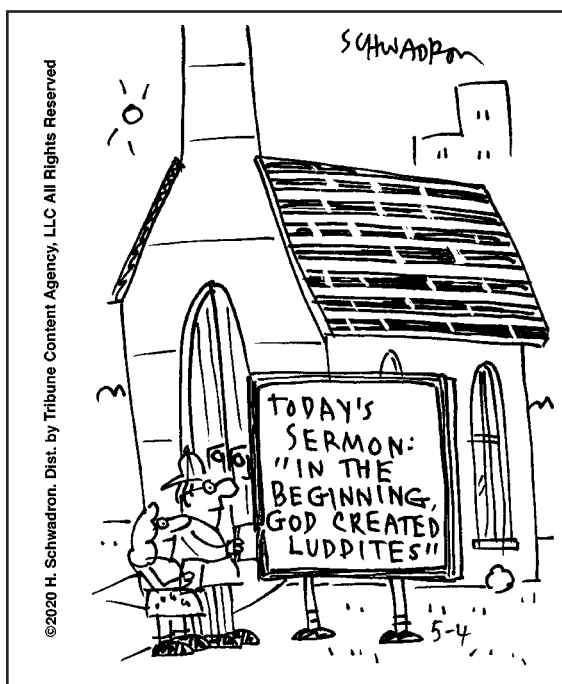
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9 to 5 by Harley Schwadron

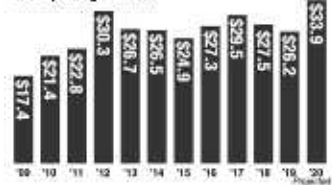


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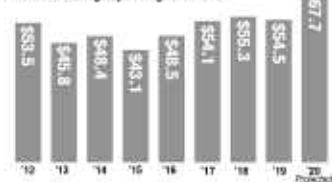
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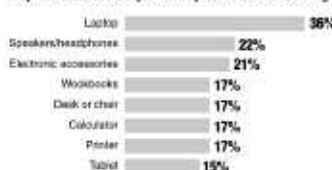
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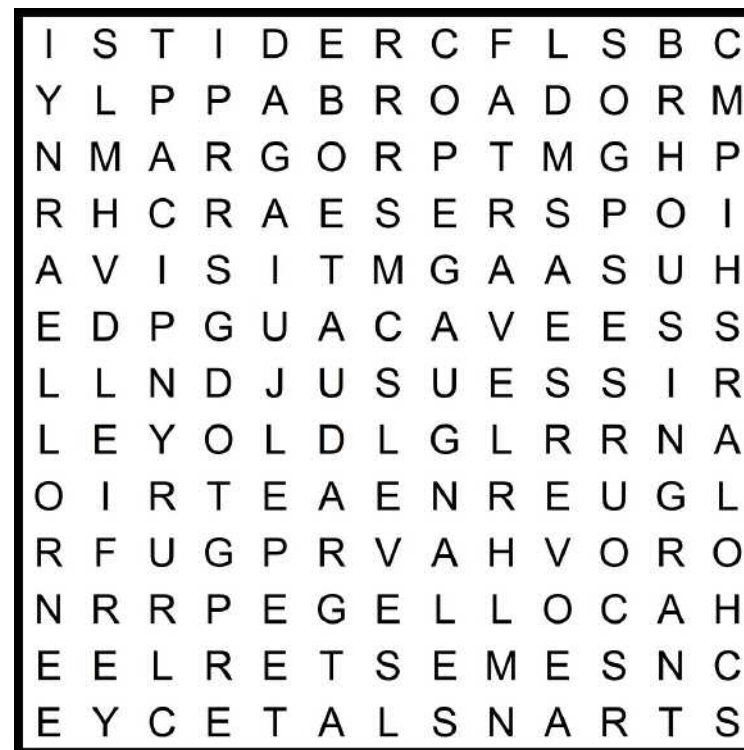
Back-to-college spending in billions



Top items consumers plan to buy because of e-learning



Source: National Retail Federation
Graphic: Staff, The Wall Street Journal



Word Find

By Frank J. D'Agostino (solution page 30)

Find these words that are associated with studying abroad!

Abroad Apply

Campus College Courses Credits Culture Degree Dorm Enroll

Field Foreign Graduate Grant Host Housing Language Learn

Major Overseas Program Research Scholarship Semester Study Translate

Travel Visit

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

Salem Sudoku

(solution page 30)

	2	4	1			7		
				2				
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	6		7					
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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

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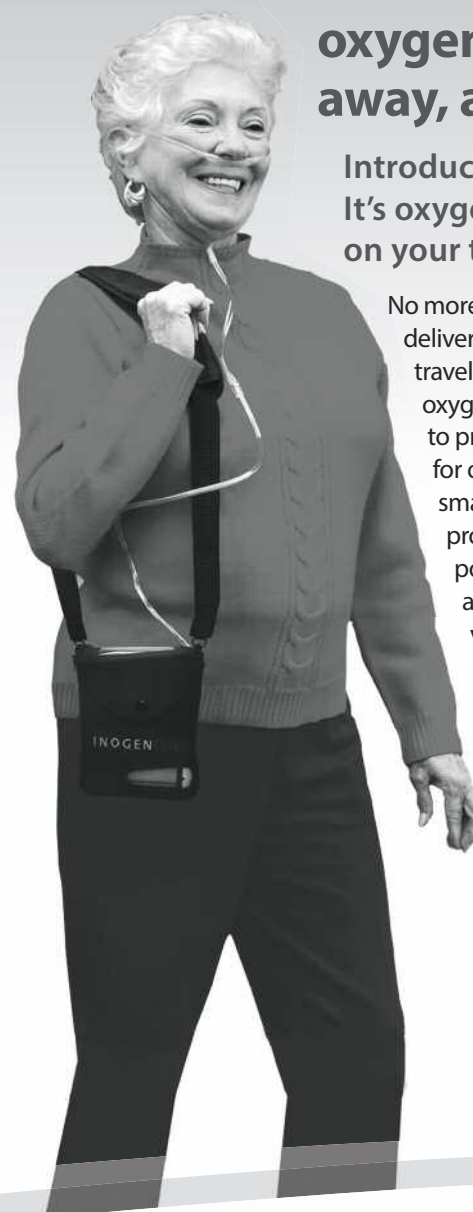
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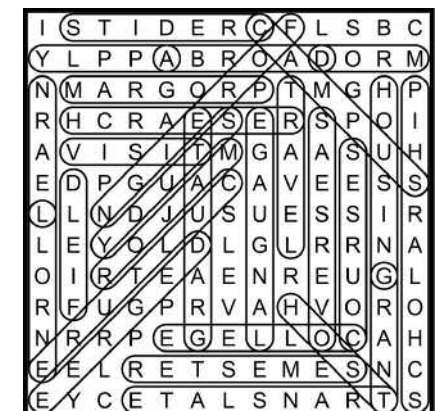
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Answers

Boggle: IOWA OHIO IDAHO TEXAS
 KANSAS ALASKA HAWAII FLORIDA

Jumble: IMAGE GLORY HYPHEN SPRAWL
Final Jumble:
 HIGH ROLLERS

Ending with capital punishment in Salem

Rachel Clothier
Journal & Press

The Old Washington County Courthouse and Jail in Salem attracts paranormal investigators regularly. Perhaps they are looking to talk with Martin Wallace.

Capital punishment was not executed very often in Washington County. Greenwich Journal Editor John Curtis wrote about two instances. The first in 1800 was a man who stabbed another with a pocketknife during an argument. The second was in 1809 when a man killed his wife by striking her in the head with a piece of wood. Additionally, there was a murder trial in the early 1850s in which a man was accused of shooting another in revenge for giving “false testimony” about him injuring another man’s ox. In that case, the jury found the evidence to be insufficient to prove guilt.

The third person to be hung, Martin Wallace, claimed to be innocent. The Troy Daily Times reported the trial in detail. The victim, Barney McEntee, was described as a man over the age of 50, “weak and inoffensive, and given to the inordinate use of liquors.” Wallace was colorfully described as a farm laborer “of the lowest character”, with “habits of dissipation, and he was unable to accumulate any money.”

A couple of days before the February 16 murder, Wallace had completely run out of money, his employer had no work for him in the middle of winter, the grocery store refused to give him credit, and his landlord had told him that he must move his family from the rooms he rented in Buskirk’s Bridge if he did not come up with any money.

Wallace was desperate, but was he a murderer? He did in fact

spend the entire day of the murder with McEntee. They visited several different places together and drank in excess on McEntee’s tab. McEntee was reported to have drunk so much that he was acting silly and flashing around his wad of money that was wrapped in a ten-dollar bill. When the pair left Joice’s drinking place in Buskirk’s Bridge around 8 o’clock, McEntee was hardly able to stand. He was advised not to leave, but Wallace promised to get him to Posts’ Corners safely.

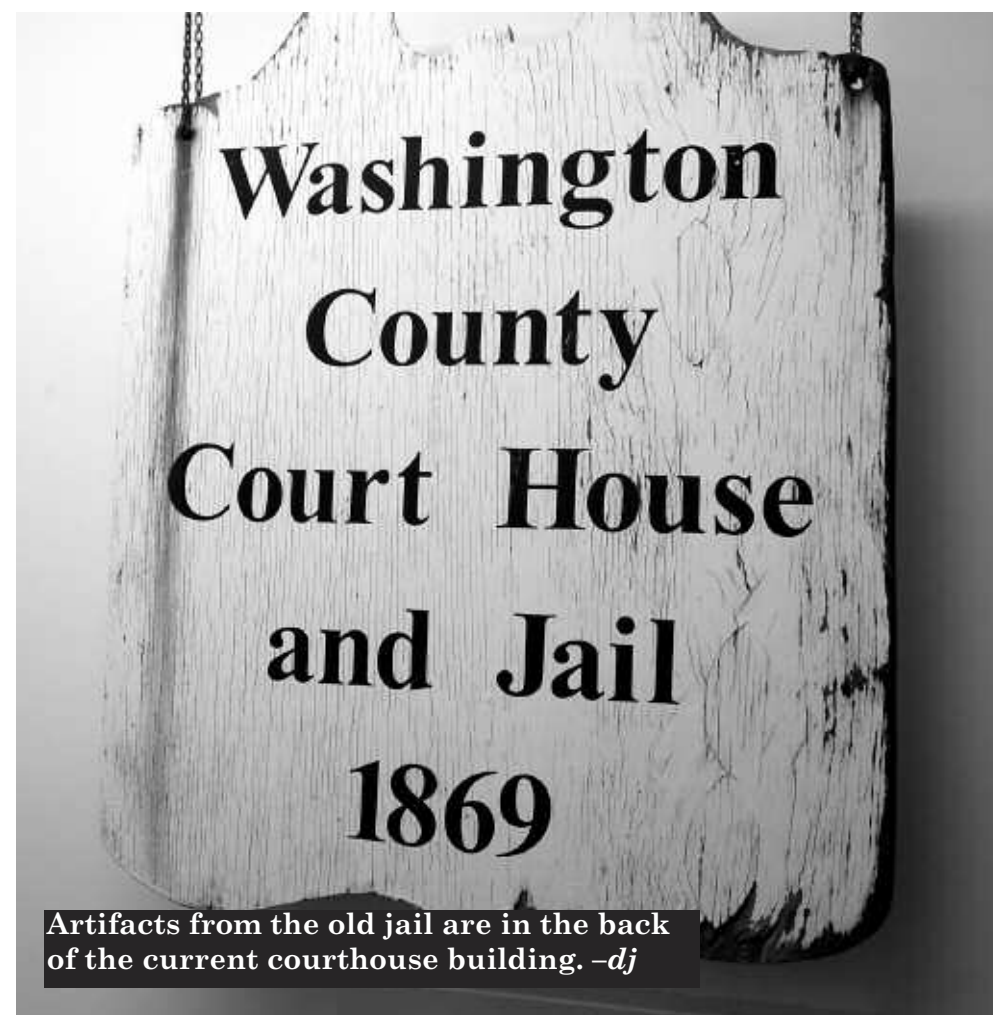
About a half-mile from Joice’s at 8:30 PM, McEntee’s body was found lying in the road. He had two fractures to his head — one on the top and the other the side, blood had pooled from the wounds. A broken fencepost was found nearby, and bark from the post was on the ground and on McEntee’s head. McEntee’s pocket had been pulled out, and his wallet emptied. The suspect was immediately identified as Wallace.

Wallace was in bed with his wife

**‘Wallace hollered:
“It is wrong!
I did not do it!”’**

and infant when the Sheriff and an entourage went to arrest him. McEntee’s gloves and a five-dollar and a ten-dollar bill were found in a coat that Wallace had not worn in a while. Wallace hollered out, “It is wrong! I did not do it!” Wallace tried to explain that the money was paid to him by Marvin Wallis the summer before. Wallis later testified that he only paid Wallace a \$2 bill. The explanation for the money was taken as a lie.

Wallace was indicted by the Grand Jury in May. The courthouse was packed every day of the



trial. The circumstantial evidence against Wallace was so great the jury deliberated for only an hour. When the jury delivered the verdict, Wallace turned pale and sank in his seat. When asked if he had anything to say, he simply said “I am not guilty.” Judge Allen sentenced him to be hung on the first day of December. Wallace attempted to escape prison but did not make it out of the corridor. When he was returned to his cell, he appeared to completely break down. His mental suffering was great. He met with his spiritual advisor several times, he repented for the vices in his life but he did not mention the murder.

On temporary gallows specifically made for him, Wallace’s anguish was ended. He no longer had to face his wife who hysterically

sobbed for him. When asked if he was ready to die, he replied, “Yes, but I am sorry for my poor wife,”

I wonder, did Wallace receive mercy for his soul, or is he haunting Washington County today?

To be clear, the county jail in Salem at that time was on Main Street, near where the Glens Falls National Bank is now. That wooden jail where Wallace was executed was taken down and replaced by the one on East Broadway in 1869.

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