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In the holiday spirit!

**'Reverse' Lighted Tractors,
Christmas trees and cheer
and ways to give.**

Throughout this edition of The Journal & Press, see what's happening locally this holiday season, despite a pandemic. The parade didn't take place, but you can still see our region's local lighted tractors. Also, learn what our area's charities are doing, buy a local Christmas ornament and see the Everlasting Trees display.

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Outside the box

Kate Sausville
Journal & Press

Life doesn't always go perfectly. Of course, 2020 has highlighted that fact more than any other time I can remember. Events have been postponed and canceled one after the other. Nov. 28 was supposed to be our town's 8th annual Lighted Tractor Parade, which has grown from a small-town parade to a very large event attracting thousands of spectators every year. For a few hours, Main Street comes alive with the crowds and open shops. Unfortunately, the tractor parade was another casualty of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Thankfully, a local business owner and The Greater Greenwich Chamber of Commerce stepped up. Rather than the typical parade with spectators packed on the streets, there will be a "reverse" parade where businesses and homeowners are encouraged to light up tractors on their properties for display. We have already seen many participants and it has been growing. Other businesses and towns are also being creative with their holiday celebrations this year. In Albany, they are still doing the Capital Lights in

the Park, with some adaptations for safety. And the Schuylerville Community Theater is putting on a virtual showing of "A Charlie Brown Christmas," rather than the usual on-stage production. It wouldn't be safe for everyone to crowd into an auditorium, but we'll still be able to enjoy the show. It's nice when we can think outside the box and still bring a bit of happiness to others during the holidays.

'A close family member contracted COVID-19.'

This week, we received news that a close family member contracted COVID-19. He works in healthcare, so while they are exceptionally cautious, they are also very exposed. He spent several nights in the hospital and is still struggling with the effects of his illness. This is a relatively healthy individual with no underlying conditions, and he's been knocked flat.

We have witnessed a local business close this week due to staff members becoming ill with COVID-



A 'Reverse Tractor' seen in Greenwich. -dj

19, and two high schools in our area have each been remote in the last few weeks because of it. While we may have been spared this spring, COVID-19 has arrived in our neck of the woods. This makes it more important than ever to be creative when thinking of ways to see family and friends over the coming weeks.

With everything going on this year, I have been trying to focus on the positives. It can be easy to get hung up on what isn't going right, or what we don't have. While it may not be the traditional holiday season, there is still a lot to enjoy. One of my favorite things to do during the holiday season is bake cookies to give to friends and family. This year, I'll just drop them off on their front porch instead of having a long visit. There are still ways to stay connected and show you care. You may just need to think outside the box.

The BEST Soft Gingerbread Cookies

Ingredients
2 ¼ cups all-purpose flour
2 teaspoons ground ginger
1 teaspoon baking soda
¾ teaspoon ground cinnamon
½ teaspoon ground cloves
¼ teaspoon salt
¾ cup butter, softened
1 cup white sugar

1 egg
1 tablespoon water
¼ cup molasses
4 tablespoons white sugar

Instructions: Heat oven to 350F. Mix together the four, ginger, baking soda, cinnamon, cloves, and salt. Set aside.

In a large bowl cream together the butter and 1 cup sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in the egg, then stir in the water and molasses. Gradually stir the dry ingredients into the molasses mixture.

Shape the dough into round balls, and then roll them in the remaining 4 tablespoons of sugar. Place the cookies 2 inches apart on an ungreased cookie sheet, don't flatten them.

Bake for 10-12 minutes in the oven. Allow to cool on the sheet for 5 minutes before removing to a wire rack to cool completely. Makes approximately 30 cookies. Store in an airtight container. These don't last long!

Kate Sausville is a resident of Greenwich, a preschool teacher for Head Start in Saratoga County, wife and mother of two teenage daughters.



Donate \$15 for wreaths

The Greenwich Seniors are selling wreaths for the Gerald B. Solomon National Cemetery in Schuylerville.

The wreaths cost \$15 and are 100% tax deductible. There are around 12,000 Veterans and their families buried there with an average of 1500 burials a year. Saturday, December 19th at noon is the Nationwide Remembrance Ceremony held at over 2200 locations across the Nation. Wreaths Across America is committed to teaching younger generations about their freedom and the importance of honoring those who sacrificed so much protecting our freedoms.

For further information please contact Diane Saunders at 518-638-6534 or Eileen DiNisio at 518-937-1838.

Cambridge grapples with Indian mascot

Annabel Gregg
Journal & Press

As competing calls for racial justice and sticking to tradition echo across the country, the Cambridge Board of Education may have a difficult and controversial decision coming to them soon — grappling with their school mascot, the Indians.

Two competing online petitions have garnered significant support from Cambridge residents in the past few weeks. The petition in favor of keeping the mascot has over 1,400 signatures, and its opponent to change the mascot and name has over 1,000 signatures.

Both sides had a chance to voice their concerns at the November Board of Education meeting, which was attended by over 50 residents from across the area.

“The bottom line is that schools...using a race-based mascot and name for their brand is wrong. Native people are the most marginalized people in the United States,” emphasized John Kane, the host of the NY-based talk show “Let’s Talk Native” and a Cambridge alum. “Schools are supposed to be institutions of learning and safe spaces, free from...discrimination.”

Kane argued that the name and mascot are dehumanizing and encourage historical erasure. “Cambridge is better than this. There is no shame in righting a wrong, but fighting it can only bring harm to the school.”

Cambridge Class of 2010 alum Gordon Query agreed with Kane that the mascot and “Indians” theme of the school is inappropriate. He recounted his graduation ceremony, when all of the seniors “interrupted the ceremony to do a Tomahawk chant,” which he “didn’t think anything of at the time” but realized later how insensitive it was. He mentioned how kids and teens today don’t necessarily know the context behind the mascot and name. “Don’t end up using our youth as a spokesperson for our political beliefs,” he cautioned.

Proponents of keeping the name were also very vocal at the meeting. Dillon Honyoust, a Cambridge resident who has Native American heritage, mentioned how the “Indians” name had never been offensive to him. “There was not a single day I did not feel comfortable being Native American,” he said. Honyoust was the resident who started the popular counter-petition to keep the name unchanged. A football player in high school, Honyoust expressed that the name and mascot were “a part of” him. “I am a Cambridge Indian. I will always be a Cambridge Indian.”

Steve Luke, another lifelong Cambridge resident, commented on the memories he had as a student of the mock-Native American head-dress that was displayed at pep rallies. Luke expressed that the sentiments of the Honyousts were important to his viewpoint and determining whether or not the name was offensive to Native Americans. “If the Honyoust family said they had a problem with it, then I would have a problem with it,” he said at the Board meeting. “Traditions are flying out the window faster than we can count. The Cambridge Indians is a



John Kane at the meeting

tradition that I will never let go.”

“The Cambridge Indian is just what we are,” stated Luke. “I’ll go to my grave with that.”

As for an official decision, no resolution has been put before the

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Board yet, and it is unclear when, if at

all, one will be. All Board of Education Members attended a racial equity issues and policies retreat this weekend to explore the background and implications of the mascot.

Kane, who prompted the initial discussion of changing the name, plans on coming back to future meetings to talk about the issue. “This should be about the kids and to allow them to grow up free from this stereotype, the appropriation of someone else’s history and

image, and finding entertainment in mocking someone else’s culture,” Kane told the *Journal & Press*. “I think the school board and many community members know this has to change. I think they are afraid or at least worried about the backlash and they hope it can be done without too much hate and anger.”

“In order to do what is best for our students and their future it is imperative that we, sincerely and honestly, listen to everyone that wants to be heard without prejudice or bias,” said BOE President Neil Gifford to the *Journal & Press*. “It is clear that we have a lot more listening and learning to do.”

The Board of Education meets next on Thursday, Dec. 10 at 7:00 PM. It is likely that there will be another public comment period dedicated to the topic.



NYS police reform and our villages

Pam Fuller
Journal & Press

This year, policing and its effect on all of us has been in the news. In June of this year, Governor Cuomo signed an Executive Order requiring that each local government in New York adopt a policing reform plan by April of 2021.

This order requires that each local government convene stakeholders for an honest and open discussion of the public safety needs of our communities, the role that our police departments play in meeting these needs, and where we stand now. Some of the questions pertinent to the discussion are whether the current policies include community policing practices, handling protests and gatherings, policies on body-worn cameras, implicit bias and de-escalation training, use of force policies, and training in nontraditional law enforcement interventions such as substance abuse, child protection services, mental health issues, and disability awareness.

Last week, the Police Committee for the Cambridge Greenwich Police Department, consisting of the two mayors, a Board member from each village, and our chief police officer Sargent Danko, met to decide how to implement the Governor's executive order in our two villages.

In order to determine what, if any, changes are needed in our police policies and practices, we need to find out how the residents of both villages feel about our police and their roles in our communities. The goal is to create a plan to present to each of the Boards that will then be adopted. In any other year we would hold public meetings to give citizens a platform for voicing their opinions and discussing these with their neighbors. But this isn't any other year. We need alternate plans.

The Police Committee agreed on a plan that should get us to final recommendations by mid-March. Step one will be to distribute a survey to all Village residents in both villages. We'll

'The Police Committee members all agree that this process should be open and transparent.'



-Photo courtesy Cambridge-Greenwich PD

distribute surveys both through the mail and on our online platforms. They will go out in early December, and we'll stop collecting them by the end of the month. We'll arrange for a number of drop-off places to collect the completed surveys.

Meanwhile, we will form two committees, one for each Village. These groups will be made up of members of the Village boards as well as representatives of local organizations. We'll include other interested individuals. They will meet in their respective villages, in early January, to analyze the data from the surveys and develop a proposed list of updates and/or changes for our police policies. Once the individual Village proposed plans are complete, a joint committee will convene to bring the two plans together. This group will consist of the original Police committee members as well as representatives from each of the Village committees.

The Reform and Reinvention Committee, as the process is called by the Governor, will de-

velop a final proposed plan for updating and refining our police policies and procedures. This final proposal will then be presented to each Village board. The Boards will vote on whether to accept and adopt the changes proposed by the committees.

The Police Committee members all agree that this process should be open and transparent to anyone interested. We intend to gather opinions from the public before we make any decisions about proposed changes. Although we won't be able to conduct in-person meetings, all meetings will be held on open digital platforms so all interested persons can attend. We will allow time for public input at the meetings and offer other opportunities to weigh in on the discussions. Anyone who would like to be part of our committees should get in touch with the respective Village Clerk's offices to volunteer.

We ask everyone to respond to the surveys so we have data that really represents the Village residents.

Pam Fuller is Mayor of the Village of Greenwich.



Grant to restore Greenwich Village Hall

The Village of Greenwich is one of this year's Preserve New York (PNY) grantees. Their grant of \$7,600 will fund a Building Condition Report of the Village Hall. The Preservation League of NYS and their program partners at the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) are thrilled to help fund this important work.

"We so appreciate this grant from Preserve New York, and we are looking forward to taking this next step toward our vision of renovating Village Hall," said Pam Fuller, Greenwich Village Mayor.

The Greenwich Village Hall is the lone civic building within the Greenwich National Register Historic District, established in 1995. The Village Hall was built in 1848 to house the Union Village Academy, with the rear addition built in the 1870s. This large two-story brick building is significant for its Greek Revival architecture. Renovations in 1952 destabilized the back half of the building. The community wishes to see it fully restored for a community center, and this building condition report is the first step of that process. A \$7,600 Preserve New York grant will enable the Village of Greenwich to hire John G. Waite Associates to complete the condition report.

At its 2020 meeting, the Preserve New York grant panel selected 19 applicants in 15 counties to receive support totaling \$193,390. Many of these grants will lead to historic district designation or expansion, allowing property own-

ers to take advantage of the New York State and Federal Historic Tax Credits. With the announcement of the 2020 awards, support provided by Preserve New York since its launch in 1993 totals more than \$3 million to 457 projects statewide.

The Preserve New York grant program is a partnership between the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) and the Preservation League, made possible with the support of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and the New York State Legislature. PNY enables the Preservation League to support projects in all of New York's 62 counties.

"Architecture and design are vital art forms that greatly impact the character and health of communities across the state," said Mara Manus, Executive Director of the New York State Council on the Arts. "NYSCA is proud to partner with Preservation League of New York State to provide organizations and municipalities across the state with financial support to advance their innovative preservation initiatives."

"Our longtime partnership with NYSCA has enabled us to support preservation initiatives in all of New York's 62



counties," said Erin Tobin, Vice President for Policy and Preservation and the Preservation League. "This year's group of Preserve New York grant recipients continues the successful track record of this program of enabling preservation to thrive in every corner of the state."

Dems holiday fundraiser

The Washington County Democrats Annual Holiday Fundraiser, December 1-15, will be held as an auction on our Facebook page rather than gathering for a holiday party and silent auction.

To bid on an item, please place an amount in the comments section. We apologize for the lack of anonymity, but we bid against one another in silent auctions all the time and do so in the spirit of raising funds for the work of the Committee. There are wonderful items that have generously been donated.

The winning bidders will be notified after 8 pm on December 15, and arrangements for pick up or delivery of items will be shared.

The auction will begin December 1 on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/washingtoncountynydemocrats>.

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Reflections on the Holidays, Part I

Liv Thygesen
Journal & Press

As Veteran's Day 2020 has recently passed, it is important to reflect upon how service members spend their holidays. Many are far away from their homes and families for the first time. They could be in foreign countries or be on the other side of the country. No matter where they are, they experience holidays in a new light, and often with memorable moments.

There is a term used to describe how things are done "voluntarily" in the Marines. After one is informed of an opportunity or an action that needs to take place, the status of one's actions become "voluntold." Once voluntold, the voluntary component has been removed and you are now obligated to partake in the opportunity. This holds true regardless of the time of day, year, or occasion. Just such an opportunity arose one Thanksgiving while I was stationed in Pensacola, Florida.

It was my first Thanksgiving in the Corps, and first time formally away from my family and familiar faces. Four-day holidays, like Thanksgiving or Christmas, are named by the hours that you have "off." This particular "96" left several of us stranded on base and in our barracks. It was a balmy November afternoon. The panhandle of Florida usually gets too cold to appropriately call itself "Florida," but this particular afternoon was fresh, slightly overcast, and not too cold. Through the junior enlisted underground, we had heard that the chow hall had made too many Thanksgiving dinners, and it was set up as an "all you can eat" rather than the usual "one scoop of everything" meal plan. We

immediately convened in front of the chow hall and eagerly entered to the feast that awaited us. The turkey was actually juicy. Its aroma filled our nostrils as we poured the gravy over top. The vegetables were actually fresh and steamed with the perfect crispness. We filled our plates and filled our bellies, reveling in the glory of this finely prepared feast. After filling ourselves beyond capacity, the exhaustion of such a huge meal was starting to kick in. We bid each other well and departed for our respective barracks to settle in for a long Thanksgiving's food coma.

Upon returning to my barracks, I was greeted by the Sergeant. "Hey, YOU, Marine!"

"Yes, Sergeant?" I replied.

"You are not doing anything. You have been voluntold to get in the van along with the other Marines sitting out front."

Oh great. What great way to ruin my perfect lunch. "Yes Sergeant," I answered as I did an about face and promptly exited the building.

At the curb I found about ten other Marines and Sailors, sitting and waiting for the van.

"What are we doing here?" someone asked.

"I don't know," answered another. "I was just told to come out here and wait."

"Well, where are we going?"

A unanimous *I don't know* echoed through the air. After an agonizing twenty-minute wait, a white USO van pulled up to the curb.

A middle-aged man in a blue t-shirt hopped out. "Are you guys ready to go?"

"Go where?" one of the other Marines asked.

"The USO and Navy Federal are hosting a



giant Thanksgiving dinner for you at the newly constructed Navy Federal call center. There are already several other Marines and Sailors there. You are our last run." Astonished, we all turned and stared at each other. *What a thing to get voluntold for.*

We crowded into the van, crammed in like sardines, off to a voluntold dinner. The ride to the call center was quiet, cramped and uncomfortable. "How good could this actually be?" We all wondered awkwardly. None of us had ever met prior to climbing into the van. Being voluntold for something was never good, and here we were closely sharing in the awkward dread... *To be continued.*

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



Free ACC talk

At 12:40 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 9, SUNY Adirondack presents "The Art of Unplugging: Promoting Literacy in the Natural World" by Krista Rivera, instructor of English, via Zoom. The Lecture Series is sponsored by the college's Professional Development Committee. Each talk lasts about an hour. To request a Zoom link to the virtual presentation, email cls@sunyacc.edu.

First responder training

In partnership with the Troy Police Department and several community service organizations, Hudson Valley Community College will host a week-long Emotionally Distressed Persons Response Team training for local law enforcement and first responders on its campus in Troy beginning Monday, Dec. 7 and ending Friday, Dec. 11. The training includes classes and workshops on indicators of emotional disturbance, symptoms of mental illness, suicide intervention, trauma, mental hygiene law, mental health issues pertaining to veterans, the elderly and juveniles and more. Contact kmaciol@ceoempowers.org for info.

Final election results: Incumbents prevail

Annabel Gregg
Journal & Press

After a long wait, the 2020 election can finally conclude. Despite absentee ballot counting still ongoing throughout the state, local races in the area can safely be called. This November had a good showing for most incumbents, as absentee ballot tallies are added up and candidates can safely declare victory.

Assembly District 113th incumbent Carrie Woerner secured her seat from challenger Dave Catalfamo, declaring victory on Nov. 13. “While we are still waiting for official results to be posted, my lead has widened to more than 6,000 votes as the County Boards of Election continue to count absentee ballots,” said Woerner in a Facebook post. “I am humbled that the people of the 113th Assembly District have once again entrusted me to represent them in Albany.”

According to numerous sources, Woerner’s lead over Catalfamo was less than 1,000 votes. “Although we have not yet received the final ballot counts, it was clear

precedented pandemic.”

On the same day, State Senate District 43 incumbent Daphne Nelson received challenger Patrick Nelson’s concession. “Ballots remain to be counted, but it’s clear we no longer have a path to victory. So today I called to congratulate [Jordan] on her reelection,” said Nelson in a tweet. “For what it’s worth, this will likely be the closest #SD43 election this century.” Jordan secured 55% of the ballots cast on Election Day, and the outstanding absentee ballots were not enough to close the 20,000 vote gap between Jordan and Nelson.

Congressional incumbent Elise Stefanik safely secured a fourth term for the 21st District, declaring victory promptly after the polls closed on Nov. 3, but further advanced her lead after absentee ballots were counted. “I am going to continue giving my all, 110%. This is the most humbling job of my life,” said Stefanik to a crowd of her supporters late Election eve. “I really think it’s a sacred trust, and I take that so seriously. I couldn’t be more grateful for the trust that you have given me.”

Two-time challenger Tedra Cobb released a statement on Nov. 5 to her supporters. “There are still ballots left to be counted and I want you to know that those votes matter—but there just aren’t enough ballots out there to get us over the finish line,” Cobb said. On Election Day, Stefanik had secured over 63% of ballots cast.

The 107th District’s current Assemblyman Jacob Ashby officially announced victory on Nov. 19. “I have recently spoken with Brittany Vogel, the challenger for the 107th Assembly District, and she graciously conceded and wished

our team the best of luck over the next two years serving the people of the 107th Assembly District,” said Ashby in a statement. “Although the election has yet to be officially certified, results from across the 107th District show significant and widespread gains in support for our team.” Ashby had secured 57% of the vote on Election Day.

“While we are disappointed in the results, the truth is my vision of bringing a better world for working people is much bigger than one race and one election,” said Vogel in a statement.

The only non-incumbent win was in the race for the 45th Senate District. As former Senator Betty Little steps down, Republican Dan

Stec of Queensbury will fill her shoes after securing over 60% of the votes cast on Election Day. “Because of your support, I’m proud to declare victory and become our next State Senator,” said Stec in a statement shortly after election night. “It’s been a long, strange year and there’s a lot of work to do to get our state back on track. In the weeks and months ahead, I will repay the trust you’ve placed in me and proudly fight for a better quality of life for the entire North Country.”

New York State has until Dec. 7 to finalize absentee ballot counts and certify election results. The new batch of New York State legislators will be sworn in on Jan. 6, 2021.

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that our campaign would fall short of the threshold needed to win,” said the challenger in a statement. “This was a tough and spirited campaign, focused on the issues that matter most: our safety and security and New York’s economic recovery. The 2020 election was unlike any other, and I am so proud of our team and the effort we waged in the midst of an un-

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Lighted tractors all around Greenwich

The Greater Greenwich Chamber of Commerce is pleased to be sponsoring a holiday lighted tractor display in the center of the Village of Greenwich in Mowry Park through December 6th.

The Greenwich Chamber noted that they regret not being able to hold a Holiday Lighted Tractor Parade because of Covid 19 and wants to create some holiday cheer and wish the community a happy holiday season and it wants everyone to look forward to a tractor parade in 2021!

A number of area businesses have stepped up to place a lighted tractor at their location. To date the Chamber has heard from Capital Tractor Inc., Country Power Products and Farm Supply and Hand Melon Farm Stand. In addition, the Agricultural Department at the Greenwich Central School have placed a lighted tractor on the school grounds. Let the Chamber office know if you are thinking of placing a lighted tractor at your business or residence.

Also, the Greenwich Chamber will be selling Lighted Tractor Pa-

rade merchandise: hoodies, t-shirts, hats, glow sticks and more. They will make great Christmas gifts and all proceeds will go towards a GCS scholarship to graduating student going into an agricultural secondary program.

Look for them at the Greenwich Farmer's Market at 103 Main St. from 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. on Wednesdays in December and on the Greenwich Chamber and Tractor

Find more area lighted tractor photos via the tag [#reversetractorparade](#)

Parade Facebook pages. Purchases may be made by contacting the chamber by phone at (518) 692-7979 or via Facebook messenger. Remember all proceeds will go towards the GCS scholarship to an Ag student.

The Chamber is also working with this newspaper in creating a map of lighted tractors in Greenwich, to be published in our next edition.



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Mowry Park



A Hudson Crossing Park display on Academy St.



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Local ornaments

The NorthStar Historical Project just received a shipment of locally inspired holiday ornaments available now at the Country Peddler. The ornaments feature beautiful Greenwich scenes, including the Mowry Park gazebo lit up at nighttime and the Holiday Lighted Tractor Parade, featuring a segment of one of local artist Jacob Houston's paintings. On the back is a brief history of the Tractor Parade and a short bio on Jacob and his artwork.



Another ornament design features the Battenville house of suffragette Susan B. Anthony. 2020 would be Susan B. Anthony's 200th birthday. The Anthony ornament also comes as a free-standing façade. On the 200th anniversary of the 19th Amendment passage, you can celebrate women's suffrage with the Country Peddler's two books about Anthony, "Susan" and "A Home in the Battenkill Valley."

Please call for more information and availability. The Country Peddler also welcome suggestions of other historic buildings in our community that could be made into ornaments or façades. Ornaments, facades, and books are available at the Country Peddler or by calling 518-854-3102.

Chocolate Cake Rolls

The Hartford Vol. Fire Co. Auxiliary is hosting a Holiday Chocolate Cake Roll Sale. Orders MUST be phoned in by Dec. 14 for pick up on Dec. 19th at their Route 40 Firehouse. To order, contact Diane at 518-632-5351. The cost is \$15. These are chocolate cake with vanilla buttercream; homemade, but sold frozen. Easy to thaw and serve! The squad "thanks you for your continued support during these Covid-19 days!"

Catholic Daughters

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court McLaughlin #422, will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 1 at the Knights of Columbus, 50 Pine Road, Saratoga Springs. Members will gather at 6:00 PM for social time and the meeting will begin at 6:30 PM. December's meeting will focus on Toys For TOGA. Members should bring toys to be donated to the Toys For TOGA program. New members are always welcome to attend a meeting and join the court in their activities and camaraderie. COVID-19 protocols will be followed.

Eagle Scout builds kiosks

Representatives from the Schuylerville Chamber of Commerce, Schuylerville Small Business Association, Hudson Crossing Park, Schuylerville Mayor Dan Carpenter, and members of the community gathered at the Schuylerville Turning Basin on Saturday, Nov. 21, 2020 to unveil new wayfinding kiosks that have been installed throughout the village.

The kiosks, built by local Eagle Scout Ryan Yocum, are located along the Empire State and Champlain Canalway Trail Systems, following the section of the original Champlain Canalway Towpath that runs from the Schuylerville Post Office to Hudson Crossing Park. The kiosks display a wayfinding map and directory of downtown Schuylerville businesses, designed by Kate Byrne of Kate Byrne Design, as well as interpretive signage designed by Hudson Crossing Park that share some of the local history of the Champlain Canal.

"The idea for the project originally came from the Schuylerville Chamber as they were looking at the current state of the signs," explained Yocum. "As we went to go look at the signs, I decided I could take it as an Eagle Project, and instead of trying to repair the current state of them, it would make more sense to rebuild them rather than to try to fix them. We were able to get all 4 signs installed in a few hours with help from our Boy Scout Troop on a Saturday. The signs and their new locations turned out great and I am very happy with how they turned out."

The kiosks will allow visitors who travel the Empire State and Champlain Canalway Trails to explore the many dining, shopping, and recreational opportunities that Schuylerville provides while educating the public on the impact the Canalway system has had, and continues to have, on the community.

"The display of community serv-

ice today by the young people of this Eagle Scout Troop installing these trail signs as well as the hours I know they spent building them is inspirational," said Mayor Carpenter. "Their teamwork and leadership skill in putting this project together are great examples of the amazing things our youth can contribute to improve the everyday lives of our community."



15 snarky ways to enjoy the holiday season

Cody Fitzgerald
Journal & Press

It's that time of the year again. Get used to horrendous sweaters, upcharged drinks at Starbucks, and casual racism from your uncle at the Thanksgiving table, because it's the holidays! If you're anything like me, you have a general knack for cynicism and can't allow yourself to enjoy anything because of your addiction to a self-righteous, "hipster-in-denial" persona. To help the cynics of the world, I've compiled a list of ways to enjoy the Christmas season without ever having to admit that you're enjoying yourself.

- Make a vegan gingerbread house and brag about it on social media
- Realize that you don't even have to buy an ugly sweater and that you can just pull one out of your closet
- Remember that Santa still accepts mail-in lists, and they're read equally with almost no fraud reported
- (I was going to say play a "drink every time a character in a Hallmark Christmas movie does something stupid" game here, but hospitals don't need alcohol poisoning as another thing to deal with right now.)
- See how many days you can make it with-

out hearing "Last Christmas" or "All I Want For Christmas is You"

- Realize that going anywhere South right now is a terrible idea and you're going to have to deal with the snow
- Research how many times Harry and Marv would've literally died during the events of *Home Alone* and subsequently question Kevin's mental state
- Attempt to make a paper snowflake for upwards of three hours and then get mad that you struggled with a 3rd grade art project
- Make your Elf on the Shelf engage in inappropriate activity
- Try eggnog because you feel socially obligated to and subsequently remember that you hate it
- Ensure that you DO NOT send Rudy Giuliani to assure that Santa's lists are checked twice
- Ponder what makes someone want to be a mall Santa
- Remind your neighbor Carol that her holiday light display doesn't make up for giving out carrots and toothbrushes on Halloween
- Help society collectively understand that not wearing a face mask gets you on the naughty list
- Be sure to drink your Ovaltine



Try egg nog

There you have it, an anti-Christmas Christmas. Remember that Christmas makes most children's years, and it's important that we cynics exist to show them what happens when the magic fades. Happy Holidays!

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Read-a-Thon for Christmas Toys

Sign-ups are happening now for Greenwich Free Library's Read-A-Thon for Toys.

The read-a-thon is to benefit the Tri-County Marines Toys for Girls and Boys, December 4-6, 2020. The first 50 registered readers will receive a gift from the library and all readers will be entered into a drawing for a new Kindle. Learn all about it and sign up as a reader by visiting www.greenwichfreelibrary.org/read-a-thon-for-toys.

You can also gather sponsors who will support your endeavor! Sponsors will pledge to donate a toy, min. \$10 value, upon completion of your reading goal of two or more hours during the weekend of December 4-6. Have your sponsors drop off their pledged toy in the collection box in the library lobby. Monetary donations can also be made.

That's it! It is that simple and makes a BIG difference to children in our own community!

Critics ask sheriff for transparency

Annabel Gregg
Journal & Press

The Washington County Sheriff's Office is receiving criticism from local organizations and community members for their exclusive response to Governor Cuomo's Executive Order 203, made by the Governor in June to address nationwide calls for police reform after the death of George Floyd, a Black man from Minnesota who was killed by a police officer.

The order mandates that all law enforcement agencies across the state submit a comprehensive plan to address reform and racial equity in their policing practices by April 1, 2021, and that the process to get to that final plan must include a review of current policing strategies and ensure community involvement through public comment and including "members of the community, with emphasis in areas with high numbers of police and community interactions."

Sheriff Jeff Murphy's Office sought community input through a survey that assesses the Sheriff's Office and their current practices. "The data from the survey will be used in finalizing our plan which will then be presented for public comment," said the Sheriff's Office in a Facebook post. The controversy comes in how, when, and to whom the survey was disseminated. A very short deadline to participate in the survey — which was officially released on Nov. 12 and may only be submitted before Dec. 4. Survey takers must print out the survey at home and then must deliver it to their local Town Offices in person. The Sheriff's Office released it to the Board of Supervisors, and asked each town to have five to 10 individuals participate in the survey.

One of the explicit goals of EO 203 is to address racial bias in law

enforcement agencies in a significant and community-inclusive manner. In the order, Cuomo stated that "urgent and immediate action is needed to eliminate racial inequities in policing, to modify and modernize policing strategies, policies, procedures, and practices, and to develop practices to better address the particular needs of communities of color to promote public safety, improve community engagement, and foster trust."

According to the Sheriff's Office's own internal investigation, "no racial or gender identity bias was discovered" through their "demographic studies using available search criteria in our current agency systems [that] were conducted by the Sheriff's administrative staff to check for patterns of inequality in arrests or police contacts." However, it is unclear how the Sheriff's Office completed these internal studies, considering their own arrest data may show a slight racial bias. Approximately 5% of all arrests made by the Sheriff's Office in the last 4 years were of Black community members, but that group makes up only 3.5% of Washington County's population, according to U.S. Census data. Although small, these numbers show that even in a remote, rural county like ours, there is still the potential, or at least perception, for racial bias within law enforcement.

There are some aspects of the Sheriff's approach that have been responsive to the EO and the reforms it outlines, including holding an early-on anti-bias training with other officers after the order was enacted. Although the Sheriff's Office does have a successful and award-winning "Community First" policing initiative, the response to EO 203 does not seem sufficient to some residents and area organizations in regards to



Jabes Prado via Zoom

communities that interact with police at higher rates.

Annie Townsend, co-organizer of the Black Lives Matter silent vigil that occurs at Greenwich's Mowry Park every Saturday with her co-organizer Bill Brown, said that the survey is not enough. "It's a response that pays lip service to the heart of the problem," she said. "For starters, just take a look at the survey. How many residents have even heard of it? It's almost impossible to get a copy and the turn-around time is barely three weeks. This definitely needs to be extended several

'Survey takers must print their surveys at home and then must deliver it in person.'

more weeks and additional stakeholders, particularly people of color, should be contacted."

"Putting out that survey from the stakeholders in Washington County, it's really bothersome because it pertains to us, the public, and how they're going to be policing us," said Jabes Prado, President of the Lower Adirondack Visionary

Association. "Here we are in...December, and you just put out a survey two weeks ago."

Prado emphasizes the need to not only include POC in the process, but other vulnerable groups and groups that come into contact with police at higher rates. "Police reform is not only POC — it's all those vulnerable people, the disadvantaged people," he explained. "What we need to do as a community right now is make a lot of noise." Prado wants community members to take the survey, but go even further — email the Sheriff's Office, work with local organizations, and pay attention to local legislation.

Sheriff Jeff Murphy could not be reached for comment for this article. There will be a Washington County Public Safety meeting on Dec. 1 at 10 a.m. and a Washington County Board of Supervisors meeting on Dec. 18 at 10 a.m.. Both meetings are available to the public via YouTube — the links can be found online at the Washington County government website. To access the public survey, visit the Washington County Sheriff's Office website or visit your local Town Hall to pick up a copy.

National power for beginners

Lance Allen Wang
Journal & Press

The world is a complicated place, and without tools, systems, and aids, sometimes it can seem almost incomprehensible. Imagine trying to understand even junior high school chemistry without the Periodic Table of the Elements — doesn't work too well! Now, what I intend to do here is give you a tool, free of charge, for understanding how nations deal with each other.

When I was in the Army, at one school I attended we were given a reading list compiled by the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. One of the books on the reading list was written by Thomas Friedman of the New York Times. It was called "The Lexus and the Olive Tree," and was a primer on globalization and how the global economy works. I always shake my head at "anti-globalists," because I see them complaining how America's barn doors should be shut — yet the horses long ago got out. Globalization exists — our economies are interdependent, and as I wrote in an earlier column, "Mutual Assured Economic Destruction" exists. The world's largest economies are linked and depend on each other — right, wrong, or indifferent.

Back in the early 1980s, I remember watching a Nova special on PBS called "Nuclear Strategy for Beginners." It examined the sense of helplessness surrounding the nuclear arms race and overlaid the rationale behind it, gave its history, and how strategy had evolved. It didn't make the consequences any less horrifying, but it did create a sense that there were good, rational people trying to manage our nation's security and that there was a method to the madness.

What I intend to do here is give you a little look through the looking glass — a prism through which to examine our government (or any government for that matter) and how it exerts its will on other nations. Senior military leaders are taught about the "DIME," which are the "elements of national power." There are four of them.

The first is "Diplomatic," the use of statesmanship and diplomacy, the second is "Informational," the creation, exploitation, or disruption of knowledge, the third is "Military," the threat or use of coercive force, and the last is "Economic," furthering or constraining another nation's prosperity.

With these we can examine our policies, as well as analyze how other nations are using these ele-

ments in their attempts to exert influence on us. For example, Russian "troll farms" on social media are an example of Vladimir Putin's use of a disruptive "Informational" element — indeed, their pollution of our already toxic social media environment has reinforced alternate realities where the very nature of truth comes into question. Another example is the use of tariffs on China, which were an attempt by the United States to utilize the "Economic" element. These different tools often complement each other — the United States in the Cold War with the Soviet Union provided multiple examples of the use of all four of these elements, individually and in concert.

As we enter a new year and a new administration, at least half of the DIME is in pretty solid shape. Our military element remains strong. While we have major military competitors, it is not the major competitors which keep us bogged down in ongoing wars, it is smaller insurgencies.

Our economic element is solid, but caution lights are a very high national debt, and the "bi-furcated" nature of our economy. Put simply, the linkage between Wall Street and Main Street is not strong.

'The world's largest economies are linked and depend on each other.'

45% of America is not invested in the market in any way, and might offer a different opinion when presented with the old cliché that "a rising tide lifts all boats."

Our "Diplomatic" element is challenged. Over the past four years, there has been an exodus of many senior-level employees at the Department of State, and hiring freezes and unfilled appointments have left a department with reduced relevance and capability.

Our "Informational" element is also challenged. America's free press has always been a blessing and a curse to its government. But it is only one aspect of information — think about it: higher education, the media, entertainment and film, advertising, US content on the internet, libraries, museums — all of these represent American contributions to a generally unregulated global information ecosystem. The one thing America can control in this situation is its own integrity. Can you take what America says to the bank? Voice of America (VOA), one of several global broadcasting



services controlled by the United States Government, has been considered an honest voice in the area of global news. However, recently a judge ordered the Chief Executive Officer of the US Agency for Global Media to stop interfering in the VOA's news coverage and editorial personnel matters. The CEO, political appointee Michael Pack, was cited in the judge's opinion for "the chilling of First Amendment expression," in his attempt to "force the news agency to cover the president more sympathetically." If our free press is a hallmark of American democracy, America's informational element needs to resolve any mismatch between our words, values, and behavior in order to retain American credibility.

Is the "DIME" perfect? No. It gives us four big tools, but who has just four tools in their toolbox? And then if two of our tools have been neglected for a while, that leaves us with two. And that takes us on a path where...well, what's the old saying about how you treat every problem if your only tool is a hammer?

And to our dear readers — a happy, healthy, and blessed Thanksgiving holiday to you and yours.

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HBO's 'DMZ' pictures a near-future civil war

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Variety

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Ava DuVernay is officially making her first show at HBO Max.

The WarnerMedia streamer has handed a series order to four-part limited drama "DMZ," which hails from DuVernay and "Westworld" writer Roberto Patino. Both are under overall deals with Warner Bros. Television Group, with DuVernay's said to be somewhere in the \$100 million range.

News of the pick up comes just over a year after HBO Max ordered a pilot for "DMZ." The series is headlined by Rosario Dawson, who is likely to be appearing in upcoming editions of "The Mandalorian," and "Law & Order" alum Benjamin Bratt.

"DMZ," based on the DC comic

series, is set in the near future when America is embroiled in a bitter civil war, which has left Manhattan a demilitarized zone (DMZ), destroyed and isolated from the rest of the world. It chronicles the harrowing journey of fearless and fierce medic Alma Ortega (Dawson), who sets out on a harrowing journey to find the son she lost in the evacuation of New York City at the onset of the conflict. Throwing gasoline on the flames of that conflict is Parco Delgado (Bratt), the popular -- and deadly -- leader of one of the most powerful gangs in the DMZ. He wants to rule this new world -- and will stop at nothing to secure that outcome.

Patino is set to write all four episodes, serve as showrunner and executive produce alongside DuVernay who directed the pilot. Production on the series is slated



Ava DuVernay

to begin in 2021.

"I couldn't be more thrilled to bring this epic to the screen with my boundary-pushing partners at WBTB and HBO Max, a sublime cast led by Rosario and Benjamin, and my partner and friend, the inimitable and ever-inspiring Ava DuVernay," said Patino in a statement. "DMZ' offers up an explosive playground which, more than anything else, exalts the resilience of community and the human spirit. I can't wait to welcome the die-hard fans of the comic books and new viewers alike to this intoxicating, haunting and inspiring world."

In addition to Dawson and Bratt, "DMZ" also stars include Hoon Lee, Freddy Miyares, and Jordan Preston Carter.

"DMZ's' unflinching story of a country torn apart resonates eerily and profoundly amid our current state of the union," added Sarah Aubrey, head of original content at HBO Max. "With the powerhouse visionary team of Ava and Roberto at the helm, bringing

this critically acclaimed DC gem to life promises to entertain and inspire hope."

"DMZ" is produced by DuVernay's ARRAY Filmworks in association with Warner Bros. Television. It represents the second DC-related project that DuVernay is involved with, as she is set to helm the superhero feature

'It has left Manhattan a demilitarized zone, isolated from the world.'

"New Gods."

DuVernay's other projects under her overall include OWN series "Queen Sugar" and "Cherish the Day," as well as upcoming NBC social experiment series "Home Sweet Home" and HBO Max docuseries "One Perfect Shot." She is also working on the Netflix limited series "Colin in Black & White" about the life of football player and activist Colin Kaepernick.

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Greg Schwem

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Political campaigns have finally come to a much-needed end; and yet, no politician ever promised to rid this country of one of its most pressing nightmares: celebrities on social media announcing how they are dealing with the pandemic.

Since lockdown began, our Instagram, Twitter and TikTok feeds have been glutted with movie star A or sitcom actress B doling out quarantine coping advice as they sit in their mansions nestled in the Hollywood Hills and pretend they are suffering too.

“Hello, everyone. Are you feeling blue? So am I. But here's what helps me. I like to go to a quiet room in my house and just ... reflect. I suggest the solarium or the wine cellar. As you can see, that's where I am now. And this is a bottle of Chianti that I picked up when I was on location in Tuscany. That helps too. We'll get through this together.”

The celebrity coping mechanism reached its apex this past week when Kim Kardashian West, who is no stranger to hardship, as evidenced by having to briefly evacuate one of her homes during the 2018 California wildfires, revealed the now infamous “private island” solution.

“After 2 weeks of multiple health screens and asking everyone to quarantine, I surprised my closest inner circle with a trip to a private island where we could pretend things were normal just for a brief moment in time,” Kardashian West wrote on Twitter.

In her defense, the trip coincided with her 40th birthday so I can sort of relate. For my 50th, my

wife rented a private room at a Chicago tavern, a great idea until we realized our room also included the establishment's only bathroom. Plenty of inebriated, anxious strangers wished me a happy birthday that evening.

In the understatement of the Common Era, Kardashian West did admit, via social media of course, that not everyone can quarantine in such fashion.

“I realize that for most people, this is something that is so far out of reach right now, so in moments like these, I am humbly reminded of how privileged my life is,” she wrote, after sharing photos of all the activities the island had to offer. Anyone else swim near whales since March?

If you've never been to a private island, pre- or mid-quarantine, no worries. I spent a day on one while aboard a seven-day Caribbean cruise. If you define “privacy” as standing in a buffet line with 2,500 sunburned tourists awaiting barbecue

‘I spent a day on one while aboard a seven-day Caribbean cruise.’

chicken and ribs, then you might enjoy it. The passengers who elected to stay aboard the ship had all the privacy they could handle that day.

But if Kardashian West simply seeks “normalcy” and “privacy” as the world awaits a COVID-19 vaccine, she should look no further than my house. Other than coat hooks by the door that now contain face masks, I think the Schwems have remained surprisingly normal during this period of self-isolation and sanitizing. And we can give her all the privacy she wants. For example:

If she needs to make a Zoom call, she can use the hastily converted coat closet that has now be-



come Ground Zero for all virtual communication

We have a spare bedroom, with cable and internet access, that she is welcome to use. OK, the spare closet is loaded with toilet paper we were fortunate to grab at the start of the pandemic; she'll have to move things around a bit.

She is welcome to binge-watch TV with me. Since we rarely leave our house now, we've added Showtime, HBO and Amazon Prime to our cable subscriptions. I'm currently binge watching “Billions,” a show she can most certainly relate to.

Kim, just ask and I will text you my address. Drop by anytime.

Just let me know if you'll be arriving in your normal private jet.

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Donate your coats

L.E.A.P. is currently accepting donations of new and gently used winter coats of all sizes for children and adults. This annual Coat Drive will provide vital winter coats for individuals in Washington County.

Coats will be accepted at five L.E.A.P. sites as well as at upcoming events. For more information please see the attached flyer or contact Outreach and Development Coordinator Jennifer Frigolette at (518) 746-2194 or Jennifer.Frigolette@leapservices.org.

Local church updates

Salem's Holy Cross Catholic Church holds Mass on Sundays at 8:30 AM. Mass at St. Patrick's, Cambridge, is held on Saturdays at 4:00 PM and Sundays at 11:00 AM. Both parishes are seeking volunteers to assist at Mass time. St. Joseph's in Greenwich will continue to post Sunday Mass on YouTube with Fr. Kacerguis as celebrant and Maureen Cossey as music minister. The link is www.tinyurl.com/SJG-liturgies.

Holy Cross will again be helping with Operation Santa Claus. However, instead of the giving tree, parishioners are asked to donate either holiday gift cards: bank cards or cards to local stores.

On Monday and Friday evening of Advent, there will be a Zoom gathering to reflect on the Sunday Advent Scripture readings. No scripture background is needed and all are welcome. It will be held from 6:30 to 7:00 PM. It will begin Nov. 30 via Zoom. To sign up, send an email to jeffreypeck@battenkillcatholic.org or call 518 683 6461.

Thanksgiving prayers, hymns, and a preview of Advent resources can be found on the "Seasons" page of the website, stpatrickslifelongfaith.weebly.com/seasonthanksgiving.html.

This weekend, parishioners are invited to participate in the Diocesan Appeal (Bishop's Appeal). You may donate in the basket at the exit, by placing the envelope in the mail, or making a donation/pledge online at donate.thediocesanappeal.org.



St. Joseph's

Coila Church's Operation Christmas

Coila Church has been supporting Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child project for several years. Despite the challenges of their building project and COVID-19, the church sent 77 shoeboxes to Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child project this year, matching the amount of shoeboxes provided the previous 2 years. Several of the shoeboxes were donated by friends from the Cambridge UP church. Coila Church received enough monetary donations for shipping for all the shoeboxes, with more left over to donate to Samaritan's Purse for Operation Christmas Child.

In Jan. 2020, Coila Church continued with their year-round collection of donated items for packing in shoeboxes. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, they were unable to hold their annual packing party. In September, individuals, families and small Bible Study and Leadership groups adopted shoeboxes to take home and fill with toys, books, school supplies, hygiene items, clothes, accessories and a coloring page to share information with the child that receives their shoebox.

The Operation Christmas Child committee packed loose items in additional shoeboxes. All 77 shoeboxes were on display in the sanctuary of the church on Nov. 15th, at which time Pastor Peter Bailey led the congregation in prayer for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child project and for the 77 children that will receive the Gospel message along with their shoebox. On Nov. 16th the shoeboxes were delivered to the drop off location. By supporting Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child project, the Coila Church helped to fulfill its mission of "making disciples of Jesus Christ."



Belle with the shoeboxes

Geroux is DAR winner

Hartford Central School District's Envy Geroux has been selected as the recipient of the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award. The senior was nominated by faculty at Hartford and voted by her fellow class members as best exemplifying the characteristics of dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism. Envy is the daughter of Pam and Barre Cameron.

Envy serves as the Senior Class President and Key Club President. She is a three-sport athlete as a member of the varsity volleyball, basketball, and softball teams, and is also involved with Math League and Future Farmers of America.

Outside of school, Envy is active in 4-H Club and serves as a dairy ambassador. She enjoys being around and working with horses. During the summer, she worked as a trail guide at Saddle Up Stables in Lake George, and currently works at Ginellen Racing in Hebron. Her goal is to attend SUNY Cobleskill to study animal science in the fall.



Eddie awards

The 2nd Annual Capital Region Eddie Music Award Show will be held on Dec. 6 at 7 p.m. from Universal Preservation Hall, Saratoga Springs, sponsored by Key Bank. Marty Wendell is a nominee for Best Country/Bluegrass Artist and is scheduled to perform there. His album "Rock & Roll Days" became a contender for Best Americana Album in the 2020 Grammy Awards. Details are at theeddiesawards.com.



Everlasting Lights display in Greenwich

The trees have arrived and the Everlasting Lights display will continue this year in the space behind the Greenwich town office building.

As in the past, over the Thanksgiving Weekend, families decorated 50 memorial trees in tribute to loved ones who have died. The trees will be lit every night through New Year's Day.

Concerns about the ongoing pandemic have prompted one significant change: There was no public tree-lighting ceremony. Instead, there will be a series of social media events undertaken to help spotlight the Everlasting Lights, our community and some of the stories behind the trees. Learn more on fb.com/GreenwichEverlastingLights.

The program was founded and run for two decades by former Town Clerk Elaine Kelly. Dave Kuzmich orders the trees and the town highway department helps place them. Pastor Clyde McCaskill will offer a prayer this year; Larry Wilbur will read an in memoriam role call. Also this year, Judy Patrick is taking on

organizational responsibilities for Everlasting Lights.

"I'm grateful for the town to let us do it because there was some talk that maybe it would be cancelled due to the pandemic," Patrick said.

"The trees mean a lot to these families. Christmas is often a tough time of year for them," she added. "Two thousand and twenty has been a difficult year and having these trees lit can add just a little bit of joy these dark days of December."

For more information or to join the wait list for a tree for next year, contact Patrick at jsp12834@gmail.com or 518-692-9432.

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The economy after the election

Jill Schlesinger

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On November 8, U.S. news outlets called the 2020 election, but investors had already voted with their money. After the worst week since March, stocks soared election week and recouped all of the previous week's losses...and then some. The S&P 500 soared 7.3% the best presidential election week since the 1932 election.

Wall Street interpreted a Joe Biden presidency, a Republican-controlled Senate and a Democratic House as a win for corporate America, because with divided government, the thinking goes, it is unlikely that there are going to be enough votes to enact a tax increase on corporations or on the top 2% of individuals. While gridlock might be good for stock investors, what about the overall economy? On that front, the news is mixed. As Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell noted two days after the election, "the path of the economy will depend sig-

nificantly on the course of the virus," and the recent rise in cases "is particularly concerning." Most analysts agree that the first round of stimulus helped the economy recover to where it is today, which is why the next round is desperately needed to get through the winter months.

Fresh off his election win, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said Congress should focus its energy on approving a new coronavirus stimulus bill "by the end of the year" and it would possibly "do more for state and local governments." That would be a relief, because without any more money, 5.3 million workers could lose their jobs by the end of 2021 if municipalities don't get a bailout, according to the Economic Policy Institute.

Meanwhile, the October employment report was a good one. The economy added 638,000 jobs and the unemployment rate dropped a full percentage point to 6.9 %, as more people entered the labor force and got jobs. With the sixth consecutive

month of gains, the labor market has recouped about 12 million of the 22 million jobs lost due to the pandemic. But there are still problems, including:

- The pace of job growth is slowing.
- There are still 10.1 million fewer jobs than in February. The losses are still 15% worse than those experienced in 2008-09.
- As the number of COVID-19 cases rise, there could be limits to the number of jobs added this winter, especially in leisure and hospitality. Nine percent of businesses planned to lay off workers during Q4 due to the outbreak, according to a Conference Board survey last month.
- Long term unemployment (out of work for more than 27 weeks) jumped by 1.2 million to 3.6 million, representing about a third of those unemployed. These workers "tend to get lower paying jobs once they are reemployed and suffer more mental and physical health problems than those

who are only unemployed for a short period of time," says Grant Thornton Chief Economist Diane Swonk.

- The number of people who are working part-term instead of full-time for economic reasons jumped by 383,000 to 6.7 million.

Hopefully, lawmakers will see the danger that lurks. In addition to the \$600 per week extra benefit, which expired at the end of July, here are the CARES Act provisions that are slated to expire at the end of 2020:

- Enhanced unemployment benefits (self-employed/gig workers)
- Extended unemployment insurance benefits (26 to 39 weeks)
- Eviction ban, mortgage relief and forbearance on federally insured home loans
- Student loan forbearance
- 401(k) Hardship loans

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Peace and creativity

Daneen Skube

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If you put your well-being in the hands of your external world...it will always let you down. Our peace and power only originate from our ability to 1) manage our internal reactions 2) subsequently have the impulse control to behave well even when we feel badly.

Buddha, philosopher and spiritual teacher said, "Do not look for a sanctuary in anyone but yourself." Obviously people can love us, support us, and help us but if we depend on others and to always reflect our glory we make ourselves fragile.

We can, and often do, look at our circumstances and find reasons to be miserable and behave poorly. However, with those same circumstances

we also have the power to behave effectively.

Viktor Frankl wrote, "Man's Search for Meaning" in 1946 sharing his experiences as a Nazi camp prisoner. He developed out of this adversity a psychotherapeutic method that identifying a purpose in life pulls you into a happier future. You might expect anyone in a concentration camp to only feel pity for himself but Frankl, because of his reaction, created a new useful field of psychology.

If we obsess on all the areas we cannot control then our rigid perception of the prison of our limits controls us. Frankl was in an actual prison with nearly no freedom yet he found self-determination anyway. His behavior challenges each of us to search out and use our areas of freedom no matter what our current limits. If

Frankl can see powerful choices while in a concentration camp what could we achieve during a pandemic?

We need to balance this personal responsibility and power with empathy for our struggle. Some days we will wallow in self-pity and tell our tales of woe with passionate conviction for our victimhood. On better days we can ask ourselves if the hood we want to live in starts with victim and shift our internal GPS to a better community.

Life does not get easier or less complex as we age. At some point, deciding we deserve to have a high level of well-being matters. The secret to a high-level of well-being is to withdraw from seeing ourselves as victims, take ultimate responsibility for the results we're getting, and commit to learning every darn tool that improves our problem solving.

You're worth this effort, no one else will fight this battle for you, and a

sanctuary lies inside you that's independent of the shifting sands of the external world. Learning to be well despite your circumstances is the ultimate power and ultimate freedom and it lies within your grasp. All you need to decide today is are you worth fighting for? Or will you continue to wait for others and the world to win a battle that only you can win?

Walking away from victimhood, you'll discover there are vast neighborhoods of peace, effectiveness and creativity you've always possessed that have been untapped. May you be well, may you be at peace, and may you let your challenges open up a power you previously dared not think belonged to you.

Daneen Skube, Ph.D., is an executive coach and appears on FOX's "Workplace Guru."



Salem theater destroyed

Kaylee Johnson
Journal & Press

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

140 Years Ago,
December 2, 1880

Two weeks ago this morning, a little boy of eight years was taken ill with diphtheria. Anxious for promotion, he insisted upon going to school, and the parents, not knowing the character of his illness, reluctantly consented to his going. He remained in school until noon and returned home, hardly able to stand alone. In less than a week he was in his grave.

100 Years Ago
December 8, 1920

The columns of the Journal this week furnish evidence that the merchants in this village are getting ready for a brisk holiday season. Goods pur-

chased for the Christmas trade are being displayed in most of the stores, and the indications are that the assortment presented to holiday shoppers here will be more complete and attractive than has been the case in several years.

Merchants say that while goods in some lines are still rather hard to get, the shortage is not as serious as during, or immediately after the war, and Christmas stocks will certainly be up or above the pre-war standard. In addition to this, prices in some lines will be somewhat lower than last year, and accordingly it is expected that shoppers will be encouraged to make deferred purchases.

90 Years Ago
December 10, 1930

Subscribers of the Easton and South Cambridge Telephone Company, recently purchased by the New York Telephone Company, will after January 1 have the advantage of considerably extended service, according to the information received from Easton telephone patrons. It is their understanding that the system, operated for many years as an independent concern, will be annexed to the Greenwich exchange, which would give Easton subscribers the advantage of free service throughout the Greenwich and Schuylerville exchanges.

80 Years Ago
December 4, 1940

Fire, which was discovered in the Star Theater building in Salem shortly after 6 o'clock Monday evening completely destroyed the building. The structure, which was a wooden building, contained besides the theater an apartment occupied by Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Sweet and family, a barber shop operated by Frank Clark, and a cigar store formerly conducted by Mr. Sweet. The building was owned by Mr. Sweet, who was manager of the theater and who also leases and operates the Swan Theater in this village.

50 Years Ago
December 6, 1950

Thomas C. Remsen, president stated that readings of the 8,286 x-rays taken in the x-ray survey

in Hudson Falls, Fort Edward, Argyle, Greenwich, Easton, Cambridge, White Creek, Jackson, and Salem this fall found 19 persons suspected of having active tuberculosis, 30 suspected of having inactive tuberculosis, and 14 suspected of probably tubercular condition. Thus, 63 persons were suspected of having tuberculosis in one way or another.

60 Years Ago
December 7, 1960

Six women, employed at the Argyle plant of the Brunswick-Balke-Callendar Company, were taken ill Saturday after breathing in ethylene dichloride fumes in the processing room of the plant.

The Argyle plant, located near North Argyle, was founded in 1952 by David Sheridan, and about 25 women are employed there in the production of plastic catheters and surgical tubes.

30 Years Ago
December 6, 1990

Operation Santa Claus began in Hudson Falls through the efforts of a teacher, Frank Munoff, in 1973 and through the years has grown to include most of the surrounding communities.

Operation Santa came to the town of Greenwich four years ago. The first year, 18 families were served. Last year, the need grew to 35 families with 106 children receiving full complete outfits of clothing and toys. The families are also provided with a ham and an assortment of other food.

20 Years Ago
December 7, 2000

The Traditional Christmas Live Nativity, presented each year in Greenwich, will move to the Greenwich Little League Field, behind Stewarts. The Live Nativity will occur on Saturday, December 16 at 5 p.m.

The Greenwich United Church is spread holding the nativity presentation this year with participation by members of the other churches of the Greenwich Interfaith Fellowship. "The new location will make it easier for all of the children to see and for the parents to park," explained Reverend Barbara Thomas, who is coordinator for this year's pageant. "The bleachers will provide both better sight lines and a place to sit this year."



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Thomas B. Perry, 82

Thomas B. Perry, 82, passed away Sunday, Nov. 22, 2020 at Saratoga Hospital surrounded by his family.

Born August 26, 1938, in Greenwich, NY, he was the son of the late Thomas and Amanda Straight Perry.

Tom was a US Navy Veteran serving from 1956-1962. He worked for several years at the Hudson Pulp & Paper Mill in Clarks Mills, NY and then for 25 years at Citron Upholstery in Peekskill, NY. He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his wife, Leona Perry in 2001; his

brother, James Perry; and sisters, Shirley Norton, Elizabeth Perry, and Delores Manney.

Survivors include 5 children, William Manney, James Perry, Cathy Perry, Brenda (Terry) Brisco, and Scott (Lauri) Perry; several grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

A private service for family will be held at the Gerald B.H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery in Schuylerville.

Online remembrances can be made at www.flynnbrosinc.com.



David Gregg Flynn, 76

David Gregg Flynn, 76, passed away peacefully on Monday, Nov. 16, 2020 in Hydeville, VT. Flynn was born on Dec. 4, 1943, in Milton, Massachusetts, and was the son of the late David V. and Dorothy (Gregg) Flynn.

David graduated from Briarcliff High School, in Briarcliff, NY in 1962. He began working for the US Post Office in Pleasantville, NY as a mail handler, where he retired after 28 years of service. He was a member of the Boy Scouts and Demolay, and was a dedicated Mason in Pleasantville for many years, once honored as Mason of the Year. Several years after his parents' passing, he moved to Greenwich to be closer to his sister, Deborah Anderson, and family.

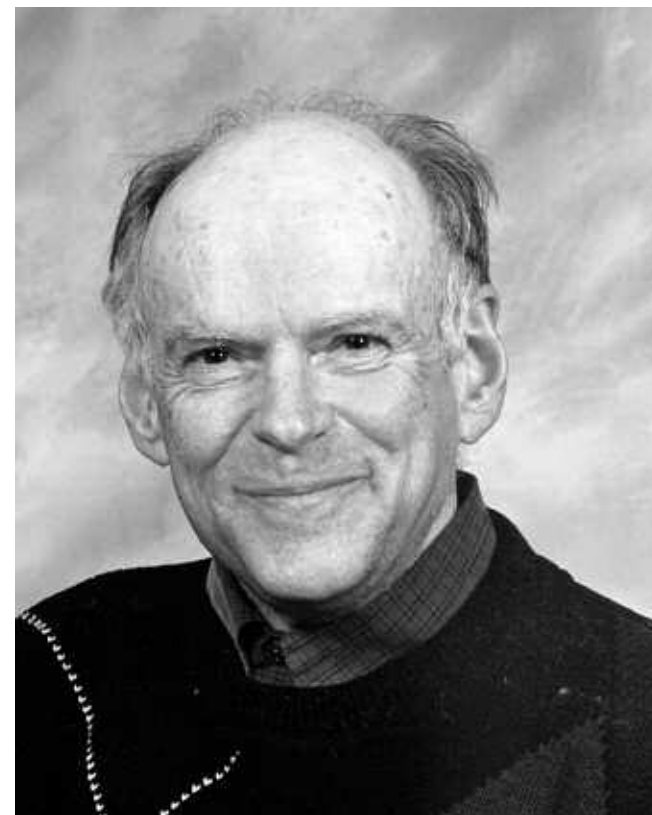
He worked for several years at the IGA and then

at Hannaford when it opened. For 15 years, David was a familiar sight, collecting carts at Hannaford and walking back and forth to his home on Main Street. The family is incredibly grateful for the kindness in the community, offering rides and friendly support.

He was a member of the Fort Miller Reformed Church, where he sang faithfully in the choir every week. His church family was a great comfort to him, and Henk DeJong was always a special friend to him. David loved watching sports and vintage comedy shows and sharing meals with his sister's family. Although a man of few words, he was a gentle soul, living an ordered and peaceful life.

David is survived by his sister, Deborah Anderson (Mark) of Greenwich, and Judy LoBalbo of Bristol, Tennessee. He also is survived by nephews Reed, Carl, and Luke Anderson of Greenwich, Evan LoBalbo of Tennessee, and Eric LoBalbo of Washington State.

The family would like to express their thanks to all those who were so kind to David; to the staff at The Cambridge where he lived for 3 years, and especially to the owner of his last resi-



dence at Misty Heather Morn Assisted Living in Hydeville, VT, Francetta Tice and her staff. Fran has been an angel on earth during David's convalescence. We are so blessed to have had her care for David during the last months.

Due to COVID-19 precautions, there will be no services at this time. Interment will be held in the spring at the Fort Miller cemetery. Online condolences and messages to the family may be made at www.flynnbrosinc.com.

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Eleanor Brownell, 89

Eleanor Brownell, 89, a lifelong resident of Easton and Greenwich passed away peacefully Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2020 at home surrounded by her loving family while under hospice care. She was born August 7, 1931 in Whitehall, NY to the late Herschel and Leona Polley.

Eleanor graduated from Greenwich Central School in 1949 and then worked in its Business Office for many years. She was a devoted sister, mom, grandma and great-grandma. She enjoyed cooking for her family; her special meatloaf, homemade ice cream, and blonde brownies. All of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren have a hand-knitted, personalized Christmas stocking made by Grandma. She loved watching pro football and any basketball game on TV.

Many of us learned to play Go Fish and Rummy at her kitchen table, or we helped her finish a jig saw-puzzle.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her husband Loris Brownell in 2016 and her nephew Rick Polley in 2004.

Survivors include her son, Leslie (Tomma) Brownell of Colchester, VT; 4 daughters — Lois (Thomas) Hammond of Queensbury, Louanne (Delbert) Kirk of Greenwich, Leitha (Don) Jepson of Greenwich and Linda (Alvin) Sanderson of Mustang, OK; brother Herschel (Peggy) Polley of Greenwich; 8 grandchildren — Deanna Kirk, Karissa Johnson, Candace Conti-Lemery, Marcy Carbonell, Katina Rifenburg, Demy Brewster, Eric Sanderson and Nathan Sanderson; 11 great-

grandchildren; cousin Myrna Bland of CA; and many nieces and nephews.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, her funeral services will be held privately at the convenience of the family. Burial will be in the Stump Church Cemetery.

Even though Eleanor loved flowers, the family asks that any donations be made to the Easton Greenwich Rescue Squad, PO Box 84, Greenwich, NY or the Northeast Kidney Foundation, 22 Colvin Ave, Albany, NY 12206, (healthykidneys.org).

Arrangements are under the direction and care of Flynn Bros. Inc., 80 Main St., Greenwich, NY, 12834. Online condolences and messages to the family may be made at www.flynnbrosinc.com.



Theresa Norton Butler, 77

Theresa Norton Butler, 77, a resident of Route 52 in Greenwich, passed away on Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2020 at Saratoga Hospital after a period of declining health.

Born May 7, 1943 in Saratoga Springs, she was the daughter of the late Harold and Helen Pearson Norton.

Theresa was a graduate of Schuylerville Central School Class of 1961 and a graduate of the second class at Mary McClellan School of Practical Nursing in Cambridge. She then went on to work at Mary McClellan Hospital for many years. She had been a board member at Warren and Washington County ARC and a parent member of Greenwich Central School CSE

Committee. In later years, she enjoyed winters in Florida, spending time with friends and going to the beach. She also enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her siblings and 3 granddaughters. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by an infant son, Brian.

Survivors include her husband of 55 years, Thomas G. Butler of Greenwich; her children, Paul (Linda) Butler of Dover, NH, Barbara (Matthew) Moore of Stillwater, and Marianne Butler of Queensbury; brothers, Dan Norton and Bruce Norton; sisters, Judy Cole, Jane Decoteau, Bonnie Greenfeld, Laurie McClure, and Dawn Purvis; 3 granddaughters, Mikayla Moore (Ben Rafte), Taylor

Moore and Elizabeth Butler; as well as several nieces and nephews.

A funeral mass will be held at St. Joseph's Church in Greenwich for family members. Burial will follow in St. Joseph's Cemetery in Greenwich.

Friends may call from 4:00 to 6:00 PM Friday, Nov. 13, 2020 at Flynn Bros. Inc. Funeral Home, 80 Main St., Greenwich. Social distancing rules and facemasks will be required.

Memorials can be made in her memory to Special Olympics of NY, 94 New Karner Rd., Albany, NY 12203 or to the charity of one's choice.

The family would like to thank the ICU and Med-Surgical Nurses



at Saratoga Hospital for the great care that was given to Theresa and her family.

Online remembrances can be made at www.flynnbrosinc.com

William 'Bill' Earl Perry

William "Bill" Earl Perry of Cambridge passed over on Nov. 14, 2020, after struggling for many years with Idiopathic Progressive Pulmonary Fibrosis and other autoimmune diseases.

He was predeceased by his father, James E. Perry, Jr. and his niece Erin Rae Austin Burke. Survivors include his mother, Florence Philpott Perry, and siblings Margaret and Peter Roberson (Pop's Taxi), Patricia and Christopher Messineo, Douglas and Marlene Perry, and Barbara and Raymond Austin, as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins. He is also survived by his closest friend and confidant, Sophia Healy of North Bennington, VT and San Antonio,

TX; his traveling companion, Alan Veargason of West Babylon, NY, and good friend Xhyru Niv of the Philippines.

Bill graduated from Greenwich Central School in 1966 and attended SUNY Plattsburgh, HVCC, and Memorial School of Nursing. He enjoyed traveling the world with time spent in Europe, especially Italy. In addition, he made many trips to South Africa, Hawaii, and the Continental US, especially the southwestern states.

He was self-employed for many years at Great Oak Farm and then enjoyed a 30-year career at Landview Farm, working in many positions in the dairy. While there, "Mr. Bill" made many friends in the

Latino community, which made work and life much more enjoyable.

Bill believed it was far better to give than to receive, and donated his body to Albany Medical College to help further the training of future doctors. A Celebration of Life will be held at 3:00 p.m. on December 13 at Bottskill Baptist Church in Greenwich. Friends and family may visit at 2:00 p.m. Masks are required. Burial will be at the convenience of the family at the Hoosick Rural Cemetery. Donations may be made to the IPF Foundation at ipffoundation.org, The American Lung Association, or to the charity of one's choice.

Bill's family would like to thank the staff on 2 West, and acknowl-



edge the excellent care he received at the Southern Vermont Medical Center.

Greenwich favorite-son Hal Ketchum, 67

We at this newspaper were saddened to hear about the passing of Greenwich's favorite son Hal Ketchum on Nov. 23.

We posted a past article about Ketchum's return to town, pictured right, from *The Journal & Press*, on our Facebook page at [fb.com/journalpress](https://www.facebook.com/journalpress), if you'd like to comment.

Born April 9, 1953, in Greenwich and having graduated from Greenwich High School in 1971, Ketchum left as a teenager to become a country music star. He released 11 studio albums from 1986 to 2014, had 17 Billboard hits and his 1991 album "Past the Point of Rescue" was certified gold.

It was that year when he made a return to Greenwich. On Aug. 5, 1991, on the eve of his breakout success, a reception was held for him at the Green Acres Tavern. It was a front-page story in the Aug. 8, 1991, edition of *The Journal & Press*, titled, "Welcome home, Hal!"

Culver Tefft, writing for this newspaper,

reported that Ketchum had told his father, before entering to see his old classmates and friends, that he was "more nervous there than when he goes on stage. This kind of visit must be a little disquieting. Those are the friends you grew up with. Now they may be judging you. ... A crowd in Texas, where they don't know you, might be an easier group to visit."

But once he got to see everyone, his nerves settled and he was happy for having returned to Greenwich. "I'm surprised I remember as many names and faces as I do," he said.

Ketchum had 17 entries on the Billboard Hot Country Songs charts, including three that reached No. 2, "Small Town Saturday Night," "Past the Point of Rescue," and "Hearts Are Gonna Roll." His music is defined by his songwriting and folk music influences. Ketchum retired from the music business in 2019 following a diagnosis of early-onset dementia.

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Welcome home, Hal!



Movies/TV series now available on video

Jay Bobbin

Special to Journal & Press

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

“THE RENTAL”: Making his debut as a director, actor Dave Franco (“Now You See Me,” “Scrubs”) goes for the chills in this unsettling tale on which he also was a writer and a producer ... and which did relatively well at the box office when few new movies were being released. Dan Stevens (“Downton Abbey”) and Alison Brie play a couple among those who rent a house by the sea to get away for a while, only to be alarmed by a masked intruder and surveillance equipment that has been planted throughout the house -- catching the unsuspecting visitors in some intimate moments. Things then continue to escalate in a vicious, violent way. Sheila Vand, Jeremy Allen White and Toby Huss also star.

“PERRY MASON: THE COMPLETE FIRST SEASON”: The most enduring image of novelist Erle Stanley Gardner's iconic character surely is the cunning, urbane defense attorney played by Raymond Burr in a 1957-66 television classic that remains a staple of nostalgia-driven networks, but it's a younger, scrappier Mason who fuels this HBO version. Executive-produced by Robert Downey Jr. and his wife Susan, and set in the Depression era, it casts Emmy winner Matthew Rhys (“The Americans”) in the title role while exploring Mason's roots as an unconventional detective as much as a nascent lawyer. Such other familiar characters as Della Street (played here by Juliet Rylance) and Paul Drake (Chris Chalk) also are reinvented by the reboot; John Lithgow (as Mason's mentor in the

law), Tatiana Maslany (“Orphan Black”) and Robert Patrick (“Scorpion”) are among the cast members as well. Intended as a limited series, the drama has been renewed for a second season. DVD extras: four “making-of” documentaries.

“THE LORD OF THE RINGS: THE MOTION PICTURE TRILOGY”: For fans who have been waiting for director Peter Jackson's Oscar-winning adaptations of J.R.R. Tolkien novels to make their debuts in the 4K Ultra HD format, the time has come. The saga of Middle-earth and its dwellers encompasses “The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring,” “The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers” and “The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King” ... all of which were filmed simultaneously over a 14-month period. Among those prominent in the casts of the entire trilogy are Elijah Wood, Viggo Mortensen, Sean Bean, Dominic Monaghan, Sean Astin, Orlando Bloom, Ian McKellen and John Rhys-Davies. Other notable stars include Liv Tyler, Ian Holm, Cate Blanchett, Hugo Weaving and Andy Serkis. Also newly available in 4K Ultra HD is the related “The Hobbit: The Motion Picture Trilogy.”

“BUGS BUNNY 80TH ANNIVERSARY COLLECTION”: What's up, Doc? Well, an eight-decade milestone for one of the most popular of all animated characters, that's what. This Blu-ray set compiles 60 theatrical short subjects spanning the 1940s to the 1990s and starring the carrot-chomping Bugs, who revels in mischief while confounding others. Chuck Jones, Bob Clampett and Tex Avery were some of the veteran cartoonists who worked on



“Perry Mason”

the hare's exploits, some of them spoofing other entertainment projects (as with “The Rabbit of Seville” and “Jack-Wabbit and the Beanstalk”). Among the special features are a new documentary, saluting Bugs' 80th birthday, and 10 “Looney Tunes” offerings. And yes, that's all, folks ... but at seven hours-plus of material, that's plenty.

“GREEN EGGS AND HAM: THE COMPLETE FIRST SEASON”: A favorite of several generations, the Dr. Seuss book is the inspiration for this Daytime Emmy Award-winning Netflix series that boasts an all-star voice cast led by Michael Douglas and Adam DeVine as new acquaintances who become partners in trying to protect a creature known as the Chickeraffe. A youngster (voice of Ilana Glazer) has her own intentions for it, though her mother (Diane Keaton) would prefer to have nothing to do with it; a bounty hunter (John Turturro) and several villains (Jeffrey Wright, Jillian Bell, Eddie Izzard) have stakes in the situation, too. Kee-

gan-Michael Key, Tracy Morgan, Daveed Diggs (“Hamilton”) and Billy Eichner also are heard. Ellen DeGeneres is among the executive producers.

“BEVERLY HILLS COP”: One of several Eddie Murphy titles to get new 4K Ultra HD releases, this highly entertaining 1984 action-comedy affirmed the “Saturday Night Live” alum's movie stardom and also launched a franchise for him. He plays Axel Foley, a quick-witted, fast-talking Detroit police detective whose probe of a friend's murder leads him to the West Coast ... where several actual Beverly Hills cops (Judge Reinhold, John Ashton, Ronny Cox) help him, rather begrudgingly. Lisa Eilbacher, Paul Reiser and Jonathan Banks (“Better Call Saul”) also appear, and the music score includes the hits “The Heat Is On” (performed by Glenn Frey) and “Neutron Dance” (by The Pointer Sisters). The other Murphy movies new to the 4K format are “Trading Places,” “Coming to America” and “The Golden Child.”

Obituaries

Gwen Hughson, 74

Gwenyth P. “Gwen” Hughson of Gaines formerly of Greenwich, NY, age 74, passed away unexpectedly at her home on Nov. 13, 2020. She was born May 23, 1946 in Greenwich, NY to the late Lewis and Mildred (Day) Powell.

Gwen was a 4th grade teacher at Albion Elementary for 18 years. She was an active member of Gaines Congregational Church for many years and enjoyed Bible study with her church friends. Family gatherings, scrapbooking family memories, and traveling with her husband Chuck were some of her favorite things to do. Gwen was active in many organizations during her life including, the Sojourner Home in Rochester, the Big Sister Program and the Cobblestone Society. When she was able, she liked to go visit her friends from Greenwich and roommates from SUNY Plattsburg. Gwen was known for her love of poems, great baking, dropping off fresh baked cookies to everyone, her obsessive use of sticky notes, and peanut M&Ms.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her daughter, Amy Banks; brother, Roger Powell; mother and father-in-law, Lu-

cille and Edward Hughson; and brother-in-law, John Persia.

Gwen is survived by her loving and devoted husband of 44 years, Charles “Chuck” Hughson; her children — Laura (Chris) Pinson, Charles (Deborah) Hughson Jr., Eric (Wende) Pritchard, Brad (Jamie) Pritchard; grandchildren — Patrick Banks, Jeffrey Banks, Kylie (fiancé Donald Rosario) Hughson, Kellie (Tyler Gomes) Hughson, Cassie (Jason) Dash, Brianna (fiancée Cassi Corke) Daniels, Zachary (Roberta) Conn, Ameer (Eric) Pinson, Ryan (Sam) Caudill, Reece Pritchard, Adam Pritchard, Bryce Pritchard, Leah Pritchard, Drew Pritchard; great-grandchildren, Jason Jr., Abbie, Sophia, Brady, Gianna, Jack, Macie, Nora, Reginna Mae, Elizabeth; loving sister, Pam (Bob) Smith; sister-in-law, June Persia; brother-in-law, Larry (Marlene) Hughson; as well as several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Memorial contributions in Gwen’s name may be made to the Gaines Congregational Church 14023 Ridge Rd. West, Albion, NY 14411, Hospice of Orleans, P.O. Box 489 Albion, NY 14411 or the Cobblestone Society P.O.



Box 363 Albion, NY 14411.

To share a special memory of Gwen, please visit www.mitchellfamilyfuneralhomes.com.

Ida J. Holmes, 94

Ida J. Holmes, 94, a longtime resident of Bald Mountain, passed away Sunday, Nov. 22, 2020 at the Fort Hudson Nursing Center in Fort Edward.

Born May 29, 1926 in the Town of Kingsbury, NY she was the daughter of the late Rupert and Melissa Gifford LaPoint.

Ida enjoyed spending time with her family,

crocheting, playing Bingo and scratch-offs. She had been a member of the Old Saratoga Post #278 American Legion Auxiliary in Schuylerville. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her husbands, Paul Weatherwax Sr. and Fred Holmes; 2 sons, Paul Weatherwax Jr. and Martin Weatherwax; 1 daughter, Cheryl Namer; and 1 sister, Gertrude Chatterton.

Survivors include 5 daughters, Sharon (John) DeLuca of Schuylerville, Deborah (Gary) Pechette of Wilton, Tina (Tate) Mattison of Argyle, Pamela (Bruce) LaChappelle and Dawn (Rob) Taylor, both of Hudson Falls; 3 sons, David (Janie) Holmes of Schuylerville,

Douglas Holmes of Bald Mountain, and Richard (Tracy) Holmes of Fort Ann; daughter-in-law, Sue Weatherwax of Melrose; 1 brother, Rupert LaPoint; 2 sisters, Claire and Melissa; several grandchildren, great grandchildren, 1 great great grandchild; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorials can be made in her memory to S.A.F.E.R., 12 Spring St., Schuylerville, NY 12871.

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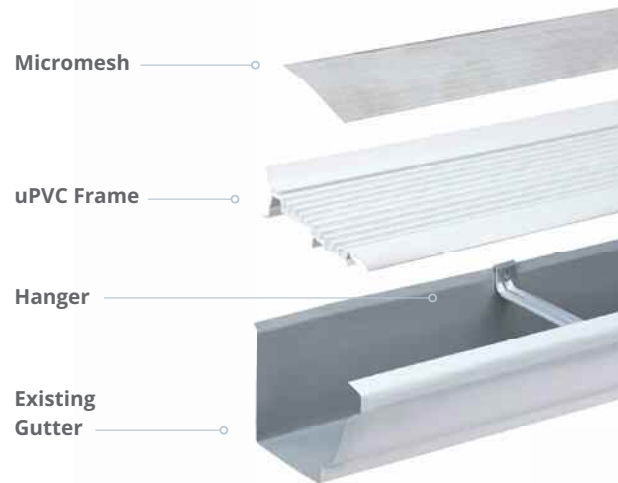
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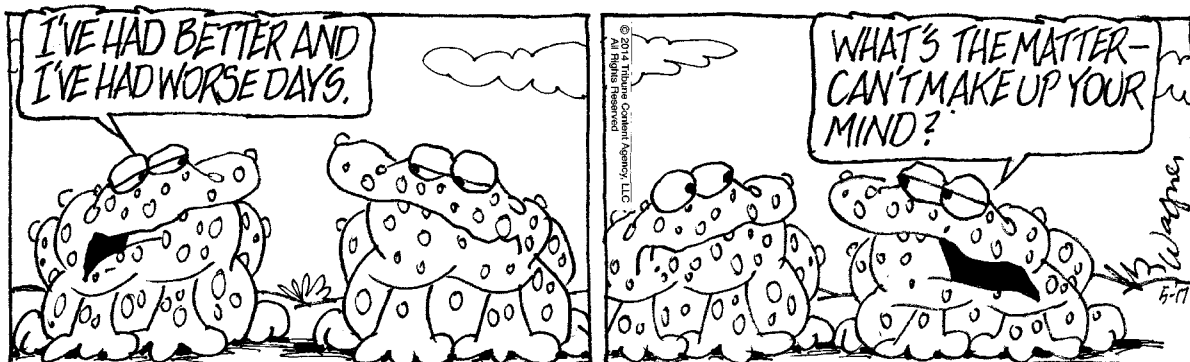
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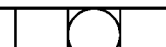
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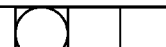
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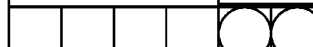


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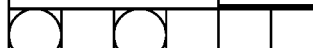
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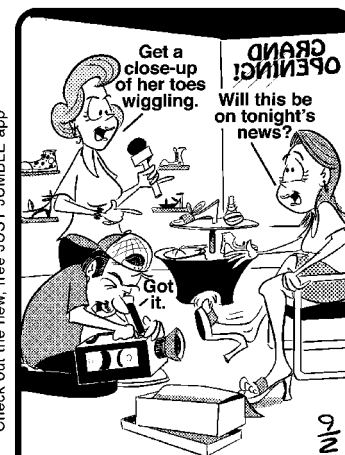
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Print answer here:



Puzzle
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Cambridge Crossword

(solution page 24)

Across

- 1 Photographer Adams
6 "Happy Motor-ing" company
10 Cuba, por ejem-plo
14 2000s first lady Bush
15 Matty of baseball
16 Twice-monthly tide
17 Cr ɛ me de la cr ɛ me
19 Kvetch like a fish?
20 West of "My Lit-tle Chickadee"
21 Mr. Peanut prop
22 Dental hygien-ist's gizmo
24 Essen's river
26 Russian space station for 15 years
27 Hurry-scurry
28 "__ Yankees"
30 Spar without a partner
33 Rascal
35 "Honor Thy Fa-ther" author Gay
36 Hawaiian porch

- 37 Ab __: from day one
38 Uses a sieve
42 Apply, as a brake
44 Flynn of "Captain Blood"
45 Extremely lame, in modern slang
48 Hunky-__: fine
49 Toronto's prov.
50 Dada co-founder
51 Either H in H₂O
53 Home of the NHL's Senators
55 A head
57 "Aladdin" mon-key
60 Old phone fea-ture
61 Business man-ager skilled at re-ducing expenses
64 Shortest-named Great Lake
65 Sci-fi's Jabba the __
66 Mars has two
67 Aloha State bird
68 Jazz and Disco periods
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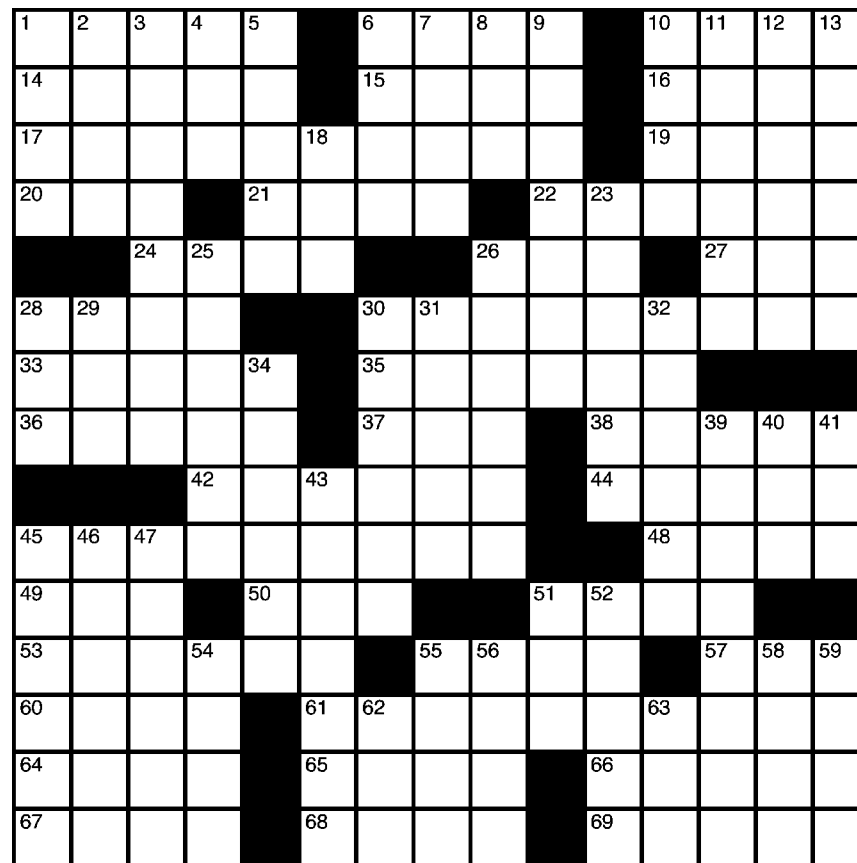
- , 30-, 45- and 61-Across have in com-mon

Down

- 1 Grad
2 Auto parts giant
3 Clark Kent, really
4 "...__ he drove out of sight": Moore
5 Tree that rhymes with a month
6 Deserve
7 Pivot around
8 "Help!"-ful soap pad brand
9 Not in the house
10 Ancient Andean
11 Aquanaut's base
12 Texas city in a cowboy song
13 Estimated: Abbr.
18 Wheels, so to speak
23 Game stick with a netted pocket
25 Expose
26 Sam who owned Cheers
28 ISP alternative

- 29 Fed. law known as Obamacare
30 Clog
31 "Wreaked" state
32 Creepy sort
34 Tool for two lum-berjacks
39 Completely, al-phabetically speak-ing
40 A.L.'s Blue Jays
41 Scheming
43 Pain in a canal
45 Made of oak, say
46 Complete
47 Reach, as a goal
51 NC State's conf.
52 Dull sound
54 On the safe side, at sea
55 Spanish "this"
56 Lawyers: Abbr.
58 Mercedes-__
59 Big Dipper bear
62 Lord's Prayer start
63 You, in French

ANSWERS ON PAGE 26.



Word Find

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

Find these words that are associated with exams!

Answers
Blank
Choose

College
Correct
Cram
Double-Check
Essay
Fail
False
Final Exam

Grade
Guess
Matching
Pass
Performance
Practice
Question
Review

Score
Semester
Skills
Study
Test
Timed
True
Worksheet

Written

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Fast Facts

Top toys on Santa's list

While the classics remain popular, toys that feature a big reveal like LOL Surprise Dolls and Hatchimals continue to be at the top of the list for girls it is year.

- GIRLS**
1. Barbie
 2. Dolls
 3. LOL Surprise Dolls
 4. LEGO
 5. Frozen-related
 6. Beauty products
 7. Apparel/accessories
 8. Baby dolls
 9. PlayStation
 10. American Girl

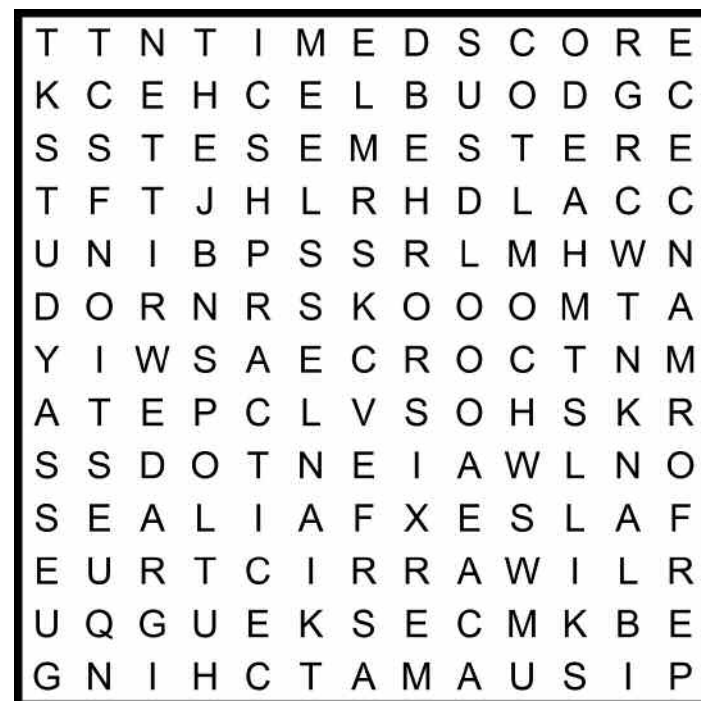
Nintendo



BOYS

1. LEGO
2. Cars & trucks
3. Hot Wheels
4. PlayStation
5. Video games
6. Xbox
7. Nerf
8. Nintendo Switch
9. Marvel figures/toys
10. Paw Patrol

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Greenwich XC's Sgambelluri excels

Evan Felicetti
Journal & Press

Despite very few interscholastic sports being permitted across our area, some student athletes in Washington County have found safe ways to compete unaffiliated with school. Greenwich Central High School junior Nina Sgambelluri recently recorded a personal best in cross country, placing third at the 12th Rock Fall Series cross country meet. Based in Orange County, 12th Rock has used Fall 2020 as an opportunity to host pandemic-safe cross county events, and giving athletes the option to participate unaffiliated with their specific school club. This is a major selling point for many athletes, who not only want to compete, but also want to work on their conditioning. 12th Rock has run 5 races this fall, with the final race taking place on Saturday, Nov. 21.

With the Wasaren League fall sports season being cancelled, Sgambelluri decided to run as an unaffiliated runner at the Nov. 14 meet. Nina posted impressive numbers, and was a true stand-out amongst the field of runners competing. Cross Country courses are rated based on a fairly complicated process, with a runner's speed rating being based upon time, course difficulty, and race conditions. Sgambelluri ran the 2.7-mile course in an outstanding 15:50.6, averaging 5:52.1 per mile. This gave her a total speed rating of 131. To provide context, this performance is equivalent to a time of 17:50 at the Spa Park championship course. In addition to Nina, three other Greenwich upper-classmen ran spirited races at the 12th Rock meet. Senior Dillon Niles placed 49th, junior Matt Bink

placed 52nd, and junior Kyle Karp placed 57th in the boy's race.

To maintain a level of safety for everyone involved, measures such as temperature checks, limits on spectators, and mask requirements have been instituted. The only participants not required to wear masks are the runners while competing. Reviews of the races have been positive thus far, with some participants traveling several hours from other parts of the state to compete. Runners in neighboring states, such as Connecticut, have participated at the 12th Rock races as well.

Hopefully by next year's fall cross country season, the situation with the pandemic will be safe enough for school-affiliated teams to resume action in our area. For Sgambelluri, the hope is to eventually compete at the college level. By the time she wraps up her senior season, she will more than likely be considered an all-time cross country great at Greenwich; a school that is well-renowned for its girl's cross-country teams throughout the years. Greenwich girl's cross country has won their sectional championship 16 years in a row, and has notched 6 state championship victories during this duration.

Low/Moderate Risk HS Sports to Begin Nov 30th – High Risk to Begin January

Many high school athletes in New York State will soon have something to feel grateful for, just in time for the Thanksgiving holiday. Beginning on Nov. 30th, low to moderate risk interscholastic winter sports are set to begin for students and coaches. Low to moderate risk high school sports have been

their courses.”

More than 360 pieces of equipment are on loan to students, faculty and staff. Forty-three students have laptops; 98 have Chromebooks; 11 desktop computers; and nine are being provided MiFi. Faculty and staff are being provided the tools they need to do their jobs in a virtual setting, too, with 64 using laptops; 25 Chromebooks; 86 webcams; and 14 microphones.

“Connecting students to the necessary equipment allows them to put 100 percent of their efforts into participating in their classes and completing their assignments,” Postlethwaite said.

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Nina Sgambelluri

primarily defined by the New York State Public High School Athletic Association as the sports with the greatest ability to maintain physical distance and/or be performed individually. Common low/moderate risk winter sports include gymnastics, indoor track & field, and bowling.

For winter sports considered high risk (i.e. basketball, wrestling, volleyball), a season start date was recently announced as Jan. 4, 2021. However, as emphasized numerous times in the winter sports edition of Return to Interscholastic Athletics (revised as of Nov. 17), this Jan. 4 start date is still contingent on authorization from state officials. The start date is contingent on COVID-19 cases spiking throughout the nation and county, which are expected to increase dramatically as a result of the holiday season.

Ultimately, the safety of student athletes has always been of paramount importance to the NYSPHSAA, so these high-risk sports will only begin again if there is great confidence they can be conducted safely. “While it is certainly the goal of the Association to provide all students with the ability to participate in interscholastic athletics, we must remain steadfast in our decisions to ensure the safety of our athletes is our focus.” Said Julie Bergman, NYSPHSAA President.

ACC offering laptops to those in need

As part of the SUNY Adirondack Promise, the college offers technological assistance to students, staff and professors to ensure they're able to complete their work virtually.

That's the goal of the program, said Jenny Postlethwaite, director of Student Success. “We hope the technology loan program will help relieve some stress for those who might not have access to a personal laptop, reliable internet or the other technology required for

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Boggle: BAY SEA COVE LAKE POND INLET OCEAN HARBOR

Jumble: POLKA FLUID MANAGE OUTING
Final Jumble: FOOTAGE

Chuhta attends Global Youth Institute

This past October, Greenwich junior Lauren Chuhta virtually attended the Global Youth Institute of the World Food Prize as a Delegate of New York. This past February Chuhta researched and proposed a means to address the Uganda water crisis through Warka Towers. In June, she presented her findings and proposals to a virtual panel of New York peers and agricultural experts at the New York Youth Institute of the World Food Prize. Judged on creativity, plausibility, passion, and academic effort, Chuhta was selected as one of eleven delegates chosen to represent the New York Institute at the global convention.

Of the 10,000 papers submitted worldwide, Chuhta's was one of the 200 chosen to advance to the Global Youth Institute. In addition to round table presentations, Chuhta participated in the drafting of a white paper for the United Nations Food Systems Summit. She also attended various workshops, learning about everything from agricultural advocacy in our domestic government to the importance of gender equality in creating sustainable food systems. Lauren was also able to meet in a small group with a past World Food Prize laureate, Dr. Haworth Bois.

"It was an incredible experience, and I'm extremely grateful for Mrs. Foote and Ms. Hoffman for introducing me to the program and helping me with my research paper," said Chuhta. "Having attended the conference means the world to me, because it connected me to the world even in the midst of a pandemic. I think that's really important as I figure out what I want to do with myself beyond high school."





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