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Democracy in action

Local residents mobilize this election year; will Trump or Biden win here?

Historically, Washington County has wavered, sometimes preferring a Democrat and other times a Republican at the top of the ticket. Local activists on both sides, even the younger generation, are rallying to sway this so-called “purple” county to blue or red. We look at the election from a variety of angles. Ballots will be counted well past Nov. 3.

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Beginning to look a lot like a (Covid) Christmas

Kate Sausville
Journal & Press

During my walk the other day, I heard the familiar sound of geese making their annual trek south. It took me by surprise, as we have been having warm days. It is almost November though, and winter is coming.

One of the more enjoyable things about the upcoming months is the holiday season. From Thanksgiving to Hanukkah, Christmas, and New Year's Eve, there is comfort in these familiar rituals. This year, though, the holiday season will probably look a little different. Many areas of the country are still seeing COVID-19 cases rise. Experts have warned that being complacent and not following quarantine guidelines will cause COVID cases to spike, especially as the weather gets colder and socializing starts to take place indoors. There are so many questions. Will we feel comfortable traveling to see grandparents? How will we decide how many people is too many to include in celebrations this year? Like many people, we will wait until it gets closer to make plans, but more than likely we will not travel

and have to keep our guest list small.

Even with restrictions, I do plan on keeping to our traditions as much as possible, and that includes gift-giving. My husband informed me that if I was ordering Christmas gifts online, I needed to start ordering them ASAP. There has been a

'Beat online shopping blues by buying locally.'

high volume of online sales this year due to the COVID-19, and that trend is likely to continue into the coming year. This places a heavy burden on an already stressed delivery system. The longer you wait to start your online shopping, the less likely it is that your order will arrive on time. Fortunately, there is a way to beat the online shopping blues: shop locally. By shopping local, you can be assured that your gift will be here in time for the holiday, and you are putting money into your community. With shops having been closed due to quarantine restrictions or



only allowed to be open at low capacity, they could surely use your support this year. There are so many wonderful places to shop in our area, from books, to beer, to boutiques, you can knock off a lot of your Christmas list without having to pay for shipping.

One of my family's favorite traditions is volunteering with and donating to our local charities. Every year we buy Christmas gifts for children in the local school districts and donate nonperishable items to our food pantry. Even young children can help with this, and it's a nice way to connect as a family outside of the hustle and bustle of the season. With so many of our neighbors struggling this year, this tradition is more important than ever.

Another tradition I will not forgo is our Christmas dinner of prime rib roast. It's the one time of year I spend that kind of money on a piece of beef, and it's worth every penny. We order our roast from Yushaks Market, and Denny always makes sure the cut is perfect. With this type of beef, you do not want to

make the mistake of overcooking it (ask me how I know).

Christmas Prime Rib

10 lb Prime Rib Roast

- ½ cup coarse salt
- ¼ cup minced dry garlic
- ¼ cup cracked pepper

Mix up the spices and rub all over your roast. Place on a rack in a roasting pan. Roast at 425 degrees for 45 minutes, then drop the oven temperature to 300 and cook until rib reaches 125 degrees. Take the beef out of the oven and let stand for ½ hour, the beef will continue to cook as it rests. When the temp reads 130 degrees (rare), slice and serve. You can make a horseradish sauce to serve with the prime rib or just serve with Au jus.

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.

Greenwich CSD one of Upstate's best

Annabel Gregg
Journal & Press

Greenwich Central School District was recently ranked as the 39th best school district in Upstate New York out of 430 school districts by Buffalo Business First. When compared to the 83 school districts in the Capital District, Greenwich was ranked 10th.

This is the Greenwich Central School District's best ranking in the Buffalo Business First rankings since their inception in 2011.

"I am very proud of how our students continue to do. You know how hard our students and teachers work. The great thing about the Buffalo rankings is that they are totally objective, no politics or anecdotes. They are totally based on performance," commented Greenwich High School principal George Niesz.

The factors used to determine the rankings include fourteen statewide elementary and middle school tests on English, math, and science, Regents exams in science and history for high schoolers, four Common Core exams, and graduation rates.

Buffalo Business First also ranked school districts based on how well their students performed on state exams in science, social studies, English, and mathematics. For Upstate schools, Greenwich earned 59th in science, 57th in math, 32nd in social studies, and 34th in English Language-Arts. Greenwich Central School was also rated a "Four Star" District for cost effectiveness, a "Four Star" District for administrative efficiency, and a "Five Star" District overall.

Greenwich outranked many local schools, considering the small student population and funding. "We take a lot of pride in competing with the big suburban

schools in the Capital District," said Niesz.

"While we know that we don't have the same resources that those schools have, we continue to have AP and Regents scores that are very similar to those schools. This makes it possible for our graduates to be very attractive to colleges, universities and employers."

Other well-ranked local upstate schools include Cambridge at 79th, Schuylerville at 99th, Salem at 214th, Argyle at 229th, Fort Ann at 238th, and Fort Edward at 344th.

The ranking was part of Buffalo Business First's annual Upstate Schools Report. According to the publication, "school district rankings are determined by a 200-part formula that is fueled by test scores and graduation rates from 2016 through 2019, the latest information available from the New York State Education Department. District ratings reflect the collective performance of each district's public schools from kindergarten through 12th grade."

"Greenwich's ranking also helps property values in our town," Niesz explained. "Families with children that move to the Saratoga/Glens Falls area want their kids to go to a great school. US News and World Reports ranked the high school as the best in the Glens Falls area last year. The Buffalo Business First magazine ranked as the best small, rural school system in the Capital Region.

"Undoubtedly this will make our community very attractive to families that want to move to this region (perhaps leaving the New York metro area due to COVID)."

Area Rankings

	Rank in Upstate
Saratoga Springs	24
Greenwich	39
Lake George	70
Queensbury	77
Cambridge	79
Ballston Spa	81
Galway	91
Schuylerville	99
Stillwater	111
South Glens Falls	162

Capital District Rankings

Capital District School District	Rank in upstate
Bethlehem	6
Niskayuna	13
Shenendehowa	14
Voorheesville	15
North Colonie	17
Guilderland	22
Saratoga Springs	24
Burnt Hills/Ballston Lake	27
East Greenbush	38
Greenwich	39

Washington County Rankings

	Rank in Upstate	% in Upstate
Greenwich	39	91%
Cambridge	79	82%
Stillwater	111	74%
Brunswick	189	56%
Waterford-Halfmoon	194	55%
Mechanicville	205	52%
Salem	214	50%
Argyle	229	47%
Fort Ann	238	45%
Hoosic Valley	248	42%
Hoosick Falls	279	36%
Granville	326	24%
Fort Edward	344	20%
Hartford	345	20%
Whitehall	350	19%
Hudson Falls	383	11%

Locally, young voters go to the polls

Annabel Gregg
Journal & Press

Young people don't care about voting. That has traditionally been the trend for decades in the United States, with young people aged 18 to their 30s having the lowest voter turnout rate of any age group. But this year, it's different. The 2020 presidential election has the potential to garner the highest youth turnout rate in history.

When I asked young voters why they think turnout rate has traditionally been low, the answers were disheartening, citing a general apathy towards politics, lack of education on the relevance or importance of civic engagement, or not feeling like their vote matters. "I think it's been low because not all candidates put energy toward addressing the young person voter block," explained Rio Arbogast, a registered Democrat who graduated from Greenwich High School in 2006. "As a result, many young people don't necessarily feel included and/or relevant within the conversation."

But as young people in recent years have found themselves surrounded by politics every day, interest and civic engagement have increased. "In the past years, the political climate has taken over almost every aspect of our lives as young people," said Emma Cronin, a registered Independent who graduated from GCHS last June. "As a result, a greater number of our generation feels compelled to vote."

This compelling feeling pushed young voters to show up significantly during the 2018 midterm elections, where we saw a phenomenon that we haven't seen since the 2008 presidential election — young people voted. Young voters had a turnout rate of 36% —

which, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, is a 79% increase from the last midterm election year, the highest increase in percentage points for any age group, ever.

This increase in civic engagement will not just be a phase, either. Young voters are on trend to turnout this November at even higher rates than they did in the last election. A poll released by the Institute of Politics at Harvard Kennedy School found that this election means a lot to the young electorate, finding that 63% of respondents aged 18 to 29 will "definitely be voting" this year. This is a huge increase from 47% before the 2016 presidential election.

Young voters in the area cite many different and unique reasons that they feel compelled to vote in the election this year. For Republican-leaning youth, the military and the economy are top reasons

'Our generation feels compelled to vote.'

for voting. "The most important issue that is motivating me to vote this election is the reduction of U.S. military intervention," commented 19-year-old Christian Bittel, a registered Republican and a current student at Hudson Valley Community College. "The recent peace treaties signed in the Middle East between Israel and the UAE, along with the moves to reduce military involvement in the Middle East by the Trump Administration, have been great trends to global peace, in my opinion."

"I want America to be a strong country that holds influence in the world, especially when it comes to commerce and military might,"



Trevor Strobe (R), left, and Sam Grimmke (D), right, at a Voter Registration Drive at Greenwich's Dorr Park in October. —ag

said Trevor Strobe, a 21-year-old registered Republican and GCHS alum. "I don't want to be a nation that takes the back seat on world issues, and I don't want to be a nation that is taking loss when it comes to international trade."

On the Democratic-leaning side, protecting civil rights is the general trend. There's also a pattern of rejecting policies introduced by the current president. "I think the most important thing to me is getting a candidate who I trust to control the country," explained Sam Grimmke, a registered Democrat and a junior at Baruch College. "There's an infinite amount of huge issues that matter. Everything from racial equality, climate change, women's rights, health,

the economy...all play a huge importance in the country moving forward."

Arbogast cited a focus on expanding civil rights to various minority groups. "I think more people have come out because of Trump's presidency impacting so many communities negatively," said Arbogast. "Also, social media has allowed folks with historically marginalized identities to share their stories and complexify mainstream national conversations around race, class, gender, and sexual orientation. I think that's impacted how we've organized and cultivated empathy for each other in a whole new way, especially after Obama's presidential victory."

Getting out the vote (cont.)

For independent voters, COVID is cited as their deciding factor in voting. “The most important aspect that motivated me to vote on for this election was the economy as we endure this pandemic,” explained Independent Megan Steindl, a GCS grad who is currently attending Cornell University. “As a junior in college, I’ll be graduating and entering the workforce within the next President’s term. This became a topic of interest to me as I watched older classmates and friends graduate and not be able to begin their careers due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and companies couldn’t support their intended employments.”

Cronin also mentioned the pandemic, along with social issues. She said that “many issues are pushing me to vote in this election, but I am strongly motivated by the issues of racial inequality and abortion rights for women.” She cited racial injustice, the global pandemic, and climate change as being major motivators for young people to “vote for the future.”

This year, COVID has given young voters many options to choose from about how to cast their ballot. Interestingly, the decision about whether to vote in-person on Election Day, via absentee ballot, or during the Early Voting period did not depend on party affiliation for young voters.

Many young voters in Washington County

are voting via absentee ballot because they are away at college. Steindl had already voted by mid-October: “I voted via absentee ballot since I live in Ithaca, NY while [I’m] at school.”

Cronin also said that she will be voting via absentee ballot, since she is currently attending college at Russell Sage. Arbogast said they will be utilizing mail-in voting “because I’m doing my best to be as safe as possible during COVID.”

Regardless of party, many young voters say they will be voting in person out of fear that their vote will not be counted properly. “I am

‘I am voting in-person. This has the greatest security.’

voting in person on November 3rd,” said Bittel. “This method has the greatest security and, more importantly, greatest stability of the three listed methods. As such,

this method has the highest chance that my vote will be counted.”

Grimmke also said he plans to vote “in person, possibly early, to be safer in terms of health and [my] vote being counted.” Strobe also said he will be voting in person on November 3rd.

No matter how they vote, a lot of young people

will vote this election. With the prospect of becoming a more valuable and politically sought-after voting bloc, young voters encourage their peers to show up and show out this election season and beyond. “I think a good way to get my peers to vote is to hold each other accountable for our votes, whether it be carpooling to a polling site together, or helping each other sign up for an absentee ballot,” suggested Steindl. “In addition to these, watching or discussing debates together are a good way to develop personal opinions and further encourage others to vote for what they believe is best.”

As November 3rd rapidly approaches, young people want their peers to know that they should not and cannot sit idly by this election. “Whatever your stance is, voting is the best way to make yourself heard,” emphasized Cronin. “Do not stand back and let history take place around you.”

“With the mass amount of issues on the ballot, this year’s election will have a lasting impact on the next couple of decades to come,” Grimmke emphasized. “Please get you and the people around you to vote!”

Turkey run is now virtual

The Batten Kill Valley Runners' 24th (and a half) annual “Running of the Turkeys” will take place virtually this year. Proceeds from this race provide scholarships for local runners. The group is offering fabulous “turkey wear” for the first 500 participants who register. For more information, go to BKVR.net or the BKVR Facebook page or contact Ruth Jones 802-681-3554 or ruthbolster23@hotmail.com.

Support the FFA fruit sale

This year looks very different for the Greenwich FFA, but they are determined to make it the best it can be. The FFA Fruit Sale will still be held to pay for FFA membership dues and other activities throughout the year. Online orders are accepted now through Nov. 20 for a Dec. 9 delivery to Greenwich Central School. The delicious fruit will be available for pickup on Wed., Dec. 9 from 4 to 8 p.m. To order, go to floridafruitstore.com/GreenwichFFA.

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Greenwich scholarships and awards

The following Greenwich Junior-Senior High School Students have been nominated to receive scholarships and/or awards from regional colleges or universities.

Ramona Jordan was nominated for the Wells College Leadership Award, presented in recognition of demonstrated academic performance, extracurricular activities and community service. It is valued at \$40,000 over four years of study at Wells College.

Tess Merrill was given the Frederick Douglass and Susan B. Anthony Award by the University of Rochester for outstanding academic achievement in the humanities and/or social sciences. This scholarship is worth at least \$40,000 over four years if she attends the University.

William Hamilton was offered the Clarkson University Leadership Award in recognition of outstanding leadership qualities and academic promise. This award is one of the highest honors at the University and includes a scholarship of \$60,000 over four years. Hamilton was also

offered the Bausch & Lomb Science Award, a medal given by the University of Rochester in recognition of outstanding academic achievement and superior intellectual promise in the field of science. This scholarship is worth at least \$40,000 over four years if he attends the University of Rochester.

Isabelle Solan was given the St. Michael's College Book Award, which recognizes a commitment to volunteerism and leadership in community service endeavors. Recipients must be inductees of the National Honor Society and must demonstrate concern for social justice issues. She may also be considered for scholarship at St. Michael's College, ranging in amounts from \$12,000 to full tuition if Solan attends St. Michael's.

David Gabriel was given the RPI Medalist Award by Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. This award is given to a promising junior who has distinguished himself in mathematics and science. This minimum \$25,000-per-year merit scholarship is guaranteed for four years if he attends RPI.

Dillon Niles was offered the George Eastman Young Leaders Award by the University of Rochester recognizing his outstanding academic achievement and leadership. This scholarship is worth at least \$40,000 over four years if he attends the University of Rochester.

Sophia Traver was given the Clarkson University Achievement Award in recognition of outstanding leadership qualities and academic promise. This is a scholarship of \$48,000 over four years.

Cole Brown and **Charles Gartner** were offered the Augsbury/North Country Scholarship, which is given by St. Lawrence University to juniors who demonstrates academic leadership and community service. This scholarship includes a \$27,000 annual merit scholarship if they attend the University.

Nicholas Rodd was given the Xerox Award for Innovation and Information Technology by The University of Rochester in recognition of outstanding achievement in the pursuit of innovative approaches and an

appreciation for the possibilities of technology. This scholarship is worth at least \$40,000 over four years if he attends the University of Rochester.

Madelyn Carney, Faith Hewitt, Sydney Loveland, Dylan Skiff, and **Austin Smith** were offered the Sage Award. Sage College honors these students for their the characteristics of academic excellence, student leadership and community involvement. This scholarship guarantees a scholarship of at least \$10,000 per year if they attend Sage College.

George Denaker, Kyle Karp, Sydney Loveland, Julian Mattison and **Jake Owens** were offered the The George H. Ball Community Achievement Award. The Keuka College Ball Award rewards students based on qualities that embody the values of Keuka College, including integrity, academic excellence, diversity, leadership, service, and social responsibility. Scholarship winners will be awarded \$10,000 per year for four years of undergraduate study (\$40,000 total).

November events at the Greenwich Free Library

STEM Saturdays will be held for young scientists at the library on Nov. 7th and 21st, hosted by the duo of Ms. Emily and T-Rex. Participants will be doing "cool experiments" based on science, engineering and math. Videos of the event afterward will be posted on the library's Facebook, Instagram, and Youtube.

Now through Nov. 30th, the library will be available to help participants build their resumes and become G-Suite certified via virtual classes. Participants will learn all they need to know about Google Cloud Programs — including Slides, Docs, Sheets, and Gmail — to take and pass the G-Suite exam. Participants will join a library-hosted Google classroom and will watch 11 video classes, around 45-90 minutes each. This can be done on one's own schedule as long as participation is during the period of now through Nov. 30th. All class members will have access to study materials, practice exams and assistance. The usual \$75 exam fees will be covered by the Greenwich Free Library, made possible through a grant from the American Library Association and Google. The G-Suite Certifi-

cation exam is 2 hours long and is able to be done online. Interested parties can sign up by calling 518-692-7157. Limited space is available, and residents of the Greenwich Free Library service area will be given preference when registering.

The library will be hosting a Drive-thru T-Rex Tea Party on Nov. 14th from 2:00 to 3:00 PM. T-Rex will be available for a meet-and-greet in the library parking lot. Attendees will also get a free goodie bag with dino-crafts and a free book. If interested, pre-registration is available by calling the library or visiting the online calendar on the library website.

On Nov. 21st, Salem author Carynn Bohley will be giving a book talk about her upcoming YA fantasy novel "Darkness Rise" at 10:00 AM. Bohley, who is the author of two Amazon short reads including her new novel and her YA novella "Dear Jackson," will also be giving out free signed copies to two random participants. Call 518-692 7157 to register and receive the meeting link.

The library is also offering their "Birthday Storygram" service. A Birthday Storygram is a personalized virtual story time created by library staff. Intended for 2- to 6-year-olds, family and friends can request a Birthday Storygram, which includes a virtual story time with a personalized birthday message from Ms. Emily. Contact the library to learn more.

Washington County could pivot either way

Annabel Gregg
Journal & Press

Washington County is one of the most unique counties in the nation's electorate. We're one out of only 206 counties in the entire country that Ballotpedia identifies as a "Pivot County" — we voted Barack Obama for president in 2008 and 2012 and then Donald Trump in 2016. This inclement election cycle is just as unique. With two diametrically opposed presidential candidates, along with coronavirus concerns, months of social and political activism on both sides of the aisle, absentee voting, and increased partisan division, this election is being touted by many on both sides as the most important election of all of our lifetimes.

With record numbers of voter turnout during the 2018 midterms, it's likely that the 2020 election will see similar numbers of voters heading to the polls. But with the COVID-19 pandemic, record-shattering numbers of absentee ballot requests, mail-in votes, and early voters have led to over 50 million Americans casting their vote before Nov. 3rd even hits.

"We're getting tremendous energy from democrats within the county," commented Washington County Democratic Committee First-Chair Sara Idleman. "I think you're going to see a lot of people who are concerned [about the country]. I think we're going to see a huge turnout this year."

Current President Donald Trump has good chances to win the county, according to Pat Donahue, Greenwich Town Councilman. "I think [Trump] will do well in our county," he said, "It's mostly Republican." Washington County is considered a largely red area. The

Cook Partisan Index of the 21st District, the congressional district that Washington County is located in, is R+4, meaning that "in the previous two presidential elections, this district's results were 4 percentage points more Republican than the national average," according to Ballotpedia.

On the prospects of the Democratic candidate Joe Biden, however, Idleman is optimistic. "Washington County has voted for Barack Obama, and it voted for Donald Trump. I think Joe Biden has the ability to do very well in Washington County." She cites increased enthusiasm in local Democratic parties, as well as increased voter registration numbers, as reasons to not count out the Democrat in our largely red county.

Absentee ballots have been a controversial topic this year, from President Trump said to be blocking funding to the Post Office to assist with the influx of ballots to worries about safety at the polls regarding the virus. "I think with COVID-19, it changes the way we vote with voting early, and mail in ballots," said Donahue. "I like having the different options to vote."

Party division is another important factor heading into this election, and it's a problem that both sides would like to see fixed. According to a recent NBC News poll, 8 out of 10 Americans believe the country is mainly or totally divided. "I don't like the division," said Donahue. "I feel we are stronger when we are united."

"I think it's tragic" said Idleman. "If you look at history, there's always been times where there's been hostility between the parties. But there's also been times when legislators have been able to sit down and work with each other



and negotiate back and forth and make compromises."

Regardless of who wins the Presidential election, Democrats and Republicans are hoping for more compromise or better working together between parties.

This election does seem to be very different than past presidential election seasons, with

one candidate contracting a deadly virus and another choosing the country's first Black vice presidential candidate, while being in the midst of a global pandemic, a national cry for racial justice, a rushed Supreme Court appointment, an economic crisis, and more.

"We are at a point where our very way of life is being threatened. I think our democracy is being threatened," Idleman noted. "Right now, at this particular point in our lives, the only thing we have left is our vote...the vote is the last fashion of democracy that we have. It's so important this year to vote because I think our very way of life is threatened."

"I think everyone should exercise their right to vote," emphasized Donahue.

You can find your polling location at the Washington County Board of Elections website. Polls are open on Tuesday, Nov. 3rd from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

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.

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Grandma Moses preserved our area's beauty

Sara Idleman
Journal & Press

"We'll call it 'Out and About,'" said Darren when he suggested a column for the *Journal & Press*. *Why not?* I thought.

Our hometown paper reaches communities in Southern Washington County and across the river to Schuylerville. This has been my home for over 70 years; writing about it seemed only natural and, now that I am officially retired, I will be out and about.

I hadn't been "over back" in years. We referred to the woods, streams, and fields where I grew up as "over back." Over back, my brothers and twin sister drove the farm vehicle — a retired sausage van from my Grandfather's store. I was never comfortable driving the van or tractors. They scared me. But I did get pressed into stacking hay on the wagons during hay season and driving heifers back to their pasture after roaming around the countryside as heifers sometimes do, particularly in the spring.

With a sibling behind the wheel, the sausage truck took us from pasture to pasture, to the woods where my brothers and friend built a rustic cabin and, finally, to the brook

that flowed across our farm to the Battenkill miles from the farm. It was on the banks of that brook where Anna Mary Robertson's father built a flax mill, a small house, and raised his family.

Yes, that Anna Mary Robertson, Grandma Moses as she would come to be known. Anna Mary was born

'If I didn't start painting, I would have raised chickens.'

in a humble home located in one of the fields over back. I remember the foundation which could be seen from the lane that runs from house to the fields. It has long since been plowed under with no trace of the homestead. The flax mill along the brook is gone as well.

Anna Mary spent her early childhood roaming the fields and exploring the woods and brook when she wasn't busy with chores. At the age of 12, Anna Mary went to work as a "hired girl" on a neighboring farm. That farm was owned by Sue and Adam Cottrell. In 1940, my newlywed parents bought the house, the barns, and the 300 acres



of land for \$10,000. Grandma Moses was willing to do a painting of the house, but my mother did not have the \$50 needed to purchase the artwork.

Grandma Moses started painting in her 70s, when the arthritis in her hands kept her from needlework. Her childhood experiences in the fields and hills of Easton are replicated in her art. Several weeks ago, I took a walk to that hillside at the height of the spectacular display of color. Standing in those fields today, one can experience

what life must have been like for the Moses family and Anna Mary, whose inspiration for her art came from that very spot. The beauty of our countryside is preserved in her paintings. Thank you, Anna Mary.

"If I didn't start painting, I would have raised chickens. I could still do it now. I would never sit back in a rocking chair, waiting for someone to help me. I have often said, before I would call for help from outsiders, I would rent a room in the city some place and bake pancake suppers."
— Grandma Moses, *My Life's History*, 1952.

Ashlar Lodge news

Ashlar Lodge F. and A.M. No. 584 had an informative meeting on Monday, October 19, which commemorated 239th Anniversary of the American Victory at Yorktown in 1781. Historian Sean Kelleher led a talk that discussed the what it took for the United States to be independent and the last major battle of the Revolutionary War. The program ended with the drinking of 13 toasts, the same 13 toasts that were drunk in 1781 to celebrate the American victory. The next meeting of Ashlar Lodge will be on November 2 at 7:30 p.m. The program includes a presentation on Music in Freemasonry.



Sara Idleman is a lifelong resident of Greenwich. Recently retired from the workforce, she's delighted to now focus on her favorite interests and hobbies.



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Holy Cross update

Salem's Holy Cross Catholic Church holds Mass on Sundays at 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Patrick's, Cambridge, is held on Sundays at 11 a.m. On Oct. 31st, the Saturday Mass returns to St. Patrick's at 4 p.m. Help will be needed for collecting tracing information, liturgical ministries, and cleaning in order for the Saturday Mass to continue. All Soul's Mass will be celebrated at noon on Monday, Nov. 2nd at Holy Cross. Social distancing and Masks are required.

There will be Mass on Christmas Eve at a time to be announced and reservations will be required. 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. Faith Formation for the children and adults can be found on the parish website www.battenkillcatholic.org, as well as information on electronic donations.

If someone is especially isolated or lonely, please let the office know by email, at parishoffice@battenkillcatholic.org, or call 854-7626 or 677-2757.

Free ACC Zoom lecture

Dr. Robert Faivre, professor of English at SUNY Adirondack, will present "What Are Concepts for?" at 12:40 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 11, via Zoom as part of SUNY Adirondack's College

Lecture Series.

To request a Zoom link to the virtual presentation, email cls@suny-acc.edu. Other Zoom lectures to follow.

Saratoga historian launches video series

"Saratoga Moment" is a new video series focused on educating, commemorating, and celebrating the diverse and local heritage that is the area around the Town of Saratoga, NY. The series is produced by Saratoga Historian Sean Kelleher. The videos available on the Town of Saratoga History Facebook Page.

"There are over 50 videos," explains the Kelleher. "I try to share the stories and places in and around the town of Saratoga are important to me and I hope it will encourage all people to celebrate the places that are meaningful to them and their community."

"I have been receiving very good feedback on the videos," according to Kelleher. "The audience varies, on a good video I reach over 6,000 viewers and with another video it is more like

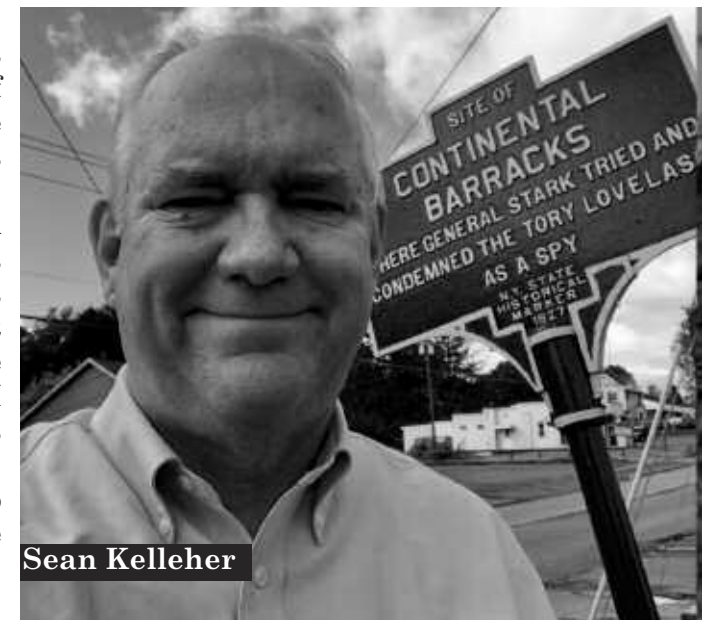
80 viewers. It is much more than the 30 people who attend a typical lecture. It also drives audiences to my blog on local history."

The subjects of "Saratoga Moment" are varied, as the Town of Saratoga has been the scene of so many events, tragic, thrilling, and heroic in their character; events far reaching and superlatively beneficent in their effects on our region and country. Kelleher said, "I have been trying to get out all over the community and I even went down the Hudson River in a canoe."

What makes the "Saratoga Moment" unique is that it is a live broadcast that is available afterwards for viewing on Facebook. In addition, a different version of the same material is available on Instagram. "The live format is fun," ac-

ording to Kelleher. "There are a lot of ties to the Town of Saratoga, in one episode while I was visiting Utica, NY, and I was able to find Governor Seymour's grave. Seymour was the keynote speaker at the dedication of the Saratoga Monument. I find inspiration in his words and the live format allowed me to share that with the community."

Kelleher has been the Historian for the Town of Saratoga for 17 years. He is an ACE award winning television producer and educator. He spent over a decade working for a PBS station



Sean Kelleher

and on national productions including the PBS American Experience. In addition, Kelleher worked for the BBC, HBO, MTV, NBC news and TBS.

Chicken dinner to-go

Cambridge Valley Lodge #481, Free and Accepted Masons, a Fraternal Order and institution in Cambridge since 1860, will be holding a Chicken and Biscuit Dinner for TAKE-OUT ONLY on Sunday November 8, 2020 from 12 Noon until sold out. Join them and take out their world-famous Chicken and Biscuit!

For reservations contact Arek at (518) 744-1315 - reservations are recommended but not required! Pick up at the Lodge, located at 6 Coila Road at the intersection of Coila Road and Route 372 across from the former Garden Shop.

Elks Craft Fair

The Elks Auxiliary will host the Annual Fall Craft Fair on Nov. 14th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Elks Lodge in Greenwich. Admission is free. Vendors will offer items like hand-made knitted items, quilts, goat milk soap, candy, woodworking, and jewelry. The kitchen will be open all day, selling homemade cookies, and cupcakes for snacks, and chili, hot dogs, and sandwiches for lunch. BPOE # 2223 Elks Auxiliary is a non-profit organization that donates all proceeds to the community. This craft fair supports Scholarships to the Elks district of Argyle, Cambridge, Greenwich, Salem and Schuylerville. Stop on in and help support our community needs. Contact Donna Blair for applications to be a vendor or any other information at 518-692-2347.

Hey, you should probably vote (please)

Cody Fitzgerald

Journal & Press

I remember sitting in history class wondering why I had to learn it, and being told it was “so we don’t make the same mistakes our ancestors did.” I also remember sitting there and thinking that we would never elect a crazy, power hungry dictator that would threaten our democracy. I owe my history teachers an apology.

You may want to hold off on your Christmas music for a few more weeks, because nobody can hear “It’s the most wonderful time of the year” during a modern election season in America and actually believe it. The days before and after Election Day are going to be some of the most important this country has ever seen. My job here is to get you to go vote, and I’m going to try to remain as neutral as possible. For example, I would never say that Donald Trump has downplayed a pandemic, been accused of sexual misconduct countless times, claimed there were good people on both sides at the Charlottesville rally, mocked a disabled reporter, cheated on his SATs, tried to get Ukraine to dig up dirt on Joe Biden (and literally got impeached for it), told a white supremacist group to “stand by,” separated migrant children from their parents and placed them in cages at the border, pushed (and is still pushing) to get a Supreme Court Justice that will backslide decades of women’s rights appointed, ordered the military to fire tear gas on a Black Lives Matter protest, called fallen soldiers “suckers” and “losers”, tried to stop mail-in voting by blocking postal funding, or reportedly paid \$750 in income taxes and refused to re-

lease his tax returns when questioned about it. I just want to make it known that I would never want to publicly say that or influence anyone reading this, and that’s why I won’t mention anything I just hypothetically would’ve said in this article.

Being 17, I am not eligible to vote this upcoming election. It’s been well exhibited that someone my age is considered not informed enough to vote, yet a quick trip through the “Christian Moms Against Abortion and Vaccines” Facebook group would prove that age isn’t always a factor in how uninformed you are. Although I believe that I should be, I’m okay with the fact that I’m not old enough to vote yet. I know that I can still use my platform here to try and convince anyone who’s not planning to vote to get out, do your civic duty as an American citizen, and PLEASE vote this election.

Unfortunately, we’re at the point where many people believe that there’s really no point in voting. The Electoral College is a flawed system that’s been around longer than Mitch McConnell has been melting, but that shouldn’t discourage you. I know many people that bank on the fact that New York City typically causes New York to swing blue in the Electoral College, and are relying on NYC to do the job for them. While it is very likely that New York will end up blue anyways, we also never would’ve watched Trump in “Home Alone 2” and predicted that he would one day be the president... it’s better to be safe than sorry. Our votes still speak miles when looking at statistics, even if we just make a win into more of a landslide.

It’s also important that you remember your rights. Trump and

his administration have been encouraging “poll watchers” to ensure the legitimacy of the election (unfortunately they’ve neglected to realize that having only his supporters be the ones to do this really makes it skewed in one direction). Once you start to realize what’s really happening, you should see that this is not to “protect democracy,” and is nothing but voter intimidation. I’ll make this as clear as possible and give you the actual definition of voter intimidation, which is “the use of threats, coercion, or attempts to intimidate for the purpose of interfering with the right of another person to vote or to vote for the person of their choosing.” Yes, standing by the polls and “watching” is voter intimidation and yes, it is a felony. If you see this, report it and vote how you want to vote.

Everyone should remember that you are not your party. You did not take a blood oath that told you that you always had to vote the line that you’re registered. I urge everyone reading this to stop listening to friends, or family, or the news, or me, and seek out information to form your own opinions. Forget who’s red and forget who’s blue. Look at the policies, look at the people, and make your decision there.

I know that stepping from a page and a half thesis on McDon-



aldland to voting advice is a bit of a step down for someone who typically writes comedy articles. I can weave in jokes here and there, but now is not the time to make a light of the situation. We need to know what’s at stake in this election. The fate of rights for women, people of color, and LGBTQ+ people are absolutely at stake on Nov. 3rd, along with COVID-19 relief, the climate, immigration, and more than I can fit on this page. You can go to vote.org and easily find information on the candidates, contact officials and most importantly, find out where you can vote. If you’re not eligible to vote, you can spread the word and get as many people to vote as you possibly can. We get this country back when we stand together for what we believe in and morality, not what benefits the top. On Nov. 3rd, listen, learn, speak, share and VOTE.

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The history of Hubbard Hall

Jim Nolan
Journal & Press

Hubbard Hall was built in 1878, as a Victorian opera house in what is now the Cambridge Historic District.

When Martin Hubbard, a local lumberman, built the opera house at 25 East Main Street in Cambridge, there was already an opera house in town. Ackley Hall burned down in 1905. Most small villages in the country had an opera house. Shushan had one, Eagle Bridge had one, Greenwich had three. Now, 135 years later, Hubbard Hall is the last remaining opera house in Washington County.

Over one hundred years ago, Hubbard was home to traveling road shows, church benefits, local concerts, high school graduations, town meetings, dress balls and chautauquas. Chautauqua was an adult education and social movement in the United States, highly popular in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Chautauqua assemblies expanded and spread throughout rural America until the mid-1920s. On February 8th and 9th, 1894, Susan B. Anthony hosted a Woman's Suffrage Convention at Hubbard Hall.

Although the hall closed in the 1920s and remained unused for 50 years, it is once again a hub of cultural activity for its community. In 1978, members of the community formed Hubbard Hall Projects, Inc. (HHP), a not-for-profit corporation

and purchased the building to restore and operate it as a community art center.

This historic opera house, with its turn-of-the-century stage curtain, ornate Victorian gas chandelier, stenciled walls and chestnut woodwork, appears basically unchanged. Roof repairs, new fire escapes, rewiring, a new heating and air conditioning system, a rear addition, an elevator, and numerous other repairs have brought the restoration of the Hall up to the last stages of restoring the stencil work in the Hall.

In addition to the highly acclaimed artists drawn from around the world appearing in Music From Salem's Chamber Music program, Hubbard Hall's Variety Series, the Hall buzzes year round with children in the Children's Theatre Groups; with rehearsals and performances by The Theatre and Opera Companies at Hubbard Hall and The Battenkill Chorale, with numerous art and craft classes for all ages, with music concerts and a full program of Dance, including dance concerts and a wide range of classes in movement from ballet to modern and jazz, and various ethnic traditions.

Forced to close its doors in the midst of COVID-19, it's still filling that role with an online collection



of content — called The Hub — and other, artful efforts to keep the community engaged from a distance.

‘Over 100 years ago, it was home to traveling shows.’

“This place has been here since 1878, so it’s gone through these fluxes before” said David Snider, the hall’s executive and artistic director. At each such stage, Hubbard Hall “weathered it, and made the next way forward. ... finding ways to support people’s ideas, and how to innovate and generate stuff.” (quotes from a May 2020 Albany Times Union article by Amy Biancolli).

One way: online lessons and other videos. Collected on The Hub and TheDavidSnider.com, the virtual activities center provides a mix of everything from dance to vi-

sual arts to playwriting. The venue’s other virtual offerings include past Hubbard Hall events streamed with permission from the artists, among them a production of Puccini’s “Tosca” and Oliver Wadsworth’s performance of his one-actor play, “The Tarnation of Russell Colvin.”

As one can imagine, the financial challenges brought on by COVID-19 have not spared Hubbard Hall. If you would like to support Hubbard Hall, please visit their web site – www.hubbard-hall.org.

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



Looking back and forward

Lance Allen Wang
Journal & Press

I do believe that every dark cloud has a silver lining. With that as premise, let me say that these past four years, with increasing debt, American leadership removed from the world stage, a raging pandemic, and political and social fault lines becoming more heavily pronounced than I've ever seen, have not been without their silver linings. I will list a few:

MORE PEOPLE ARE INVOLVED IN THE POLITICAL PROCESS

One of my favorite quotes from a military leader is a simple three-word statement – “Give a damn.” As the military was trying to rebuild from the post-Vietnam malaise, this one statement stuck out. Before anything else, before any type of change takes place, the first thing that needs to happen is that those involved need to care. They need to be invested in the outcome. In this country, protest is part of the political process and it goes to the very roots of our nation. As President Franklin Roosevelt said to the Daughters of the American Revolution in 1938, “Remember, remember always that all of us, and you and I especially, are descended from immigrants and revolutionists...” Protest is our birthright. This is why I find it very disingenuous when the term “protestors” is very intentionally conflated with the term “rioters.”

WE MET SOME NEW FRIENDS...

Within the confines of their disciplines, Marine General James Mattis and Doctor Anthony Fauci were basically rock stars. Mattis, who was called the “warrior monk” for his studious grasp of history and dogged focus on his mission was called back into service as the Secretary of Defense and became seen by many, including myself, as the moral center in the Administration. Doctor Anthony Fauci, who served as an advisor to every President since Ronald Reagan in the area of infectious diseases and was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President George W. Bush became “America’s Doctor” and a respected and authoritative face in the fight against COVID-19.

We also saw a justified focus on our health care professionals as front-line fighters in an out-of-control pandemic. At the same time that there was little but magical thinking and fabrication coming from the Oval Office, these heroes were dealing

with reality. A veteran friend of mine volunteered to work in a New York City emergency room during the height of the first wave of COVID-19. He wrote that he what he saw was worse than anything he saw in the service. Just as America gained a new appreciation for its first-responders after 9/11, this plague highlighted our fellow citizens who were now being asked to put their life on the line every day. I can only imagine what it was like to spend time in the emergency room dealing with casualties of this pandemic during the first wave’s peak and then at the same time see the administration soft-pedaling it on TV.

... AND SOME OLD ONES

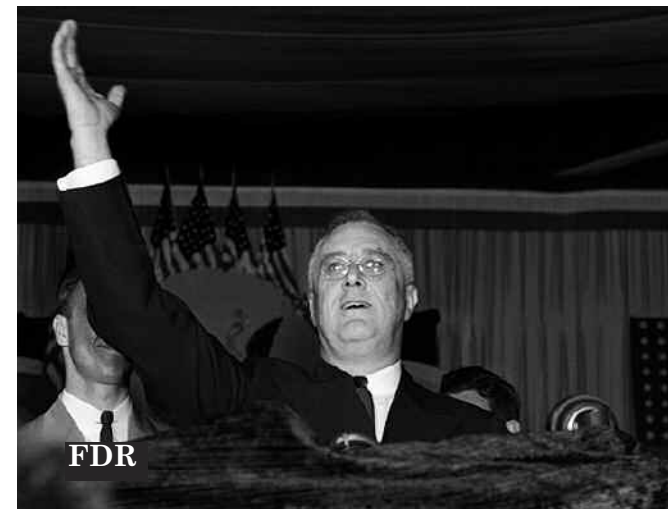
The old phrase “enemy of the people” reared its ugly head. Anybody who has studied the history of totalitarian regimes will know this term well. When the President referred to the press as “the enemy of the people,” he resurrected a phrase used by the type of regimes we used to oppose and read about as case studies in school. You’d read about these regimes in ethics and history classes, in situations where you were supposed to ask yourself “What would I do?”

However, the silver lining here is that this has not gone unchallenged or unnoticed. Things like this were a particular boost to me, because I’ve learned more about the roots of our country over the past four years than I did in all of my years prior. The European and American Enlightenments provided the philosophical roots to our grand experiment in Democracy, and the more I see us stray from the path we should be on, the more intent I have been on learning and trying to highlight what “right” looks like.

WE’VE HIGHLIGHTED CHALLENGES IN EDUCATION

Teachers and administrators in our schools should be aghast at our scientific ignorance and susceptibility to conspiracy theories. From the America that wore the mantle of scientific world leadership with Kennedy’s cry of “We choose to go to the moon!” to a nation that cannot crack the Top 10 out of 64 countries in the areas of math and science. It is no wonder that people are susceptible to the at best, belittling and at worst, blatant sabotage of public health measures meant to curb the spread of COVID-19 and the touting of unproven and potentially harmful treatments.

Again, the silver lining is that these four years



have highlighted a direction that we need to go in education. We don’t need a nation of scientists. We do need a nation that is scientifically literate. We don’t need a nation of scholars but we sure as hell need a nation that knows how to cast a critical eye on information.

THE IMPORTANT POSTSCRIPT

As I ride through southern Washington County, I see signs for Republican candidates, while right next to them I see signs for Democratic candidates. I see my neighbors at the hardware store, and the post office. I see them grabbing coffee at the convenience store. And I also see peace, despite pre-election 24/7 political rhetoric on “overdrive.” It is the state we need the canvas to remain in before we can paint the next four years, whatever they may hold.

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



Tyler Perry becomes a major player

Angelique Jackson
Variety
Special to Journal & Press

Before Facebook, Instagram and Twitter, Tyler Perry communicated with fans the old-fashioned way – by chatting with audience members at the end of his plays and collecting their email addresses. It was a way to stay in touch with his fans both personally (sending information about banal activities like going to the store) and professionally (tipping them off to upcoming shows).

“It endeared us together,” he explains. And, over time, the growing list has become a powerful tool in his arsenal.

The industry got its first taste of the power of Perry’s audience in 2003, after the playwright booked six shows at the Kodak Theater for

his production of “Madea’s Class Reunion.”

“I asked them how many people they had working the box office, and [they said], ‘We have one,’ Perry recalls. “I replied, ‘No, you may want to bring in four or five,’ [and they said], “Oh, no, we don’t need that for this.” I sent the email out, sold out all those shows. The woman [at the theater’s] wig was crooked, she was so shocked at what had happened.”

The same thing happened with Perry’s first foray into Hollywood, “Diary of a Mad Black Woman.” Debuting the Friday before the Oscars in February 2005, the comedy earned \$21.9 million in its opening weekend, knocking Will Smith’s “Hitch” off the top spot.

“I don’t know if anyone would have predicted it – other than Tyler, who told me we were going



Tyler Perry

to open at No. 1,” remembers Mike Paseornek, the Lionsgate executive who championed the project. “I wasn’t sure that we’d open at No. 1, but I felt pretty confident that we were going to do big business.”

Lionsgate’s marketing team got a big assist from Perry, who would routinely send out email blasts to his fans reminding them that the film was coming out.

“There’s big movie stars out there, and granted, they have audiences that come to see them. But when someone would say to me, ‘Oh, you have to meet so-and-so – he’s the next Tyler Perry,’ I would say, ‘Well, does your artist have a firsthand relationship 300 days a year with his audience?’” Paseornek says.

“Tyler will perform 260-300 days a year. And he’s getting instant feedback every night.” Perry has continued to go onstage after the final curtain up through his most recent outing on “Madea’s Farewell

Play,” which wrapped in February.

Though loyal, Perry’s fan base is often underestimated. “That mailing list, that hunger that they have, can’t be tracked; nobody can really reach them. That’s why the tracking for all of my movies was always so far off,” Perry explains, referring back to the box office numbers for “Diary.” “It blew their mind because [Hollywood] didn’t know how to penetrate into the community.”

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get instant feedback.’**

When Perry sent the email to his fans about the production of “Madea’s Class Reunion,” there were about 170,000 names on the mailing list. That number has since grown to 800,000. But does he still use the list today?

“It’s been quite some time because of Facebook, Instagram and Twitter, and people are consuming their information that way,” Perry says with a sly smile. “So I use it when I need to.”

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Sharp objects aside, it's still a home office

Greg Schwem

Special to Journal & Press

Restless at 2:15 a.m., I rolled over onto my right side, taking great pains to execute the move quietly so as not to disturb my wife's slumber.

What followed was anything but quiet. It was, however, excruciatingly painful.

"What the..." I cried, as my ribs connected with something sharp and metal. In 27 years of marriage and sharing a bed, I've rolled onto articles of clothing, used Kleenex and the occasional TV remote, but never something that caused me to yelp.

That was before I rolled onto a clipboard. I might have stayed asleep had I rolled onto the "board" portion; instead, I connected with the "clip."

"What's wrong?" my wife said, now awake and slightly alarmed. A scream in the middle of the night is never OK, unless it comes from a TV horror movie.

"Why is THIS here?" I replied, taking the clipboard and tossing it to the floor, thankfully in the opposite direction of our dog's bed.

"I'm sorry," she said. "I guess I fell asleep. I was working."

Another home office mishap.

As the pandemic keeps the world's workforce away from offices, working from home has become the norm. Basements, spare bedrooms and dining room tables are suddenly being re-labeled the "home office" with family members jockeying for space each morning.

"Honey, I have an important Zoom call today. That means I get the breakfast nook."

"Oh, really? Where am I supposed to work?"

"Hello? What's wrong with the storage shed? Move my belt sander off the workbench and put your laptop there. The Wi-Fi should reach."

Recently, unable to venture to a professional recording studio to lay down an audio track for a training film, I found myself narrating the script at home, using my computer's built-in microphone. When I sent the results to a video editor, he was less than pleased.

"It sounds distorted. Where did you record this?"



"In my home office," I said.

"Is your home office by a window? I can hear kids playing outside."

"Sorry about that."

"Do you have a coat closet in the house?"

"Uh, yeah."

"Hang a bunch of heavy winter coats around you and record the audio in there," he said.

"Sure, whatever."

I've found myself asking conference call participants their exact locations after viewing their surroundings via their webcams. Upon seeing an assortment of clothes hanging over

'My wife has decided, for the time being, our bed will double as her office.'

one's right shoulder, curiosity got the best of me.

"Are you in your laundry room?" I asked.

Yes, but don't worry," she replied. "The dryer cycle just ended so it should be quiet."

My wife has decided our bed will, for the time being, double as her office. Which means, if she falls asleep again before tidying up her "desk," I can expect to roll onto charging cubes, pens, spiral notebooks and who knows what else. Hopefully, my slumbering bulk does not end up resting on something that would be expensive to replace. Her laptop, for instance.

Since March, whenever somebody gives me their "office" number, I just assume I am dialing their home and will hear the inevitable dog bark or wailing child at some point during the conversation. I have thought about installing a home office phone menu simply to mess with unsuspecting callers.

"Hello, you've reached the office of Greg Schwem. For a company director, press one. (PAUSE). Using your touch tone keypad, please spell Greg Schwem's name. For the letter 'q,' press the 'star' or 'hash' key. (PAUSE) Now being transferred to Greg Schwem. (PAUSE). Hi, this is Greg. I'm not my desk right now. If this matter is urgent, press zero for the operator. (PAUSE). Hi, this is Greg. I'm not at the operator's desk right now. I'm running back to my own desk because I just heard the phone ring. I'm guessing it was you."

The caller may not think it's funny, but it certainly lessens the pain of rolling onto a stapler.

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



Did we see you at the Halloween Parade?

The Greater Greenwich Chamber of Commerce's Annual Halloween Parade went off without a hitch on Oct. 25.

"With the pandemic ending so many community events in our region, the Chamber was excited to continue the parade with our 29th annual being a great success," said Chamber director Kelly Eustis. "The weather, even with a chill in the air, was on our side, and 120 treat bags and participation ribbons were given out."

He added: "The involvement of the Cambridge-Greenwich Police Department, Village of Greenwich DPW, and Greenwich Fire Department was crucial and we thank them for their help in ensuring the parade went smoothly."

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The election and your money

Jill Schlesinger

Special to Journal & Press

In October 2016, I warned that in advance of the vote, "you should not make changes to your portfolio in an effort to outfox the tried and true investment strategy of identifying your personal goals and objectives."

Four years later, I am sticking to that guidance, so let's just pinky-swear that you won't try to adjust your investments or time whatever market movement you expect, and I promise not to lecture you about the folly of trying to time the market (at least in this column), OK?

With that said, there is a clear distinction in this upcoming election between how the two candidates view the economy, the functional role of government, as well as the old school, meat and potatoes issues of taxes, trade and regulation. To help guide me through the issues, I spoke to Nathan Sheets, the chief economist and head of global macroeconomic re-

search at PGIM Fixed Income. Prior to his current position, Sheets worked mostly in government-related jobs at the U.S. Treasury (under the second Obama Administration), at the Federal Reserve Board and at the International Monetary Fund.

Sheets is a self-described middle of the road, economic wonk. As such, he is more clinical, than emotional when discussing the candidates' differences. With the benefit of almost four years in office, Donald Trump's priorities are easy to pinpoint: an emphasis on a domestic trickle-down tax policy (the 2017 tax cuts mostly benefited corporations and the wealthiest Americans) combined with an easy regulatory environment (especially as they pertained to the environment, labor, financial services and investor protections), in order to spur economic growth. The Trump economic agenda came against a backdrop of his heightened skepticism of free trade, globalization, and international cooperation.

I asked Sheets to grade Trump's performance on the economy throughout his first term and he responded, "Through 2019, I would give him a B-, because the economy did see above-trend growth." But Sheets noted that Trump himself may have caused his grade to be lower, because of the uncertainty and fallout that his trade conflicts created.

The motivating thought behind Joe Biden's policies, according to Sheets, is that the government should address the economic inequalities that have formed by enacting policies that would beef up the nation's social programs and reverse portions of the Trump tax cuts. A Biden Administration would likely increase the highest corporate tax rate from the current 21% to 28% (before the Trump plan, it was 35%) and also would hike taxes on households that make more than \$400,000. Under Biden, there could also be higher rates and new brackets on the wealthiest earners, as well as

an increase in the capital gains rates. Additionally, Biden would likely return to an Obama-era regulatory regime, which could forgo short-term growth for long-term outcomes of sustainability.

Meanwhile, with millions of Americans out of work and the economy laboring under the weight of the pandemic-induced recession, Sheets believes that whoever wins should immediately start the new term with economic stimulus, which would help individuals, the source of economic demand; and companies and municipalities, which are the main sources of job creation. Without government action on stimulus, Sheets fears that the scarring created by COVID-19 could result in permanent job losses and less productivity in the future.

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Some Q&A

Daneen Skube

Special to Journal & Press

Q: *I think I have developed an anxiety disorder during this pandemic. Do you think mental health has taken a hit since March of this year?*

A: Yes, statistically anxiety and depression have gone up by 40% since the pandemic started yet many people are not yet seeking mental health support. When the going gets tough the tough are smart enough to get help so realize you don't need to struggle without both medicine and therapy.

Q: *I'm so tired of worrying about the pandemic. There's nothing I can do and it sucks the life out of me being so upset. Do you have advice on improving my daily life in the middle of*

this long-term mess?

A: Yes what we focus on expands. Only focusing on the pandemic will drain you so focus instead on luxuriating in the little pleasures of your regular life and your outlook will improve.

Q: *I work in a business where personal contact is important but now have to work completely remotely. Are there any creative ways to meet in person?*

A: Yes, for instance, I have built an outdoor gazebo and am setting it up with fabric panels, a heater and soft lighting so my coaching and therapy clients have the option even in winter to see me in person.

Q: *So many messages in and out of my workplace seem focused on divid-*

ing us. Do you see messages that will bring us together?

A: Yes, there are painters in the hard hit city of Kenosha, Wisconsin that have started to paint murals with messages like, "Love is the answer," or, "Unity," or just, "Love." I really do believe our culture is trying to grow up and the social unrest is part of our growing pains.

Q: *I would like to get some good advice and love what I read in your column. Is there any quick way to know if the counselor or executive coach I find would be helpful?*

A: Yes, if you are planning a trip you would not seek advice from people that have never traveled. Ask your potential counselor or coach how many years of weekly intensive therapy they have done and if less than 10 years keep searching.

Q: *I have a co-worker that constantly is dropping balls and expecting me to pick up his work. I don't want our team to look bad to our boss so I end up doing both our jobs. Is there a way to make him responsible?*

A: Yes, stop picking up his balls and stick to your own responsibilities. Your boss cannot fix a problem that you don't give him a chance to see.

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



Harding, Nixon win locally; Cabbage Night

Kaylee Johnson
Journal & Press

The Journal & Press has had several iterations. At one point there were separate papers called The Greenwich Journal and The Salem Press. And for decades, the newspaper owned other historic papers, The Fort Edward Advertiser and The Schuylerville Standard, but dropped that from the masthead. Here are some snippets from past editions from early Novembers many decades ago:

120 Years Ago
November 7, 1920

The simplest and most economical plans for purifying the air in bedrooms are as follows: Heat an iron shovel, then pour on it a few drops of vinegar. If possible, have windows and doors open at the time. Again, have some lumps of camphor in an old saucer, heat the poker until very hot (but not red) and touch the camphor with it. The smoke that arises will take away all disagreeable odors and leave no oppressive scent behind.

100 Years Ago
November 3, 1920

As usual, the Town of Greenwich carries off the palm for Washington County in the matter of rolling up Republican majorities. Its contributions to (President Warren) Harding's state plurality of a million or so is 1,349 something more than 500 above the biggest Republican plurality ever polled here. ... The Republicans in this town worked hard and got out a record-breaking vote. Women, although comparatively new at the game of politics, showed themselves to be efficient workers at the polls, and there was no lack of enthusiasm among them for the Republican cause.

80 Years Ago
November 13, 1940

Thanksgiving turkeys seem likely to sell in this section for around 31 cents a pound, which is a couple of cents lower than last year and about as low a figure as has been reached since way before the first World War. In fact, the price is a bit too low to make growers altogether happy. That is because some of them can remember days when choice birds were as much as fifty cents a pound!

60 Years Ago
November 9, 1960

Greenwich stayed staunchly in the Republican column in yesterday's national election returning a plurality of of 797 for Vice President Richard M. Nixon, according to the unofficial returns taken at the polls, and not counting 84 absentee ballots. An educated guess as to how these absentees were voted would give Nixon about a 2-to-1 lead.

40 Years Ago
November 6, 1980

Cabbage Night and Halloween were both quiet in the village of Greenwich. Police Chief George Phinney reported no arrests. He said the village



The Greenwich Journal building on Hill St. approximately 120 years ago. –courtesy Sandy McReynolds.

police helped, along with a staff of seven who patrolled both. He also noted the cooperation of the youths in making this a peaceful Halloween.

20 Years Ago
November 2, 2000

A new study commissioned by General Electric and conducted by Blasland, Bouck & Lee Inc, and Applied Environmental Management, indicates that major environmental dredging projects in the United States typically failed to reduce the contaminant levels in fish. The 33-page report dated August 2000 reviews the results of 26 environmental dredging projects.

The study noted that the actual experience at many of the 26 sites studied was that higher levels of PCBs or other contaminants were seen immediately after dredging and that contaminant dredging set by regulatory agencies.

Three principal findings of the of the study are that dredging releases contaminants downstream, dredging drove up the level of contaminants at some sites, and that there is no environmental dredging experience comparable to the EPA's plans for the Hudson.

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'Copper' gives Argyle author inspiration

Animals always seem to be finding Joyce Doty, and when she found Copper the pig, she decided to write a book about it. In early September, Argyle author "JEM" released the children's book "Copper the Pig," a story about a pig she, her husband, and her three dogs Prince, Bruiser, and Annie adopted.

"There's been a lot of good responses," said Doty in an interview with the Journal & Press. "This has been a dream come true, having a book come out."

"Her adorably illustrated children's story about a pig named Copper, who's taken in by a kind woman and her three dogs, is sure to pique the interest of younger readers and especially fans of an original animal story," said Ryan Kenna, Marketing Assistant at New York City-based Austin Macauley Publishers, LLC.

A self-proclaimed "country girl," the children's book is based on Doty's real-life experiences with her three dogs and their adventures adopting a new pig named Copper. "He was a week-old pig, and then his mom died," explained the author. Copper came from a local dairy farmer, who didn't know what to do with the animal once his parents and siblings died. So, Doty took him in to her small hobby farm in her backyard. "He actually acted more like a dog than a pig," joked Doty. "It was amazing, because he even learned how to go in and out of our doggy door, until he got too big."

"With my three dogs, he lived in the house for quite a while. My dogs helped take care of him, and he ended up playing with them quite a bit." Their fun and playful interactions encouraged Doty to write the book. "I'm always taking pictures and videos of my animals, and one day I just thought, 'I should write a book about this.'"

Doty hopes that kids reading the book will learn more about animals and their intrinsic value. "Throughout the years I've gotten to lean a lot about animals," she said. "They do have emotions and feelings. Having livestock and pets interact is just fantastic." She also explained how the book emphasizes a new way of housing farm animals. "Some people say pigs have to stay with pigs. But both my pig and my calf are in the same pen. When we clean it, they go run around in the grass and they'll play with the dogs. You get a lot from the ani-

mal, just watching them and how they interact between each other and the humans."

The author explains how the children's book is a testament to her parents. "My mom always wished somebody [in my family] could write a book, and I finally went with it," she recalls. "My dad passed away in 2008 from heart disease, and my mom has been fighting dementia. When I let her know about the book, she was so excited." Her pen name, JEM, also nods to her family — her maiden name was Millington, and her middle name, Elaine.

Doty herself is a small-time farmer, housing chickens, a calf, cats, dogs, and more on her less-than-an-acre of land. "I love doing a hobby farm because you can have anything," she

'Our dream is to get a bigger farm and have a sanctuary for them.'

noted. She hopes that her book will raise awareness of farm life. "I've seen, especially now, the way things are right now for dairy and beef...it's at an all-time low for farmers, and I've watched them struggle. I've seen animals go to the auction that really didn't need to," she explained. "I've seen so many abused animals, livestock or pets, and we've always thought about making a spot where we could take animals in, and either find them a home or raise them until the die."

Similar to the plot of her book, Doty hopes to get a larger farm one day, so she and her husband are able to take in more animals as a sanctuary farm. "Our dream is to get a bigger farm and have a sanctuary where it would be a forever home for them," she said.



JEM and the real Copper the Pig

JEM hopes to write another book soon. "I've had people ask me to write another farm book," said the author. "My second book, what I want to do is about a calf that I brought home. He was deformed, his legs were actually not straight," Doty explained. "After lots of TLC, love and care, now he's almost 6 months old and he's doing great."

Doty's book "Copper the Pig" can be purchased online for \$6.26 in paperback online at austinmacauley.com/us/book/copper-pig.



Class gets book grant from famous author

Bestselling author James Patterson and Scholastic Book Clubs on Oct. 27 announced that Greenwich-area teacher Emily Aierstok will receive a grant of \$500 and 500 Scholastic Book Clubs Bonus Points for the purpose of building classroom and at-home libraries for her students.

“This grant will allow me to build a classroom library that will benefit students for years to come. Books expand our world, giving students the opportunity to experience new places, time periods, and perspectives. It feels more important than ever to provide students with a healthy, meaningful escape into literature,” Aierstok said. Aierstok is among 5,000 teachers throughout the United States who received a grant, part of a \$2.5 million personal donation made by James Patterson.

To be considered for the grant, Aierstok was asked to share in 50 characters or less how she plans to use the funds and Bonus Points to help build her classroom library. As a grant recipient, Aierstok will have access to additional sup-

port from Patterson and Scholastic Book Clubs in the form of a special online boutique filled with promotional discounts on books for every type of reader, as well as a monthly newsletter filled with ideas for building classroom and at-home libraries, all created with the goal of helping teachers stretch the dollars even further to benefit as many kids as possible.

This year marks the sixth annual installment of the Patterson Partnership, created to build classroom and home libraries and assist teachers in acquiring books and other materials desperately needed by them and their students.

“Whether students are learning virtually at home or in the classroom, the importance of keeping them reading cannot be underscored enough,” said Patterson,

who is a best-selling author. In the last decade he has given away more than \$75 million to support teachers, bookstores, booksellers and various literacy initiatives, and over a million books to students and the military. “Reading teaches kids empathy, gives them an escape when they most need it, helps them grapple with harsh realities, and perhaps most importantly, will remind them that they are not alone—even if they’re unable to see their teachers, classmates and friends in-person. Over the past six months, reading has certainly helped me cope with the COVID-19 pan-



dem and I can only hope it will do the same for kids and teachers everywhere.”

The 2020 partnership drew a total of more than 100,000 applicants from teachers nationwide, showing the dire need for books and classroom resources. To date, Patterson has donated \$11 million to school and classroom libraries through his Scholastic Book Clubs campaign.

‘Reading has helped me cope with COVID-19.’

Patterson hopes that teachers and students will share their experiences in their communities using #pattersonpledge.

“Every child deserves the chance to lose themselves in a good book, and now more than ever, students are in need of a rich selection of stories they can choose from and explore, that will make them laugh, offer them an escape, and help them make sense of the world and of themselves,” said Judy Newman, President and Reader in Chief of Scholastic Book Clubs.

All teachers in PreK through grade 12 in US schools were eligible to apply for the grant. All funds are being personally donated by James Patterson, and all Bonus Points are being donated by Scholastic Book Clubs.

To learn more about the program and see the full list of grant recipients, visit: www.scholastic.com/pattersonpartnership/. For more information about Scholastic (NASDAQ: SCHL), the global children’s publishing, education, and media company, visit the Company’s media room: mediaroom.scholastic.com.



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Movies/TV series now available on video

Jay Bobbin

Special to Journal & Press

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

"PARASITE": The darling of the most recent movie-award season, this feature made major strides for the South Korean film industry, earning many honors including the Cannes Film Festival's Palme d'Or and four Oscars that encompassed best picture and best director (for Bong Joon-ho). Making its home-video debut as a Criterion Collection offering, the tale follows several relatives who face financial struggles and try to better their lot in life by posing as more-qualified help in order to be hired by a wealthy family. The movie's tone changes radically as it unfolds.

"THE FLINTSTONES: THE COMPLETE SERIES": The "modern Stone Age family" has been a staple of animation ever since the Hanna-Barbera show premiered in primetime 60 years ago, earning an Emmy nomination for outstanding comedy series along the way. As it makes its Blu-ray debut, this set compiles all of the original program's episodes (166 of them), tracing the misadventures of prehistoric pals and co-workers Fred Flintstone and Barney Rubble and their household members in the town of Bedrock ... and even their pets, including dinosaur Dino. Interestingly, the hugely familiar theme song "Meet the Flintstones" wasn't added until the third of the six seasons.

"A CHRISTMAS LOVE STORY": One of the most promoted holiday movies on cable last year also was one of the most engaging, thanks to winning performances by stars Kristin Chenoweth and Scott Wolf. The "Hallmark Hall of Fame" drama logically makes Chenoweth's character musically inclined; she's a youth

choir director whose desire to use a talented substitute (Kevin Quinn) in a Christmas Eve show is challenged by his father (Wolf), a widower who wants his son focused on getting into college. Things change as the two adults become mutually attracted, but something they don't know could impact their budding romance.

"RAMBO: THE COMPLETE STEELBOOK COLLECTION": For a solid dose of machismo, it's hard to beat this 4K Ultra HD set of all five adventures in the movie franchise casting Sylvester Stallone as John Rambo, the troubled Vietnam War veteran whose pent-up rage comes in handy in quests to right wrongs. However, in the first and arguably best of the pictures -- "First Blood" -- Rambo becomes a vengeance machine when provoked by a suspicious Northwestern sheriff (Brian Dennehy), prompting his former commanding officer (Richard Crenna, who became a "Rambo" regular) to come to the scene in a bid to defuse the situation. Stallone contributed to that film's script, and he'd have an expanded role behind the scenes as the series progressed.

"THE IPCRESS FILE": The peak of the James Bond spy-story craze in the 1960s yielded many other espionage tales, one of the best being this 1965 adaptation of Len Deighton's novel that first gave Michael Caine the screen role of Harry Palmer, a cynical British government agent assigned to retrieve a kidnapped scientist. The mission becomes quite complicated, involving not only known enemies, but supposed allies who turn out to be enemies. The memorable score by John Barry is one of the elements here that involve Bond-movie staples, who also include executive producer Harry Saltzman



and editor Peter R. Hunt. Co-star Guy Doleman appeared the same year in the 007 caper "Thunderball."

"BONANZA: THE OFFICIAL ELEVENTH SEASON, VOLUMES ONE AND TWO": The iconic Western series was starting to near the end of its 14-season run when these episodes first appeared on NBC during the 1969-70 season. Preparing to take a larger creative role in his later projects, co-star Michael Landon directed several of the stories, including one with a memorable guest turn by Michael Dunn (alias "The Wild, Wild West's" Dr. Loveless). The problems hit very close to home in the opening tale, since Ben (Lorne Greene) may be forced to give up the Ponderosa. Dan Blocker and David Canary also continue their regular roles, with Sally Kellerman (in a role first played by Yvonne DeCarlo in the series pilot), Tom Bosley, Mariette Hartley, Dean Stockwell and a young David Cassidy among other guest stars.

"MISBEHAVIOUR": The title is exactly what a number of women are up to here, as they target the 1970 Miss World competition, in this fact-inspired and BBC-co-produced com-

edy-drama. Wanting to strike a very visible blow for women's liberation, the conspirators mapped out a plan to disrupt the event while a huge global audience was watching live. However, an even bigger surprise ultimately was in store when the winner of the title was named. Keira Knightley heads the cast, but arguably the most interesting acting aspect is watching Greg Kinnear attempt to channel Bob Hope.

"SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS: THE SPONGEBOB MUSICAL: LIVE ON STAGE!": In case animated representations of the residents of Bikini Bottom just aren't enough for you ... well, here you go. First presented on the franchise's home network Nickelodeon, this designed-for-television version of the animated series' live-theater spinoff makes certain concessions to the home-screen boundaries, but the basic story remains the same as a volcano threatens to wipe out the place that SpongeBob, Patrick and Sandy call home. Of course, they mount a plan to try to prevent that.

And now let's hear it for Zoom U!

Darren Johnson
Journal & Press

It's 9:20 a.m.; my wife and daughter have left for work. My elderly dog is settled down on the plush gray sofa we had delivered during the pandemic. A squirrel dances on the porch railing outside the window, red leaves on a fading tree as a backdrop, eliciting a halfhearted yelp from the dog. I'm still in the T-shirt I'd put on yesterday, an oversized cotton advertisement for a charity walk we did, pre-pandemic, now with some food stains, and I probably could use a shave. My Journalism class is at 10:25 a.m.

I figure I can squeeze in a shower, though, once in, I realize the tub can use a scrubbing, and, to save time, I bring the razor with me and shave, figuring it's OK if I miss a few spots.

I think about my upcoming talk. I'm going to go over the difference between international, national, regional and local news. I'll show the class a copy of today's Post-Star.

Current events. It's obligatory to talk about the latest Trump antics, in an impartial, objective way.

The towel is a novelty towel we'd gotten on vacation once, with cartoon bears on it, pre-pandemic, maybe from Atlantic City. They have those bombed-out bargain stores on the Boardwalk, in between billion-dollar casinos.

I grab random clothes – a Mickey Mouse shirt, some sweatpants, the socks don't exactly match – both are black, but one has a thin orange line near the toes, the other doesn't. A gray flannel jacket is zipped over Mickey Mouse. It's 10 a.m.

The dog snores as I put a Columbian coffee pod into my machine, setting it for 9.5 ounces. I wonder if the Native Americans drank pre-Columbian coffee as it drips. I check my phone to see if my college will hold classes on Colum-

bus Day, which still is a thing in parts of Upstate. (They aren't.)

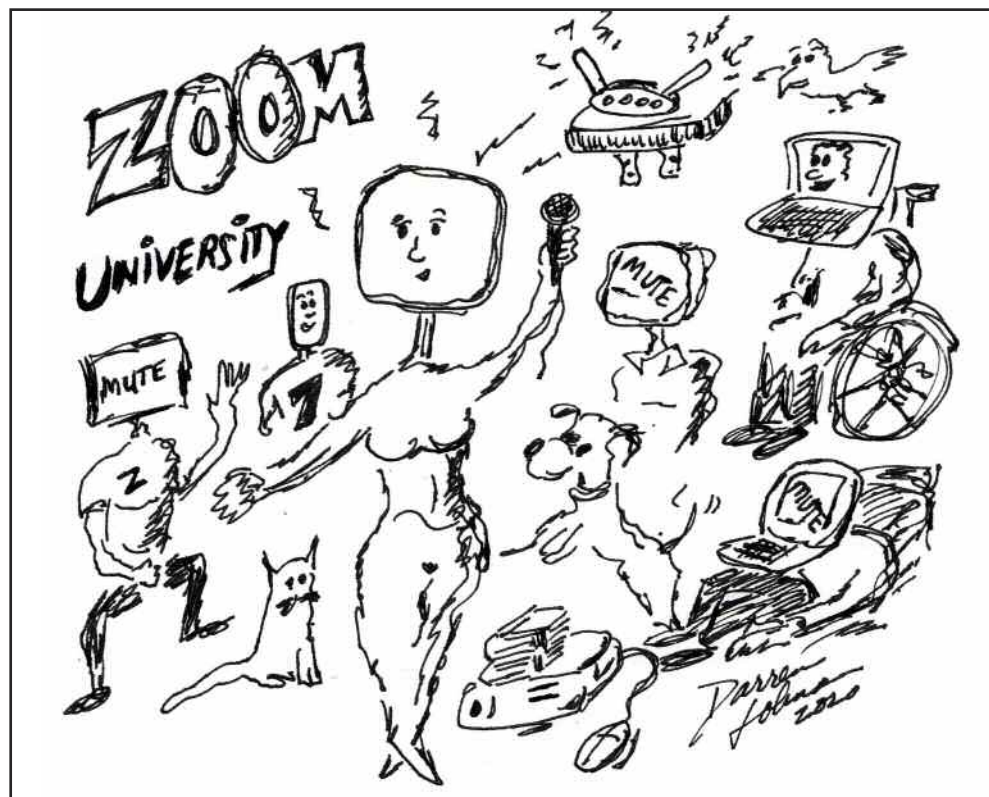
At 10:15 a.m., I power up the big silver Mac all-in-one desktop that has been on my kitchen table since the pandemic. I check my emails; a student wrote she will miss class due to a migraine. "Get well!" I write. "And check Canvas later for the next assignment."

I post an alert to the whole class with today's Zoom link, and mention we'll have a guest speaker. I send the guest speaker a message through Facebook, reminding him of his upcoming appearance.

I started teaching at colleges in 1997, supplementing my journalism income, and had taught 1-4 courses per semester – sometimes even summers and wintersession – until 2018. However, my other paper, Campus News, was growing – pre-pandemic, of course – and I took the 2019-20 academic year off from teaching. I guess I missed all of the excitement. The catastrophe, actually. Where mere mortal instructors had to suddenly claw to survive in some new shelter-in-place, cyber-reality. Yeah, I missed the whole Zoom thing everyone was complaining about.

But then I got the callback – "Hey, can you teach five credits?" – and, uh, yeah, considering we're in the midst of an apocalypse for print media, as well, that may be prudent. Financial gurus tell us to diversify, after all.

It's 10:25 a.m. and my eleven students start to appear as square icons; mostly blackened screens. I don't make them show themselves – I do buy the argument that their home is a safe haven and nobody's business – and they answer my journalism questions well enough – I am able to show them the e-replica of my local newspaper on their screens. The paper that is also yet un-



touched, in pulp form, sitting on my porch, near the dancing squirrel. They are able to differentiate which stories are local and not, and discuss how this paper makes money. "They charge for obituaries? Seems shady."

My Facebook beeps. It's my guest speaker – he's now a national radio personality, but once was the sports editor for a student newspaper I'd advised. He's having technical difficulties. Eventually he appears, from his car, escaping a screaming baby, he says, bald now with gray in his beard. My hair is still wet from the shower, so my grays are slicked and don't appear on camera, I theorize.

The students turn on their cameras and are regaled by the riveting guest speaker. He is a big to-do now. I record the talk by pressing a button, so that the student with a migraine can view later, when she's feeling better.

Cue to dog barking at the mail-

man. Cue to the guest speaker telling a brush-with-celebrity story that has all of the students in little boxes smiling and nodding. Cue to goodbyes, and leaving on a high note.

Cue to exit. In sweatpants no one sees. My cup of coffee needing a refill. An elderly man dressed as a baby winning a Ford Fiesta on "Let's Make a Deal!" He doesn't know he'll have to pay the taxes on that, I say to the dog, my feet now up in a recliner, as I'm looking at my one sock with the orange line.

I'm not sure what the complaints are about. Zoom is the best!

Darren Johnson is Publisher of this paper and teaches college Journalism courses part-time. He lives in the Town of Greenwich. This essay was inspired by a 1969 essay by the late Donald Barthelme titled "And Now Let's Hear It for the Ed Sullivan Show."



Obituaries

Jane Sanders, 85

Jane Sanders, 85, a longtime resident of Lick Springs Road, Greenwich, passed away peacefully Saturday, Oct. 24, 2020 at home surrounded by her caregivers.

She was born Oct. 1, 1935 in Cambridge, NY, to the late Earl and Lorena Yandow Sanders.

Jane always had a smile on her face and she instantly gave positive vibes to whoever met her. She was loved and cared for by all who knew her. Jane was a hard worker her entire life. Most recently, she worked at CVS Pharmacy in Greenwich, always putting a smile on her customer's faces.

She loved her nieces and nephews dearly and always welcomed anyone into her home. Jane enjoyed feeding and watching her birds, and will be missed by all who had the pleasure to know her.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her sisters, Elizabeth L. Humiston, Rita M. Booth and Lena R. Weatherwax, brothers Earl W. Sanders Jr., Joseph H. Sanders, Robert H.

Sanders, and James E. Sanders.

Survivors include her beloved nieces and nephews, and her grand-nieces and grand-nephews.

Graveside services for Jane will be held at 2:00 PM on Thursday, Oct. 29, 2020 in the Greenwich Cemetery, County Route 52, Greenwich, NY, 12834 with Celebrant Jason M. Easton officiating.

Online condolences and messages to the family can be made at www.flynnbrosinc.com.

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Ginevra A. Atwater, 104

Ginevra A. Atwater died in her sleep, Saturday, Oct. 24, 2020 at her residence in Salem. She was an amazing 104 years old.

She was born July 8, 1916 in Pittsfield, MA., daughter of Italo and Ginevra (Signorini) Innocenzi.

Ginevra's mother died during childbirth and she spent most of her first 16 years in Italy with her grandmother. She returned to Pittsfield and graduated from Albany Business College. While there, she met her future husband Royce Atwater, and they got married on June 22, 1940. They eventually moved to Salem, and together operated the Atwater Potato Farm for over 60 years.

Ginevra will be remembered as a warm, funny, generous woman, always with a beautiful smile. Fun to
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be with, she remained engaged and engaging 'til the end.

She was predeceased by her parents, husband, her sister Josephine, and, as she always said, all her dear friends.

Survivors include her three daughters; Marilyn Atwater of Delray



Beach, FL., Sandra (Jon) McClellan of Salem, and Elaine Atwater-Skelton, (John Manning) of Aurora, CO.; her two grandsons, Royce Charles Skelton of Colorado Springs, CO. and Dylan Skelton of Aurora, CO.; one great-granddaughter, Scarlett Skelton; three nephews, one niece, and several cousins.

At her request, services will be private. Burial will be in the Evergreen Cemetery, Salem.

Memorial donations may be made in her memory to the Salem Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 360, Salem, N.Y. 12865. To offer condolences to the family, please visit www.gariepyfuneralhomes.com

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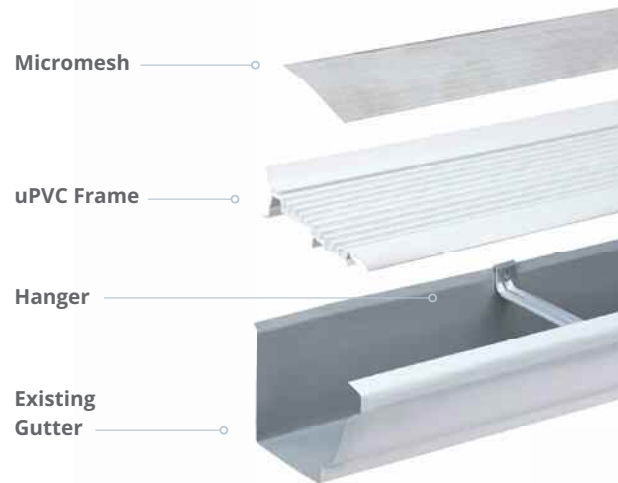
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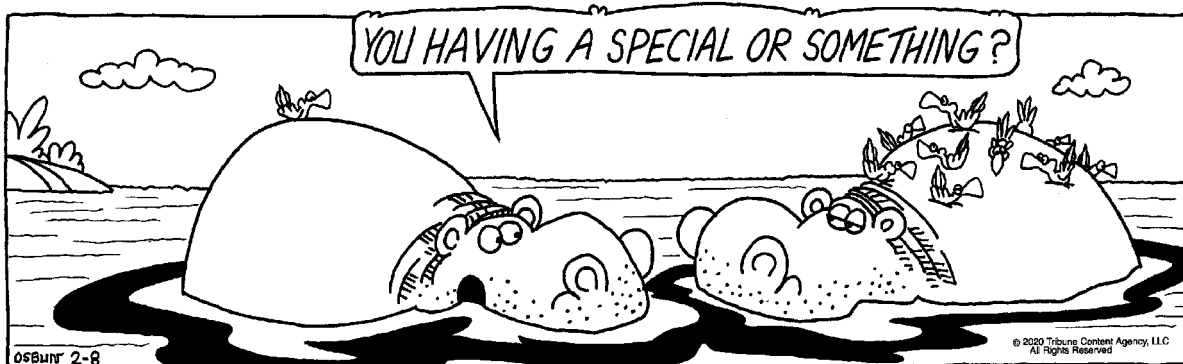
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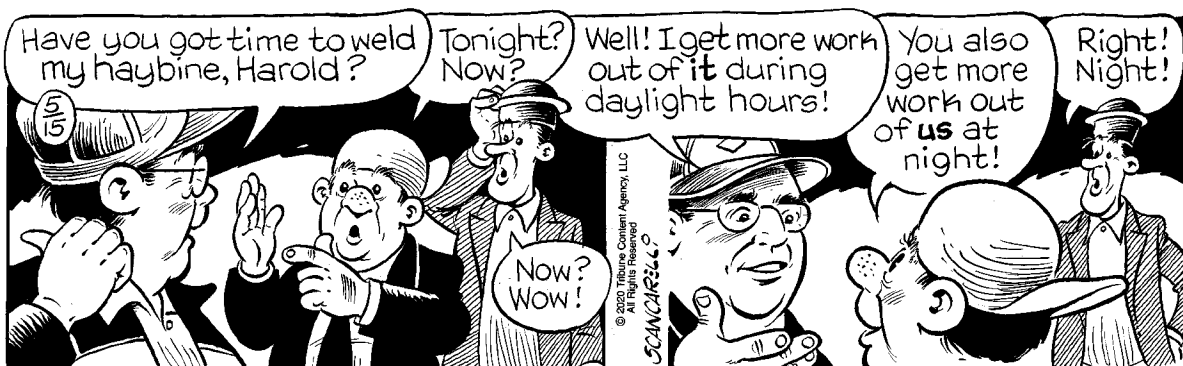
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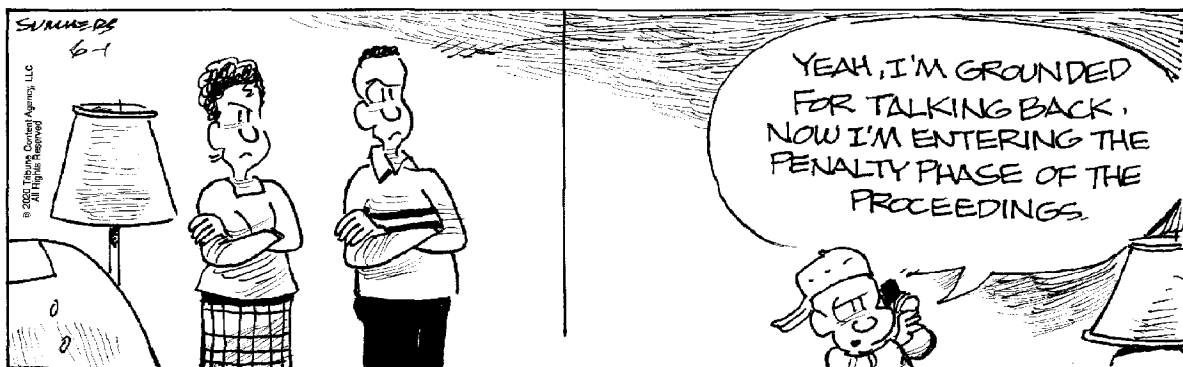
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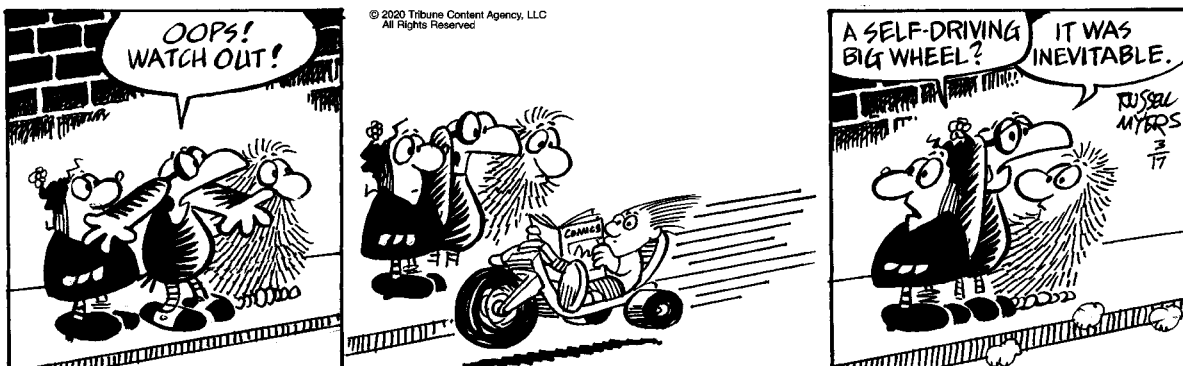
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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



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

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Things will have to get calmer, right?

We realize about equal parts of our readers have supported Joe Biden this election cycle, and the other half Donald Trump, and cast no judgments either way – your vote is *your* right; and we find it problematic for newspapers to endorse candidates, for a variety of reasons.

But one can't deny that politics in our era have become very turbulent, to the point where people have become much less tolerant of others with divergent viewpoints. Much of this is fueled by how social media steers us, but part of this also has to do with how candidates mimic a particular "brand" of politics, patterned by the candidates above them on the ballot, all the way up to president.

We would hope things will get calmer, regardless of which candidate wins the presidency. Biden seems laid back and likely to delegate to and trust his cabinet; Trump has been a firebrand, and many people feel that Washington needs an outsider to shake things up, but considering presidents are term-limited, most presidents who do win a second and final term are calmer because they no longer have to court voters.

So, either way, 2021 will be a time to mend fences, perhaps re-friend those people who had annoyed you on Facebook, and realize, historically, the country has had lots of ups and downs, but if we can't get along as people and respectfully agree and disagree, it ultimately hurts our country. The unhealthy vitriol, politicking and rhetoric thankfully will be behind us soon.

Shop Locally This Holiday Season

When the pandemic began, local businesses didn't have the lobbyists that big chains like Walmart and McDonald's have – not to men-

tion Amazon – and were deeply affected, and often shuttered, during the pandemic. Many still are closed; some for good.

This holiday season, we encourage you to shop at local businesses (and this does not include national chains that happen to have local locations). And, while out shopping, stop by a local eatery for some holiday cheer.

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Cambridge Crossword

(solution page 24)

Across

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6 Travelocity recommendations
10 Comprehends
14 Commandment verb involving parents
15 Ni-o's "nothing"
16 Difficult exam
17 Kagan of the Supreme Court
18 Fruit grown in bogs
20 *Billy Crystal comedy featuring a cattle drive
22 __, amas, amat ...
23 Gnaw (at)
24 Grocery walkway
28 Offshore oil drillers
30 *Exact look-alike
34 Stiff-upper-lip type
36 Under, in French
37 Graffiti signature
38 *Daily filming schedule on the set
42 Musical gift

- 45 Roman robe
46 Hustle genre
50 *One in la-la land
54 Croat or Serb
55 Mexican mister
56 Correct
58 "__ had it!"
59 Somewhat liberal, or where you might find the first words in the answers to starred clues
64 Soap opera genre
67 1960s jacket style
68 Cooking spot
69 Large-scale
70 Warning signs
71 Like fake fruit
72 See socially
73 From Lillehammer, say

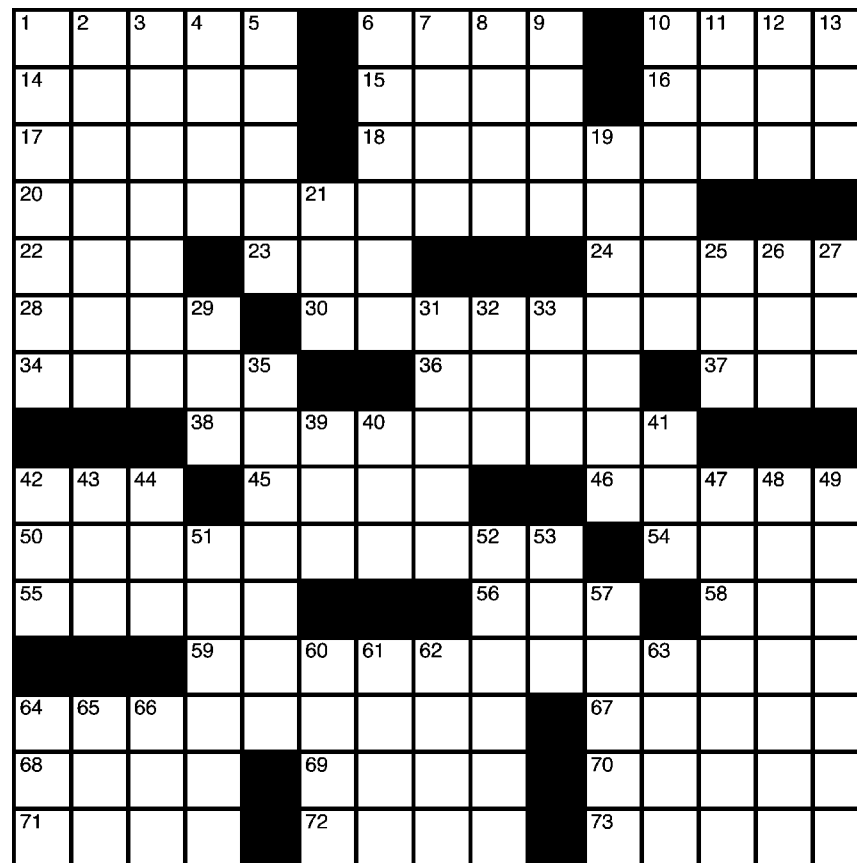
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- 1 "My Best Friend's Girl" rock band
2 Like poker games for high rollers
3 Small takeout order
4 Tiger mascot with

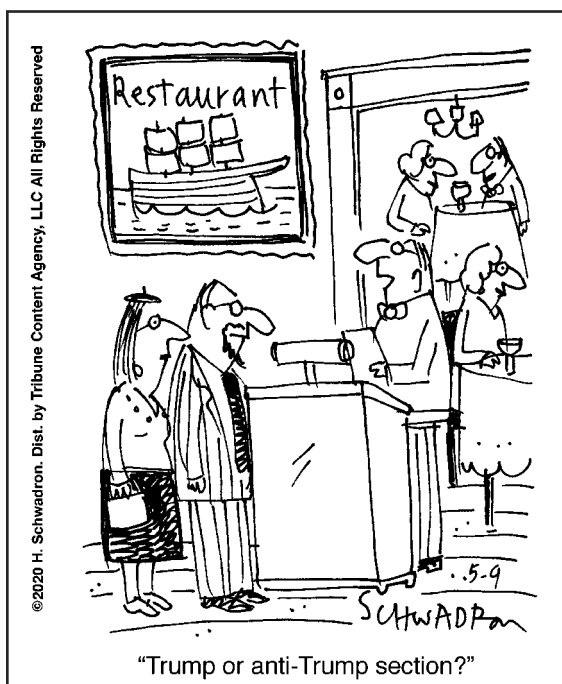
- a red scarf
5 Clear data from
6 Provoke
7 Dealer's foil, briefly
8 Southern neighbor of Sask.
9 Reasonable
10 Enters
11 "To say they __ I dare not be so bold": Shakespeare
12 North Carolina __ Heels
13 Cunning
19 Slow-cooked, as short ribs
21 Young chap
25 Bilko's rank: Abbr.
26 Grazing area
27 Joule fraction
29 [not my error]
31 Family name in Mideast politics
32 Homer's "I'm an idiot!"
33 Feel remorse over
35 Provided food for
39 Tone-__: "Wild

- Thing" rapper
40 NYC airport near Citi Field
41 "__ the season"
42 Scout leader?
43 Monkey relative
44 Sought a political seat
47 Move like a mamba
48 Carlsbad __ National Park
49 Do to death
51 Revolutionary territory
52 Wear away, as a coin surface
53 Nervous twitch
57 Noble gas
60 Dancer Astaire
61 Spanish appetizer
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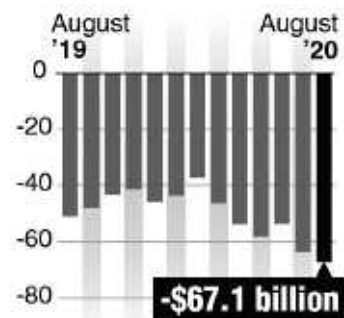
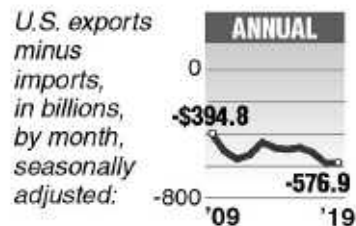


9 to 5 by Harley Schwadron



Fast Facts

Trade deficit



Source: U.S. Census Bureau
Graphic: Tribune News Service



Word Find

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

Find these words that are associated with this newspaper!

Boggle
Campus News
Careers

Classified
College
Column
Comics
Courses
Crossword
Degree
Humor

Issue
Jumble
Monthly
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What about local sports?

Evan Felicetti
Journal & Press

Here in Washington County, just as in all counties throughout the state, school sports have taken a dramatic hit. In this strange reality which we all now live, the changes to the daily lives of students across our nation are arguably the most dramatic. While sports typically represent an escape for kids of all ages, the resumption of sports programs have posed enormous questions to school districts about safe implementation. In students, parents, and administrators in the world of sports are feelings of loss, frustration, and hope.

Within New York State, public school sports are governed by the New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA). Throughout the pandemic, the NYSPHSAA has been tasked with creating a framework of rules and guidelines for the 732 public-school districts within the state. As of Sept. 11th, the state's ongoing plan to allow interscholastic sports in some capacity details what kinds of activities can be permitted at the present time according to risk level (high, moderate, and low risk).

NYSPHSAA provides a variety of considerations for schools, coaches, and student athletes to take into account, including many of the logistical hurdles associated with operating sports like how practices/games should be held, how proper health screening should be conducted, and what sports may operate in the Fall 2020 season. According to the NYSPHSAA, "Participation in interscholastic athletics is certainly voluntary for both the individuals and the schools. NYSPHSAA recognizes school district superintendents and boards of education have the authority and autonomy to administer their district's athletic programs as they deem appropriate." But ultimately, all schools have to follow the state guidelines.

Here in Washington County, a common response for schools has been to suspend all sports during this current season. In Greenwich, fall sports have been completely postponed for the Fall 2020 season, with the Wasaren League opting to postpone fall sports to resume in the Spring. This is in accordance with the aspect of the NYSPHSAA's plan for a "Fall II" sports season, which makes provisions allowing certain high-risk sports (i.e. Football, Cheerleading) to play a season in the Spring of 2021. Greenwich has, however, begun to hold some "Covid-Friendly" off-season training sessions for postponed sports, such as varsity football,

modified football, baseball, and eventually basketball when gym space becomes available.

In neighboring towns like Hartford and Argyle, both members of the Adirondack League, sports are also not being played due to safety concerns. "Based on recommendations from the state and the NYSPHSAA, our school district is not holding any official interscholastic sports right now," noted Jack Sherwin, Athletic Director for Argyle Central School. While the Adirondack League has voted to move all its Fall 2020 sports to the "Fall II" schedule, schools in the league were given the option to conduct sports independently if they so choose.

Interestingly, some non-school affiliated recreational sports have been able to resume in many parts of the state, allowing students who would be normally participating in interscholastic sports to still compete. These recreational leagues are not subject to guidance from the NYSPHSAA, and instead take their guidance from the NYS Depart-

'Some non-school recreational sports have been able to resume.'

ment of Health, which generally has more lenient guidelines. According to the Times Herald-Record, Recreational leagues have been allowed to operate since July 6th, the date at which Governor Cuomo began allowing regions at Phase III or beyond to resume "low-risk" sports.

"What is frustrating for our athletes and coaches is the fact that there is one set of guidelines for interscholastic sports, but a completely other set of guidelines for local recreational sports, many of which are still operating," said Kevin Collins, Athletic Director for Greenwich Central School District. Collins went on to remark, "It is frustrating that schools were not able to resume sports this season, but recreational leagues can."

It can be surmised that the continuation of rec leagues may have some level of impact on the resumption of interscholastic sports. "Part of the challenge, and a reason that the state isn't allowing for more school sports to be played, is the fact that recreational leagues have continued to operate in many places. A majority of our student athletes in Argyle play in a rec league, and the travel involved with those leagues could create an exposure risk if

students were to play within the confines of a school sports program," remarked Sherwin.

Needless to say, the continued postponement of interscholastic sports has shown to be a source of frustration for students and parents. The frustration, however, is rooted in an understanding that safety is the top priority during these difficult times. "Student-athletes and parents are going to be upset with not having fall athletics," noted Andrew Capone, athletic director at Hartford Central School. "This is what they do and look forward to. Whether it be soccer, volleyball, golf, or cross country, people are missing the opportunity to play and attend these events. From talking with student athletes and being a fall coach myself, I do get the impression that even though they are upset, they understand. Schools are trying their best to manage all of the COVID related guidelines and procedures for a safe opening."

Not all school sports have been postponed throughout Washington County, however. In Hudson Falls (Foothills Athletic Council), several sports have been able to resume. "Right now, we have been able to permit our girls tennis team, boys & girls cross country teams, and golf team to hold a Fall 2020 season, with proper safety protocols in place," noted Hudson Falls Athletic Director Vince Medici. "The seasons have been going well so far, with no major issues coming up."

All of the aforementioned sports have been defined as low risk by New York State, and thus have been allowed to begin a season with proper safety protocols in place as of September 21st. The feedback from student-athletes and parents thus far has been overwhelmingly positive, as the sports offer a much-needed morale boost during these uncertain times.

Regardless of the many frustrations present, one major aspect of this situation holds true: sports are fundamentally important to the ecosystem of a school. "Sports are an extremely important part of student life, and are good for schools in general," noted Sherwin. "Not only just for the athletes and coaches directly involved, but also for the students who support their teams as fans."

In spite of the current changes and challenges that lay ahead, there is hope for the future, and athletic departments across the state are working diligently so that sports can eventually be brought back as they once were. "Our students had spring sports taken away from them, and now fall sports taken away from them. Right now, we are working to hopefully bring the students the best winter sports season we possibly can within the guidelines when they are released," said Collins.

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(solution below)

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Boggle BrainBusters!

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AGLM

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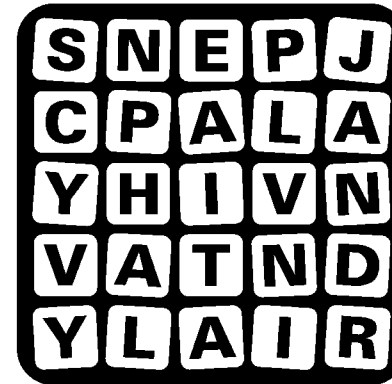
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Saratoga's war dead buried in Salem

Rachel Clothier

Journal & Press

Ever visit the Saratoga Battlefield and wonder where all the Revolutionary War soldiers were laid to rest? It is actually a bit of a mystery. The British were buried on the battlefield, but no Americans were recorded as being buried there. An interesting article on the LockstoLakes.org website by Salem Historian William Cormier suggests that the nearly 100 Patriot casualties may have been transported to Salem. Cormier found documentation that James Tomb, a teamster, drove wagon loads of corpses from Saratoga to New Perth (Salem) to be interned in a mass grave.

The American Patriot forces swelled between Sept. 19, 1777 and Oct. 7, 1777 from about 8,500

to about 13,000. The King's Army went from being evenly matched to outnumbered two to one. In that short period of time, thousands of men from colonies as far away as Virginia joined for battle. To know the names of all who were lost would have been impossible, considering no complete record of who was there ever existed.

It is reasonable to believe that the fallen soldiers were carried away to Salem, despite the significant distance. The Salem Cemetery had just been established in 1769 by the Scotch-Irish Presbyterian congregation led by Rev. Dr. Thomas Clark, and the Scottish Pioneers that had arrived shortly before them. Mr. Tomb was from Salem, and there was plenty of room in the sacred ground.

What is certain is that 105 Rev-

olutionary War soldiers are buried there. If the additional 100 unknowns are actually buried there, then the total count of Revolutionary War Veterans is over 200, making it the largest number in the country. It seems fitting that those war heroes were buried in a town whose name is derived from the Hebrew word "Shalom," meaning peace.

Another occupant of that cemetery that I found to be interesting is Margaret Tilford. Mrs. Tilford had been a devout Presbyterian woman, of the highest moral character, but her good name and standing with the church was tarnished by a fellow parishioner who accused her of witchcraft.

Professor John R. Henderson of Ithaca College tells the story of his great-grandmother's great-grandmother. He wrote, "[i]t began when Archy Livingston's cows began producing cream that couldn't be churned into butter." Livingston, baffled by his cows, went to see Joel Dibble, a known occult card reader. Dibble agreed to conjure an answer for him. After shuffling and cutting the cards, Dibble proclaimed to Livingston that either the milk or the cows were bewitched. He described the witch as "a short, thick, black-haired woman who had a red-haired daughter." Livingston concluded that his neighbor Mrs. Tilford was the guilty party and spread the word against her.

Based on a meritless accusation, Salem came close to having its own witch trial, 80 years after the infamous trials in Salem, Massachusetts. Judiciously, the local court magistrates would not accept the case as a criminal matter and left it to the church. Rev. Clark conducted an investigation into both

Margaret Tilford and Joel Dibble, as a matter of due course.

Unfortunately, some people in the congregation shunned the Telford family, relying on rumor alone as evidence. Rev. Clark was reluctant to take formal measures to banish the good Tedford's from the church. That inaction may have led to his leadership being questioned. With the matter remaining unresolved after the war ended, a vote to replace him as minister was held. Although he won by a slight majority, Rev. Clark eventually left Salem in 1782.

The headstones in the Salem Revolutionary War Cemetery are blackened with age, and the grassy mounds over the mausoleums are unusual. It is quite spooky in the daylight. It may

be the perfect place to visit for All Souls Day on Nov. 1. I cannot imagine a place better to go honor the dead and to pray that the souls of our war heroes have found their way to heaven. If I go there for a visit, I certainly will express my condolences for the malevolence that took place against Mrs. Tilford.

An interesting observation is that the gravestone of Margaret Tilford spells her last name with an "i" and her husband George Telford, who died a few years after her is spelled with an "e."

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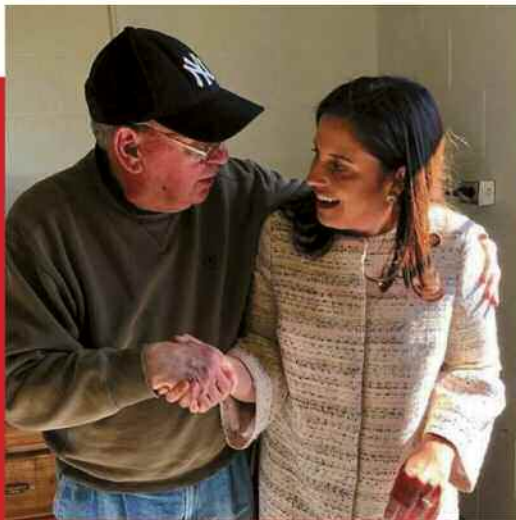
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